

11.3.8 Short journeys within towns and villages should be able to be undertaken by walking or cycling instead of taking the car. Journeys by rail or bus from Market Harborough to Leicester are encouraged, together with rail travel to London where travellers can benefit from enhanced services and connections to Europe at St Pancras International. However, use of the private car and goods vehicles for transport will continue to be important in the District due to its rural nature. Nevertheless, advances in technology over the lifetime of the Local Plan are likely to increase the use of low carbon vehicles. Development of recharging facilities will be sought in large-scale housing and commercial development schemes.

11.3.9 Leicestershire County Council's Leicestershire Highway Design Guide covers advice on highway design, including car parking, transport assessments and transport plans. These documents are the starting point for detailed agreement on development proposals and include car parking standards to be applied in new developments, and will inform criteria 2 a., b. and c. of the policy.

11.3.10 Over-provision of traffic signs and signals, including lights, in towns and villages can have a detrimental effect on their character and appearance. Future developments should aim to minimise road signage and lighting where possible subject to compliance with the Leicestershire County Council Highway Design Guide, 2018 and updates.

11.4 IN2 Supporting information

Table B.41 Supporting Information: Policy IN2

What evidence has informed this policy?	Leicestershire County Council Local Transport Plan 3; Leicestershire County Council Local Transport Plan 3 Implementation Plan 2015/2016; Leicestershire County Council Highway Design Guide, 2018; Market Harborough Transport Strategy 2017-2031; The Midlands Connect Emerging Strategy, November 2016; The Midlands Connect Strategy, March 2017; A5 Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011-2026; and Leicester and Leicestershire Draft Rail Strategy, 2016.
Which Local Plan objectives will it meet?	1 - Housing 2 - Employment 3 - Location of development 4 - Infrastructure 6 - Natural environment 10 - Transport 12 - Environmental impact
How will it be implemented?	Through decisions on planning applications.
How will it be monitored?	Any planning permission granted contrary to the criteria in this policy will be identified in the Authority Monitoring Report and the reasons for it being granted explained.