

Information for Visitors

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As part of the Councils commitment to reducing the impact of its operations and services on the local environment and air quality a 'Motor Vehicle No Idling Policy' been introduced. In July 2019 the Council declared a Climate Emergency and has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Road transport is the main source of air pollution within Colchester. By switching off our engines when stationary we can improve air quality and reduce unnecessary pollution.

Health effects of air pollution are wide ranging. These include asthma, respiratory disease, coronary heart disease, stroke and lung cancer. In addition, vulnerable groups are especially susceptible to the effects of air pollution and include the elderly, children, and people with underlying heart and lung conditions or diseases.

When on Council premises visitors are asked to switch off their engine when stationary. For example, when parked, loading or unloading or taking a rest break in a vehicle. Please also consider switching off wherever possible throughout Colchester.

Visitors are asked to use sustainable transport where possible when visiting us. Many of our sites have good train or bus service links and secure cycle storage. Please speak to your contact about sustainable travel options or see the links below.

Council premises include, Rowan House, Shrub End Depot, Leisure World, Town Hall, [Car Parks](#), Parks and Gardens, Green Spaces and Sports Grounds.

Council staff and contactors have also been asked to switch off their vehicles engines when they are stationary on Council sites. More for more information about the policy or a copy of the full Motor Vehicle No Idling Policy search 'No Idling Policy' on the [Council Website](#).

Sustainable Travel Links

Cycling maps are available from Cycle Colchester
<https://www.cyclecolchester.co.uk/cycle-network/>.

Bus timetables and Routes
<http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/> or <http://www.essexbus.info/map.html>.

Train Timetables and Routes
<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>.

*Idling is when a vehicles engine has been left running when stationary.