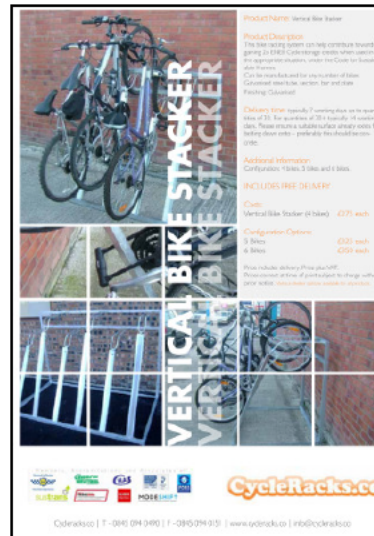




Unrestricted on-street parking on King Street



Bike rack system



Unrestricted on-street parking on Thornhill Road

### Sustainable Travel and Bus Routes

The Falkirk Council Local Transport Strategy commits to developing an infrastructure to promote active & sustainable travel. The Executive Summary includes the statement that “The Council recognises that whilst the car fulfils an important function for a variety of journey purposes unrestrained growth in car usage cannot be accommodated indefinitely by engineering measures.” It is our understanding that the council's aim is to minimise car use and encourage sustainable travel options both to benefit the environment as well as reduce congestion on the roads.

To support these aspirations and raise awareness of non-car travel options, new residents of this development will be provided with a Sustainable Travel Pack. The pack will include such information as locations of key services & amenities and walking & cycling routes to them, as well as public transport route maps and timetables. This will promote sustainable travel rather than car use.

### Bicycle provision

One bike parking space has been provided per flat, as specified for standard housing in The National Roads Development Guidance. The bike store is within a designated secure internal space accessed from outside with a key. One bike store room is provided within each building block to ensure adequate, easy to access and secure storage.

### Pedestrians

The existing pedestrian thoroughfare through the site from Thornhill Road directly to Victoria Park, as well as the current gravel path skirting the boundary between Victoria Park and the application site are being maintained for public use and will be upgraded with new tarmac surfaces as part of this proposal. The path cutting through the site adjacent the car parking spaces will be raised to provide a 100mm high kerb safeguard between the path and car parking.

### Community Centre & Neighbouring Area

In addition to the 35 parking spaces for the use of residents, there are 16 parking spaces provided solely for the use of the neighbouring community centre, replacing the existing community centre spaces which are currently within the application site. Fourteen of the proposed spaces are within the application site and two are immediately adjacent on Council owned land. All 16 spaces were originally provided within the application site. However, Transportation advised that a 2m wide pathway was required around the community centre and as a result 2 of the spaces had to be moved out with the application site to ensure this can be provided.

The community centre spaces are accessed via the existing community centre car park. We have kept each car park and associated entrances separate to avoid confusion and reduce the possibility of residents using the spaces allocated for the community centre and vice-versa.

Through consultation with planning officers Mandy Brown and Lynn Slavin we are aware of the recent wider development of the area around the community centre. These works involve the upgrade of the Sir John de Graeme fountain and pathways around the centre and Victoria Park. The dedicated car park proposed will complement these works.

The upgrade of the public paths through the site tie in with the recently completed upgrade of surrounding paths and the proposed development of the fountain, which we believe was due to begin in Autumn 2019.

Mandy Brown has also confirmed that they consulted with local councillors and the Roads Department regarding the two proposed options for the fountain area upgrade, both of which can be seen in the diagram below. The majority opted for Option 1, without the 4 parking spaces. This would suggest that there isn't an existing need for additional parking in the area immediately around the community centre as the opportunity to provide more parking was declined.



Proposed Fountain works Option 1 – Remove Parking  
By Ian White Associates Landscape Architects



Proposed Fountain Works Option 2 – Limited Parking  
By Ian White Associates Landscape Architects