

GUIDELINES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

9. PARKING AND SERVICING PROVISION

- 9.1 **Transport Proposal 19 of the Local Plan** states that “In assessing the amount of parking, loading and manoeuvring space needed for a new development, the Council will apply the standards contained in Appendix 9.”

In implementing this proposal the Local Planning Authority will have regard to most up to date advice available on the precise levels of provision which may be appropriate.

The concern that development should now be undertaken in as sustainable way as possible is leading to a changing emphasis on the levels of car and cycle parking which are appropriate for different uses and in different locations. In view of this the Borough Council does not consider that it is appropriate any longer for decisions about car parking to be based on prescriptive standards set out in the Local Plan, which do not include adequate flexibility to take the individual circumstances of an application into account, and which is difficult to keep up to date.

The Borough Council will have regard to the most recently published Leicestershire County Council “Highway Requirements for New Development” when considering what level of parking and servicing provision is appropriate to ensure highway safety and the free flow of traffic. It will also have regard to the guidance set out in PPGN 13 - Transport and to the outcome of ongoing Government research programmes into this issue.

For the convenience of applicants, the current car parking standards set out in the Oadby and Wigston Local Plan are annexed to these guidelines.