

# Parking Improvements

In 2016 we consulted on our plans to improve parking in Leicester over three years. This is an overview of the activities we are undertaking.

## What are the priorities?

Our consultation indicated that enforcement of all illegal parking and stopping, including blocking pavements and traffic lanes, is strongly supported by the public, especially around schools.

Reducing air pollution and better traffic flow around the city were both very important to the public. We are resolving congestion hotspots and improving public transport routes, and the wider council is encouraging alternative means of travel into the city. By supporting **Choose How You Move** the city council actively encourages more walking and cycling.



Many people told us about parking issues in their own streets, so we aim to improve parking for residents where they've asked for it.

## Improving safety around schools

We're undertaking prioritised programmes of works to reduce the risk of accidents around our schools, such as:

- Improving signs and road markings around schools, and in some cases installing physical barriers, to discourage dangerous parking and change driver behaviour
- Using a mobile enforcement camera at school zig zag lines
- Supporting projects to educate school communities about safe and healthy journeys to school.

## Costs

£2.2 million of capital funding is being spent on works around the city to improve the infrastructure of our parking facilities and make roads safer – especially around schools. Income from parking charges and fines pays for the staffing and running of parking services, parking projects and travel concessions.



See [consultations.leicester.gov.uk](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/consultations) for more info on the parking consultation.

## 20mph zones and traffic calming

Residents, schools and businesses in various areas support the introduction of 20mph zones to help slow vehicles down and reduce accidents. Our seven year programme will provide 20mph zones near most schools.

## Reducing dangerous parking

Our recruitment of more traffic wardens is ongoing, and some use mopeds to reach a wider area quickly. CCTV enforcement cameras are helping to keep bus routes flowing and improve safety.

We've worked with the emergency services and Biffa to identify the city's worst congestion hotspots. Our joint information campaign highlights the dangers of obstructive and illegal parking.

## Better parking for residential areas

Residents in a number of areas asked us to look at ways to make it easier to park nearer home. We've consulted on residents-only parking permit schemes in places where parking by non-residents has become an issue. Schemes include parts of Highfields, Westcotes, Bede Island and streets near Watermead Park, the prison and Leicester Royal Infirmary, and we're continuing the programme where it is called for.

### Designated parking

To address parking problems in narrow streets we're piloting schemes for designated car parking bays painted partly on the pavement and partly on the road. Some streets are also becoming one-way so that parking spaces can be located on both sides of the road. We're creating parking laybys in residential areas where there is space for them.



Find out more about parking in Leicester at:  
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Get news about parking projects at:  
[leicester.gov.uk/news](https://leicester.gov.uk/news)