

Cars take up over a third of the space in Scottish cities

Scotland's Futures Forum has done some research in Glasgow and Dundee to find out how much space is dedicated to private vehicles. They have then compared this to other forms of transport.

They find that roads and car parking take up more than a third of space in two of Scotland's largest cities.

The analysis shows that roads, car parks and on-street parking account for between 34.5 per cent and 41 per cent of space in the cities.

CoMoUK is a charity which promotes the environmental, economic, health and social benefits of shared transport such as car clubs.



Lorna Finlayson

Lorna Finlayson, Scotland director of CoMoUK, said: "This research shows that we give up a lavish amount of space in our cities for largely inactive cars.

"We use them on average just 3-to-4 per cent of the time, and even at the busiest peak no more than 15 per cent of cars are being used.

"However, each car club vehicle in Scotland takes 14 private cars off the road and reduces the need for private car parking spaces, leading to better designed towns and cities with more space for cycling and walking.

"We need to take bolder action now to make sure that our

streets are designed for people instead of cars.”

CoMoUK is a charity that promotes the environmental, economic, health and social benefits of shared transport for the public good. More information here: <https://como.org.uk/>