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Policy INF11 Parking

The Council will manage parking provision as an integral part of wider transport planning policy to ensure that road traffic reduction, public transport, walking, cycling and safety objectives are met.

1. The scale of public parking provision in Falkirk Town Centre will be maintained broadly at its current level and any proposed change to parking provision will be assessed against its effect on the vitality and viability of the centre.
2. The feasibility of promoting Park and Ride facilities on the road corridors into Falkirk Town Centre will continue to be investigated.
3. Parking in District and Local Centres will be managed to promote sustainable travel and the role of the centres.
4. New parking will be provided to support the strategic role of railway stations, with priority given to new provision at Falkirk High. Where possible, the provision of new off street parking facilities will be associated with traffic management and other measures to reduce uncontrolled on-street parking.
5. The maximum parking standards set out in the SPP will be applied to new development, where relevant, in tandem with the Council's minimum standards. Where the minimum standards cannot be met, developer contributions to enhance travel plan resources may be required in compensation.

Water and Drainage Infrastructure

5.55 Scottish Water is responsible for the provision of water supplies, waste water treatment works and the sewerage network. In the Falkirk Council area, water supply can be managed to provide for growth. However the adequacy of capacity at waste water treatment works is more varied, with several of the rural works currently unable to accommodate all planned growth. While two are programmed for growth before 2015, the reminder will continue to be a potential brake on development in their catchments. In addition, there are capacity issues with the sewer network in some localities which have experienced sustained housing growth in recent years.

5.56 Falkirk Council continues to engage with Scottish Water is addressing these pinch points but it remains the case that proposals for development in the constrained localities will have to be considered cautiously by the Council. The Council's approach is set out in Policy INF12 below.

5.57 The use of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) is now a requirement for the majority of development types, the only exceptions to this are single house developments and where the discharge is to coastal waters.

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Policy INF12 Water and Drainage Infrastructure

1. New development will only be permitted if necessary sewerage infrastructure is adopted by Scottish Water or alternative maintenance arrangements are acceptable to SEPA.
2. Surface water management for new development should comply with current best practice on sustainable urban drainage systems, including opportunities for promoting biodiversity through habitat creation.
3. A drainage strategy, as set out in PAN61, should be submitted with planning applications and must include flood attenuation measures, details for the long term maintenance of any necessary features and a risk assessment.