



## **Consultation Statement**

### **Draft Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document**

#### **Public Consultation on the Draft 'Parking Standards' Supplementary Planning Document**

The Council is inviting comments on the Draft 'Parking Standards' Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The consultation period runs from Friday 26 November 2021 to Friday 14 January 2022.

Together with publishing the document on the Council's website and issuing of a news release, all contacts on the Local Plan Database will be notified of the consultation inviting them to comment. This includes all the bodies and groups set out in Appendix 1 of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (October 2020).

The draft SPD and online response form are made available on the Council's website at <https://newforest.gov.uk/article/2859/Parking-Standards>

The document is also available to view at the main Council Offices in Lyndhurst during the opening times: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. (See: <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1163/Information-offices#h25> for further details).

Representations are to be returned by the end of Friday 14 January 2022 by completing the online response form on the Council's website or by:

Email to: [policyandplans@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:policyandplans@nfdc.gov.uk) or

by post to: Policy and Plans Team, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO43 7PA.

Following the close of the consultation period, this Consultation Statement will be updated to reflect the feedback received and how will be taken into account in the final version of the SPD. A final Consultation Statement will be published alongside the SPD for adoption.

#### **Preparation of the Draft SPD**

The guidance set out in the draft SPD has been updated from the previous 2012 Parking Standards SPD, to take account of the step changes in national and local policy, ensuring they achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change and other drivers. This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) once adopted will replace the existing 2012 SPD "Parking Standards".

In preparing the Draft SPD for consultation in 2021, a Councillor Task & Finish Group was set up to consider a series of questions and steer the production of the SPD. The issues covered included:

- a) Should the SPD relate to residential parking only or residential and other uses?
- b) To what extent should we allow flexibility for parking provision (requirements) in town centre sites?
- c) Are different standards appropriate in different locations, and what should the relevant criteria for assessment be?
- d) Whether and how to assess / take into account the availability of on-street parking?
- e) What guidance should the SPD set out on the provision of electric vehicle charging points?

These were taken into account in the Draft SPD primarily by continuing to provide guidance for uses listed in 2012 document, proposing flexibility for parking provision in town centre sites, ensuring on-street parking issues are taken in to account and providing clearer requirements for electric vehicle parking.

Parking standards set out by similar local authorities were also appraised as part of the update.

### **Sustainability Appraisal of the Draft SPD**

Section 180 (5) (d) Planning Act (2008) removed the compulsory requirement for a Sustainability Appraisal for an SPD. A full Sustainability Appraisal has been undertaken on the Local Plan, therefore this document has not been subject to assessment under The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended).

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