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Dear Mr Andrew Barrett-Miles, Chairman of ECFSC

Re: Guidance on Parking at New Developments

The Draft Guidance on Parking in New Developments was discussed by the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee on 13 March 2019. The Committee recommended that a number of amendments be made to update and clarify the guidance. In response, as Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure where applicable appropriate changes to the Guidance have been made in relation to the following concerns and requests:

- Request to clarify the need for the Guidance;
- Request for a specific approach to parking space allocation at developments of less than 10 dwellings;
- Correct typos for ext at D2 in Table 3;
- Request for a link to Parking Behaviour Zones mapping to be supplied in colour;
- Request for a comparison between current and new Guidance;
- Request for specific parking space standards;
- Request for special parking behaviour zones at railway stations; and
- Concerns over effectiveness of Travel Plans.

In response to this feedback, a number of amendments have been made to the Guidance. Specifically these include clarifying that the Guidance is needed to provide an evidence base for County Council advice and that the use of Parking Behaviour Zones (PBZs) allows flexibility to apply parking demand for a different PBZ that more closely aligns with the characteristics of the location; e.g. near railway stations. The Guidance has also been amended to prescribe that parking spaces must be usable without leading to highway safety issues such as vehicles overhanging footways and that limiting parking provision would only be acceptable where travel plan measures are provided that will target a reduction in vehicle ownership levels such as car clubs.

In response to the Committee's request for a comparison between current and new Guidance, a sample of development sites have been assessed using the new Parking Demand Calculator. This assessment demonstrates that in the majority of cases, the new Parking Demand Calculator generates slightly higher parking demand than the current Guidance. A lower result was only observed at a single site where the number of allocated spaces exceeded the forecast parking demand. This is not considered to be a typical scenario and further investigation suggests that the results would be similar to the other tested sites if the number of allocated spaces at the site was reduced.

The impacts of the Guidance will be monitored for at least 12 months after approval and, if necessary, this could result in a partial or full review of the Guidance.

Thank you again for the Committee's consideration of the Draft Guidance which has helped to inform the final version.

Yours sincerely,

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Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure.