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About Lewisham Cyclists

Lewisham Cyclists (LC) are the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) with more than 1500 supporters of whom over 650 are fully paid-up members of LCC. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in the London Borough of Lewisham and its adjacent local parks; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

Forest Hill Station Forecourt trial scheme

Forest Hill Society Consultation July to Sept 2022

<https://www.foresthillsociety.com/2022/09/forest-hill-station-forecourt.html?m=1>

We are very supportive of the trial scheme which restricts motor vehicular access to Forest Hill station and improves the environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

However we would like the proposed scheme to go much further removing all public parking from the west side of the station apart from two or three disabled bays. Access to the front of the station only for drop off. Analogous with the very successful changes that have been implemented at Coulgate Street for Brockley Station which have transformed that street into a thriving public space.

We can see no justification for retaining public car parking spaces when the vast majority of people accessing the station do so on foot, bicycle or via public transport. If parking is retained pedestrian and vehicle conflicts are inevitable in the confined space outside the station.

Removing the bulk of the car parking would release much needed space which could be used for a large outside seating area for the café, a secure cycle parking hub and provide safer access for pedestrians visiting the station.

If people do choose to drive there is a large car park very close to the station on its east side in Perry Vale.

We would also like to see improved signage to the path that leads southwards from the station forecourt/WH Smith alongside the railway to Clyde Terrace and



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beyond. This path is a very useful access route avoiding the busy Sydenham Park Road and has the potential to be widened and re-surfaced for shared use.

Tim Collingridge (Lewisham Cyclists Secretary) 14/9/22