

**Meeting of the Cabinet – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Report of the Strategic Director Place**

**Approval for Adoption of the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Council's Parking Standards SPD.

**Background**

2. The Council's Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out detailed guidance on Dudley Council's requirements for parking standards for those involved in the submission and determination of planning applications.
3. The SPD was originally adopted in 2007 and last reviewed in 2012. This current review was required as a result of the changing national planning policy context and following customer feedback. The SPD has been prepared in consultation with other Council Directorates, and the review has resulted in changes to the car parking standards for residential schemes to ensure schemes are deliverable; ensure good design and secure an appropriate level of parking on new residential developments.
4. Following Cabinet approval on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, the SPD was subject to public consultation for six weeks from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 until 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. During this consultation a total of six representations were received and amendments were made to the document to address the issues raised by the respondents. A list of comments received from the public consultation, the Council's response to them and subsequent proposed text changes to the finalised SPD are included within the Consultation Statement (Appendix 1). In addition, some other minor changes and modifications were made to the document to reflect recent national planning guidance and to improve clarity and consistency in the advice provided.
5. A copy of the final SPD for adoption (Appendix 2) is available on the 'Committee Management Information System'. The SPD and the consultation statement can also be accessed using the following link:  
  
<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/parkstands-spd/>
6. A copy of the document is also available in the Members room.

## **Finance**

7. The preparation of the document will be funded from existing budgets and resources dedicated to the production of Development Plan Documents and other statutory planning documents.

## **Law**

8. Once adopted, the Parking Standards SPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. 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 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

## **Equality Impact**

9. The SPD update 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.

## **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that Cabinet approves the adoption of the revised Parking Standards SPD.



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## **List of Background Papers**

Consultation Statement for the review of the Parking Standards SPD (June 2017)  
Revised Parking Standards SPD (July 2017)