

transport, walking and cycling to take priority when people consider how to make different trips.

- 7.45 Policy 23 – Parking relates to the Council’s residential parking standards. These were derived from a Dorset-wide residential parking study<sup>198</sup>, which took into consideration expected levels of car ownership and established the principle that residential parking provision should be sufficient to cater for the reasonable needs of the occupants and to enable them to have a choice in the mode of transport they choose for any particular journey.
- 7.46 The local planning authorities in Dorset will also work together to develop guidance and standards for destination parking, which will enable the provision of sufficient spaces to allow for use of the car but also to encourage other forms of transport. In the interim, current national and local standards and/or guidance will apply, as set out in Policy 23 – Parking.
- 7.47 The number and type of spaces in off-street car parks and the time for which they can be occupied need to be carefully organised. On-street spaces also need to be similarly managed so that there is appropriate accessibility and turnover. Many car parks in the District are owned and managed either by the Council or by other public bodies. A strategy will be developed to achieve a more effective and sustainable use of this resource.

### Utilities

- 7.48 Various companies are responsible for the provision of gas, electricity, water and telecommunications, together with their means of transmission. These companies have their own delivery plans<sup>199</sup> and programmes for the coming years, which need to ensure that planned growth can be accommodated.

### Gas

- 7.49 The National Transmission System (NTS)<sup>200</sup> is a high pressure, large diameter gas pipeline network running from shoreline terminals via compressor stations to pipeline systems and off-takes which serve consumers. There is a distribution station at Mappowder on the high pressure gas main which runs across the District, in the local distribution zone owned and managed by Welsh and West Utilities. There are numerous gas suppliers who use this system and

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<sup>198</sup> Dorset Residential Car Parking Study, WSP Development and Transportation and Phil Jones Associates, (2009).

<sup>199</sup> For example, Gas Transportation Ten Year Statement, National Grid, (December 2009); Operating the Electricity Networks in 2020 - Initial Consultation Document, National Grid Electricity Transmission, (June 2009); 2009 GB Seven Year Statement 2009/10 to 2015/16 inclusive, National Grid Electricity Transmission, (May 2009); Water Resource Management Plan, Wessex Water, 2009; Securing Water Supplies, Wessex Water, (June 2008).

<sup>200</sup> Operated and maintained by National Grid Transco.