



South Gloucestershire Council

# Car parking review

for new houses and flats in South Gloucestershire

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## Why we are carrying out this review...

Over a number of years residents of new developments and established communities in South Gloucestershire have been telling us that the number of parking spaces provided with new homes and flat conversions is not always adequate. Residents have told us that the number of spaces does not necessarily match the number of vehicles they own or use and that the spaces allocated to houses/flats are not close enough to the properties.

As a result, residents sometimes park in places which:

- **cause problems for bus and emergency service vehicles,**
- **lead to neighbour disputes,**
- **block pavements, and**
- **has a negative impact on quality of life in an area.**

However, parking spaces take up land, therefore providing many more parking spaces in new developments might reduce the number of homes that can be built and lead to greater pressure to make more land available for development. More parking spaces can also reduce space for gardens and landscaping.



In order to try and resolve some of these problems, we are therefore carrying out a review of residential parking standards for new houses and flats.

Your views are important to us, so please help us in reviewing our policy by completing this questionnaire. It should only take about 10 minutes.

All your comments and answers to questions will be taken into account when we create revised guidelines. If you have any further comments or thoughts about the topic which you feel have not been covered fully by the questions please let us know.

The revised guidelines will be subject to further public consultation before they are adopted by the council. If you would like to be notified about the consultation please give us your name, postal and/or email address below.

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This questionnaire can be completed online at [www.southglos.gov.uk/parkingstandards](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/parkingstandards) or please send your completed questionnaire or any comments you have to the **Strategic Planning Policy & Specialist Advice Team, South Gloucestershire Council, PO Box 2081, South Gloucestershire BS35 9BP by 2 March 2012**

**Q1. What is the main method of transport that you use?**

- Car     Train     Bus     Motorbike     Bicycle     Taxi  
 Walk     Van or truck     Community Transport/Dial a Ride  
 Other

**Q2. How many vehicles are owned, or are available for use, by members of your household?**

- none     1     2     3     4     5 or more

**Q3. How many members of your household regularly drive?**

- none     1     2     3     4 or more

**Q4. Do you regularly find it difficult to find a space to park your vehicle(s) at home? (Please tick one)**

- Always     Sometimes     Never



**Q5. Has the availability of parking spaces at your home influenced the number of vehicles you own? (please tick one)**

- It was the deciding factor
- It influenced our decision to reduce the number of vehicles we have
- It influenced our decision to keep or increase the number of vehicles we have
- I/we considered it but it did not influence the number of vehicles we have
- I/we did not consider parking issues when considering how many vehicles to have
- Other factors are more important when considering the number of vehicles we have

Other (please specify)

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**Q6. How many parking spaces do you think on average the following types of homes should have:**

	0	1	2	3	4 or more	Don't know
1 bed flat	<input type="checkbox"/>					
2 bed flat	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3 bed flat	<input type="checkbox"/>					
2 bed house	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3 bed house	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4 bed house	<input type="checkbox"/>					
House with 5 or more bedrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>					

**Q7. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:**

Restricting the number of parking spaces a home has influences how many cars that household will own.

- Strongly agree     Tend to agree     Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree     Strongly disagree     Don't know

**Q8. Do you have a garage?**

- Yes (please go to Q9)       No (go to Q10)

**Q9. If you have a garage how often do you park your car in it?**

- Never       Occassionally       Frequently  
 Always

**Q10. Do you live in a street predominantly served by on-street parking?**

- Yes       No

**Q11. Do you think that converting existing buildings into flats has an impact on 'on-street' parking? (please tick one)**

- They cause significant additional on street parking problems  
 They add to existing on street parking problems  
 They only have a minor impact on 'on-street' parking  
 They make no difference to on street parking  
 Don't know

## Town & local centres

The proximity of housing to town and local centres where residents can get to job opportunities, frequent public transport, shops and services more easily, may influence the need to own a car. Consequently, some local authorities reduce the number of spaces allowed per home in and nearby town and local centres, as opposed to elsewhere.

**Q12. Do you think that parking spaces for new homes in or near to local or town centres should be limited as compared with elsewhere?**

- Yes       No       Don't Know





## About you and your home

This section is really important as it helps us to understand how issues and our services impact on different people. This information will only be used for analysis and personal information will not be published.

### Q15. Are you?

A resident     District councillor     Parish / town councillor or clerk

Developer / developers agent or consultant

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Q16. Please tell us your full postcode. \_\_\_\_\_

### Q17. What type of property do you live in?

Flat     Terraced house     Semi-detached property

Detached property

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Q18. How many bedrooms does your property have?

1     2     3     4     5 or more

### Q19. Is anyone in your household a Blue Badge holder?

Yes     No

### Q20. Are you?

Male     Female     Prefer not to say

### Q21. How old are you?

Under 18     18 – 24     25 – 44     45 – 64

65 – 74     75 or over     Prefer not to say

### Q22. How many members of your household are over 17 years old?

1     2     3     4     5 or more

### Q23. Do you have a long term limiting illness or disability?

Yes     No     Prefer not to say

Q24. Please tell us your ethnic origin. \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer not to say

Any personal information that you have supplied will be held by South Gloucestershire Council in accordance with the Data protection Act. This information will only be used as part of this exercise only and will not be shared with any other organisation.

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