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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your below consultation email dated the 7th November 2022 containing the draft Parking Standards for New Developments document, details have been shared with various departments in Bedfordshire police inviting comments or observations. The inappropriate or inconsiderate parking of vehicles frequently creates demands made of our authorities, many of the issues encountered appear to be covered in the draft guidance document.

Our force Design out Crime officer, Leslie Johnson, has compiled the response attached above in which recommendations from her office are offered for your further consideration.

In addition, policing challenges have been experienced in some recently introduced developments where available parking is insufficient / inconvenient and the highway design appears to be in the style of 'Shared space', the road being constructed with an absence of kerbing, or with kerbing recessed into the road surface and the footpath of the same material. (Wilson Close, Shillington).

With the move to alternative sustainable transport being slow, private vehicles are likely to remain the preferred mode of transport for many more years consequently there is high demand for street parking. In the absence of footways being segregated, a single level highway is often viewed as a free for all, with parking dominating available space and on occasions pedestrians having to resort to the carriageway. The inability to confidently identify pedestrian footway or differentiate between parking facility can create difficulties for police officers when dealing with alleged incidents of obstruction or should matters proceed to prosecution cases may be costly when challenged in court.

Offered for your information and further consideration,

Best regards,

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Good afternoon,

We are writing to inform you that an eight-week consultation on the Parking Standards for New Developments Supplementary Planning Document will begin at 10am on Tuesday 8th November 2022, with the deadline for comments being 10am on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Background

A well planned and managed approach to parking can help make our local communities better places to live, work and visit whilst helping deliver our commitment 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. Ensuring that routes are attractive and useable for pedestrians and cyclists is key to achieving this. Providing sufficient parking for all types of vehicles so that parked vehicles do not dominate the street scene or prevent access for pedestrians and cyclists is therefore very important.

Parking Standards for New Developments is a new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which builds upon the parking related policies adopted in the Local Plan. The document covers cycle parking, car parking, disabled parking, powered two-wheeler 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 brings together several existing standards into one document. Detail is provided on the types of parking that the Council wants developers to provide and the types of parking that have proven to be less successful and will therefore not be accepted.

Details of the Consultation

An electronic copy of the draft document and details of how to respond to the consultation will be available to view on the [Consultations](#) page of our website, once the consultation begins on the **8th November at 10am**.

Alternatively, a printed copy of the draft document can be viewed at every library in Central Bedfordshire, during their usual opening hours. Written responses can be sent to:

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