

CMD Transport (18 June 2026) – Car Parking at County Hall (Danny Yee)

We support this policy. The one minor change we might make in it is to more consistently specify `_car_ parking`. (We hope that one day, at least in central Oxford, "parking" will default to meaning "cycle parking".)

This is a simple policy, arguably even a blunt one, but that is good. The county is leading by example and setting a clear model for other employers. If we could get the other major employers in Oxford to follow suit, that would largely solve the city's traffic problems.

With improved park and ride bus services, employees shouldn't need to drive into the city centre. Unless they need a car to carry out their job, are (or are transporting) blue badge holders, or have some kind of medical or health reason that makes public transport impractical. All the exceptions listed in this policy.

We also urge that this policy be put somewhere prominent on the county web site, along with data showing the transport modes which staff and members use to get to county hall. People regularly attack the council, and councillors and officers, for bringing in policies that don't affect them, for having privileged access to car parking, and for talking about cycling and public transport but not using them. It would be good to have a web page that can be used to comprehensively rebut such claims. And this would also set a model for other employers: transparency about staff commuting might encourage action by laggards.