

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	PLANNING COMMITTEE	8 JUNE 2022	5
PARKING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SCOPING)			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

On 14th October 2020 Planning Committee approved the Local Development Scheme 2020, which sets out a list of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which will be produced by officers, including a Parking SPD.

It is proposed to produce an SPD for Parking. The Parking SPD would set out indicative standards, to be applied flexibly by the Council based on the circumstances of sites. The SPD would provide detail on the required layout, spacing, design, landscaping and siting of parking within development sites, including all types of vehicle, operational parking and servicing including waste collection. It would provide guidance on provision for electric vehicle charging, and advice on documentation required with planning applications.

The Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping) is appended to this report. It provides a suggested structure to the proposed SPD and includes consultation questions. This report seeks approval from members for the Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping) to be published for consultation for 4 weeks. This is in line with the Fylde Council Statement of Community Involvement 2020 Section 4 and Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Parking SPD (Scoping), as attached as Appendix 1, be issued for public consultation.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

14th October 2020 Planning Committee approved the LDS 2020 which sets out a list of SPDs which will be produced by officers.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy - To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment - To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency - By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism - To create a great place to live or visit	✓

REPORT

1. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide greater clarity as to the requirements of Local Plan policies for specific situations or types of development. SPDs may not make policy, but rather provide guidance on the application of the policies contained in the adopted Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (incorporating Partial Review).
2. Paragraph 3.9 of the Local Development Scheme 2020 identifies the Parking SPD as one of the next suite of SPDs to be produced to support the policies of the recently-adopted Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (incorporating Partial Review). The Parking SPD is considered necessary for a number of reasons:
 - The existing standards are out-of-date and in part not in accordance with national policy;
 - The existing standards involve a highly complicated calculation to assess;
 - Clarity is needed on sizes of parking spaces to reflect the increasing size of vehicles and need for provision for different types of vehicle;
 - Pedestrian circulation space around parking has often not been provided;
 - There is a lack of guidance on vehicular manoeuvring space from parking areas;
 - There is a need to ensure sustainable drainage to parking areas;
 - There is a need to reinforce good practice on cycle parking;
 - There is a need for specific guidance on design and landscaping; and
 - There is a need to provide guidance on electric vehicle charging requirements.
3. The first stage of producing an SPD is to consult on what the SPD should contain, termed a “scoping” consultation. The Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping) attached as Appendix 1 provides an overall framework of the proposed SPD, and asks a series of questions to encourage consultees to state what they feel should be included within the document.
4. The Parking SPD (Scoping) provides an introduction, a draft vision, identifies issues and draft objectives. Following a review of policy and guidance, it is proposed that the SPD will contain sections on:
 - the overall approach to decision making on parking, which will emphasise policy compliance rather than adherence to fixed numerical requirements;
 - indicative standards set out in tables for different areas of the Borough, for various groups of proposed uses and developments. These will include standards for specified actual proposed uses, notwithstanding the coverage of development types contained within class E. The indicative standards would be applied flexibly by the Council based on the circumstances of sites and the implications of the proposed levels of parking provision in relation to policy requirements;
 - detail on the required layout, spacing, design, landscaping, surfacing materials, sustainable drainage and siting of parking within development sites. This would include specifications for operational parking and servicing including waste collection;
 - detailed guidance on parking requirements for other (non-car) types of vehicle. This will include cycles, e-bikes, motorcycles, mobility scooters and commercial vehicles. Guidance will set out indicative standards and provide detailed design and size requirements;
 - guidance on provision for electric vehicle charging, on various development types;
 - the requirement for Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans to accompany planning applications, including the scale of development for which each will be required, and the outcomes that are expected from each.
5. The consultation will run for 4 weeks from 9th June 2022 to 7th July 2022.
6. Following the consultation, the responses will feed into the draft of the full SPD. A Sustainability Appraisal of the SPD will be carried out and the final version of the Parking SPD will be presented to members prior to the final consultation on its content.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None
Legal	The Parking SPD (Scoping) will undergo consultation in accordance with Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
Community Safety	The Parking SPD will embed good practice so that parking and cycle parking areas do not provide opportunities for theft and vandalism
Human Rights and Equalities	The Parking SPD will ensure provision is made for the needs of all people including those with restricted mobility.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The Parking SPD will promote sustainable forms of development
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The Parking SPD will promote safety in design of parking areas on development sites and in street layouts.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
N/A		

Attached documents:

Appendix 1: Parking Supplementary Planning Document (Scoping)