

Report to:	Cabinet	Date: 11th June 2025
Subject:	Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document- Consultation Draft	
Report of	Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Growth	

Summary

1. This report details the results of the draft Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document (SPD11) consultation and seeks approval for the final SPD to be formally adopted.

Recommendation(s)

2. It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - i. Note the responses to the public consultation and the proposed post-consultation revisions.
 - ii. Approves the revised SPD as the final version to be adopted and published.
 - iii. Delegate authority to the Executive Director (Place), to make any minor non-material editorial amendments to the SPD ahead of its final publication.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

3. SPD11 provides recommended guidelines for parking provision for new development. 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.
4. The adoption of the document will ensure that all relevant planning applications are considered against up-to-date procedures, legislation and national planning policy.

Alternative options considered and rejected

5. No other options were considered/were applicable.

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Background

6. Places for Everyone (PfE) is a joint plan of nine Greater Manchester districts and was adopted on 21st March 2024.
7. One of the key aims of PfE is to set out where we will build the new homes we need, where our businesses will locate to sustain and create jobs for our people, what infrastructure is needed to support the development and to protect and enhance our towns, cities and landscapes. It is proposed to cover a timeframe up to 2039. In meeting our statutory housing targets, there is a requirement to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is also provided to cater for the needs of increased households.
8. PfE Policy JP-C8: Transport requirements for 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.
9. SPD11 sets out the development-related parking standards for Bury. These standards include requirements for cars, cycles and powered two wheelers. Guidance for the provision of parking for people with disabilities is also included. In addition, it contains guidance on parking for electric vehicles and provision of car clubs.

Summary of the Consultation Findings

10. In January 2025, Cabinet members approved a draft of SPD11 for consultation purposes. In accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, consultation was subsequently undertaken over a six-week period running from Friday 31st January to Friday 14th March 2025 in order to establish stakeholder views on its content.
11. Consultation involved making relevant material available for inspection on the Council's web site; in the reception area of the Town Hall; and at Bury, Prestwich, Radcliffe or Ramsbottom Libraries and at the Tottington Centre. Letters/emails were also sent to relevant contacts that are considered to have the potential to be affected by SPD11. The consultation was also advertised via social media platforms.
12. The consultation generated a total of ten responses. Although five of these responded simply to say that they had no comments. These comments and

the Council's response to these comments are set out in the Consultation Statement appended to this report.

13. The consideration of these comments has led to the conclusion that SPD11 would benefit from a small number of changes prior to it being formally adopted and these are also set out in the Consultation Statement. The updated version of SPD11 is attached at Appendix 1.

Conclusion

14. Members are requested to approve the proposed changes to SPD11 before agreeing to adopt it as fully up-to-date guidance.

Links with the Corporate Priorities:

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

15. Places for Everyone forms part of Bury's statutory development plan. It sets out statutory policies and strategic site allocations that will guide future growth and development in the Borough. A key part of the Plan is to rebalance the Greater Manchester economy by significantly boosting the economic output from the north through the delivery of new housing and employment that will benefit both Bury and its residents. The 'Let's Do It' strategy specifically refers to Places for Everyone as having a key role to play in the delivery of its objectives and priorities.

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](#).*

16. A full EIA of the parking standards has been completed with impacts specific to characteristics and circumstances considered. All identified impacts for this activity are neutral or positive.

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** (contact c.m.wilkinson@bury.gov.uk for advice)*

17. No material environmental impacts.

Assessment and Mitigation of Risk:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
Potential Judicial Review of the SPD following adoption.	The SPD has been prepared in accordance with all statutory requirements and is considered to be sound, justified and in accordance with the development plan.

Legal Implications:

18. The statutory requirements for the preparation of SPDs are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the report set out how these requirements have been followed.
19. Before adoption of the SPD, Cabinet must consider the issues raised during the consultation and how those issues have been addressed. If adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration to which regard may be had in determining planning applications.
20. If the SPD is adopted, the Council must publish an "Adoption Statement" specifying the date of adoption, any modifications made and the time limits for anyone aggrieved by the decision to apply for permission for judicial review of the decision.

Financial Implications:

To be completed by the Council's Section 151 Officer.

21. There are no financial implication arising directly from this report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Revised Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document

Appendix 2 –Revised Parking Standards in Bury Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement

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