

Meeting of the Cabinet – 20th June 2012

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Review of the “Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document” – Approval to Adopt

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval to adopt the reviewed Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document.

Background

2. The Council’s Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out detailed guidance on the way Dudley Council expect parking standards and travel plans in the Borough to be applied. It is intended to provide a guide about the principles applicable to parking.
3. The initial Parking Standards and Travel Plans SPD was adopted in March 2007 with the intention of setting out guidance to apply the relevant policies within the Dudley Unitary Development Plan 2005. Following the recent changes in National Policy in relation to parking standards and the partial replacement of the UDP by the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) (adopted February 2011), the now SPD requires revision.
4. This review is required for the following reasons:
 - To ensure guidance remains inline with good practice.
 - To address the implications of the recently adopted Black Country Core Strategy and other policy updates.
 - Update the document in line with the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
 - Update the evidence base for car parking standards and review formula for parking standards where appropriate and take account of the findings of the evidence base.

- Reflect that Local Authorities have the flexibility to set their own residential parking standards as they see fit, based on their evidence gathered.
5. Public consultation was carried out on the SPD for six weeks in January and February 2012 retrospectively in line with guidance in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. Other Council Directorates, stakeholders and those with an interest in the SPD submitted comments and representations which were then used to inform a number of changes to the document. These changes have not significantly changed the emphasis of the draft document.
 6. A copy of the new SPD is available in the Member's Room or can be viewed electronically on the Council's 'Committee Management Information System' pages. The SPD is accompanied by a Consultation Statement explaining who the Council have consulted and the representations made during the consultation which will also be available in the Members Room and on the 'Committee Management Information System'.

Finance

7. All costs associated with the review and adoption of the Parking Standards SPD will be funded from within existing budgets.

Law

8. The review of the SPD has been prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (amended 2008).

Equality Impact

9. The reviewed SPD has been prepared in accordance with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity, ensuring that it provides benefits for adults, children and young people alike, promoting equal opportunities for all.
10. The SPD seeks to promote sustainable development and ensure that the infrastructure necessary to support future residential and commercial growth is delivered through the appropriate provision of car parking.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the Car Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (reviewed 2012) be approved for adoption.



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List of Background Papers

Revised Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document