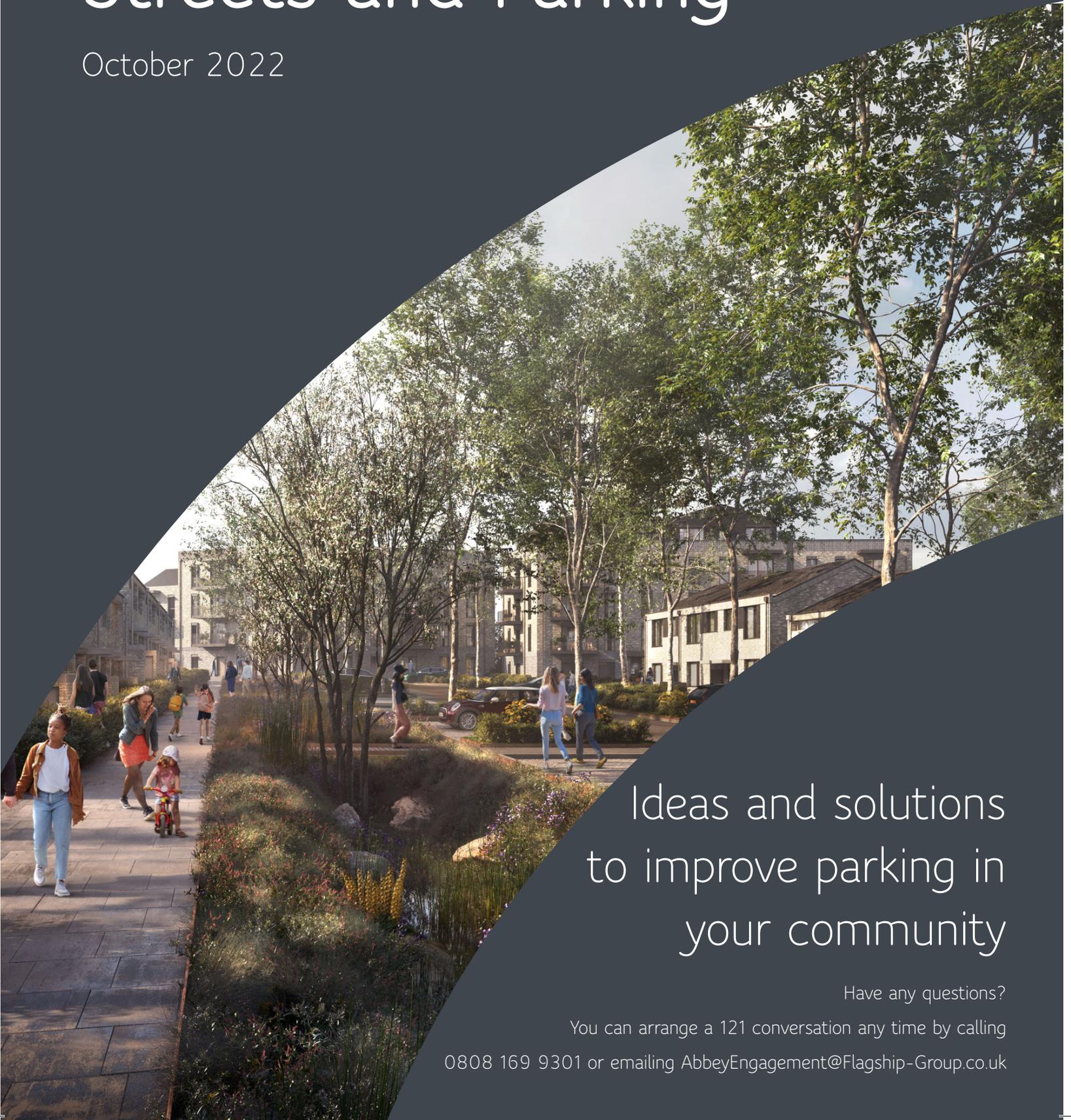


The Abbey



Streets and Parking

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Ideas and solutions
to improve parking in
your community

Have any questions?

You can arrange a 121 conversation any time by calling

0808 169 9301 or emailing AbbeyEngagement@Flagship-Group.co.uk

What you told us

Throughout our conversations and in the feedback you have given us, you have shared your thoughts with us about parking on the Abbey. We know that parking is a priority for you.

During the consultation, the majority of you told us that you would like to see parking improved on your streets. And, you've told us that being able to park closely and safely near your home is important to you.

You have also shared your concerns about parking, and in particular, the impact that new homes might have on the amount of parking available.

Here are some of the things you told us:

"Parking should be improved to make it easier for residents to park safely"

"Parking is a major concern"

"I'm concerned about parking for the older people"

"I am still concerned that parking will be a problem, but the design of the new garage courts looks nice"

"Parking should be seen directly from my house - I don't want to park my car away from my house."

"We need improved parking to park safely. This may also stop people arguing for parking in the future."

"Where am I going to be able to park my car for electric charging?"

"What we need is more parking outside our properties"

"Not enough parking. Where will people park?"

"Garages can be knocked down and better used as car parking."

"We should stop people parking anywhere. Parking needs to be kept to a specific area that is well designed."

What we've found out

As it's such a priority for the community, we've been carrying out work to understand more about parking on the Abbey. This has included research to see what parking there is on the Abbey, and what is needed.

We have found out that there are approximately **2400 on-street and off-street parking spaces** in your community - but **only one third of these** are currently being used. We also know that **there is less than one car per home on average** across the estate. This means that some households have more than two cars, but many have none at all.

We also found out that cars are being parked incorrectly across the estate - on green verges, and in front and opposite garages. The reason for this is because people want to park closer to their home.

What our work has shown us is that the problem with parking on the Abbey isn't down to the number of spaces but rather how cars are being parked.

Over the next few pages, we're going to share some solutions that will improve parking for the community.



What you can expect

We want to offer as many parking spaces as we can and, at the same time, provide all of the other things that you told us you would like to see in your community.

Here's what you can expect around parking:

- ✓ Parking will be close to the front of your home, and where possible you will be able to see it from your home.
- ✓ There will be a variety of different types of parking, including on-street parking, parking on a private drive, parking in housing courts or parking in secure courtyards.
- ✓ The number of car parking spaces you get will depend on the size of your home.
- ✓ We will provide visitor parking spaces.
- ✓ We will provide spaces with electric charging points, as we move towards more sustainable travel.
- ✓ There will be more controlled parking across the estate.
- ✓ Whatever we offer around parking will be in line with the current Breckland District Council and Norfolk County Council parking policy and standards.

Parking solutions for the Abbey

We will be able to offer several types of parking across the Abbey which – together with other things like planting, seating, and space for play – will improve your streets.

On these pages, we've set out some of the types of parking you'll see across the Abbey.



Secure parking courtyard



Parking within secure courtyards to be used by residents of the surrounding homes

Private driveways



Clearly defined driveways with buffer planting in front of houses

Parallel on street parking



Parking along the road, similar to on the Abbey today, with trees to break up long runs of spaces



Perpendicular on street parking



Spaces at 90 degrees to the road with trees and planting between or alongside groups of spaces

Shared parking court



Parking area shared by those who live on the street who have additional cars, or for visitors

Existing garage



Parking on the driveway in front of the garage, as it can be seen on the estate today

Getting around the Abbey

As well as improving parking, we have a wide range of ideas that will make it easier to get around the Abbey in future. These ideas will also help to benefit the environment, and will allow people to be more active – which is good for a healthy lifestyle and for physical and mental wellbeing.

Car club schemes

A car club allows people to hire locally parked cars for a short amount of time. We could provide car club spaces in the Abbey so you can get around flexibly, and at a cheaper rate compared to owning a car.



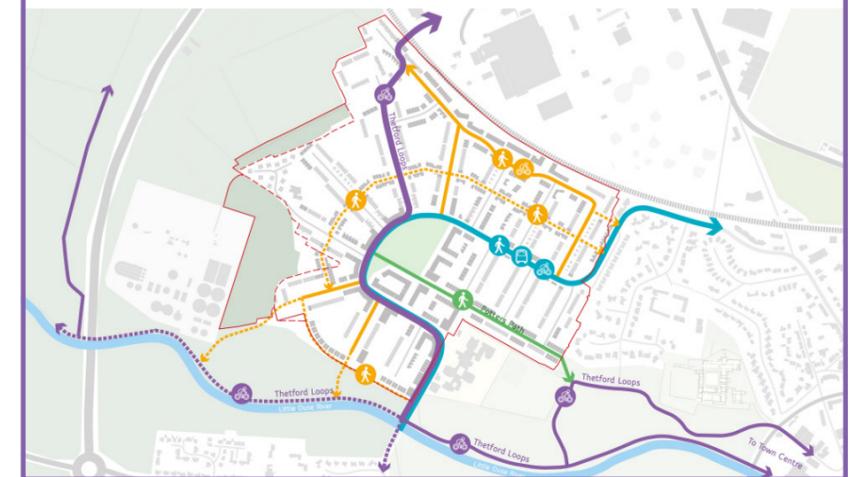
Nicer, greener streets

The existing streets will be landscaped, with new trees and planting. This will improve the look and feel of the street. Clear footpaths will make it easier for pedestrians to walk around the Abbey, and greener streets will help to make a difference for the environment.



An improved cycle network

Improving the 'Thetford Loop' that runs through The Abbey with a dedicated cycle lane. All new and existing streets will fit into the wider footpath and cycle network, making getting around the Abbey and town easier.



E-scooter, e-bike and cargo bike hire schemes

We could provide e-scooter and e-bike hire on the Abbey to give you more ways to get around.



Improved bus shelters

Improving bus stops with a covered shelter and seating so that getting the bus is easier and more appealing.



Electric charging points

If you have an electric car now or get one in the future, you will be able to charge your car in your community. Electric charging points are really important as we expect there to be much more demand for this type of transport in the years to come.





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