



Foleshill traffic and parking improvements
Consultation report
April 2026

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Summary

We carried out consultation between Friday 13 March and Wednesday 8 April 2026 regarding a package of measures to help improve traffic, parking and pedestrian safety in Foleshill.

The consultation ran through a combination of a Let's Talk survey, community outreach, drop-in events, business engagement and direct correspondence.

Engagement activity included:

- a Let's Talk newsletter delivered to approximately 3,000 households
- an online survey hosted on the Let's Talk platform
- three community drop-in sessions
- six outreach sessions delivered by volunteers and youth engagement partners
- direct engagement with businesses and local groups

A total of 86 survey responses were received, with the majority of respondents being local residents (76%). We received responses from a broad demographic spread.

The consultation demonstrated strong overall support for the proposed package of measures:

- 85% support improvements to Foleshill Road (lay-bys, bollards, resurfacing and markings)
- 88% support new parking provision at Edgwick Park
- 70% support a one-way system on Holmsdale Road and Webster Street
- 78% support new zebra crossings on Leicester Causeway and Springfield Road
- 77% support limited-time parking bays and bollards at Blackwell Road
- 81% support further parking, crossings and traffic calming on Broad Street

While support is high, responses consistently stress that effective enforcement is critical to success.

The consultation confirms that parking pressure and pedestrian safety are the main local priorities. Alongside the planned measures there is also demand for:

- pairing physical measures with visible, consistent enforcement
- assessing requests for Resident Parking Permit Zones
- managing displacement impacts between streets
- addressing concerns around capacity, antisocial behaviour and charging at Edgwick Park
- continuing engagement with residents and businesses as designs are refined

Background

We previously consulted on plans to introduce a segregated cycleway on Foleshill Road. Local people told us that the parking issues are more of a concern. As a result of this we have developed a package of measures to help improve parking in the area. Alongside new parking we have plans to better protect the pavements from illegal parking as well as some pedestrian crossing improvements. As well as providing new parking at Edgwick Park we are also looking at other sites to see if we can further increase the number of new parking spaces.

New parking – Edgwick Park

- A short stay car park on the area in front of Edgwick Park with approximately 28 spaces
- Measures to prevent parking on the pavement
- Planting areas
- Any trees lost as part of the scheme will be replaced elsewhere in the park

Improvements to Foleshill Road

- New laybys for parking
- Pavement resurfacing
- Planters and bollards to prevent pavement parking
- Improving road markings

Holmsdale Road and Webster Street

- One way system on Holmsdale Road and Webster Street
Two-way will remain near the junction with Foleshill Road to access the Webster
- Road and Holmsdale Road car parks
- Traffic calming – for example speed cushions
- Loading bay at Holmsdale Road and Foleshill Road junction for deliveries
- Car park wall already repaired meaning an additional 16 parking spaces
- Opportunity for resident parking scheme

Blackwell Road parking and junction improvements

- New limited time waiting bays
- Bollards close to numbers 44 and 131

Leicester Causeway and Springfield Road crossings

- New zebra crossing near the Gurdwara Guru Nanak Parkash
- New zebra crossing on Springfield Road between numbers 2 and 8

Broad Street car parking and crossings

- We would like to add some additional parking in the area, crossings and traffic calming measures

Methodology

Let's Talk newsletter delivered to approximately 3,000 homes

Let's Talk webpage with information and a survey

Outreach:

- EnV volunteers in the community for six two hour sessions
- Positive Youth engagement with local groups
- Visits to shops to let traders know about plans

Three drop-in sessions in the local community

Information shared with local groups via email

Contact email and phone number

Let's Talk survey responses

86 responses received

Do you agree with the plans to make improvements to Foleshill Road? These include laybys for parking, planters and bollards to stop pavement parking, pavement resurfacing and improved road markings.

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Pavement parking and pedestrian safety	13
Enforcement	9
Resident parking permits	8
In support	8
Design concerns	7
Business concerns	6
Cross Road	5
Public transport	3
Condition of roads/pavements	3
Cycling infrastructure	2

- **Pavement parking & pedestrian safety** Pavement parking and double/triple parking are seen as making streets unsafe—especially for elderly people, wheelchair users and pushchairs—so respondents welcome measures that keep pavements clear.

- **Enforcement** Many say designs, lines and signs won't work unless backed by consistent enforcement (wardens, tickets/towing, and cameras where appropriate).
- **Resident parking permits** There are repeated requests for permit schemes to protect residents from overspill parking, business vehicles and untaxed/uninsured/MOT-less vehicles.
- **In support** Respondents broadly support bollards/planters/lay-bys but stress permanence and upkeep (e.g., planters not becoming litter bins or being removed/stolen).
- **Design concerns** People worry the measures will shift parking into nearby streets and/or narrow the road and worsen congestion, particularly at peaks and during events.
- **Business concerns** Comments highlight shops/garages/traders storing vehicles or parking on residential streets, reducing space and contributing to obstruction.
- **Cross Road** Multiple residents ask for Cross Road to be included, citing serious parking/traffic obstruction (workshops/garage vehicles) and requesting permits and other changes.
- **Public transport** Respondents report confusion about bus lane operation and call for clearer signs and working enforcement (e.g., for "no right turn").
- **Condition of roads/pavements** Requests include resurfacing, better upkeep, and street cleaning to address litter (and related pests).
- **Cycling infrastructure** A small number call for cycle lanes/promotion to reduce car reliance, while others oppose cycle ways due to perceived congestion impacts.

Do you agree with the plans to provide parking spaces at Edgwick Park?

	Number	%
Yes	74	88%
No	4	5%
Not sure	6	7%

88% of respondents agreed with the plans to provide parking spaces at Edgwick Park

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Monitoring and Enforcement	6
Capacity	5
Charging	5
Protecting green space	4
Safety and antisocial behaviour concerns	3

Knock-on impacts on nearby streets	2
Traffic and school-time impacts	1
Impact on Family Hub Cycle Storage	1
Alternative Locations	1

- **Monitoring and enforcement** Frequent calls for active monitoring (e.g., cameras/ANPR) and enforcement so the car park is not used for long-stay dumping, car sales, or untaxed/uninsured vehicles.
- **Capacity** Views that the proposed number of spaces is insufficient; suggestions to increase capacity (e.g., 60 spaces) and/or provide a multi-storey option to avoid displacement back onto residential streets.
- **Charging** Preference for free parking or a free period (e.g., 1–2 hours), with time limits to prevent all-day parking; desire for fair and transparent rules applied equally.
- **Protecting green space** Opposition to loss of green space and mature trees, with emphasis on maintaining adequate space for children's play and the park's wider environmental and wellbeing value.
- **Safety and antisocial behaviour concerns** Strong concern that a car park could increase loitering, drug dealing, grooming and general antisocial behaviour; requests for visible policing and/or measures to prevent the site becoming a 'hub' for criminal activity.
- **Knock-on impacts on nearby streets** Concern that restricting parking elsewhere will push vehicles onto surrounding residential streets and double yellow lines (e.g., Queen Mary's Road); requests to consider Cross Road and Eld Road impacts.
- **Traffic and school-time impacts** Concern the area will remain or become a 'nightmare' around school pick-up/drop-off times.
- **Impact on Family Hub** the cycle container at the rear of the family hub should be protected so access/usage is not negatively affected.
- **Alternative location** Suggestion to acquire and repurpose the unfinished temple building on Foleshill Road as a multi-storey car park.

Do you agree with the plans to introduce a one way system on Holmsdale Road and Webster Street?

Which direction do you think a one way system on Holmsdale Road should be?

	Number	%
Clockwise - Holmsdale Road to Webster Street	35	42%
Anti clockwise - Holmsdale Road to Webster Street	22	27%
Don't mind	17	20%
Not sure	9	11%

42% of respondents thought that the direction of a one way system should be clockwise Holmsdale Road to Webster Street.

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Enforcement	7
Parking/obstructions	4
Preferred one-way layout/direction to reduce Foleshill Rd queues (e.g., in via Holmsdale, out via Webster)	4
Junction/turning changes	3
Delivery/loading	3
Car park access/ownership	2
Resident parking permits	1

- **Enforcement** Respondents want consistent enforcement (including cameras) to deter speeding, illegal turns and breaches of any one-way system.
- **Parking/obstruction** People highlight parked vehicles and loading activity blocking visibility and turning space, and call for restrictions plus active enforcement.
- **Preferred one-way layout/direction:** Several comments emphasise that the direction and layout must prioritise smoother flow on Foleshill Road (e.g., in via Holmsdale, out via Webster).
- **Junction/turning changes:** Respondents propose changing turning rules to reduce delays and conflicts, with mixed views on allowing a right turn from Webster onto Foleshill.
- **Delivery/loading** Requests include dedicated loading bays and controls such as off-peak delivery times to reduce congestion at the junctions.
- **Car park access/ownership considerations:** Some note the Webster Street car park is private and argue access arrangements should not encourage unnecessary movements or illegal turns.
- **Resident parking permits:** A small number suggest resident permits to manage overspill and reduce nuisance parking.

Do you agree with plans to add new zebra crossings on Leicester Causeway and Springfield Road?

	Number	%
Yes	65	78%
No	5	6%
Not sure	13	16%

78% of respondents were in agreement

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Support for zebra crossings / improved pedestrian safety	6
Specific locations requested)	3
Traffic impact concerns	2
Design	1
Need to help slow traffic speeds	1

- **Support for zebra crossings / improved pedestrian safety:** Most comments support zebra crossings as a straightforward way to improve pedestrian safety for residents and visitors.
- **Specific locations requested:** Respondents suggest additional crossings at specific places (e.g., Blackwell Road, Broad Street and outside schools) to protect key pedestrian routes.
- **Traffic impact concerns:** A minority worry that zebra crossings could increase queues and congestion if they interrupt traffic flow too frequently.
- **Design :** One comment stresses crossings should be set back from junctions/roundabouts to reduce braking risks and conflicts, especially for larger vehicles.
- **Need to help slow traffic speeds:** Some see crossings as a traffic-calming measure that helps reduce vehicle speeds.

Do you agree with plans to add limited time waiting bays at the Blackwell Road junction and bollards to stop pavement parking?

	Number	%
Yes	63	77%
No	8	10%
Not sure	11	13%

77% of respondents were in agreement to add limited time waiting bays at the Blackwell Road and bollards to stop parking

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Enforcement	7
Pavement parking	5

Illegal/long-stay/non-resident	4
Junction	3
Bollards	3
Resident permit	3
Time limits	4
Antisocial behaviour	4

- **Enforcement** Respondents say any measures (including time-limited bays) will fail unless the council actively enforces rules with wardens/tickets/towing and potentially cameras.
- **Pavement parking** People report widespread pavement parking forcing wheelchair users, pushchairs, older people and children into the road, creating serious safety and access problems.
- **Illegal/long stay** Residents feel “trapped” by non-residents parking for weeks, blocking dropped kerbs/driveways and leaving untaxed/uninsured/abandoned vehicles.
- **Bollards** Many support bollards as a fixed, effective way to stop pavement parking, though some oppose them or worry about vandalism/breakage and prefer cameras.
- **Junction obstruction** Parking close to junctions (notably by Blackwell Road/Zagros) is said to block turning, cause queues, and obstruct visibility for drivers and pedestrians.
- **Resident permit parking:** Several call for resident permit schemes (Blackwell Road and/or wider Foleshill) to deter nuisance parking by non-residents, while others warn this may displace parking into nearby streets.
- **Time limits:** Suggestions include 30–60 minutes/1 hour limits, allowing time for unloading wheelchairs/buggies and deliveries, and some argue for relaxing restrictions after 6pm for overnight resident parking.
- **Antisocial** Comments link the parking problem to loitering, aggression when challenged, drugs, noise, alcohol, litter and rats.
- **Crossing request** Some respondents ask for a zebra crossing on/near Blackwell Road to improve pedestrian safety.

Would you like to see more parking, crossings and traffic calming in the Broad Street area?

	Number	%
Yes	68	81%
No	5	6%
Not sure	11	13%

81% of respondents stated that they would like to see more parking and traffic calming in the Broad Street area.

Key themes from open-text comments

Theme	Number
Need more parking	11
Resident permit parking scheme	7
Garages/taxis/businesses storing vehicles;	7
Pedestrian crossing requests	5
Enforcement	5
Speeding	5
Pavement parking	4
Safety concerns	4
Religious venue/church-related parking	3
Parking charges	2
Antisocial behaviour / abuse when challenged	2

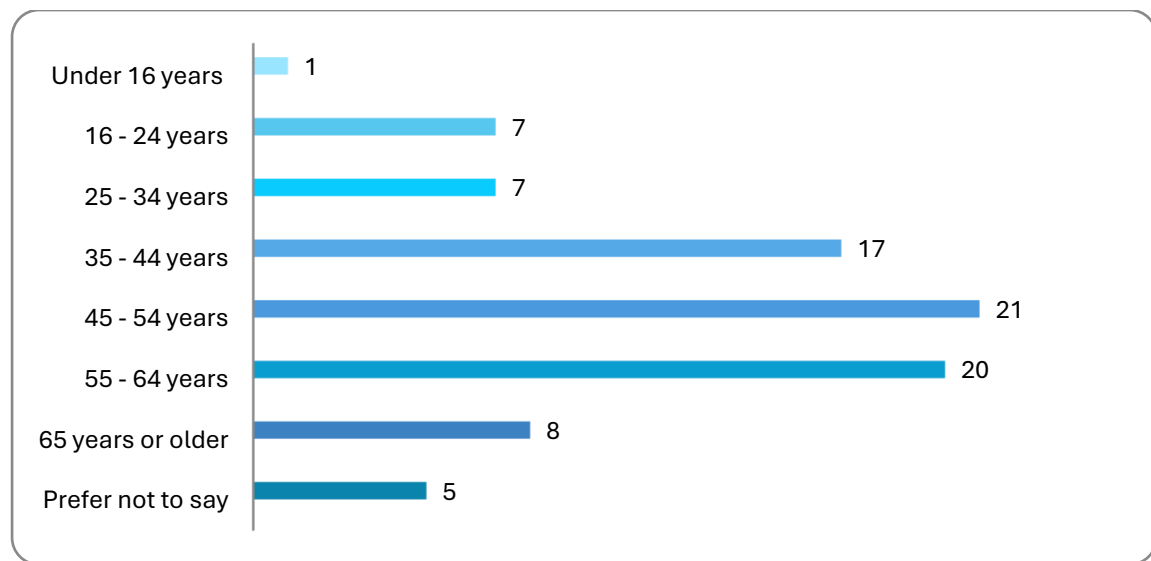
- **Need more parking** Respondents repeatedly say parking is the core issue on Broad Street and want substantially more spaces, including a nearby car park (and some call for disabled bays).
- **Resident permit parking scheme** Many want permits to prioritise residents and stop long-stay non-resident parking taking all available space.
- **Garages/taxi firms/businesses storing vehicles** Comments frequently blame local garages/taxi activity and vehicle dumping for occupying bays for weeks or months.
- **Pedestrian crossing** Several ask for zebra or signalised crossings—especially near the library/community centre—because crossing can feel unsafe at busy times.
- **Enforcement needed** People call for stronger enforcement of double yellow lines, pavement parking and illegal stopping, including clamping/towing and regular monitoring.
- **Speeding** A recurring theme is speeding and “race track” behaviour, with requests for 20mph limits and speed bumps.
- **Pavement parking):** Residents report pavement and corner parking that blocks sightlines, entrances and sometimes traps people in.

- **Safety concerns** Respondents describe collisions, near-misses and risky junction exits driven by both speeding and poor visibility from parked vehicles.
- **Religious venue/church-related parking** Some attribute spikes in illegal and obstructive parking to events at the Romanian church
- **Parking charges** A small number raise worries about costs/fines (e.g., for library users/staff) and suggest low-cost short-stay tariffs.
- **Antisocial behaviour** A minority report aggressive behaviour when confronting illegal parkers and feeling unsafe.

Profile of Respondents

Please tell us which of the following describes you, you can choose more than one option.	
I live in Foleshill	65
I work in Foleshill	22
I study in Foleshill	1
I live in another area of Coventry	8
I live outside of Coventry	1
Prefer not to say	1

What age are you?



How would you describe yourself?	
Male	40
Female	41
Prefer not to say	4

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?	
Yes	14
No	63
Not sure	2
Prefer not to say	6

Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?



Feedback from drop-ins, outreach and direct contact to the Council

Drop-ins

Three drop-ins took place in the local community. These were promoted in the Street News and by the outreach teams:

Tuesday 17 March 3pm-7pm, Families for All Hub, Foleshill Road

Thursday 19 March 4pm-7pm, Foleshill Library, Broad Street

Saturday 21 March 10.30am-12.30pm, Foleshill Library, Broad Street

Outreach

EnV volunteers were in the community for two hours on six occasions between 17 and 26 March. They were located at places with high footfall letting people know about the plans and taking feedback or letting people know how they could feedback. They spoke to around 230 people, including businesses along the Foleshill Road.

Positive Youth Foundation also carried out some outreach, speaking to a number of local groups and two youth groups as well as outreach in the park. They explained the plans and asked people what they thought.

Members of the team popped into the shops on Foleshill Road to make sure that businesses were aware of the plans.

We had a meeting with a representative of Foleshill Baptist Church at their request.

Emails

We had a dedicated email address and phone number which was included in the Street News. We received nine emails regarding the proposals

Feedback received from these sources

One Way Systems and Traffic Flow

- Support for proposed one-way systems on Holmsdale Road and Webster Street.
- Strong preference that both Holmsdale Road and Webster Street operate as entry-only from Foleshill Road.
- One-way entry would support customers accessing Holmsdale Road car park, including those shopping at Opus Foods and nearby stores.
- Existing "Free Car Parking" signage on Foleshill Road already directs drivers to Holmsdale Road.
- Entry-only arrangements would improve traffic flow, clarity and safety.
- Suggestions to remove conflicting turn movements that cause congestion.

- Request for a yellow box junction at the Foleshill Road / Station Street (east and west) crossroads to prevent blocking.
- Junction blocking currently causes gridlock and delays, affecting buses and emergency vehicles.
- Ongoing non-compliance with existing one-way streets (Station Street East, Ransom Road, Princess Street).
- Suggested one-way connection between Station Street East and Northy Road.
- Requests for build-outs and clear “No Entry” signage to reinforce compliance.
- Limited confidence in one-way systems where enforcement is weak or inconsistent.

Parking Pressure and Resident Parking Permits (RPZ)

- Severe parking pressure reported across Broad Street, Eld Road, Cross Road, Blackwell Road and St Paul’s Road.
- Residents frequently unable to park near their homes.
- Calls for Resident Parking Permit Schemes on:
 - Eld Road
 - Cross Road
 - Broad Street
 - Webster Street
- Long-standing unmet demand for a permit scheme on Eld Road.
- Over 60% of Eld Road residents previously supported a permit scheme; it was dismissed due to a single objection, which residents view as unrepresentative.
- Petition submitted in May 2025 by Broad Street residents is still awaiting response.
- Requests for clear confirmation that RPZ options are actively being considered.
- Displacement parking from Culworth Court and surrounding streets worsening pressure.
- Community facilities (church hall, park events) creating additional unmanaged parking demand.
- Cars left for extended periods (weeks or months), reducing parking availability for residents.

Illegal, Abandoned and Garage-Related Parking

- Eld Road used as overflow parking for garages and businesses on:
 - Cross Road
 - Station Street East
 - Foleshill Road
- Vehicles awaiting repair parked on residential streets for weeks or months.
- Abandoned, damaged or untaxed vehicles occupying the public highway.
- Non-resident long-stay parking by garage and shop staff.
- Residents on Broad Street and Eld Road report being forced to park illegally due to lack of lawful space.
- Requests for measures to prevent commercial vehicle storage in residential areas.
- Inconsiderate parking occurring at all hours, including blocking pavements and junctions.
- Concern that illegal parking has become normalised due to lack of enforcement.

Enforcement and Compliance

- Widespread perception that parking enforcement is inconsistent or absent.
- Reports of traffic wardens and police passing illegal parking without action.
- Residents receiving fines despite parking shortages driven by external factors.
- Double yellow lines frequently ignored and rarely monitored.
- Pavement parking continuing despite new restrictions.
- “Wild west” style driving and parking behaviour reported.
- Calls for enforcement to be visible, consistent and act as a deterrent.
- Requests for enforcement approaches that recognise displacement impacts on residents.
- Strong view that effective enforcement could be self-financing.

Road Safety, Speed and Visibility

- Excessive speed on Broad Street identified as a major concern.
- Requests for traffic calming measures, including speed reduction features.
- Serious safety concerns near:
 - Broad Street Primary School

- Stoney Stanton Road
 - Bright Street
- School pick-up and drop-off times creating dangerous congestion and blind spots.
- Parents parking illegally near school gates.
- Requests for:
 - School zig-zag markings
 - Traffic staff or wardens during school closing times
- Hazardous conditions reported along Foleshill Road between General Wolfe and Cross Road.
- Poor visibility at the Blackwell Road entrance caused by parking on double yellow lines.
- Visibility and access issues at the Baptist Church on Broad Street. Would like bollards and/or lengthening of white lines
- Residents report near misses and difficulty entering or exiting side streets.
- Refuse lorries unable to access Blackwell Road at times.
- Suggestions to restrict or block vehicle access near the church area on Broad Street.

Bollards, Planters and Physical Measures

- Strong support for bollards and planters to physically prevent:
 - Pavement parking
 - Junction blocking
- Requests for measures around:
 - Broad Street Primary School
 - Bright Street
 - Blackwell Road
 - Foleshill Road junctions
 - Baptist Church access on Broad Street
 - Broad Street
- Specific concerns about pavements being blocked near the Baptist Church.
- Benches or planters cited as effective deterrents where enforcement alone has failed.
- Physical measures supported to protect wheelchair users, visually impaired residents and people with pushchairs.

Pedestrian Safety and Crossings

Loading, Servicing and Commercial Activity

- Safety and parking problems linked to commercial activity outside:
 - Dental practices
 - Shops
- Customers and staff parking on pavements and at junctions.
- Perception that businesses benefit while residential streets absorb negative impacts.
- Calls for balanced solutions that support trade without undermining residential safety.
- Add a weight restriction on Foleshill Road and Stoney Stanton Road

Cycling and Active Travel

- Requests for an update on the outcome of the 2024 Foleshill Road cycleway proposal.
- Ongoing support for safer cycling infrastructure.
- Recognition that congestion and road conditions currently discourage cycling.

Public Realm, Green Space and Environmental Concerns

- Strong concern about the loss of green and open space, particularly at Edgwick Park.
- Objection to converting park space to parking with limited community benefit.
- Suggestions to improve park spaces instead, such as play areas or cycling tracks.
- Concerns that changes could worsen safety within Edgwick Park.
- Opposition to paid parking in park areas.
- Calls to prioritise redevelopment of derelict land (e.g. Blackwell Road site) over parks.
- Issues raised regarding cleanliness, refuse access and overall street condition.
- Requests for Foleshill Road resurfacing due to defects.

Accessibility

- Disabled and elderly residents disproportionately affected by pavement parking.

- Wheelchair users and visually impaired residents unable to navigate pavements safely.
- Residents unable to access driveways due to illegal parking and poor bin placement.
- Ongoing problems with blocked dropped kerbs, particularly on Broad Street.
- Requests for stronger protection and enforcement of accessibility features.
- Clear desire for resident-focused solutions that improve safety and quality of life.

