

Highways and Transport Policy

- Preliminary Draft -

Introduction

The policies cover parking, and pedestrian, cycling and rights-of-way facilities.

Relevant NPPF and WBC LPR policies

West Berkshire LPR Policies DM42, 44 and 45 form the underlying policy framework.

DM44 development parking provision and WBC LPR P1 parking standards is still under consideration.

Policies

Development proposals shall:

- locate parking between houses (rather than in front) so that it does not dominate the street scene
- provide adequate (proportionate to the scale of development) parking on-site removing the need for on-street parking.

Extension to the station car parking will be promoted and encouraged

Development proposals shall provide links with safe walking and cycling routes to the village centre, facilitating access to schools, the surrounding countryside and bus and rail station to minimise the need for car use. [See DM42] The loss of existing footpaths and cycleways will be resisted.

Proposals for developments of greater than 9 dwellings adjacent to Public Rights of Way shall ensure that direct links are provided to those routes or a short walk of less than 5 minutes on public pavements.

The provision and designation of Quiet Lanes will be supported.

[NOTE]The potential for Safe streets/home zones is to be included with the Design Codes.

Supporting Text

Community Focus

Four principal themes emerged from the July and November 2022 consultations:

- **Pedestrian Safety** – traffic speed, to station, to Burghfield, parking on pavements, lack of pedestrian crossings
- **Cycling safety** – traffic speed, lack of cycleways, to Burghfield, to station
- **Parking** – schools with emphasis on St Mary’s, and at the station, and stations on rail routes
- **Traffic speed management**

Much of the above relates to existing issues and distinct potential projects, and is not directly related to future changes in land use, so is outside of the function of the NewNP. Many of the issues raised should be considered for inclusion within an NP Appendix of projects.

Considerations

- a. ‘Neighbourhood planning in a climate emergency’ Sustainable Transport pp 51 - 57
- b. ‘How green is my plan?’ Transport p6

Identification of lanes to be submitted to WBC Highways for designation as a 'Quiet Lane' shall be part of an SMPC project list.

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