

Assessment Criteria

The requirements for a basic lorry parking facility as put forward by the Department for Transport have been used as a basis for the assessment of potential sites highlighted as part of this study.

The criteria for assessment are as follows:

- **Size of site** – the site must be large enough to accommodate the required number of vehicles as well as having enough space for vehicles to pass one another and make turning manoeuvres.
- **Site Access/Egress** – the access into and egress from the site onto the public highway must be able to accommodate the necessary vehicle manoeuvres and have appropriate sight lines for both exiting and oncoming traffic.
- **Route to Site** – the site must be within close proximity of primary route network or freight advisory routeⁱ. The location of the site must also be such that it does not encourage vehicles to use other diversionary routes that may be unsuitable or have existing freight issues.
- **Surface suitability** – the surface material of the sites should be of suitable construction to accommodate HGV traffic.
- **Facilities** – the site should have facilities¹ for drivers to include toilets, wash facilities and litter bins as a minimum
- **Distance to amenities** – the site should be in walking distance of amenities such as food outlets
- **Surrounding land use** – the site should not be within 50m of residential properties and the use of the sites by heavy goods vehicles should not conflict with existing surrounding land use
- **Security** – the site should have security measures in place to prevent theft from lorries and attacks on drivers. This could include CCTV, security patrols or a high level of natural surveillance.
- **Works required** – the assessment will highlight any works that may be required to bring the site up to the necessary standard (e.g. provision of wash facilities, re-surfacing) and will provide a basic estimate of costs for the provision of these works.

ⁱ Wiltshire Council Freight Network Map.