



Summary Report for:	Strategic Planning and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	19th June 2018
Part:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Parking Standards Review	
Contact:	Councillor Sutton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration Author/Responsible Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Taylor, Group Manager – Strategic Planning and Regeneration • James Doe – Assistant Director: Planning, Development and Regeneration 	
Recommendations	That Members of the committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the report; and 2. Provide their views regarding the recommendation and proposed 'next steps' outlined in paras 32 - 40. 	
Key issues for Scrutiny focus:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the Committee considers the Study and its recommendations provide an appropriate evidence base to develop and inform new car parking standards for the Council (as part of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)) 2. Whether there are any other issues the Committee would wish officers to take into account when preparing the Car Parking SPD (which will inform the new Local Plan). 	<u>Report references</u> Paras. 13 – 31 Para. 39
Executive Summary:	The main aim of this report is to update members of the conclusions of 'Parking Standards Review Study' prepared by	

consultants Markides Associates Limited and provide an opportunity to discuss their recommendations, prior to officers preparing a new Car Parking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The Study suggests:

1. Revised Residential Car Parking Standards;
2. Revised 'Accessibility Zone' areas (from four to two) where reduced car parking provision could be appropriate;
3. A evidenced survey approach for applicants proposing development in areas of acute local car parking stress which can also be taken into account in the planning application process (referred to a Parking Stress Study);
4. Counting garages as a parking space which contribute towards the parking standard (as they are now) provided they meet certain size and positioning standards;
5. Retaining existing Non-Residential Car Parking Standards (using the levels they identified now);
6. A new standard for electric vehicle charging points;
7. Car-free development should only be acceptable in Hemel Hempstead (with suitable justification for an approach);
8. Disabled parking requirements should be adjusted to meet latest DfT guidance.