

**Environment &  
Development Services**

**PARKING STANDARDS**

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## Maximum Parking Standards

Use	Threshold	Gross floorspace unless otherwise stated
<b>A1</b> Food Retail	None	1 space per 14 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
Non-Food Retail	None	1 space per 25 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>A2</b> Offices	None	1 space per 35 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>A3</b> Restaurants and cafes	None	1 space per 3 sq m (n.f.s.) of public area or 1 space per 3 seats Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>A4</b> Drinking establishments	None	1 space per 3 sq m (n.f.s.) of public area or 1 space per 3 seats Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>A5</b> Takeaways	None	1 space per resident staff + 1 per 2 non resident staff
<b>B1</b> Business/ Offices	None	1 space per 30 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
Light industry		1 space per 50 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>B2</b>	None	1 space per 50 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>B8</b>	None	1 space per 200 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>C1</b> Hotels	None	1 space per bedroom  + public drinking/dining areas same as A3  Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>C2</b> Residential Institutions	None	1 space per 2 staff  + 1 space per 3 visitors  Plus accessible parking – see below
<b>C3</b> Dwellings	1 or 2 bedrooms	1 parking space per dwelling .
<b>Minimum Standards</b>	3 or 4 bedrooms	2 No. parking spaces per dwelling .
	Flats	1 parking space per flat plus 50% allocated for visitors.

		<p>The minimum internal floor area for a garage or car port to qualify as a parking space is 6.5m x 3m.</p> <p>Whilst the above are minimum requirements, consideration will be given to accepting fewer parking spaces if it can be demonstrated that the site is in the vicinity of good public transport links, public car parking, safe and convenient on street parking etc.</p>
<b>D1</b> Non Residential Institutions	None	<p>1 space per 2 staff + 1 space per 15 students Plus accessible parking – see below</p>
<b>D2</b> Assembly and Leisure  Cinemas and Conference Centres	None	<p>1 space per 22 sq m Plus accessible parking – see below</p> <p>1 space per 5 seats Plus accessible parking – see below</p>
Stadia	None	<p>1 space per 15 seats Plus accessible parking – see below</p>
Doctors, Dentists, Vets, etc.	None	<p>1 parking space per patient consulting</p> <p>1 parking space per patient waiting</p> <p>2 parking spaces per consulting room</p> <p>Plus accessible parking – see below</p>

**NB**

1. Accessible parking bays are required in addition to the above as follows;
 

Employees and visitors to business premises – Individual bays for each disabled employee plus 2 bays or 5% of total capacity (whichever greater.)

Shopping, recreation and leisure – 3 bays or 6% of total capacity (whichever greater).

Non residential institutions ,medical premises – 3 bays or 6% of total capacity (whichever greater)

Stadia – 1 bay per 300 seats.
2. A Travel Plan will be required whenever a Transportation Assessment (TA) is required, also in association with developments which involve the employment of more than 25 people or more than 50 visitors per day.
3. Parking bays to be 5 metres x 2.5 metres with a manoeuvring aisle of minimum width 6 metres unless echelon parking is proposed. Accessible parking bays should be a minimum of 3.6 metres wide or 2.4 metres wide with a 1.2 metres wide access/transfer area on at least one side of each parking space and at the same level as the space (or 6.6 metres long and at least 2.4 metres wide if in line spaces are provided).

4. The minimum length of a parking bay between the highway boundary and a garage door to be 6 metres.
5. Visitor parking on shared surface streets within new housing estates will be required in addition to curtilage parking on the ratio of 1 space per 4 dwellings..
6. For Stadia, sufficient coach parking / manoeuvring space will be required within the site for the maximum number of vehicles likely to serve the development at any one time.
7. In town centre and local shopping centre locations, car parking requirements for individual developments will be judged against the level of overall publicly available car parking space in the locality.
8. The above are **maximum** standards apart from C3 residential and accessible parking which are **minimum** standards .
9. Employee and student numbers refer to full time equivalents.
10. Long term and short term cycle parking should be provided in accordance with the Council's "Cycle Parking Guidelines for New Developments". All cycle parking should be within 30 metres of the entrance to the building and should be sited where they are under continuous observation while in use.

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