

MANCHESTER AIRPORT CYCLE CENTRE

Manchester City Council

The Manchester Airport Cycle Centre is managed by John Carlisle who is employed by the airport and provides a wide range of services to all types of cyclist ranging from airport workers who commute to cycle tourists. The Cycle Centre is now located at The Station, the airport's ground transport interchange, so everyone arriving at The Station sees the Cycle Centre. The new location has helped to support airport users generally as well as the 18,000 people who work at the Airport. Numerous buses, coaches and trains arrive at The Station, enabling cyclists to use mixed forms of travel such as bike and train, folding bike and bus or folding bike and coach.



Around 25% of the airport's 18,000 employees live within 3 miles (20 minutes cycling, mainly on flat land) of the airport. Around 50% of employees live 30 – 40 minutes cycle from the airport. The walking time from the staff car park to the airport is around 15 – 20 minutes making cycling a potentially very time efficient option for many employees. Many of the routes to the airport are very attractive including Painswick Park, Cheshire Cycleway, Wythenshawe Park and the national Trust Styal County Park. Quality cycle paths lead to all three terminals and

also to The Station (Cycle Centre location). Improvements to the M56 spur into the airport include quality crossings for cyclists across the busiest of roads. This removes any danger to cyclists and has brought about a major boost to cycling from the Wythenshawe estate.

The centre supplies route map leaflets which are updated as new routes are developed in the area. It is hoped to put these on the website which will help cyclists flying into Manchester to plan their onward journey. The Centre Manager has worked extensively to promote cycling at the airport and make people aware of the centre using posters, events such as Bike Breakfasts including displays of different types of bikes and making employees aware of the pool bikes. Cyclists can get their bikes repaired at the centre.



Plans to advance cycling at Manchester Airport include:

- Signing of cycle routes to the airport
- Complete the MA Orbital Cycleway
- Eliminating danger points on airport cycle routes
- Publishing leaflets showing cycle routes to all the Manchester Authorities (& Cheshire)
- Getting cycle information on the airport website & computer information points
- Working with all employers in and around the airport to support cycling initiatives
- Produce PowerPoint information shows for continuous display at the Cycle Centre
- Develop Computer generated Cycle Travel plans for cyclists

Peer assessment of this initiative:

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