

Removing car parks

What's the best use of this space?

Car parking is just one way to use a piece of public land. What if there are better ways to use that space?

Did you know that for every 10 people in New Zealand there are 7 cars and vans!

There are 3,592,400 registered cars and vans in NZ, not including other vehicles like trucks or motorhomes. (Waka Kotahi national vehicle fleet status February 2023.)

How do we decide if a parking space should be used for something else?

Every road gets used differently. Before we consult with you about removing any car parks, we consider:

- is this road mainly a transport corridor, a destination or a bit of both?
- is the road in a commercial, industrial or residential area?
- what types of activities are needed in this area?

The 'Prioritisation of kerbside space' chart shows how we rank the priority of different activities that parking space might be used for. The higher priorities will usually be allocated first.

Prioritisation of kerbside space
(commercial and residential areas)

Highest
priority

SAFETY

Movement of people and goods
(wider footpaths, cycle lanes, bus lanes, traffic lanes)

Places for people (seating, rubbish bins, gardens)

Mobility parking

Bus stops

Loading and servicing (commercial areas) / Residential parking (residential areas)

Biking and scooter parking

Short stay parking

Long stay and commuter parking

Lowest
priority



Why is car parking ranked so low?

For a long time we got away with jumping in our cars, driving to our destinations and parking our cars there all day. We no longer have that luxury on every street. If our city is to function smoothly, we need to make more room for public transport, walking and biking.

Source: This is a simplified version of the prioritisation chart from the Hamilton City Council Parking Policy 2022.

We need to think carefully about how to use our streets to move people and goods in the best, most pleasant and most climate-friendly ways possible.



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