

# **PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, REGULATION 12**

## **Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document**

### **Consultation Statement**

**November 2020**

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12(a) and (b) of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

This statement sets out details of the consultation that has taken place to date which has informed and refined the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It sets out the details of how, when and with whom the initial consultation with interested parties and organisations took place and how this had informed the SPD.

#### **Background**

The parking standards currently used by the Council are set out in Appendix 5 of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan (adopted 2004) and are expressed as maximum standards, as per the requirements of both national and regional policy at that time. These standards were taken from the Hertfordshire County Council Supplementary Planning Guidance document on parking provision, which is no longer in existence. It is also recognised that national policy is no longer seeking to apply maximum parking standards.

It is good practice for Local Planning Authorities to periodically review development plan policies to ensure that they are up to date. The same is true of associated guidance.

The Parking Standards SPD proposes 'parking standards' (rather than maximum or minimum standards), but with the possibility to reduce these in appropriate locations and conditions to sustain lower car ownership, subject to Council approval. The existing non-residential parking standards are essentially retained, but applied as broad requirements rather than maximum standards. It therefore seeks to provide guidance that is contemporary and is part of a suite of documents that seek to continue to raise the quality of development that will take place within the Borough.

#### **Area of Coverage**

The whole of the Borough of Dacorum.

#### **Drafting the SPD**

The SPD has been informed by a review led by the Council's Strategic Planning team, with input from technical consultants, development management and planning policy. The headline issues raised in an early draft of the document were considered at a Strategic Planning and Environment Oversight and Scrutiny Committee in June 2018 and at Cabinet on 29 June 2019.

## **Consultation**

The SPD has also undergone public consultation (Regulation 13) between 17th July and 30 August 2019. During the consultation period:

- the SPD was available on the Council's website [http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/supplementary-planning-documents-\(spds\)](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/supplementary-planning-documents-(spds)) and in libraries and the Council's offices across the Borough.
- public notices were published in local newspapers
- interested groups on the Local Plan consultation database were emailed or contacted by letter and invited to comment
- a press release was issued

Consultation comments have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the SPD and responses were identified within Appendix 3 of the Report to the Strategic Planning and Environment Oversight and Scrutiny Committee meeting in July 2020 and as referred to in the Cabinet Report.

Consultation comments received related to:

- Level of parking provision
- Provision of EV charging facilities
- Evidence base age and interpretation
- Making greater provision for cycling

These comments together with recommended changes to the Draft Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document were presented to Cabinet on 20 October 2020 and Full Council on 18 November 2020 for its consideration. The document was approved at Cabinet and Full Council and was adopted on 18 November 2020.