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Leicester station's bike park 'could be best in East Midlands'

Plans for a £600,000 cycle park at Leicester station could make it the best in the East Midlands, campaigners say.

At a meeting with East Midlands Trains, cyclists from the Leicester Cycling Campaign Group and others were given a tour of the station's underground former parcel yard, which is to be transformed into a cycle park holding more than 300 bikes. The plans for the park include:

- 'Swipe card' entry into the park on payment of a one-off administration fee of £10
- Free access to the park 24 hours a day
- Installing CCTV for security
- A range of cycle parking options in the park so that all kinds of bikes can be left securely and safely
- A bicycle repairs and spares shop to be available during office hours

Eric Ludlow, LCCG spokesperson, welcomed the proposals, saying:

'The plans put forward by East Midlands Trains are genuinely imaginative, and have the potential to make the new park the best in the East Midlands. We appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the project at such an early stage and look forward to working with EMT as plans develop.'

The project, which is funded by a government grant of £600,000 is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

LCCG is an independent pressure group formed to improve conditions for cyclists in and around Leicester. Improving cycling infrastructure means that more

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people will cycle for work and pleasure, leading to fewer cars, less congestion and a safer environment for all.

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