

Bridport Cohousing CLT: Transport & Parking Policy:

Consented May 2026

The Five Main Principles informing this policy are:

1. Our agreement as a community to reduce our ecological footprint.
2. To work within Hazelmead Planning Permission. This requires a Hazelmead Travel Plan that reduces our reliance on private cars for journeys to and from Hazelmead and a Parking strategy to manage the parking spaces in a way that meets the needs of all resident car or van users.
3. To support residents in making sustainable travel choices that work for them.
4. The creation of a pedestrian oriented site that will be as car-free as possible.
5. The recognition that we have varied and diverse needs for transport and parking and some people are able to make more concessions than others.

The Aims of this Policy are:

1. To move toward being more ecologically sustainable while meeting residents' varied needs for transport and parking.
2. To provide residents easier access to sustainable transport options via resources, schemes and collective organising available at Hazelmead.

Policy Details

- One parking space is allocated per household that requires regular access to a car.
- Our lease, in *Clause 3.25 Management of the Estate, and in Schedule 2 the right to use Communal Facilities*, requires every household to agree that *while resident in Hazelmead they will only be the registered owner of an additional vehicle if they have another dedicated parking space for it either on site or elsewhere.*
- Households who do not need a parking space for their own use are requested to release their allocated space back into the Hazelmead shared parking pool. These will be used to meet additional parking needs.
- In practice, this means that households in need of a second space at Hazelmead, for health, family or work reasons, can request this from the Transport /Parking Coordinator role.
 - The Transport /Parking Coordinator will endeavor to allocate additional spaces to the households most in need of them.
 - If applicants are not satisfied with the response from this role, it will be elevated to the Environment Circle for processing.

- Decisions about additional parking spaces will be recorded in writing.
- Dedicated accessible and/or disabled parking spaces are fixed and agreed with the NHS. These are 5 spaces in the SW corner of the lower car park (1 of which is a visitor space) and 3 spaces in front of the South East Apartments.
- Visitor Parking Spaces are marked with an orange flag. Residents are encouraged to remind their visitors to use the visitor parking spaces.
- Secure storage is provided for Bicycles, both pedal powered and electric. All bicycles in the sheds must be in use and regularly maintained. By special arrangement a limited number of Tricycles can be kept beneath the steps to the southwest apartments.
- Charging points are provided for Electric Cars.
- Charging points for Electric Bicycles are available in the electric bikes' shed.
- Hand carts/Wheelbarrows are provided for ferrying items from car to house.
- Direct and unobstructed access will be provided to all dwellings for people with disabilities, for the delivery of heavy items, and for emergency vehicles.

Additional Guidance: We encourage people to;

- Use and develop sustainable transport options where possible.
- To make best possible use of public transport and cycling.
- Explore ways to reduce the number of trips solely for individuals e.g. arranging to share cars to events or for regular trips like shopping.
- To explore sharing a car with other households. This can usually be done by adding a few other residents to your car insurance.
- Use local taxis where needed.
- Ensure electric bikes are stored and charged safely to reduce the chance of fires - using reputable equipment and chargers and ideally storing and charging e-bikes in the green metal shed.
- Encourage hirers of the Common House to minimise the number of cars generated by their event, by asking visitors to car share, and to avoid parking in busy Hospital Lane, if at all possible.

As a co housing / via the Environment Circle we will,

- Provide a Ride Sharing and Public Transport notice board in the Common House.
- Support local Bus services by campaigning for them where possible.

This Policy will be reviewed in one year (May 2027) in consultation with the membership.