

## Things to consider

As a parklet sits on the public carriageway there are a number of factors that need to be considered in order to ensure both the success of the parklet and the safety of those using it.

### Design

Parklets should be no larger than 5 x 2ms with the maximum width defined by the width of the adjacent parking space.

Particular attention should be paid to the ends, corners and edges of your Parklet and the Enjoy team strongly encourages the following elements be included in designs to ensure the safety of users.

### Carriageway edge

Vertical elements and barriers placed on the side next to the carriageway that deter people from entering the road from the parklet.

### Ends and corners

Clear delineation and where possible heavy and or sturdy fixtures used to demarcate the edges of the parklet. Inclusion of reflective elements to increase visibility.

### Features

Planters are a great example of a parklet feature that has both public realm improvement benefits as well as practical safety applications. Click on some of the example designs on the previous page to see what's possible. Are we going to pay for these where needed.

Make sure to use materials that are; weather resistant, sturdy, durable and recycled/reusable where possible. All walking surfaces should be non-slip and weather resistant to ensure safety.

### Accessibility

Parklets should be welcoming and comfortable for all members of the public. Consider how people will approach, get on and off and use your parklet.

### Ongoing maintenance

Consider how the parklet will be kept clean and maintained. Possibly you need to make provisions for litter if people will be spending time there, e.g. if you are installing seating.

Consider the potential for anti-social behaviour when thinking about your design. If you know of current anti-social behaviour in the area think about how this can be reduced and mitigated with your Parklet design.

### Construction

Parklets should be designed in such a way that they can be safely and easily dismantled and moved in the event of a change in circumstances i.e. road works. Therefore, think about the use of materials and how you will maintain the Parklet throughout the allocated duration period.

Fabrication of a base if so included, needs careful consideration. Avoiding trip hazards, allowing for water runoff and ensuring a level surface are just some of the considerations to be made. The designs and considerations for this will need to be submitted in the first stage of your application. The Council may come back with suggestions or changes that will need to be implemented to meet standards.

### **What not to do**

- Anything that blocks the pavement or causes a trip hazard. Either the Parklet does not have any flooring, so that people must step down the curb into the space or the flooring has to be a specific distance from curb line and not be higher or lower than curb height.
- Use materials that could be blown away or into the road
- Block the flow of water along the kerb edge or block/cover any drains
- Obstruct utilities and other major works access points
- Permanently mark, disfigure or attach something physically to the highway
- Propose anything that requires electricity
- Propose anything that could be considered commercial activity or provide a financial benefit to the applicant
- Propose designs that involve soil resting on the road – all soil must be contained and must be capable of being moved if necessary