



<b>Committee</b>	Planning & Transport Committee
<b>Month</b>	November 2023
<b>Report Title</b>	Essex Parking Guidance Consultation 2023
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## **Agenda item: 6**

### **Summary**

At the 9 November 2023 committee meeting it was agreed SWTC should respond to the Essex Parking Guidance Consultation 2023 and a response should be drafted by the Deputy Town Clerk and Committee Chair which is presented to committee at the 23 November meeting for consideration.

The consultation and documents can be read at <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/essex-parking-guidance-consultation-2023/> closing 4 December.

All consultation documents online should be read in conjunction with the below proposed responses.

### **Recommendation**

The recommended responses are below for committee to consider (highlighted yellow or in red font).

It is recommended committee supports the proposed answers for the deputy town clerk to submit on behalf of SWTC.

# Essex Parking Guidance Consultation 2023

Are you responding to the consultation as....

*Resident*

**Organisation**

Follow on resident/organisation question not included

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## Part 1

Chapter 2: Zonal approach to residential parking standards

Question 1

- a. *In reference to section 2.20. Do you agree or disagree with using a zonal approach to determine parking standards?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- ***Fairly Agree***
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *Please can you provide us with your views on the proposed accessibility approach? Are there any other factors you would expect to be taken into account when considering accessibility and why?*

*(open response):*

*Reference should be considered for neighbourhood plans which typically have ideals and proposals for car free areas. i.e., Saffron Walden is seeking a pedestrianised Market Square.*

Chapter 2: Reduced parking provision

Question 2

- a. *In reference to section 2.30; National guidance requires clear and compelling evidence to set maximum standards. For 1-bedroom dwellings in highly accessible locations a maximum is still applied, all other standards are minimums. Do you agree with the suggested approach? (Strongly disagree- > strongly agree)*

*Please select one item:*

- ***Strongly Agree***
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What other contexts are there aside from highly accessible developments where maximum standards could be relevant or effective?*

*(open response):*

## Chapter 2: Enforcement

### Question 3

- a. *In reference to section 2.42 – 2.45; Do you agree or disagree with the guidance on enforcement, with greater emphasis on enforcing parking from first occupation of development?*

*Please select one item:*

- **Strongly Agree**
- Fairly Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Fairly Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

- b. *If you were to change this section what amendments would you like to see included?*  
*Clarity on who would carry out enforcement particularly in private estates, where the car park might not be adopted by the highway authority.*

## Chapter 3: Cycle parking standards

### Question 4

- a. *In reference to section 3; Do you agree or disagree with the updated guidance relating to cycle parking standards and design? (Strongly disagree-> strongly agree)*

*Please select one item:*

- **Strongly Agree**
- Fairly Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Fairly Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

- b. *If you were to change this section what amendments would like to see included?*

*A query rather than addition, would this be in time added to the design guide and how would it fit with local plans?*

## Chapter 4: Electric vehicles

### Question 5

- a. *In reference to section 4; Do you agree or disagree with the updated guidance relating to electric vehicle parking standards and design? (Strongly disagree-> strongly agree)*

*Please select one item:*

- **Strongly Agree**
- Fairly Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Fairly Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

- b. *If you were to change this section what you would like to see included?*

*4.20 the reference to the future management and maintenance, is this expected to be the highway authority?*

## Chapter 8: Vehicle parking standards

### Question 6

- a. *In reference to section 8; Do you agree or disagree with the updated numerical parking standards? (Strongly disagree-> strongly agree)*

*Please select one item:*

- Strongly Agree
- Fairly Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- **Fairly Disagree**
- Strongly Disagree

- b. *Based on your experience, what changes would you make to the standards for particular land uses?*

*(open response)*

*The proposed parking standards for high accessibility dwellings of all sizes only have 1 space, dwellings of 3+ rooms should have at least 2 parking spaces, acknowledging four residents could be car owners.*

- c. *Based on your experience, what changes would you make to the numerical standards for high, medium and low accessibility areas?*

*Whilst moderate accessibility sites have the unallocated parking provision, the shared spaces only work for homes with one car, couples with two cars need some where to park regularly.*

Question 7

*Do you have any other comments relating to Part 1 Parking guidance?  
(open response)*

**Part 2**

Chapter 1: Introduction

Question 1

- a. *In reference to section 1.1 – 1.4; The guidance suggests a different approach to Part 1 for Garden Communities and large-scale developments of around 1,000 dwellings or more. Do you agree with this approach?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What approach would you take to the two parts of the guidance or the scale thresholds?  
(open response)*

Chapter 2: The vision and outcomes

Question 2

- a. *In reference to section 2; Do you agree or disagree with the outcomes that the parking approach in Garden Communities and large-scale developments seeks to support?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What changes would you make to the outcomes?  
**Reduction in air pollution**  
(open response)*

### Chapter 3: Stewardship and enforcement / end of supporting measures

#### Question 3

- a. *In reference to section 3; Do you agree or disagree that the supporting measures outlined above will be needed, alongside parking, to help achieve the outcomes?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What amendments would you like to see included?*

*(open response)*

### Chapter 4: Accessibility mapping

#### Question 4

- a. *In reference to section 4; Do you agree that the assessment of parking for a Garden Community or large-scale development should be influenced by its existing accessibility?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What amendments would you like to see included, especially if you feel consideration of existing accessibility is not appropriate?*

*Existing accessibility does not mean it is reaching its full potential and what is desired should be given suitable weight*

*(open response)*

## Chapter 4: Accessibility framework

### Question 5

- a. *In reference to the accessibility framework; Do you agree or disagree with the metrics approach taken to the Accessibility Framework?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What amendments would you like to see included?*

*(open response)*

## Chapter 4: Calculation of parking budget

### Question 6

- a. *In reference to section 4.7-4.11; Do you agree or disagree with calculation of a total parking budget for a site rather than calculation of parking per dwelling?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *The calculation of a parking budget aims to balance provision with outcomes; how well do you feel this balance is achieved?*

*(open response)*

- c. *Based on your experience, what changes would you make to the numerical standards for Garden Communities and large-scale developments?*

*(open response)*

## Chapter 4: Reduce and repurpose

### Question 7

- a. *In reference to section 4.19-4.23; Do you agree or disagree with the idea of repurposing areas of parking in the future if demand changes?*

*Please select one item:*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

- b. *What issues or opportunities can you see with this approach?  
(open response)*

*It will be some time before car parking areas are no longer needed and this should be considered at the time it arises and not prematurely proposed*

## Chapter 4: Accessibility Tool process

### Question 8

- a. *In reference to section 4; Do you understand the process for applying the Accessibility Tool?*

*Please select only one item*

- *yes,*
- *somewhat*
- *no*

- b. *What changes would you make to the process for applying the Accessibility Tool and why?*

*(open response)*

## Chapter 5: Design principles

### Question 9

- a. *In reference to section 5; Do you agree or disagree with the parking Design Principles here?*

*Please select only one item*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*



- *Strongly Disagree*
- b. *What changes would you suggest e.g add any further detail or any other principles?*  
*Reference to neighbourhood plans and design codes should be included to ensure the localised policy is complied with as well*  
*(open response)*

## Chapter 5: Typology matrix

### Question 10

- a. *In reference to table 5-1; Do you agree or disagree with the Design Typology Matrix?*

*Please select only one item*

- *Strongly Agree*
  - *Fairly Agree*
  - *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
  - *Fairly Disagree*
  - *Strongly Disagree*
- b. *What changes would you make to the content or order of preference in the Typology Matrix?*  
*Specific reference to ev charging could be included?*  
*(open response)*

## Chapter 5: Design typologies

### Question 11

- a. *In reference to section 5.21 and beyond; Do you agree or disagree with the Design Typologies here?*

*Please select only one item*

- *Strongly Agree*
  - *Fairly Agree*
  - *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
  - *Fairly Disagree*
  - *Strongly Disagree*
- b. *What changes do you suggest e.g any further detail or other typologies?*  
*Unclear whether any car/cycle provision is made for flats or apartments, the matrix suggests not. If this is the case a revision must be made to provide cycle/mobility space (perhaps shared) for apartments*  
*(open response)*

Question 12

a. *Do you agree or disagree with the level of detail included on Design Typologies here?*

*Please select only one item*

- *Strongly Agree*
- *Fairly Agree*
- *Neither Agree nor Disagree*
- *Fairly Disagree*
- *Strongly Disagree*

b. *If this detail is not included, where else is it or should it be, e.g. in other documents?*

*(open response)*

Question 13

*Do you have any other comments relating to Part 2 Parking guidance?*

*(open response)*