



Knowsley Council

Proposed amendment to New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document

Introduction of requirement for electric vehicle charging
points in new residential developments

Updated statement of consultation

August 2018

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People and organisations consulted in preparing the proposed changes to the SPD

Within Knowsley Council

- Head of Planning
- Head of Major Development Team
- Development Management Team Manager and officers
- Group Manager (Highways)

Responses to pre-consultation proposed changes to SPD

Respondent	Summary of comments	Impact on proposed changes to SPD
Group Manager (Highways)	<p>Electric vehicles are still an emerging technology, therefore suggest avoiding setting a specific technical specification (e.g. type of charging point, connection, power capacity) etc. in SPD.</p> <p>Suggested appropriate level of charging point provision for communal parking areas.</p>	<p>Draft text reflects advice – in particular does not set out technical requirements for vehicle charging points, instead requiring proposed provision to be agreed at the time of application.</p> <p>SPD provision requires of one charging point for every two communal parking spaces, in line with advice.</p>
Development Management Team Manager	<p>Suggested use of standard condition for electric vehicle charging points.</p>	<p>None, although the Council will look to finalise a standard condition which can be used by the time the amendment to the SPD is adopted.</p>

Public consultation

The public consultation period ran from 29 May to 10 July 2018. The draft SPD and other consultation documents were available on the Council's website and in libraries and One Stop Shops. People and organisations on the Council's Local Plan consultation database were notified of the consultation by letter or e-mail.

Seven responses were received by the deadline; there were no late responses.

Next steps

All comments received have been considered; these, the Council's response, and proposed changes to the SPD appear in Appendix 2 below. The amended SPD is now submitted to the Council's Cabinet for adoption; once adopted it will become part of the borough's planning policy framework and be used to help guide preparation of the SUE masterplan, and when determining planning applications for this site.

This Consultation Statement will be published alongside the SPD when it is adopted.

Responses received to public consultation on proposed changes to SPD

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Barton Willmore on behalf of Stuart Milne Homes	<p>No objection to principle of requirement to provide electric vehicle charging points; it is consistent with NPPF and 2018 draft amended NPPF.</p> <p>Wording of policy lacks flexibility when taking other design requirements in Core Strategy and other SPDs into account (e.g. affordable housing provision, provision of green space, as well as site-specific requirements such as at Halsnead Garden Village), and does not allow developers to provide a lower proportion of charging points where meeting the requirement in full would render development unviable. Suggest an additional clause should be added to the SPD allowing for a lower proportion of charging points to be provided where achieving the full requirement would render development unviable.</p>	<p>Comments about principle of amendments and consistency with NPPF (including 2018 updates) noted.</p> <p>Agree that some clarity would be useful in respect of viability. Core Strategy Policy CS27</p>	Additional text added to clarify position in respect of viability (added further reference to Core Strategy Policy CS27, rather than inserting additional clause as suggested by respondent).
Canal and River Trust	(Responded but did not wish to make comments.)	Noted.	None.
Historic England	(Responded but did not wish to make comments.)	Noted.	None.
Individual resident 'A'	Given the long term strategy of the Government regarding Electric vehicles it is clearly important for the council to take note	Support for principle of providing electric vehicle charging points noted; indeed encouraging take-up of low emission	None.

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	<p>of this and to appropriately provide charging points. The provision of such points might well act as a catalyst for residents to consider the purchase of low emission vehicles, thus assisting efforts to reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>It is noted that there are comments about a sustainable and integrated transport system but nowhere is there any reference to walking or cycling. Provision of safe cycle and walking routes separated from traffic, where possible, together with dedicated cycle parking facilities near to shops etc would also contribute to reducing emissions and enhancing health. Should there not be some reference to these matters within the document?</p>	<p>vehicles was one of the reasons the Council decided to introduce this requirement.</p> <p>Provision of safe cycle and walking routes is supported by the Council's other planning policies, in particular the "Ensuring a Choice of Travel" SPD.</p>	
<p>Individual resident 'B'</p>	<p>To make developments truly sustainable, E bikes should also be taken into consideration, and safer road infrastructure and secure places to keep them.</p> <p>All new housing should be built with solar panels pre-installed as the norm.</p> <p>Most households run more than one vehicle. Two charging points should be the norm.</p> <p>Each communal bay should be provided with a charging point, to avoid future competition and resident disputes.</p>	<p>E-bikes do not need dedicated charging points, so less need for specific policy as for electric vehicles; agree that use of sustainable energy sources is likely to increase and (though already supported by the Council's planning policies) this may be an area which could be strengthened in a future review and update of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The level of charging point provision sought by the SPD is higher than that required by most other local authorities, as far as we are aware, and therefore it is not</p>	<p>None.</p>

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		<p>appropriate to set a higher level at this time. This is of course something which can be reviewed at a later date and, in any event, if electric vehicles become the norm it is likely that there will be buyer pressure on builders to provide more points.</p>	
<p>Knowsley Council Conservation and Design Officer</p>	<p>Suggests additional paragraph dealing with design and siting – and allowing some flexibility for off-site provision of charging points – in historic environments and other environmentally sensitive locations.</p>	<p>Agree that flexibility would be appropriate in certain heritage and sensitive locations.</p>	<p>Additional text added in line with response.</p>
<p>Natural England</p>	<p>(Responded but did not wish to make comments.)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>None.</p>