

Working from Home

- 5.32 With advances in technology, home working is a growing trend that can, where appropriate, reduce the need to travel distances to work.

Policy EMP7: Working from Home

Planning permission will be granted for business activities to occur within a dwelling provided that the following circumstances apply:

- i) The property continues to be used primarily as a dwelling.**
- ii) The proposed business use is restricted to the employment of the occupier of the dwelling.**
- iii) The proposed business use would not adversely affect the amenities of adjacent residents and the character of the area generally.**
- iv) Adequate parking and access is available.**
- v) The applicant is willing to accept conditions that control the business use of the property.**

Justification of Policy:

- 5.33 Working from home is a small but important element of the employment framework of the town and it is an area where growth is envisaged with advances in technology and other schemes to reduce the need for people to travel daily to a place of work. Some businesses can satisfactorily be home based in whole or part providing that the business is low key and would not give rise to an unacceptable degree of disturbance in the neighbourhood.
- 5.34 The business use of a dwelling meets sustainability objectives and would help reduce peak time traffic congestion. However, the acceptability of any proposal will depend on the exact nature and scale of the enterprise and the relationship of the dwelling to neighbouring properties.

Telecommunications Masts

- ~~5.35 With the rise in the use of mobile phones and other telecommunication products, there has also been a rise in concern regarding potential harm to public health and the impact on visual amenity from transmitter masts. The Borough Council is very concerned with this issue and proposes a clear policy to limit the impact on the amenity of the area.~~

Policy EMP8: Telecommunications Masts

~~The erection of new masts and antennae by telecommunications code system operators will be permitted where the following criteria are all met:~~

- ~~i) The siting, height and appearance of the apparatus and any ancillary development has been designed to minimise adverse impact on the built and natural environment, without inhibiting operational efficiency;~~

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