

POLICY LP22: ACCESSIBILITY TO NEW DEVELOPMENT

Development proposals that are likely to generate significant levels of travel demand will be permitted, provided that:

- 1. The site is located where convenient public transport services exist or there is a commitment by the developer and public transport providers to deliver such service.**
- 2. The site is, or will be made, accessible to pedestrians and cyclists.**
- 3. Any new or improved road access and the traffic generated would not have any unacceptable environmental implications nor significantly prejudice the safety, function and capacity of the road network.**
- 4. Local and strategic transport improvements will be provided, where necessary, to support the development and mitigate adverse impacts on the safety, function and capacity of the transport network.**
- 5. Transport Statements or Transport Assessments are submitted in support of the planning application to evaluate transport impacts, and demonstrate that transport improvements to be provided will meet the needs of the development and mitigate adverse impacts.**
- 6. A Travel Plan is provided in support of a planning application where appropriate in relation to the scale and type of development.**

EXPLANATION OF POLICY LP22

Public transport, cycling and walking (Points 1 and 2 of policy LP22)

- 10.27 The Borough Council will require that new development which is likely to generate significant levels of travel demand is sited in locations that are effectively and conveniently served by public transport. Locations that are not currently well served by public transport may be acceptable when improvements to public transport are included as part of the overall development scheme or as part of programmed proposals in the Local Transport Plan (and supporting documents) or arising from other funding opportunities.

- 10.28 Safe access should be provided for cyclists and pedestrians and, where practical, priority should be given to pedestrian and cycle movements through the delivery of appropriate measures.

Road improvements (Point 3 of policy LP22)

- 10.29 It is important that any new road or access point onto the existing highway is constructed to a satisfactory standard which provides appropriate and safe access for vehicles, pedestrians and cycles. Developers will be required to have regard to national and local standards and their successor documents on the scale, type, design and location of highway works including:

- Manual for Streets 2 (Department of Transport 2010);¹⁷⁵
- Companion Document to Manual for Streets (HCC 2010);¹⁷⁶

¹⁷⁵ <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/manual-for-streets-2/>

- Highway Construction Standard Details (HCC).¹⁷⁷

Transport improvements associated with new development (Point 4 of policy LP22)

- 10.30 Where a development is likely to impose additional burdens on existing transport infrastructure the developer will be required to contribute to improvements to enable the travel demands generated by the development to be accommodated. Developer contributions for off-site improvements will be secured either through legal agreements and/or the Community Infrastructure Levy. Planning obligations secured through legal agreements will be particularly applicable for major development schemes¹⁷⁸.

Transport Statements and Assessments (Point 5 of policy LP22)

- 10.31 All applications generating significant levels of travel demand will need to be accompanied by a Transport Statement or Transport Assessment, and its scope agreed with Hampshire County Council and Gosport Borough Council. Appendix 3 provides guidance on the thresholds for requiring a transport statement or assessment and has been taken from the Department of Transport's, 'Guidance on Transport Assessment'. The guidance does acknowledge that there may be particular circumstances where a transport statement or assessment is required for a smaller development.
- 10.32 The relevant document should assess and illustrate accessibility to the site by all modes and the likely modal split of journeys to and from the site. It should give details of the proposed measures to improve access by public transport, walking and cycling; to mitigate the impact of motorised vehicles; to maximise the opportunities for sustainable travel and to provide accessibility for all people. It should identify highway improvements necessary to prevent congestion and maintain a safe and efficient highway network.

Travel Plans (Point 6 of policy LP22)

- 10.33 Travel plans will be required for developments which generate significant levels of traffic. The thresholds for requiring a Travel Plan for various land uses are set out in Appendix 3. These will detail measures that will reduce dependence on the car, encourage and facilitate the use of alternative modes for journeys to and from work, and help protect amenities for the local community. Travel Plans shall include performance targets and details of measures and funding to deliver, monitor and review them. The scope of Travel Plans should be agreed with Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority and secured by a Section 106 Agreement.

¹⁷⁶ <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-manual-for-streets.htm>

¹⁷⁷ <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/engineering-services/developer-information/standard-details.htm>

¹⁷⁸ In accordance with the latest statutory tests.