



**Parking Standards
Supplementary Planning Document**

Statement of Consultation

**In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and
Country Planning (Local Planning (England))
Regulations 2012**

December 2018

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) leaves it to local planning authorities to decide whether to pursue local parking standards for residential and non-residential developments.
- 1.2 Initially, within the Consultation Draft Local Plan (CDLP) (October 2016) the Council did not propose to set local parking standards. However, during the consultation on the CDLP Derbyshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority stated:

“The CDLP needs to make more reference to parking in addition to indicating that where appropriate developments should make provision for off-street parking, service and emergence access. Parking standards, for example, need to be identified”.

- 1.3 In response to this representation, the Council has developed a policy, with input from Derbyshire County Council, for inclusion within the Regulation 19 Publication Local Plan for Bolsover District. This policy would provide for parking standards to be developed and be supported by a Supplementary Planning Document given that parking standards form part of the standard requirements upon development proposals.
- 1.4 Due to the progress of its plan making work, the Council committed to preparing a draft Local Parking Standards SPD in advance of the Examination Hearing sessions to enable the Inspector to consider all of the relevant information during the Examination.

2. Early Community Engagement and Evidence Gathering

Developing an evidence base

- 2.1. In order to ensure the Draft SPD was based on sound and up-to-date evidence, extensive research has been undertaken on past and current policy and guidance documents, on both national and more local levels. This research looked at documents dating back far enough to develop an understanding of the changes in the direction of national policy; from limiting parking provision in the attempt to promote the use of more sustainable modes of transport, to recognising that this method was not achieving the desired outcomes and the unintended implications that have resulted. It is now down to the local planning authority to determine what parking provision is best for its area, taking into account the considerations set out in the NPPF.
- 2.2. This research included exploring national guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), Department for Transport

(DfT), Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT) and Institute of Highway Engineers (IHE). On a more local level, based on advice from Derbyshire County Council the Draft SPD incorporates and refers to guidance by the 6C's (joint venture between the Local Highways Authorities of Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Leicester City Council and Cheshire East Council), as well as considering the approaches taken by neighbouring authorities.

- 2.3. In addition to the above research, Census data was also examined to understand the changes that have occurred in car ownership within the District. The evidence reinforced a continuing growth in car ownership and the need for minimum parking standards that would provide for an adequate number of suitable parking spaces for all users, without leading to overprovision that would use land ineffectively and jeopardise good design.
- 2.4. In order to gain more understanding about the infrastructure required for supporting Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles to contribute towards the national and local achievement of reducing emissions and improving air quality, Officers visited one of the businesses already utilising electric vehicle charging facilities. This allowed Officers to find out more about how they implemented the facility, its usage, any issues they have encountered and what they believe the benefits to have been. This proved very useful in understanding on something that is currently relatively rare in the District but likely to grow significantly in the near future.

Stakeholder feedback

- 2.5. Planning Policy Officers have taken a collaborative approach and consulted with key stakeholders during the formation of the document.
- 2.6. Officers of Derbyshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority have been consulted throughout the creation of the Draft SPD to benefit from their expertise.
- 2.7. Development Management colleagues and the Senior Urban Design Officer have also been consulted to ensure the Draft SPD is a useful document and one which tackles the issues they face when dealing with planning proposals.
- 2.8. In addition to these more obvious stakeholders, in recognition of the growth of Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles contact has been made with providers of electric vehicle charging networks and local businesses with charging points.

2.9. Finally, those respondents making representations on the Parking Standards policy within the Publication Local Plan for Bolsover District have also been considered as stakeholders.

3. Who was consulted during the preparation of the draft document, what were the main issues raised and how were they addressed?

3.1 During the formulation of the Draft SPD, the following groups were involved through meetings and / or correspondence:

- Derbyshire County Council Highway Officers
- Bolsover District Council Development Control Officers and Senior Urban Design Officer
- Electric car person / group / appropriate local business

3.2 In addition to this, due to the Regulation 19 consultation on the Council's Publication Local Plan for Bolsover District running during May and June 2018, the Council has used this exercise to identify further parties interested in the Council's parking policy and local standards. This saw one representation on policy ITCR 11 from Persimmon Homes in which they requested further detail on the specific standards.

3.3 The main issues raised were:

- more flexibility was required to account for circumstances where the standards could not be physically achieved or where allowing a lesser provision could be justified through the local area being able to suitably accommodate the anticipated number of vehicles. The draft document now accommodates these circumstances;
- greater reference should be made to the Successful Places SPD that contains principles of good design, to better integrate with other guidance;
- the growth of electric vehicles in recent years, and the fact that many vehicles on sale today have outgrown the standard parking space dimensions, the Draft SPD needs to consider larger dimensions for parking spaces.

3.4 These issues have been incorporated within the draft Parking Standards SPD through revisions to the text.

4. Consultation on the Draft Supplementary Planning Document

- 4.1 The formal public consultation on the Draft Parking Standards SPD runs from Monday 3rd December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019. The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, in setting a minimum formal consultation period of 4 weeks. As the consultation will run over the Christmas Period an extra time period has been added.
- 4.2 In order to inform and promote the consultation period to all those who may be interested, the Council has placed a notification on their website and emailed or written (depending on information held and preference stated) to all persons listed on their Local Plan consultation database as a Specific Consultation Body (SCB), General Consultation Body (GCB), or Other Consultation Body (OCB); to capture all groups listed in the SCI. This amount to approximately 260 persons / bodies.
- 4.3 The text of the email / letter (repeated in appendix 1 of this document) sets out where and when the Draft SPD and this Statement of Consultation can be viewed, the date by which representations must be made, and the address to which they must be sent, in accordance with part b of Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012. It is made clear that representations can be made in writing or by email.
- 4.4 The documents are being made available in accordance with Regulation 35 of those regulations, by being available to view on the Council's website and in hard copy at the Council's principal office, all of the Council's contact centres and libraries within the District.
- 4.5 Furthermore, it is made clear how Officers can be contacted to discuss the document before making a representation, should people wish to do so.

5. Next Stages

- 5.1 After the consultation, the Council will consider all comments received and make any appropriate amendments to the SPD. The Statement of Consultation will be updated to show the comments received and appropriate amendments made to the Draft SPD.

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Our Ref: Parking Standards SPD Consultation Letter

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Date: 30th November 2018

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Draft Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document

A Consultation Draft Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared that will support the Publication Local Plan policy ITCR11: Parking Provision.

The SPD builds upon and provides more detailed guidance on the policy; setting out the required standards for residential and non-residential uses, and referring to other guidance documents where necessary.

Consultation

In accordance with the Council's Statement and Community Involvement (SCI) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the SPD is being subjected to public consultation. **This consultation begins on Monday 3rd December 2018 and will run until the end of Friday 4th January 2019. Any representations made must be received within this period.**

If you would like to discuss the document before making a representation, please contact Jonathan Gaynor, Planning Officer (Policy), on 01246 242312.

Where the document can be viewed

A copy of the Parking Standards SPD and a copy of the Statement of Consultation will be made available to view on the Council's website www.bolsover.gov.uk/index.php/local-plan-documents and at the following locations:

The Council's principal office	
The Arc, High Street, Clowne, S43 4JY	Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm
Contact Centres	
Bolsover Contact Centre, 3 Cotton Street, Bolsover, S44 6HA	Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm
Clowne Contact Centre, The Arc, High Street, Clowne, S43 4JY	Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm
Shirebrook Contact Centre, 2A Main Street, Shirebrook, NG20 8AW	Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm
South Normanton Contact Centre, The Hub – Joint Service Centre, Shiners Way, South Normanton, DE55 2AA	Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm

Libraries	
Bolsover Library, Church Street, Bolsover, S44 6HB	Monday – Thursday: 9am - 5pm Friday: 9am - 7pm Saturday: 9am - 4pm Sunday: Closed
Clowne Library, Recreation Close, Clowne, S43 4PL	Monday: 2pm - 7pm Tuesday: 10am - 5pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 10am - 5pm Friday: 2pm - 5pm Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm Sunday: Closed
Creswell Library, Elmtton Road, Creswell, S80 4EY	Monday: 2pm - 5pm Tuesday: 10am - 1pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 10am - 5pm Friday: 2pm - 7pm Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm Sunday: Closed This library closes for lunch from 1pm to 2pm.
Pinxton Library, Kirkstead Road, Pinxton, NG16 6NA	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 2pm - 5pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9.15am - 5pm Friday: 9.15am - 1pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed This library closes for lunch from 1pm to 2pm.
Shirebrook Library, 19 Patchwork Row, Shirebrook, NG20 8AL	Monday - Thursday: 9.30am - 5pm Friday: 9.30am - 7pm Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm Sunday: Closed

South Normanton Library, Library and Information Centre, The Hub, Shiners Way, South Normanton, DE55 2AA	Monday: 9am - 1pm Tuesday: 9am - 6pm Wednesday: 9am - 1pm Thursday: 9am - 5pm Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm Sunday: Closed
Whitwell Library, Community Centre, Portland Street, Whitwell, S80 4NN	Monday: 2pm - 5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 10am - 5pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 2pm - 7pm Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm Sunday: Closed This library closes for lunch from 1pm to 2pm.

Representations

Representations can be made within the consultation period set out above, either by email or in writing. **Please state within your representation if you would like to be notified when the SPD is adopted.**

Emails should be sent to: planning.policy@bolsover.gov.uk

Letters should be sent to: Planning Policy, Bolsover District Council, The Arc, High Street, Clowne, S43 4JY

Responses will be made public and an updated Statement of Consultation will be published on the Council's website in advance of adopting the SPD.

At this stage, the Council is considering how best to include the parking requirements, i.e. the number of parking spaces required per type of development, out of the SPD and within policy ITCR 11 of the Local Plan for Bolsover District instead. This consideration will be informed by the responses received during this public consultation exercise.

For further information, email planning.policy@bolsover.gov.uk, or telephone 01246 242312.

Yours sincerely,

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