

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

24/00110

For publication**Key decision: YES**

Subject Matter / Title of Decision: Kent County Council Vehicle Parking Standards

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport I agree to:

- (i) ADOPT the Kent County Council Vehicle Parking Standards 2024 as an approved policy; and
- (ii) To DELEGATE authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation to take necessary actions including but not limited to entering into relevant contracts, or other legal agreements to implement this decision

Reason(s) for decision:

The currently adopted Kent County Council Vehicle Parking Standards are outdated. These standards are used as guidance and in recommendations on planning application consultation responses issued by KCC as local highway authority. A new policy document has been developed based on surveys, data, best practice and Government policy changes.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered by Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 14 January 2025.

The Cabinet Committee recommended that the policy relating to visitor parking levels for residential developments be changed from 0.2 spaces per dwelling to 0.5 per dwelling. Following due consideration, the Cabinet Member has decided to maintain the existing 0.2 spaces per dwelling policy, but to include additional wording to increase the provision up to 0.5, subject to evidence and in accordance with Government guidance which must inform officer responses to planning applications.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do nothing. Currently there is a mix of some districts and boroughs with their own adopted parking standards as local plans have been updated whilst others have adopted KCC's parking standards leading to an inconsistent approach across Kent. Given the close interactions between Kent districts, it is considered sensible for KCC as highway authority to produce an updated policy incorporating the latest best practice and to promote a consistent approach in line with Framing Kent's Future 2022-2026.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

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29/01/2025

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