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Hi [REDACTED],

We've received the below to our consultation inbox. Are you able to respond to the consultee if their submission can be accepted by email?

Thank you,

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Please find attached comments on the draft parking standards

Car use has risen within the area since the 2011 census, and therefore we have to accept car use is an essential part of life, with little alternative.

It's not possible to consider 'greener' option for a lot of journeys... such as longer commutes to work, the need to take items to from work, timings for work/appointments.

I'm pleased to see that the provision of a single garage doesn't always 'count' as parking provision, a a high percentage are used for storage or other uses etc... but astounded to read a garage needn't be of a size to accommodate a car! (If I had a garage, I would use it for car storage/parking).

I also approve of a comment that if a garage is provided it should allow for the storage of bikes etc without the need to move the car. That kind of defeats the idea of providing a garage that sins of a suitable size to accommodate a car?

It is not uncommon for buyers of smaller properties with even just one bedroom, to be a couple, who may well require 2 cars to get to work etc, to enable them to actually afford a house...so the idea of a one bedroom (and 2 bedroom) property only requiring one parking space is somewhat unsustainable and unreasonable.

We have all seen the impact of insufficient parking requirements on new (and old for that matter) developments...meaning excessive on street parking causing road to be narrowed, and a general cluttered/untoidy street scene.

Let's embrace the car...albeit fossil fuel powered or electric...it IS here to stay for the foreseeable future.... Let's plan to reflect this.

Regards

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