

Members' Workshop Monday 12 March

Additional Issues Raised by Members at Workshop

Images	Agreed to remove photos on page 95, and top photos on page 96 & 103.
Garages	Agreed to include following text: "Garages are an important design feature of residential developments, which if well designed can provide useful additional space for dwellings. Garages with minimum internal dimensions of 3 x 7 metres are considered large enough for the average sized family car and cycles, as well as some storage space."
Speed Limits	Members understood that there is a Council Policy which states that residential roads should be designed to 20mph. It was agreed to check with the Council's Transport Department. They have responded as follows: "There is no policy, but as a principle we try to achieve 20mph on most residential roads, particularly those directly serving dwellings. The 25mph design speed for type 6 and 7 is just that – a design speed. It recognises the need for wider carriageways, larger junction radii, increased forward visibility etc. etc. to accommodate higher traffic flows and higher frequencies of larger vehicles. It doesn't mean that you can't have a 20mph limit on them."
Parking for flats	Agreed to include text to read: 'Parking for flats should be clearly and suitably signed from all approaches.'
Bullet points	Agreed that bullet points should not continue over to next page.
Appendix A	Agreed that case studies should be arranged so that whole of case study can be viewed on opposite pages.
Appendix B	Agreed to include statement to state that guidance is correct at time of adoption of Design Guide. Policies may subsequently be superseded by more recent policies.
Juliet Balconies	Members proposed that Juliet balconies should be discouraged. Juliet balconies are required as a safety measure where full length windows are included. It is therefore not considered reasonable for the Design Guide to discourage Juliet balconies.
Photovoltaic Panels	Agreed to include reference to orientating roofs to maximise opportunities to fit photovoltaic panels. Amend para 3.5.4 to read: 'Orientating as many houses as possible so that the elevation with the most glazing faces within 30 degrees of south will maximise solar gain, as well as the opportunity to fit photovoltaic panels to roofs.'
Parking for leisure uses in linear parks and other open spaces	Agreed to include wording in Section 3.9 as follows: 'Where no dedicated parking is provided for a leisure attractor (e.g. a skatepark) located in a linear park or other open space, it is suggested that the streets closest to the facility (normally those lining the linear park) include additional on street parking to cater for those users arriving by car.'