

PARKING STANDARDS

**BRIEFING NOTE
FOR
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL
LDF ADVISORY GROUP**

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RESIDENTIAL PARKING

Announcements made by the Coalition Government in January 2011, and a reference in the Transport White Paper (January 2011), have added further weight to the design-led, evidence-based approach to residential parking contained in Kent Design Guide Interim Guidance Note 3: Residential Parking (IGN3, 2008).

The draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) does not add to or detract from the above.

Ashford Borough Council's Residential Parking Supplementary Planning Document (2010) is an excellent example of how local planning authorities in Kent can interpret IGN3.

National Guidance on Residential Parking is in the course of preparation, and may be linked to an updated version of Car Parking: What Works Where (English Partnerships, 2006). This Guidance is being written with reference to IGN3, and other proven approaches.

NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING

Kent & Medway Structure Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance SPG4: Vehicle Parking Standards (2006) is still in use as guidance in respect of the maximum levels of non-residential parking.

The draft NPPF indicates that local planning authorities will be expected to prepare their own evidence-based non-residential parking standards, without necessarily adhering to the 'control by constraint' principle. At such time as the NPPF is finalised, Kent County Council Highways & Transportation will work with district council partners to consider how best to prepare such standards, having regard for local transport strategies and town parking strategies.

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