

Policy T5 Cycling

- A Development Plans and development proposals should help remove barriers to cycling and create a healthy environment in which people choose to cycle. This will be achieved through:
- 1) supporting the delivery of a London-wide network of cycle routes, with new routes and improved infrastructure
 - 2) securing the provision of appropriate levels of cycle parking which should be fit for purpose, secure and well-located. Developments should provide cycle parking at least in accordance with the minimum standards set out in [Table 10.2](#) and [Figure 10.3](#), ensuring that a minimum of two short-stay and two long-stay cycle parking spaces are provided where the application of the minimum standards would result in a lower provision.
- B Cycle parking should be designed and laid out in accordance with the guidance contained in the London Cycling Design Standards.¹⁸² Development proposals should demonstrate how cycle parking facilities will cater for larger cycles, including adapted cycles for disabled people.
- C Development Plans requiring more generous provision of cycle parking based on local evidence will be supported.
- D Where it is not possible to provide suitable short-stay cycle parking off the public highway, the borough should work with stakeholders to identify an appropriate on-street location for the required provision. This may mean the reallocation of space from other uses such as on-street car parking. Alternatively, in town centres, adding the required provision to general town centre cycle parking is also acceptable. In such cases, a commuted sum should be paid to the local authority to secure provision.
- E Where it is not possible to provide adequate cycle parking within residential developments, boroughs must work with developers to propose alternative solutions which meet the objectives of the standards. These may include options such as providing spaces in secure, conveniently-located, on-street parking facilities such as bicycle hangers.

¹⁸² London Cycling Design Standards, Transport for London, <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/streets-toolkit#on-this-page-2>

F Where the use class of a development is not fixed at the point of application, the highest potential applicable cycle parking standard should be applied.

Table 10.2 - Minimum cycle parking standards*

Use Class		Long-stay (e.g. for residents or employees)	Short-stay (e.g. for visitors or customers)
A1	food retail above 100 sqm	1 space per 175 sqm gross external area (GEA)	<p>areas with higher cycle parking standards (see Figure 10.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 750 sqm: 1 space per 20 sqm; • thereafter: 1 space per 150 sqm (GEA) <p>rest of London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 750 sqm: 1 space per 40 sqm; • thereafter: 1 space per 300 sqm (GEA)
	non-food retail above 100 sqm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 1000 sqm: 1 space per 250 sqm • thereafter: 1 space per 1000 sqm (GEA) 	<p>areas with higher cycle parking standards (see Figure 10.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 1000 sqm: 1 space per 60 sqm; • thereafter: 1 space per 500 sqm (GEA) <p>rest of London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 1000 sqm: 1 space per 125 sqm; • thereafter: 1 space per 1000 sqm (GEA)

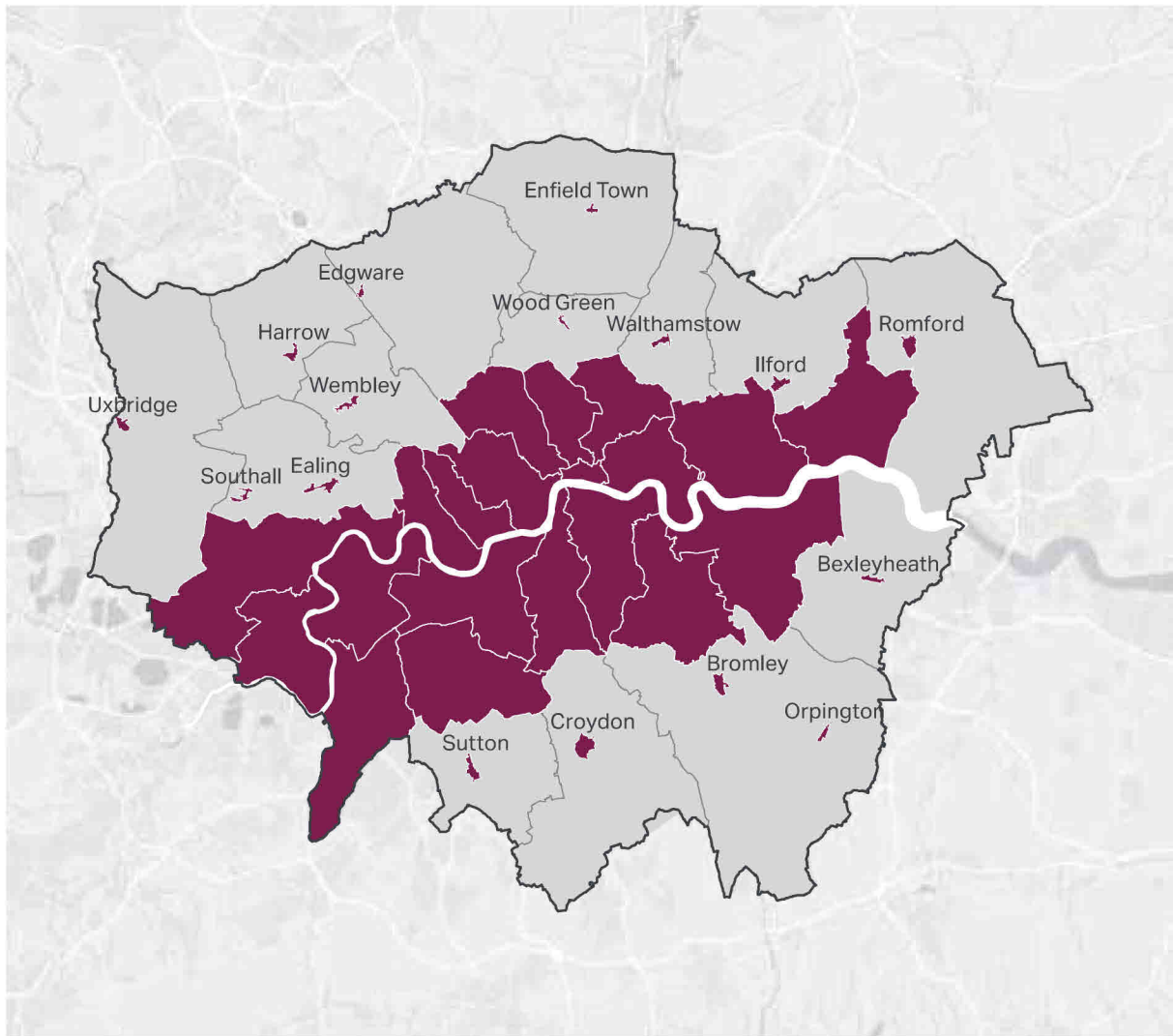
Use Class		Long-stay (e.g. for residents or employees)	Short-stay (e.g. for visitors or customers)
A2-A5	financial / professional services; cafes & restaurants; drinking establishments; take-aways above 100 sqm	1 space per 175 sqm (GEA)	<p>areas with higher cycle parking standards (see Figure 10.3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 space per 20 sqm (GEA) <p>rest of London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 space per 40 sqm (GEA)
B1	business offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • areas with higher cycle parking standards (see Figure 10.3): 1 space per 75 sqm • rest of London: 1 space per 150 sqm (GEA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 5,000 sqm: 1 space per 500 sqm • thereafter: 1 space per 5,000 sqm (GEA)
	light industry and research and development	1 space per 250 sqm (GEA)	1 space per 1000 sqm (GEA)
B2-B8	general industrial, storage or distribution	1 space per 500 sqm (GEA)	1 space per 1000 sqm (GEA)
C1	hotels (bars, restaurants, gyms etc. open to the public should be considered individually under relevant standards)	1 space per 20 bedrooms	1 space per 50 bedrooms
C2	Hospitals	1 space per 5 FTE staff	1 space per 30 FTE staff
	care homes / secure accommodation	1 space per 5 FTE staff	1 space per 20 bedrooms

Use Class		Long-stay (e.g. for residents or employees)	Short-stay (e.g. for visitors or customers)
C3-C4	dwellings (all)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 space per studio or 1 person 1 bedroom dwelling • 1.5 spaces per 2 person 1 bedroom dwelling • 2 spaces per all other dwellings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 40 dwellings: 2 spaces • Thereafter: 1 space per 40 dwellings
D1	Nurseries	1 space per 8 FTE staff + 1 space per 8 students	
	primary schools / secondary schools/ sixth form colleges	1 space per 8 FTE staff + 1 space per 8 students	1 space per 100 students
	universities and colleges	1 space per 4 FTE staff + 1 space per 20 FTE students	1 space per 7 FTE students
	health centre, including dentists	1 space per 5 FTE staff	1 space per 3 FTE staff
	other (e.g. library, church, etc.)	1 space per 8 FTE staff	1 space per 100 sqm (GEA)
D2	sports (e.g. sports hall, swimming, gymnasium, etc.)	1 space per 8 FTE staff	1 space per 100 sqm (GEA)
	other (e.g. cinema, bingo, etc.)	1 space per 8 FTE staff	1 per 30 seats
Student accommodation		0.75 spaces per bedroom	1 space per 40 bedrooms
Specialist older persons housing**		1 space per 10 bedrooms	1 space per 40 bedrooms
Sui generis		As per most relevant other standard e.g. casino and theatre = D2, room in large-scale purpose-built shared living = studio C3	

Use Class	Long-stay (e.g. for residents or employees)	Short-stay (e.g. for visitors or customers)
Stations	To be considered on a case by case basis through liaison with TfL. The level of provision should take into account the type and location of the station, current and future rail and cycle demand and the potential for journey stages to and from the station to be made by cycle. A step-change in provision is expected, especially at termini, in order to meet the Mayor's mode share target.	
<p>* The minimum of two short-stay and two long-stay cycle parking spaces does not apply to A1-A5 developments of less than 100 sqm or to short-stay parking at residential developments of fewer than 5 dwellings.</p> <p>** as defined by Policy H13 Specialist older persons housing. The Mayor will continue to gather evidence with a view to revising and updating this standard. Where appropriate, proposals should provide higher provision than the above standard where it is needed.</p>		

- 10.5.1 Development should **facilitate and encourage cycling**, and reduce car dependency and the health problems it creates. Cycling is a space-efficient mode compared to cars so making streets attractive for cycling can bring benefits to all road users while also improving the experience of living, working and spending time in the city. The Mayor will deliver, in partnership with boroughs, a new London-wide network of strategic cycling routes which will transform the convenience and experience of cycling for all types of trips.
- 10.5.2 For some types of trip, the **level of cycling is dependent on the location of the destination**. For the boroughs identified on [Figure 10.3](#) (the central and inner London boroughs, plus Richmond, Merton, Kingston, Hounslow and Barking & Dagenham), around 3.5 per cent of trips arriving at workplace, leisure and shopping destinations are made by cycle. This compares to around 1.5 per cent elsewhere in London.

Figure 10.3 - Boroughs and town centres where higher minimum cycle parking standards apply



Areas where higher minimum cycle parking standards apply
see table 10.2

● Higher minimum cycle parking standards

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- 10.5.3 The **minimum standards** for short-stay (for visitor / customer) cycle parking for Class A Uses and long-stay cycle parking (for employees) for office use in the locations identified on Figure 10.3 are thus set at twice the level as elsewhere – though the Mayor will support other boroughs adopting these higher standards borough-wide or for defined areas through their Development Plan Documents (such as existing Mini-Hollands, and Liveable Neighbourhoods or Opportunity Areas).
- 10.5.4 The locations where higher standards apply also include outer London Metropolitan and Major town centres where TfL has identified high potential for a switch to cycling. **Higher provision** in these locations is required to enable this increased level of cycling and contribute to Healthy Streets in town centres.
- 10.5.5 Cycle parking and cycle parking areas should allow easy access and provide **facilities for disabled cyclists**. This could include identifying and reserving specific spaces which provide step-free cycle parking and opportunities for people using adapted cycles, as well as providing facilities for other non-standard cycles such as tricycles, cargo bicycles and bicycles with trailers, for both long-stay and short-stay parking.
- 10.5.6 At **university campuses and schools**, cycle parking should be located in close proximity to the entrances of all buildings to provide convenience and choice for users. For nurseries and primary schools, an appropriate proportion of long-stay cycle parking spaces for students may be met through scooter parking. Nurseries should meet the standard through an appropriate mix of long and short-stay parking to cater for staff, those dropping off children, and children's cycle and scooter parking.
- 10.5.7 Staff cycle parking should be suitable for long-stay parking in terms of location, security and protection from the elements and inclement weather. In places of employment, **supporting facilities** are recommended, including changing rooms, maintenance facilities, lockers (at least two per three long-stay spaces are recommended) and shower facilities (at least one per ten long-stay spaces is recommended). Accessible facilities for disabled cyclists should also be provided.
- 10.5.8 **Short-stay cycle parking** must be available for shoppers, customers, messengers and other visitors, and must be convenient and readily accessible. It must have step-free access and be located within 15 metres of the main entrance wherever possible.
- 10.5.9 The provision of **space for folding bicycles** is generally not an acceptable alternative to conventional cycle parking. An exception may be applied in office developments in the CAZ, where the location of rail termini lends itself to greater levels of folding bicycle use. This should only be applied for up to 10 per cent of

long-stay spaces and where the full provision could not otherwise be provided. Provision of cycle hire caters for a different market of cyclist and also should not be accepted in lieu of cycle parking.

- 10.5.10 Where standards are based on floorspace, these have been calculated on the basis of the level of demand and potential growth in relation to Gross External Area (GEA). This calculation already takes into account that not all of the area covered by GEA will generate cycling trips.