

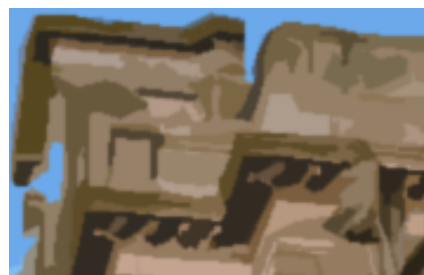
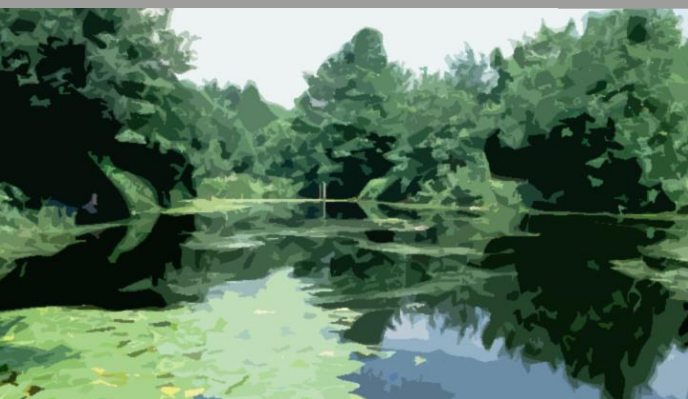


Parking Standards in Bury

Supplementary Planning Document

Habitat Regulations Assessment: Screening Assessment

December 2024



1. Introduction

- 1.1 Bury Council is preparing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) setting out the development-related parking standards for Bury. These standards include requirements for cars, cycles and powered two wheelers. Guidance for the provision of parking for people with disabilities is also included. In addition, it contains guidance on parking for electric vehicles and provision of car clubs.
- 1.2. This statement sets out the initial screening of the SPD in terms of the need for Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)¹ and European Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive) for the draft SPD.
- 1.3. The purpose of the HRA is to ensure that protection of the integrity of European sites is part of the planning process. European sites are Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Ramsar sites.
- 1.4. The purpose of the screening stage of the HRA process is to initially identify the risk or the possibility of significant adverse effects on a European site which could undermine the achievement of a site's conservation objectives, and which therefore require further detailed examination through appropriate assessment.
- 1.5. Bury Council is the "competent authority" for the purposes of this HRA screening report.

2. Draft SPD- Parking Standards in Bury

- 2.1. Bury Council is committed to tackling climate change. The Council's Climate Action Strategy was adopted in 2021 and sets out the actions the Council will take to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038. The transport choices that individuals make will strongly influence the Council's ability to achieve this target; active travel and shared transport are promoted within the plan over private car use.
- 2.2. One of the ways in which we can make a positive difference is through effective parking provision for all vehicle types in new developments. The Parking Standards in Bury SPD sets out the development-related parking standards for Bury. These standards include requirements for cars, cycles and powered two wheelers. Guidance for the provision of parking for people with disabilities is also included. In addition, it contains guidance on parking for electric vehicles and provision of car clubs.

- 2.3. The SPD has been prepared accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2024 and supports Places for Everyone Policy JP-C8: Transport requirements of New Development.
- 2.4. Once adopted, this SPD will supersede the existing adopted standards which are set out in Development Control Policy Guidance Note 11- Parking Standards in Bury (May 2007).

3. Initial Screening Determination

- 3.1. The Parking Standards in Bury SPD is not setting new policy but expands upon existing policies in National Policy and the PfE Plan. PfE has already been subject to SA/SEA and HRA, through the PfE plan-making process.
- 3.2. The SPD does not result in development itself and seeks to provide clarity on the development-related parking standards for Bury. These standards include requirements for cars, cycles and powered two wheelers. Guidance for the provision of parking for people with disabilities is also included. In addition, it contains guidance on parking for electric vehicles and provision of car clubs.
- 3.3. Therefore, it is the opinion of Bury Council that the draft SPD is not likely to have additional significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects than those already screened into the PfE HRA.
- 3.4. Accordingly, no “appropriate assessment” is required to be made under Regulations 63, 64 and 65 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) before the Council seeks to undertake public consultation on the draft SPD.
- 3.5. This initial screening determination will also be reviewed and updated, if required, once responses from the statutory consultees have been received and considered, as part of the iterative screening process.

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