

## District Wide Policies 7

relevant County and District officers, taking into account the policy and guidance set out in the NPPF and NPPG. Proposals will need to include an appropriate Travel Plan based on guidance included in the supplementary planning document Travel Planning in Sedgemoor, in order to demonstrate how development will manage transport impacts and encourage sustainable modes of travel. There is a need to ensure that additional traffic resulting from new development does not compromise the safe and efficient operation of the strategic route network. Any new access onto the strategic route network would therefore need to be carefully considered.

### Policy D14

#### Managing the Transport Impacts of Development

Development proposals that will have a significant transport impact should:

- Be supported by an appropriate Transport Assessment, Air Quality Assessment, Noise and Vibration Assessment and Ecological Surveys where there are significant implications;
- Engage at an early stage with relevant bodies such as the Local Authority, Somerset County Council, Highways England and Network Rail regarding the proposal and scope of supporting information required;
- Include an appropriate Travel Plan outlining how the development will manage transport impacts and encourage more sustainable modes of travel;
- Ensure provision is made for inclusive, safe and convenient access for pedestrians, people with disabilities, cyclists and users of public transport that addresses the needs of all;
- Provide safe access to roads of adequate standard within the route hierarchy;
- Ensure that the expected nature and volume of traffic and parked vehicles generated by the development would not compromise the safety and/or function of the local or strategic road networks in terms of both volume and type of traffic generated;
- Comprehensively address the transport impact of development and appropriately contribute to the delivery of the necessary transport infrastructure;
- Not prejudice existing and new safeguarded transport infrastructure (sites and routes) as shown on the Local Plan Policies Map;
- Enhance and develop rights-of-way as a means of managing transport impacts of development and should not reduce the convenience and safety of existing rights-of-ways, bridle paths and cycle paths, unless suitable alternative routes are provided;
- Ensure car parking and vehicle servicing at levels appropriate to the development and in accordance with the parking standards detailed within the Somerset County Council Parking Strategy; and.
- Adequately assess and provide any required improvements to level crossings where development may result in a material increase in pedestrian and/or vehicular use of a level crossing, in consultation with Network Rail.

### Delivery

**7.129** This policy is primarily a development management tool to ensure that new developments provide for safe and appropriate means of transport and access. It will be delivered through the individual consideration of planning applications.