

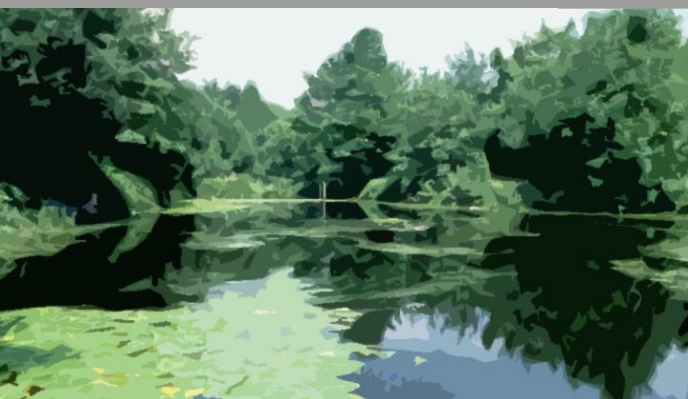


Parking Standards in Bury

Supplementary Planning Document

Strategic Environmental 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 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with Regulation 9 (3) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC for the draft SPD.
- 1.3 The SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) identifies the purpose of SEA is “to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development”. It requires the determination as to whether the plan or programme under assessment is likely to have significant environmental effects, taking account of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations. The Regulations require that the results of this process are set out in a Screening Determination Statement (this document) which must be publicly available.
- 1.4 Before making a formal determination in relation to SEA, there is a requirement to consult the three statutory consultation bodies designated in the Regulations (the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) on whether environmental assessment is required.
- 1.5 Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 11-008-20140306) states that “Supplementary Planning Documents do not require a Sustainability Appraisal but may in exceptional circumstances require a Strategic Environmental Assessment if they are likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already been assessed during the preparation of the relevant strategic policies”.
- 1.6 Bury Council is the “responsible body” for the purposes of this SEA screening report.

2. Parking Standards in Bury SPD

- 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. This 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. SEA Screening Assessment

- 3.1. Where the responsible authority determines that a plan or programme is unlikely to have a significant effect and therefore does not need to be subject to a full SEA; the responsible authority must prepare a statement showing the reason for this determination. The Regulations specify a set of criteria which must be used to assess whether any plan covered by the Regulations is likely to have a significant environmental effect and therefore require a SEA.
- 3.2. The table below considers each of these criteria in turn and the results of the screening process for the Parking Standards in Bury SPD.

Criteria		Assessment	Likely significant effect?
1.	Characteristics of the plan or programme		
1a	The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	<p>The SPD is a low-level planning policy document providing supplementary guidance to support the implementation of a higher-level Places for Everyone policy JP-C8 (Transport Requirements of New Development).</p> <p>Whilst the SPD will establish a framework for projects, it does not determine the detail of the framework i.e. it does not establish policy.</p>	No
1b	The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	The SPD provides clarity on policies in Places for Everyone. It does not introduce any new policies and it is not intended to influence other plans and programmes.	No
1c	The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	<p>Places for Everyone sets the context for achieving sustainable development in the borough.</p> <p>The SPD will not change the higher-level policy requirements which have, in themselves, been subject to SA (inc. SEA). The SPD will assist with meeting the SA (inc. SEA) objectives.</p> <p>Given the topics in the SPD, it is not likely that there would be any significant environmental effects arising from the SPD.</p>	No

1d	Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any environmental problems introduced because of the SPD.</p> <p>The SPD will help developers develop schemes that provide sufficient vehicle parking, additional cycle parking and low emissions vehicles infrastructure, thereby supporting wider sustainable and safe transport objectives as set out within Places for Everyone and other Higher-level policies such as the Bury Local Transport Strategy.</p> <p>As such, the SPD will encourage use of more sustainable modes of travel, thereby reducing the contribution of development to the factors, such as atmospheric greenhouse gas and particulate levels, which partly drive climate change.</p>	No
1e	The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).	The SPD is not relevant to the implementation of European Community legislation such as waste management or water protection.	No
2	Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected		
2a	The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	The SPD is not expected to give rise to any significant environmental effects. The SPD seeks to ensure the effective and consistent implementation of policies relating to provision of car and cycle parking, which in themselves should ensure positive effects relating environmental impact.	No
2b	The cumulative nature of the effects.	The SPD will not give rise to any significant cumulative effects in addition to those considered as part of Places for Everyone.	No
2c	The trans-boundary nature of the effects.	There are no trans-boundary nature effects anticipated from the SPD.	No
2d	The risks to human health or the environment (for	There are no anticipated effects of the SPD on human health or the environment. The SPD seeks to ensure the effective and consistent implementation of policies relating to	No

	example, due to accidents).	provision of car and cycle parking, which in themselves should ensure positive effects.	
2e	The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	The effective and consistent implementation of policies relating to provision of car and cycle parking will have positive benefits for all Bury residents and those who wish to move to Bury.	No
2f	<p>The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or iii) intensive land-use 	<p>The SPD will not give rise to any significant effects on special natural characteristics or cultural heritage other than those fully considered in Places for Everyone.</p> <p>The SPD will not give rise to any significant effects because of the intensification of land use. Any applications for development will be required to satisfy the relevant policies for the protection of the character of the area before permission is granted.</p>	No
2g	The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status.	The SPD will not give rise to any significant adverse effects on nearby protected areas or landscapes.	No

4. Conclusions

- 4.1. In conclusion, as a result of the assessment carried out above, it is considered that it is unlikely that any significant environmental effects will arise as a result of the Parking Standards in Bury SPD.
- 4.2. Notably, the SPD does not propose any policies or allocations, instead offering clarity on national guidance and local policies. The SPD seeks to ensure the effective and consistent implementation of policies relating to provision of car and cycle parking, which in themselves should ensure positive effects relating environmental impact. It is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through the SEA/SA of Places for Everyone.
- 4.3. The Council has therefore determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not necessary for the revised Parking Standards in Bury SPD.
- 4.4. However, it is important to note that this screening assessment is based on the consultation version of the SPD. Consequently, if the content or purpose of the SPD should materially change then the SEA/HRA screenings will need to be re-assessed and updated.

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