

Appendix D: Parking Standards

- D.1** This appendix provides further information and guidance to interpret and support Local Plan Policy TRA 4 and contains the standards that will apply to all development other than in the circumstances described in the policy.
- D.2** Advice on site-specific works that are necessary to facilitate access to the development are not included and these must be considered separately. These matters will be covered in the Highways and Transportation Design and Delivery Guidance Supplementary Planning Document. Consistency with these standards alone is not in itself, therefore, sufficient to demonstrate that a proposal is acceptable either in transportation or planning terms.

Parking design

- D.3** The scale, location and functionality of parking for occupiers, visitors, service and delivery vehicles is important to the safe and efficient use of any development. These factors must be an integral element of the design of all development and must be considered at the outset of the design process.
- D.4** It is expected that parking to serve occupiers and residents will normally be provided off-street. This will normally be within the curtilage of a dwelling for residential developments, or within the development site for other uses. Parking for visitors and other vehicles need not be provided within the curtilage of dwellings or within a development site, but must be accounted for in the design of all schemes. This is reflected in the parking requirements described below.
- D.5** Developers should consider a range of approaches to car parking and will need to demonstrate that the most appropriate solution has been provided. Any on-street parking should be laid out so that it does not obstruct or make access to private driveways difficult.

Parking space dimensions

- D.6** A minimum standard car parking space will be 2.5 metres x 5.0 metres. For disabled car parking spaces, additional clearance of 1.2 metres will be required along all sides.

Domestic garages

- D.7** Domestic garages are often used for storage of cycles and various household articles. For garages to form part of the parking provision, they must have minimum internal dimensions of:
- 6.0 metres x 3.0 metres for a single garage; or
 - 6.0 metres x 6.0 metres for a double garage.

D.8 These dimensions allow garages to accommodate the car and the storage of cycles and other items. Where these requirements are not met, the garage(s) will not be considered to form part of the parking provision for the purposes of assessing whether adequate provision is made.

Driveways

D.9 Driveways are short sections from the public road to the house. Driveways shall be at least 3.0 metres wide for a single parking space or 3.3 metres if the driveway also provides the main pedestrian access or forms part of the wheelie bin route to the dwelling. Adjacent car parking spaces shall add 2.5 metres to these dimensions.

D.10 For a standard 'up and over' garage door, the face of the garage should be a minimum of 5.6 metres from the back of the footway or from the edge of a shared footway. Driveways with gates should be 5.6 metres in length to enable the inward opening of gates. Driveways with no gates or garage door considerations, or with garage doors of a roller shutter type, must be no less than 5.0 metres in length.

Visitor parking

D.11 Public parking shall be independently accessible and be available in perpetuity.

- Perpendicular parking bays (90 degree to aisle/road) shall measure 2.5 metres x 5.0 metres (6.0 metre aisle width or reversing distance);
- Inline parking bays (pays run parallel to aisle/kerb line) shall measure 2.4 metres x 6.0 metres;
- Echelon parking bays (bays run 45 degrees to aisle/road) shall measure 2.5 metres x 5.0 metres.

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D.12 Car parking needs to be considered as an important part of any scheme. The Council will seek to ensure car parking provision is at an appropriate level to cater for the development and visitors, whilst taking into account the location, circumstances in the surrounding area, highway safety and the availability of public transport.

D.13 The following minimum car parking standards apply to Class C3 development countywide:

Class C3 minimum parking requirements		
Number of bedrooms	In curtilage parking	Visitor parking
1	1	1 per 4 units
2/3	2	
4/5	3	
6+	4	

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D.14 The following car parking standards for other developments, other than Class C3, are an indication of appropriate parking levels for these developments, which will then be considered against the policy and on a site-by-site basis:

Indicative parking requirements (except Class C3)		
Use Class	Parking Requirement	Notes
A1 Shops	Shops up to 1000 square metres: 1 space per 50 square metres Shops over 1000 square metres: 1 space per 15 square metres Non food retail over 1000 square metres: 1 space per 20 square metres	Additional staff and delivery vehicle parking to be agreed.
A2 Financial and Professional Services	1 space per 30 square metres	
A3 Food and Drink	1 space per 10 square metres	
A4 Drinking Establishments	1 space per 10 square metres	
A5 Hot Food Takeaways	1 space per 25 square metres	
B1 Office	1 space per 30 square metres	
B2 General Industry	1 space per 50 square metres	
B8 Storage and Distribution	1 space per 200 square metres	
C1 Hotels	1 space per bedroom, 1 space per 3 staff	
C2 Residential Institutions	Residential care home/sheltered housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 space per unit, warden's accommodation or resident staff. • 1 space per non resident staff • 1 space per 3 rooms for visitors • 1 space per 4 residents for residents Retirement homes:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 space per dwelling 1 space per full time member of staff/residential staff 	
C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation	1 space per bedroom	
D1 Non Residential Institutions	<p>Clinics/surgeries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 space per doctor 1 space per 3 staff Patients: 4 spaces per consulting room <p>Day care services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 space per 1 staff 1 space per 10 clients <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 space per 1 staff Students who may drive: 1 space per 5 	Visitor, bus and maintenance vehicle parking and pickup/drop off arrangements to be agreed
D2 Assembly and Leisure	<p>Places of worship: 1 space per 10 seats</p> <p>Sports halls and pitches: 30 spaces per hall or pitch</p>	
<i>Sui Generis</i>	<p>Car showrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 space per 5 sales vehicles 4 spaces per MOT bay 1 space per member of staff 	Valet and breakdown truck arrangements to be agreed.