

Dear Sirs,

Please add 'Parking Provision' to the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report (January 2016) Appendix 1, Table 2.

Already referenced in this table is NPPF 2012 but parking provision is only loosely referred to.

Under this 'Parking Provision' heading please add 'Traffic Management Act 2004, Operating Instructions for Local Authorities, Parking Policy & Enforcement - March 2015. This recently updated document includes a significantly changed section 2.14 on Parking Provision. Specifically it says 'It is important for local authorities to think about the steps they can take to improve the quantity, quality and location of their car parks' and 'provision of off-street parking spaces in new developments should be an important consideration' and finally that 'this positive approach should include seeking to improve the quality and quantity of parking in town centres'.

Bringing in successfully the development called for in the plan to 2028 will be challenging which makes sustainability considerations crucial. An important part of this is the position taken on parking provision. The big new developments will only be sustainable if appropriate consideration is given to parking provision around and supporting these developments hence the need to include consideration of this document in the process. Encouragement of alternative means of travel other than by motor vehicle is important but will not of itself be sufficient.

I would also suggest that specific mention is made of this issue within the Local Plan itself rather than it just figuring in a table in an appendix. The current parking related problems in Bingham have put this issue to the front of my mind but I believe parking provision should be central to the Borough wide plan.

Regards

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Hi All,

I shall be asking that the Traffic Management Act 2004, Operating Instructions for Local Authorities, Parking Policy & Enforcement - March 2015 is added to the Appendix 1 (list of plans, programmes & policies) included in the 'Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report' now out to consultation and referred to in the text.

RBC still doesn't have a Parking Strategy as required by Government but I cannot see that as their Local Plan goes out to 2028 its advice should be excluded. As an example of what is in the latest update I show below the section on parking provision. Strikes a chord doesn't it.

If you agree you may like to also request that this document is added to the other papers to be considered.

Regards

Tony

Parking provision

14. **2.14** People value having a safe, secure and convenient place to park when using their high streets and town centres. Local shops and shopping parades thrive when there is ample, affordable parking. It is therefore important for local authorities to think about the steps they can take to improve the quantity, quality and location of their car parks, in order to improve the experience for shoppers and help make access as easy as possible. Local planning authorities should assess and plan to meet the needs of town centres in the same way as they do for their housing and economic needs, adopting a 'town centre first' approach. Provision of off-street parking spaces in new developments should be an important consideration - particularly new housing developments, as this will help take the pressure off on-street parking. This positive approach should include seeking to improve the quality and quantity of parking in town centres. Local authorities should set appropriate parking charges that do not undermine the vitality of town centres and parking enforcement should be proportionate, avoiding unfairly penalising drivers or driving people away from their local high streets. The Government's policy on parking provision is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, paragraphs 39 to 40¹¹. Further detailed guidance can be found in the online Planning Practice Guidance¹².