

Green Transport Plan

TFC Leisure is committed to reducing CO2 emissions by encouraging employees and customers to choose sustainable methods of transport. An effective Green Transport Plan should have positive benefits for all.

We do not provide any car parking spaces at two out of three of our centres and have not experienced any negative feedback from customers as 90% of our customers live within 15 minutes walk of our centres. We provide local sports facilities for local people.

Reducing congestion has led to improved access to our centres, potentially causing staff less stress and improving the health of the work force and our customers; less need for car parking spaces; the environment is also enhanced by having less noise and pollution. There should also be real cost savings benefits for all participants.

Increased prosperity has resulted in increased car ownership that leads to more congestion on roads already heavily used. Motor traffic is a major source of pollution and “greenhouse” gases. Traffic is responsible for 25% of carbon dioxide emissions. Alongside this, nitrogen dioxide, low level ozone and particulates are associated with health problems, particularly respiratory ailments.

We have adopted a package of measures at all of our centres to promote more sustainable modes of travel. The aim is to reduce the number of trips made to our centres by car in favour of sustainable modes. We have increased walking, cycling, scooter and passenger transport use to our centres; and a reduction in the number of single occupancy car journeys undertaken by employees and customers for their journeys to our centre to below 5% of total journeys.

Pedestrians

Walking as the main method of travel is probably best for journeys of less than two miles. The current facilities at Tooting Triangle including the playground and Stay and Play facility are predominantly used by local families with children of pre-school age and they arrive at the site on foot or bicycle. Therefore, cycle racks capable of containing at least 12 bicycles, a covered, secure buggy and scooter park will be provided for our customers. Walking can be combined with, for example, passenger transport to cover longer distance journeys. There are obvious health benefits for staff and customers, and savings on car running costs, as well as benefits for business in terms of a reduced need for more car parking spaces.

We have introduced the following measures to encourage walking:-

- Encouraging discussion of the health benefits (less stress/improved fitness)
- Encouraging staff and customers to walk when travelling less than 2 miles to work
- Providing shower and storage facilities
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Cycling

The benefits for cycling are similar to those for walking, with health and cost reduction being the major consideration for users. Again encouraging this mode as led to not requiring car parking spaces.

The following measures will be provided to encourage cycling:-

- Cycle to Work scheme where the employer finances the purchase of a bike, loans it to the employee for twelve months and then sells it to the employee. The employee saves in the region of 40% on the purchase price due to VAT and tax breaks.
- Providing bicycle racks in secure areas
- Providing shower and storage facilities
- Cycling Club with regular cycling events for fun, competition, fitness and charity
- We provide secure buggy parks at our centres for families with pre-school age children.
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Tube and Train

The Tooting Triangle site is very well served by Balham underground station, Balham Train Station and Streatham Hill Station which are all within walking distance of the proposed centre.

Our staff and customers will benefit by beating traffic, cost savings, a relaxed journey, meeting up with friends and an environmentally preferred method of transport.

Bus

The Tooting Triangle site is supplied by an extensive bus network including bus numbers: 155, 315, 319, 50 and E3. Using a bus is an ideal way to reduce traffic congestion, significantly more environmentally friendly than journeys undertaken by other transport modes.

Car

We do not provide any car parking spaces at 2 out of 3 of our centres.

We will not provide any car parking spaces at Tooting Triangle and will advertise all the alternative modes of transport in reaching the centre on our website and marketing information including taxi companies and app hailing companies.