

**IDENTIFY:**

MANAGING YOUR CLUB GROUNDS FOR SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Here are some ideas for planning your carpark layout to promote active travel, improve accessibility and maximise the use of space. Consider including several of these, or other actions identified by your Green Team, in your Green Club Travel Action Plan.

Supporting Active Travel

ENSURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE, SECURE BIKE PARKING ON-SITE.

- Contact your local authority Active Travel Team or local authority point of contact (see: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>) about any funding schemes for bike parking.
- Bike rack costs could also be included in larger club facilities, infrastructure or sports capital grant applications.
- Ensure that bike parking facilities are either clearly visible or well-signposted.

CONSIDER AN ACTIVE TRAVEL ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

- If your club already has a pedestrian/cyclist entrance, ensure that the gate to this is always unlocked while the club is open.
- If there is no separate entrance for cyclists at your club, consider signage, bollards or ground markings to make it safer for cyclists using the main vehicular entrance.
- If the club is undertaking any larger infrastructure or building projects, consider including the addition of a separate active travel entrance in your planning
- Consider if your entrance is wheelchair-user friendly.
- Ensure that there is a clear path or pathway for pedestrians to access the clubhouse and pitches safely from the club entrance

Design and Management of Vehicle Parking

WHERE POSSIBLE, CONSIDER MARKING OUT PARKING SPACES.

- There can be a cost involved with marking out car park spaces in your club grounds but it can optimise the space for vehicle users and allow the club to allocate dedicated areas for, e.g., bikes, carpooling vehicles, coaches and minibuses and accessible parking for those with restricted mobility and for e-vehicles.
- Consider including this action in any larger club facilities/infrastructure project or funding applications.
- Consider a 'reverse in-drive out' safety policy for parking in the club

IDENTIFY PRIORITY USERS

- Designate priority parking spaces or areas for carpoolers.
- Designate parking spaces or areas close to club facilities for club users with disability permits.
- If your club has regular coach or minibus use, designate a priority parking area with safe access and turning space.

CONSIDERS MEASURE TO REDUCE ON-SITE VEHICLE EMISSIONS

- Run a 'No Idling' Campaign to reduce unhealthy and polluting car emissions in club groups. An Taisce Green Schools have tips and advice at <https://greenschoolsireland.org/resources/green-schools-travel-no-idling-toolkit-for-schools.pdf/>
- Consider the installation of e-vehicle charging points in your club car park.