

Changes to Cycling

in Cambridge historic City Centre pedestrian zone



From Monday, 12th September there will be a change for cyclists in the city centre pedestrian zone as the current regulations restricting cycling between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday, in St. Mary's Street, Market Hill, Market Street and Sidney Street (see map) are to be suspended for an 18 month experiment. This will give cyclists a direct route from the south to the north of the city.

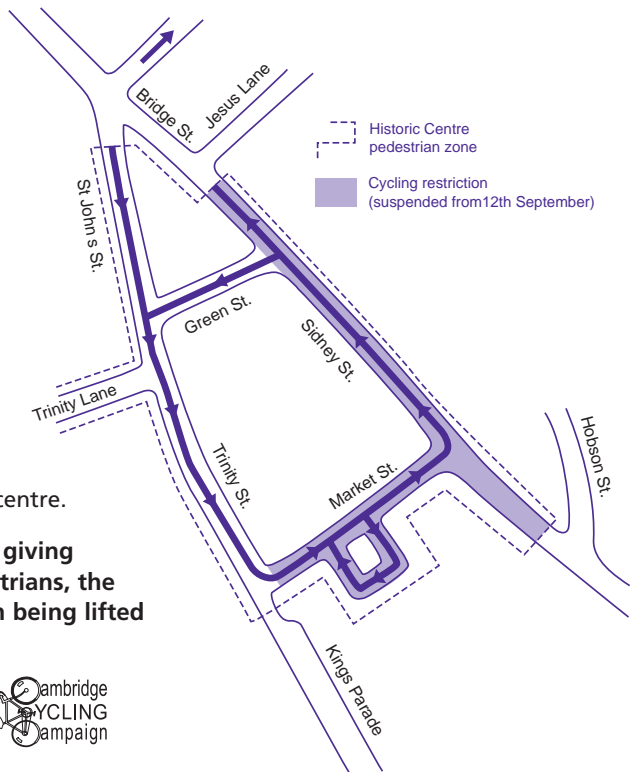
This will mean that cycling will be permitted in all parts of the historic centre (as shown on the map) during the experiment but cyclists must observe the current one-way streets.

During the experiment we will be monitoring the situation on street and surveys will be carried out after 12 months to assess whether or not the public accept cycling in all parts of the historic centre.

We realise that when permitting cycling during the busiest pedestrian hours for a trial period, we must not undermine pedestrian safety.

Therefore, as part of the experiment, we are promoting responsible cycling in the historic centre.

If cyclists ride in a sensible way, giving due care and attention to pedestrians, the chances of the cycling restriction being lifted permanently will be increased.





Promoting responsible cycling

When cycling in the historic centre pedestrian zone, please:

DO

- Cycle at a reasonable speed
- Expect pedestrians to be walking in the road
- Be prepared to dismount and walk with your cycle if the streets are crowded with pedestrians
- Respect the needs of pedestrians
- Give extra room and time to parents with children and the frail and elderly

DON'T

- Ride on pavements
- Cycle aggressively
- Expect that pedestrians will only walk on the pavements
- Expect pedestrians to be aware of approaching cyclists
- Cycle the wrong way in one-way streets
- Assume that pedestrians can hear either you or a bike bell

During the 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday period, motor vehicle access will remain restricted to permit holders only. Permit holders are required to observe a 10 mph speed limit and to give way to pedestrians at all times.

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