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Draft Parking Standards for New Developments

The parish council considers it important that Central Bedfordshire Council develops standards for new developments and that these reflect the requirements and style of modern day living. The parish council has considered the consultation documents and responds as follows.

- Garages should not be included in parking space allocation. Most garages are not used for parking a vehicle and are not constructed of a size which can easily accommodate the vast majority of vehicles on the road.
- Parking corrals providing off road parking for a series of properties should no longer be constructed. Where these have been constructed in the parish, they are very rarely used and residents park on the highway creating additional parking problems.
- Tandem parking arrangements often are not used as such, and encourages parking on the highway.
- P7 - The introduction proposes to encourage more sustainable options such as public transport ... how is this proposed in rural areas such as Marston Moreteyne?
- P8 - The document is unclear about enforcement / ensuring the standards are met - is it Highways or Planning?
- P11 – The parish council is surprised that there is no mention of Secure by Design / CCTV in terms of security. Should the definition of well-lit be more defined? Perhaps refer to CIBSE guidance
- P11 - The document recommends the use of Sheffield hoops...with no recognition about the siting and potential for areas to become a haven for groups to collect and contribute to Anti-Social Behaviour
- P12 / 13 - The document states "where possible" electric bike charging ... should this be more definite / mandatory?
- P20-P21 - These pages show pictures of "parking provision that isn't used as designed"... all of which could have been taken in Marston Moreteyne...what is being done proposed to resolve these issues / what funding will be made available to correct issues on recently built developments
- P23 - The document does not seem to consider crossing paths / cycle paths ... this can be an issue / health and safety risk
- P23 - No reference to the new Building Regulations - Part S

- P24 - On street parking does not deal with road layout/Highway Code - parking near junctions / schools / dropped kerbs etc
- P24 - Does Central Bedfordshire Council really think residents will actually convert grassed areas to provide additional parking for 3- and 4-bedroom houses...or will they simply park elsewhere. How will this be enforced?
- P24/28 - Should the expected number of charging points for on road parking be specified/defined
- P29 - Car free developments - no mention of provision for deliveries
- P30 - Disabled parking provision seems to be restricted to one space per ground floor apartment which does not reflect the need drive for equality ... passenger lifts mean disabled people are not confined to ground floor apartments
- P31 - The document does not really recognise the increase in buggies, push chairs, motorised scooters and wheelchairs-should this be considered
- P48 - Difficult to understand provision for deliveries to commercial premises
- P58 - The table detailing vehicle spaces is misleading ... and whilst it clearly says does not include access, would it be better to add the dimensions required for access so as to not allow developers to undersized spaces

Yours faithfully



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