

Draft Policy IF8 – Parking, and New Development and Lorry Parking

- (1) Development which will generate vehicle trips must provide appropriate levels of vehicle and cycle parking having regard to the latest guidance published by Leicestershire County Council and by the District Council.
- (2) Where a development will provide fewer vehicle spaces than specified in the guidance, this must be justified with reference to:
 - (a) Local highway and parking conditions; and/or
 - (b) the degree to which occupants will have reasonable access to sustainable alternatives (walking, cycling, public transport).
- (3) Where it is demonstrated that the specified level of cycle parking cannot be provided on site, one of the following will be sought as appropriate:
 - (a) provision off-site; or
 - (b) a financial contribution towards the provision of public cycle parking facilities.
- (4) Proposals for **new** lorry parking facilities, **and the extension of existing facilities**, including for over-night stays, will be supported where:
 - (a) The site is well-connected to the Strategic Road Network **or other major A roads, in particular the M1, A42, A50, A453 and A511;**
 - (b) A safe vehicle access is identified and secured;
 - (c) The scheme provides a standard of on-site facilities for drivers appropriate to the size and purpose of the development **or facilities are closely related and accessible to the lorry park;**
 - (d) **The scheme provides a safe and secure environment;**
 - (e) The scheme incorporates effective landscaping to mitigate the visual impact of the development;
 - (f) The scheme will not adversely impact on the amenity of nearby residents **nor be accessed through residential areas;** and
 - (g) Additionally, for proposals in the countryside (as defined on the Policies Map) an operational need for the additional lorry parking is demonstrated, taking into account any identified local shortages.
- (5) **The loss of existing lorry parking facilities will only be supported where it is clearly demonstrated that there is suitable alternative provision to meet the local need and compensate for the loss or there is no reasonable demand to use the site for a lorry park as evidenced by robust marketing of the premises/site at current market value for a continuous period of at least six months. If the Council requires independent verification of the evidence submitted, this will be at the expense of the applicant.**