



Travel Plan for Park Centre

Introduction

This Travel Plan outlines how Park Centre will encourage sustainable and safe travel options for all users accessing the site. As a youth and community facility located centrally in Burgess Hill, Park Centre recognises its responsibility to promote environmentally friendly and inclusive transport modes, reduce traffic congestion, and ensure safety for all visitors.

Site Context

Park Centre is located in the heart of Burgess Hill, West Sussex. It is ideally situated for community use due to its central position and excellent access to local transport routes. The facility will be open to hirers and community groups from 6th September 2025, operating 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm, with occasional use between 7am and 11pm where pre-arranged.

The Centre is easily accessible on foot, by bicycle, and via public transport. It is located near several main bus stops including:

- **Church Road**
- **Mill Road**
- **London Road**
- **Civic Way**

These stops are all within short walking distance of the Centre and served by frequent local and regional bus routes.

Sustainable Travel Encouragement

Park Centre is committed to encouraging visitors and staff to travel sustainably wherever possible.

Walking

- Park Centre is centrally located in Burgess Hill and within walking distance of the town centre, Cyprus Road Car Park, and nearby bus routes
- Walking will be promoted as a healthy and environmentally friendly way to access the Centre.

Cycling

- Secure on-site cycle storage will be provided as part of the facility's planning permission to encourage cycling.
- Clear signage will direct cyclists to the storage facility.
- Cycling will be actively encouraged among users, staff, and volunteers.

Public Transport Accessibility

Park Centre is served by regular local bus services, with stops located on:

- **Church Road**
- **Mill Road**
- **London Road**
- **Civic Way**

These routes connect Burgess Hill town centre and surrounding areas, offering easy access to the Centre. Bus route and timetable information will be made available on our website and displayed in Park Centre.

Parking and Drop-Off Arrangements

On-Site Parking

- Park Centre provides 6 designated parking spaces.
- These spaces are prioritised for:
 - **Disabled users and those with mobility needs**
 - **Safe drop-off and collection** for children or vulnerable adults
 - **Staff and service vehicles**, when necessary

Off-Site Parking

- All other users will be **directed to use the Cyprus Road Car Park**, which is:
 - Public
 - Safe
 - Less than a **10-minute walk** from Park Centre

Discouraging Local Residential Parking

- While there is some on-street parking on Park Road and a small car park near St John's Park, we will:
 - Encourage users to avoid using these in consideration of local residents
 - Promote the Cyprus Road Car Park as the primary off-site parking option

Communication and Management

- All hirers and regular users will be informed of the travel options in their booking confirmation.
- Signage and information will be displayed in and around the Centre promoting sustainable travel.
- The Travel Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and updated to reflect any changes in local infrastructure or usage.

Conclusion

Park Centre is committed to providing a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible community facility. By encouraging walking, cycling, public transport, and responsible parking, we aim to reduce our environmental impact and ensure a positive relationship with our neighbours and the wider Burgess Hill community.