

New Home, New Start, New Ways to Travel

Travel Information for Western Gate



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Introduction

This Travel Information Pack contains useful information about your travel options in and around the Western Gate area.

Getting involved with your Travel Plan has plenty of positive benefits for you including:

- ✓ Improving your fitness, health and wellbeing
- ✓ Reducing your travel costs
- ✓ Reducing your travel times
- ✓ Improving your accessibility to local services
- ✓ Making the community safer
- ✓ Improving your travel choices
- ✓ Creating a cleaner, more vibrant local community



About this travel information pack

Welcome to your new home. We are committed to promoting sustainable transport for the residents of Western Gate.

Situated to the south of Swindon town centre, Western Gate is a vibrant place to set up home. Here you'll get to enjoy all the superb facilities of Swindon, without living in the town itself, giving you the best of both worlds.

This guide provides further information on the different ways that you can travel in the area for your daily trips as well as those journeys you undertake less frequently.

A primary aim of the development is to encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling, public transport or car sharing.

Please take a few moments to read this Travel Information Pack and consider how you can choose to make more sustainable travel choices.

Walking

One of the easiest and cheapest ways to travel is to walk, particularly if your destination is within 2-kilometres of your new home. Walking is also a versatile mode of travel – there's no waiting around, no congestion and it's free!

Research shows that walking 10,000 steps a day will significantly improve your health. Putting one foot in front of the other can build stamina, burn excess calories and give you a healthier heart.

Western Gate benefits from good quality, direct and well-lit footways throughout the development. These routes connect to existing paths which provide access to the local area.

The local area around Western Gate has a range of services, facilities and amenities that can be walked to. There are also plenty of pleasant green spaces, such as the Lawns, Shaftesbury Lakes and Coate Water to explore on foot.

Check out the "Get Walking" magazine in this pack that has route maps around the area.

Useful websites

- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/walk
- www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/step-out-swindon
- www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk

Useful walking apps

- MapmyWalk
- One You Active 10 Walk Tracker
- Pedometer
- OS Maps
- Wiltshire Walks (Free to download but subscription required)



Cycling

Cycling is fast, convenient, healthy and cost-effective, and is a realistic way to travel from your new home, especially if your destination lies within 5-kilometres – a 20 minute pedal.

All of the services, facilities and amenities around this new development are available within a 10-20 minute cycle ride from the site. Swindon town centre is within a 20 minute cycle ride which provides a wider range of services, facilities and amenities including a number of employment opportunities. You can get there on cycle tracks - all off the carriageway. See the separate "Dorcan round" and "Swindon Cycle Map" in this pack.

Benefits of Cycling

- ✓ Improving wellbeing by relieving stress, improving fitness and burning calories
- ✓ Helps prevent chronic and life threatening illnesses
- ✓ Maintaining a bike for a year costs twenty times less than maintaining and driving a car
- ✓ Reducing congestion and pollution on our roads

Useful websites

- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/cycling
- www.swindoncyclecampaign.org
- www.letsride.co.uk

Bike shops in Swindon

E-motion (electric bikes)

373, Cricklade Road, SN2 1AQ

<http://e-motionevc.co.uk>

01793 251200

Mitchell Cycles

27, Shrivenham Rd, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2QA

www.mitchellcycles.co.uk

01793 523306

Swindon Cycles Superstore

60a, Beechcroft Rd, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 7QD

www.swindoncycles.co.uk

01793 700105

Recycles (refurbished bikes)

1 Spring Close, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2BF

www.recycles-swindon.co.uk

01793 401834

99 Bikes (Formerly Hargroves Cycles)

Paddington Drive, Swindon SN5 7SB

www.99bikes.co.uk

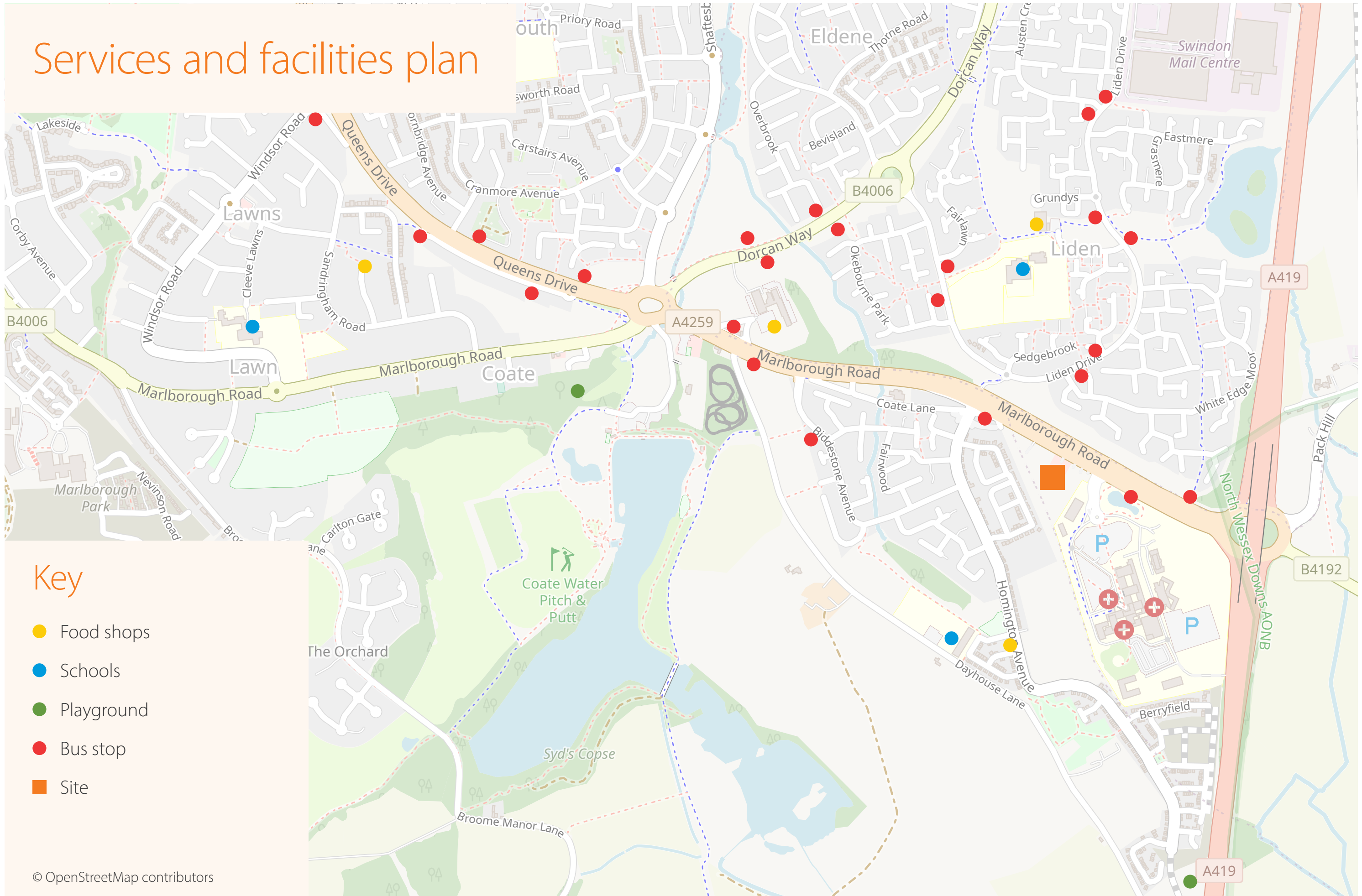
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Useful cycling apps

- Strava
- MapmyRide
- CycleStreets journey planner



Services and facilities plan



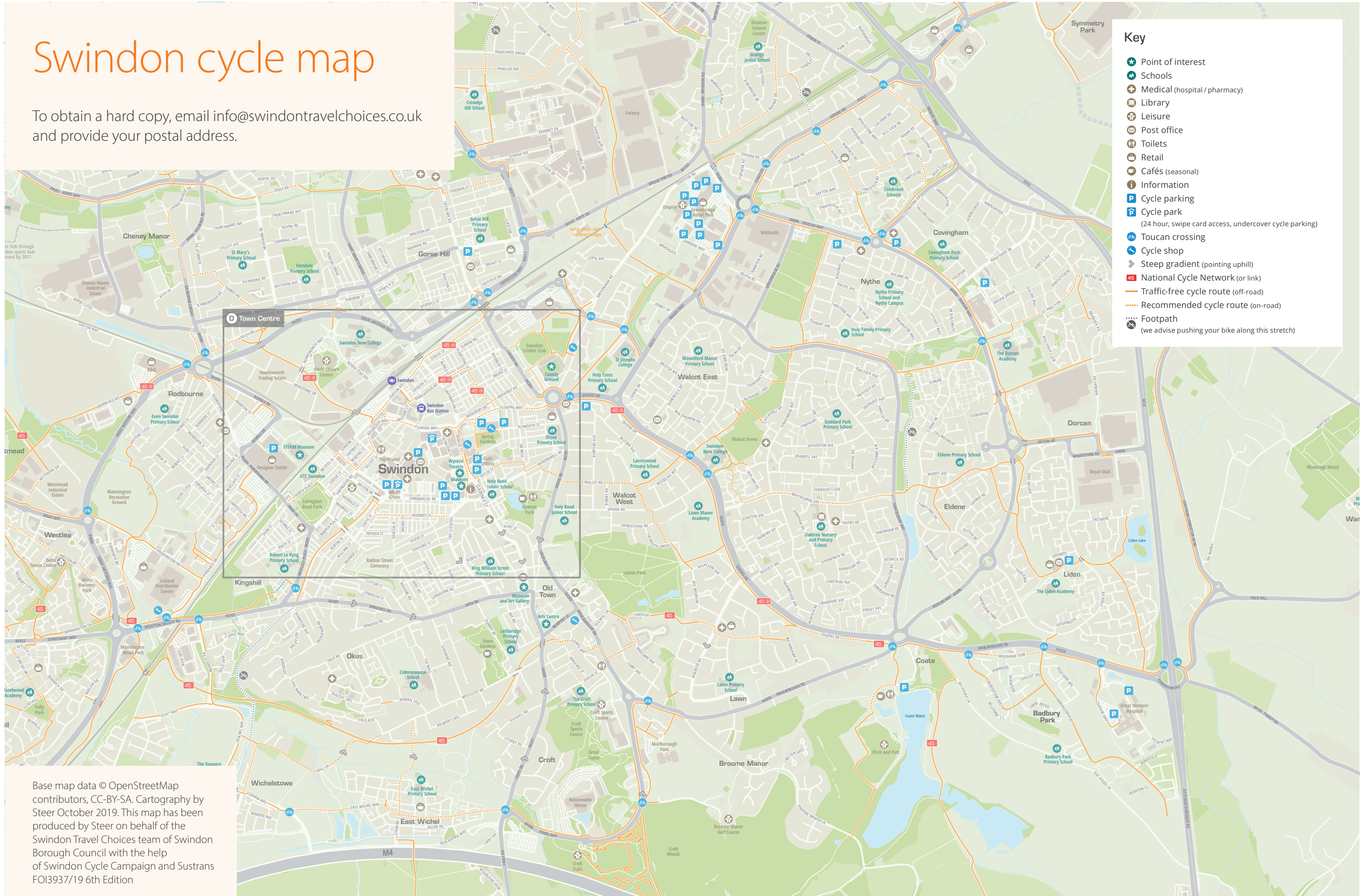
Key

- Food shops
- Schools
- Playground
- Bus stop
- Site

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Swindon cycle map

To obtain a hard copy, email info@swindontravelchoices.co.uk and provide your postal address.



Key

- Point of interest
- Schools
- Medical (hospital / pharmacy)
- Library
- Leisure
- Post office
- Toilets
- Retail
- Cafés (seasonal)
- Information
- Cycle parking
- Cycle park
(24 hour, swipe card access, undercover cycle parking)
- Toucan crossing
- Cycle shop
- Steep gradient (pointing uphill)
- National Cycle Network (or link)
- Traffic-free cycle route (off-road)
- Recommended cycle route (on-road)
- Footpath
(we advise pushing your bike along this stretch)

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Bus

You can access bus stops within a short walk of your new home. Travelling along Marlborough Road you'll find the Stagecoach services 46A, 48A and 80 and 81, which connect Swindon Town Centre to Marlborough, and many of the villages to the south of the borough.

Swindon's Bus Company runs the 1 and 1a regularly along Queens Drive, which serves West Swindon, Swindon Town Centre and the Great Western Hospital. Other services such as the 12 connect through the Lawns area and the 13 and 14 travel between Swindon Town Centre and Eldene/Dorcan.

As a guide we have provided a summary below of the available bus services and their typical frequencies.

Service	Route	Frequency	Operator
1/1a	Grange Park › Middleleaze › Westlea › Outlet Village › Swindon Town Centre › Queens Drive › Great Western Hospital	Every 10 mins Mon to Fri, Every 20 mins Sat, Every 30 mins Sun	Swindon's Bus Company
12	Oakhurst › The Orbital Shopping Park › Pinehurst › Swindon Town Centre › Old Town › Lawn › Queens Drive › Great Western Hospital	Every 30 mins Mon to Sat	Swindon's Bus Company
13/14	Swindon Town Centre › Queens Drive › Coate roundabout › Liden › Dorcan › Eldene	Every 10 mins Mon to Fri Every 15 mins Sat Every 30 mins Sun	Swindon's Bus Company
46/46a/ 48/48a	Swindon Bus Station › Queens Drive › Liddington › Marlborough (some services continue to Hungerford)	Every 70 mins (approx) Mon to Sat	Stagecoach West
80/81	Swindon Bus Station › Queens Drive › Chisledon › Marlborough (some services continue to Luggershall)	9 services per day Mon to Fri 6 services per day Sat	Stagecoach West

Please find the latest timetables and maps in this pack, or visit the websites below.

Useful websites

- www.swindonbus.co.uk
- www.stagecoachbus.com
- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey

Useful bus apps

- Swindon Bus (Tickets and real time bus tracking)
- Stagecoach Bus App (Plan journeys, buy tickets)
- Bus checker (Find bus stops and track buses)



Service number	Daytime frequency Monday-Friday
1 1A 1B	every 10 mins*
2	every 20 mins
5	every 10 mins
11 12	every 15 mins**
13 14	every 10 mins
15 16	every 30 mins
17 17A	every 10 mins
22	every 30 mins

Other services
 Limited service
 Bus operates in direction of arrow shown
 Railway line and station
 Fleming Way closed
 * Between GW Hospital and Paddington Drive
 ** Between Redhouse and Old Town

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Inner Zone

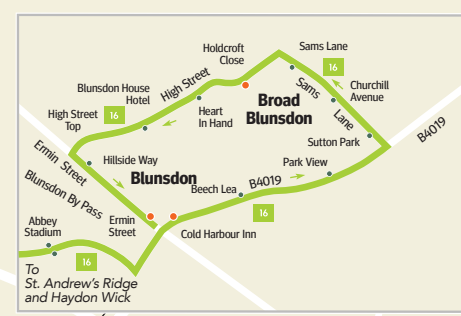
Outer Zone

Plus Zone

Zone Boundary

Outer Zone Boundary

- Blunsdon
- Stratton Park Sainsbury's
- Common Head
- Thorney Park
- Science Museum
- Spittleborough M4



Taxi

Taxis can form an important part of sustainable journeys.

Many taxis are hybrids or 'green' vehicles, which help to reduce the impact of car journeys on the environment. Utilising taxis could save you money and help to reduce your carbon footprint!

There are a number of private hire taxi operators local to the area, through which taxis can be pre-booked.

Taxi companies in Swindon

Company	Telephone	App Available
Veezu (V cars)	01793 701701	✓
Cross Street Cars	01793 232323	✓
Connect Cabs	01793 238444	
1st Call Swindon taxis	01793 205121	
Safe Taxis Swindon	01793 979277	
A1 Swindon Taxis	01793 251251	
The virtual taxi	01793 297201	
121 Swindon taxis	01793 988862	



Car sharing

Car Sharing is when two or more people travel together in the same car. Many of us already car share informally, but if you regularly make long trips in the car alone (to work, for example) it may make more sense to get another person (or two or three) in your car and help share your petrol costs.

There are many benefits to car sharing;

- ✓ Opportunity to socialise
- ✓ Reduced fuel costs
- ✓ Less wear and tear on your car
- ✓ Useful for people with mobility difficulties (door to door travel)
- ✓ Time to relax without driving stress
- ✓ Provides a solution for travelling to and from areas not served by bus
- ✓ Reduces the number of cars on the roads, resulting in less congestion, less pollution and fewer parking problems

Car Share Swindon

Over 3000 people who live or work in Swindon have registered with www.carshareswindon.com. This is an online database that matches people together based on the routes and times that people travel. It's free and easy to register and chances are, you'll find someone going your way. Even if you only share once a week, you're helping to save money.



Electric vehicles

With a rapidly expanding network of public charging points available across the region, there has never been a better time to make the switch to electric vehicles.

To check out your nearest public charging points and the wider network, plus help with selecting the right car and calculating your cost savings, visit:
www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/electric-vehicles/



Shopping

With online shopping you can do your shop from the comfort of your own home and have it delivered at a time to suit you from as little as a £1 delivery charge. Or you can collect from the store when you're out and about anyway, so no need for a specific shopping trip.

The supermarket websites now allow you to save favourites, so putting your weekly shop into the virtual basket is just a few clicks!

Benefits

- ✓ Save time, someone else is picking your items from the shelves
- ✓ Reduce stress, no trolley wars with other shoppers
- ✓ The groceries are dropped at your door

Useful websites

- Sainsburys www.sainsburys.co.uk/shop/gb/groceries
- Morrisons <https://groceries.morrisons.com/>
- Tesco www.tesco.com/groceries/
- Asda <https://groceries.asda.com/>
- Waitrose www.waitrose.com/ecom/shop/browse/groceries
- Ocado www.ocado.com/webshop/startWebshop.do

Offers for residents of Western Gate

Try the bus for free

To help you get to know the bus network around the area, each household is entitled to claim free travel on the bus. This can be for an adult, teenager or child, and can be taken as a full week, or several "day rider" tickets. Please note your voucher is valid only for your household. Simply complete the form at www.swindontravelchoices.org.uk/newdevelopments to apply.

Borrow a Bike scheme

Fancy trying out a bike to see whether you'd want to purchase one afterwards? As part of our offer to new residents, bikes can be loaned for up to 6 weeks for a small deposit. There are a variety of bikes available, including electric and folding bikes. See the leaflet inside this pack for more details and simply complete the form at www.swindontravelchoices.org.uk/newdevelopments to apply.

Try the train for free

To help you get to know the rail network around Swindon, each household is entitled to claim free travel on GWR. This can be for commuting or leisure and gives you £20 towards your journey. Please note your voucher is valid only for your household. Simply complete the form at <https://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/newdevelopments/> to apply.



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