

Stroud Town Centre Social Distancing Scheme – FAQs

As Stroud town begins to reopen after the Covid-19 pandemic you'll notice some changes in the town centre. These have been put in place to help with social distancing. These measures are temporary and will be reviewed regularly.

Will Blue Badge parking be affected?

None of the existing disabled parking bays are affected. For more information about where to park with a Blue Badge please see our [online leaflet](#).

What about Blue Badge parking on London Road?

There are no Blue Badge spaces on London Road and parking on the yellow lines is not permitted because of the existing restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes and/or signs on plates.



Figure 1 Example of yellow lines and signage

What about Blue Badge spaces in Church Street car park?

Some spaces have been allocated to the Shambles Market stalls to help support social distancing. Blue Badges can be used free of charge in any of the spaces in Stroud District Council Car Parks – this has not changed.

How will this support walking and cycling?

The aim is to make the town centre more welcoming to pedestrians and cyclists by encouraging car drivers to use the car parks rather than driving round the town centre looking for on street parking.

We would like to remind cyclists that cycling is not permitted in the pedestrianised area, which includes the High Street. Vehicles, including cycles, are only permitted in this area for deliveries and no vehicles at all are permitted in the pedestrian area between noon and 4pm. This has not changed.

What about cycle parking?

We already have lots of cycle parking and a new 40 bay cycle park will be opening at Stroud station very soon. We are looking at locations to add even more cycle parking very soon. You can find a [map of all the cycle parking](#) on our website.

What will happen to deliveries?

We are working with the businesses in the closed section to make arrangements with their suppliers.

What will happen to waste and recycling collections?

Collections for residents will not be affected. We are working with the businesses in the closed section to make arrangements with their waste contractors.

Will this make the town congested?

The roads remain very quiet at the moment, with lots of people still working from home, so we are not expecting a nightmare, but obviously the scheme will be monitored closely and reviewed regularly.

One of the aims is to reduce the amount of vehicles being driven into the centre to park on the streets (instead of using the car parks), which regularly clogs up the town and is one of the main causes of congestion.

What consultation was done?

These are urgent measures in response to the Covid19 pandemic, put in place under emergency government legislation, so there is no requirement for a public consultation. There was however detailed discussion between the Town, District and County councils, Stroud and District Chamber and key employers and organisations in the town.

The Chamber also surveyed their members – the results available on their [website](#).

Will this become permanent?

It is not intended to become permanent, but we are keen to find out whether people prefer visiting when there is less traffic around.