

Cyclopark, Gravesend. DA11 7NP

Cyclopark is a purpose built multi-activity centre in Gravesend, Kent. It was formed in 2011 — 2012 as a result of the relocation of the A2 — the site runs parallel to the A2 route from Pepperhill to Marling Cross. The site offers traffic-free road circuits, mountain bike trails, BMX track, childrens' Cycloland and a skate park alongside a play area, gym and fitness classes. Cyclopark is run by the Cyclopark charity on a multi-year agreement with KCC. Cyclopark aims to provide “have-a-go” and taught ride, fitness and play activities for all ages and abilities priced in a community-orientated way, focused on affordability. This ranges from competitive racing to adaptive cycling.



Photo of the front entrance of Cyclopark. Photo September 2025.



With the number and range of users to Cyclopark, the spaces have been outgrown. The existing spaces are currently (Summer 2026) being reorganised to cater for the evolving needs. This includes a new cycle hire facility, of which construction has begun as part of approved application 20251142. Having reorganised some of the internal spaces, Cyclopark are in need of a space that can be used as a classroom for small group health and well being events. This application proposes a modular classroom building that is to be positioned on the existing tarmac, giving Cyclopark that additional small space for group activities.



The modular unit is smaller in height than the existing buildings — similar in height to the containers used as the cycle hire on the opposite side of the tarmac. It's position has been chosen to be easy to find from the main entrance way — it's only accessible during normal Cyclopark opening hours. The dark grey colour will blend the classroom in with the existing buildings.

Photo of the multi use tarmac space, gym and workshop at Cyclopark. Photo August 2025.

Habitat Enhancement

The Cyclopark site as a whole is a large site (approximately 114 acres) with a lot of grassland, hedgerow and maturing trees. Having been developed in 2012, the landscape is still quite young. Cyclopark was created when the original route of the A2 was moved — much of the site is made up land which has been landscaped alongside the original topography for the creation of the track route. The Cyclopark site has an ongoing care and maintenance strategy that revolves around managing the grass and trees to create the safe and usable routes for cycles and pedestrians. The verges are trimmed to keep the paths and crossings clear for pedestrians and the trees and hedges trimmed to keep the mountain bike route clear of obstructions for riders. Much of the grass around the bike track is cut short across the summer months to cater for events and in the Autumn and Winter, the land is managed to create routes for the Cyclo-cross season.

The area proposed for the classroom is currently tarmac. The tarmac will remain as is and the modular building will sit directly on it.

A substantial biodiversity enhancement plan has been submitted as part of application 20251142. This includes nesting boxes, solitary bee habitat, hedgehog boxes, a log pile and a hibernaculum. It is proposed that two additional solitary bee units are installed within the area of existing mixed habitat, bringing the total to five. The location has been identified on drawing 140, proposed site plan.