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Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 08 January 2025
Subject:	Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document- Consultation Draft	
Report of	Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth	

Summary

1. The revised Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides recommended guidelines for parking provision for new development.
2. The aim of the SPD is to ensure that an appropriate level of well-designed vehicle and cycle parking is provided in all new developments. The document will give more comprehensive guidance on the types of parking that should and shouldn't be provided.
3. The Parking Standards for Bury SPD updates and replaces the existing standards set out within the current Development Control Policy Guidance Note 11: Parking Standards in Bury.
4. The SPD is based on the existing parking standards but has been updated to reflect current policy and guidance, with additional sections and information added.
5. The SPD must be read alongside Places for Everyone Policy JP-C8: Transport requirements for New Development which requires new development to be located and designed to enable and encourage walking, cycling and public transport use, to reduce the negative effects of car dependency, and help deliver high quality, attractive, liveable and sustainable environments.
6. Once adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration in planning decisions. If development proposals do not comply, the SPD and the policy it supplements may be used as a reason for the refusal of planning permission.
7. It is proposed that, following consultation, a further version of the Parking Standards SPD will be brought back to Cabinet for formal approval.

Recommendation(s)

8. It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - I. Approves the draft revised Parking Standards SPD attached at Appendix 1 as the basis for a six-week public consultation commencing February 2025.
 - II. Delegates approval to the Executive Director of Place to make minor non-material modifications to the draft revised Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document- before consultation commences.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

9. To ensure that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to have their say on the draft revised Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document.

Alternative options considered and rejected

10. To not approve the SPD for consultation. This would prevent stakeholders from commenting on the SPD and would prevent the Council from being able to proceed to adopt the SPD because it is a statutory requirement that such documents must be consulted on before adoption.

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Background

11. Places for Everyone (PfE) is a joint plan of nine Greater Manchester districts and was adopted on 21st March 2024.
12. PfE Policy JP-C8: Transport Requirements of New Development requires new development to be located and designed to enable and encourage walking, cycling and public transport use, to reduce the negative effects of car dependency, and help deliver high quality, attractive, liveable and sustainable environments.
13. The draft revised Parking Standards SPD builds upon policy JP-C8 and covers cycle parking, car parking, disabled parking and operational parking requirements. It sets out the number of parking spaces required for new developments in both residential and commercial settings. The document gives comprehensive guidance on the types of parking that should and shouldn't be provided.

14. Once adopted, the Parking Standards SPD will update and replace existing standards set out within Development Control Policy Guidance Note 11: Parking Standards in Bury.

Scope and Content of the SPD

15. Bury Council is committed to tackling climate change. One of the ways in which we can make a positive difference is through effective parking provision for all vehicle types in new developments. We want to encourage more walking and cycling for shorter journeys, and for longer journeys encourage more sustainable options such as using public transport wherever possible. Ensuring that routes are attractive and useable for pedestrians and cyclists is key to achieving this.
16. The SPD is split into two sections, parking standards for residential developments and parking standards for non-residential developments. Both sections include parking standards for cycles, cars and disabled parking. The parking standards for non-residential developments also includes operational parking standards.
17. Standards have also been introduced for different types of residential accommodation such as houses in multiple occupation and accommodation for older people.
18. Guidance is also included on disabled parking, to ensure that parking at residential properties is accessible for a disabled person in line with the Equality Act 2010.
19. The cycle parking standards have been updated to reflect guidance in Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design. A clearer definition of the type of cycle parking that is suitable for residential properties is included. The type of cycle parking aimed at residents, and short-term parking aimed at visitors is also clearly defined and cycle parking for non-standard cycles is included.

Consultation and Adoption

20. The SPD is being prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which are reflected in our Statement of Community Involvement. The Regulations set out that a draft SPD must be:
 - Screened to determine whether Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitat Regulation Assessment is required. The outcomes of the screening opinion will be published alongside the draft SPD.

- Made available for public consultation for a 4-week minimum period.
- Be made available for inspection, at the local planning authority's principal office and at such other places within their area as the local planning authority consider appropriate, during normal office hours, and be published on the local planning authority's website.

21. The SPD will be prepared in accordance with these regulations and relevant material available for inspection on the Council's web site; the Town Hall reception; Bury, Prestwich, Radcliffe or Ramsbottom Libraries and at the Tottington Centre. Letters/emails will also be sent to all contacts on the Council's development plan database. We will also advertise the consultation via social media platforms.

22. Following consultation, a statement will be prepared setting out a summary of the main issues raised during the consultation and the draft SPD may, if necessary, be amended to address any issues raised. A further report will be brought back to members to determine whether to proceed with formal approval for the adoption of the document.

Conclusion

23. Members are asked to consider the draft Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document and approve the document for consultation purposes.

Links with the Corporate Priorities:

Please summarise how this links to the Let's Do It Strategy.

24. Places for Everyone forms part of the Council's Policy Framework (being one of the statutory plans listed under Article 4 of the Council's Constitution). The revised Parking Standards SPD supplements PfE Policy JP-C8: Transport Requirements of New Development and takes account of national planning guidance.

Equality Impact and Considerations:

*Please provide an explanation of the outcome(s) of an initial or full EIA and make **specific reference regarding the protected characteristic of Looked After Children**. Intranet link to EIA documents is [here](#).*

25. Equality Impact Assessment to follow.

Environmental Impact and Considerations:

Please provide an explanation of the Environmental impact of this decision. Please include the impact on both **Carbon emissions** (contact climate@bury.gov.uk for advice) and **Biodiversity**.

26. The SPD is not expected to give rise to any significant environmental effects. The SPD seeks to ensure the effective and consistent implementation of policies relating to provision of car and cycle parking, which in themselves should ensure positive effects relating environmental impact.

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Stakeholders do not engage in the consultation on the draft revise Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document	The SPD is being prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which are reflected in our Statement of Community Involvement. However, the consultation process will be kept under review and will be adjusted if additional stakeholder engagement is required.

Legal Implications:

27. The statutory requirements for the preparation of SPDs are set out in Regulations 11 to 16 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and paragraphs 20 and 21 of this report sets out how these requirements will be followed. Before adoption of the SPD, Cabinet will need to consider any issues raised during the consultation and how those issues have been addressed. SPDs do not form part of the development plan so they cannot introduce new planning policies. They are however a material consideration in determining planning applications.

Financial Implications:

28. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Appendices:

Please list any appended documents.

Background papers:

Please list any background documents to this report and include a hyperlink where possible.

Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
PfE	Places for Everyone