

# GREATER MANCHESTER CYCLE PARKING GUIDELINES

FOR USE BY LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS  
AND DEVELOPERS

## **Introduction**

These notes have been compiled by the GMLTP Cycling Group, and form interim guidance until such time as the Greater Manchester Parking Standards are revised and adopted.

The notes give advice regarding design and numbers of places, and whilst they cannot be enforced yet, form a suitable basis on which to implement facilities.

The guidelines have been developed taking into account Government guidance and best practice, and through the same consultation procedure as the draft Greater Manchester parking standards.

## **Further Information**

Further information is available at:

[http://www.nationalcyclingstrategy.org.uk/html/parking\\_and\\_security.html](http://www.nationalcyclingstrategy.org.uk/html/parking_and_security.html)

## Design

### **Long Stay (over 2 hours)**

**Design:** Cycle lockers or secure compound.

**Specification:** Much variation in specification, but facilities should afford a greater degree of security and cover than for short stay facilities. Each cycle should preferably not be open to access from the general public (lockers, fencing around a compound or location in an area subject to restricted access are suitable techniques). Cycles should be able to be individually locked to fixed items, such as Sheffield stands within a fenced compound, or the cycle locker itself. Cycles should be protected from the weather with a roof over the stands. Secure storage space for accessories would also be preferable.

**Signing:** facilities should be signed appropriately

**Location:**

- Parking should be close to the building entrance, but security is more important than proximity.
- Parking should be overlooked by public or staff, or at least by CCTV cameras, to maximise the actual and perceived level of security. The site should be well lit.
- Parking should be easily reached from access routes
- Location of facilities should avoid conflict with pedestrians, particularly partially sighted people.
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**Operation:** Normally restricted to registered users or keyholders, although lockers may be made available on a first come first served basis.

**Additional facilities:** consideration should also be given to the provision of a shower and changing facilities, and a drying room.

### **Short Stay Facilities (up to 2 hours)**

**Design:** 'Sheffield' style racks, or wall mounted bars. Wheel slots and butterfly racks are not suitable

**Approx dimensions:** Sheffield stands 1m length, 0.8m height. Each stand to have at least 0.5m clear space surrounding it, and 1m between stands.  
Wall bars to be 0.8m off the ground, and protrude 150mm from wall.

**Fixing:** either bolted into concrete through fixing plates, or preferably embedded to a depth of at least 25mm into concrete 300mm cube.

**Materials:** steel tube or similar, of at least 40mm diameter. Preferably galvanised and plastic coated.

**Signing:** stands should be signed appropriately

**Location:**

- It is imperative that the stands are close to the building entrance, otherwise cyclists will use other more convenient forms of street furniture. If there is more than one entrance to the building, consideration should be given to having smaller groups of racks at each entrance.
- Parking should be overlooked by public or staff, or at least by CCTV cameras, to maximise the actual and perceived level of security.
- Parking should be easily reached from access routes
- Location of racks should avoid conflict with pedestrians, particularly partially sighted people.
- Parking should be preferably under cover and well lit.
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**Operation:** Normally on a first come, first served basis.

## Cycle Parking Standards

<b>Class</b>	<b>Type of Development</b>	<b>Minimum recommended standard for cycle parking provision</b>	<b>Types of parking required</b>
<b>A1</b>	Food / non-food retail <900m <sup>2</sup>	1 per 200m <sup>2</sup> (minimum 2)	Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff,
<b>A2</b>	Financial & professional services	1 per 400m <sup>2</sup> (minimum 2)	Long stay for staff, short stay for visitors
<b>A3</b>	Food & drink	1 per 140m <sup>2</sup> public floor area (minimum 2)	Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff
<b>B1</b>	Business	1 per 400m <sup>2</sup> (minimum 2)	Mainly long stay for staff, short stay for customers
<b>B2</b>	General industry	1 per 700m <sup>2</sup> (minimum 2)	Long stay for staff, short stay for visitors
<b>B8</b>	Storage or distribution	1 per 850m <sup>2</sup> (minimum 2)	Mainly long stay for staff, some short stay for visitors
<b>C1</b>	Hotels	1 per 10 bedrooms (minimum 2)	Mainly long stay for staff and customers, some short stay for visitors
<b>C2</b>	Residential institutions / hospitals  Care / nursing homes	To be determined through a transport assessment  1 per 40 beds (minimum 2)	Long stay for staff, short stay for visitors
<b>C3</b>	Dwelling houses  Flats / apartments Sheltered housing	No standard  1 secure locker per 5 dwellings (minimum 2)  No standard	
<b>D1</b>	Non-residential institutions, medical or health facilities, Creche, day nursery or day centre	1 per 10 full time equivalent staff (minimum 2)	Long stay for staff, short stay for visitors

	Schools, Higher or further education Art gallery, museum, exhibition hall or library Public hall or place of worship	1 per 10 full time equivalent staff + 1 per 10 pupils 1 per 300m2 public floor area (minimum 2) 1 per 50m2 public floor area (minimum 2)	Mainly long stay for staff and pupils, some short stay for visitors  Mainly short stay for visitors, also long stay for staff  Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff
<b>D2</b>	Assembly & leisure, cinema, bingo hall or casino, concert hall Indoor sports or recreation Outdoor sports and recreation	1 per 80 seats (minimum 2) 1 per 250m2 (minimum 4) Individual consideration	Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff  Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff
	Stadia / spectator seating	1 per 150 seats (minimum 2)	Mainly short stay for customers, also long stay for staff
	Railway, bus stations and tram stops	Minimum of 10 per station	Long term for staff and customers, also short stay for customers