

Cork City Council
Car sharing feasibility study

Car Sharing at University College Cork

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Introduction

- ♦ What is car sharing?
- ♦ Feasibility study
- ♦ What would you like to happen next?

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What is car sharing?

- ♦ Access to a car without the hassle of owning one
- ♦ Book for as little as one hour
- ♦ Car located near home or work
- ♦Pay-as-you-go: hours + kms
- ♦ Successful elsewhere in UK, rest of Europe and N. America

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Using the car: quick & easy

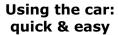
♦ Book

- ❖On the Internet
- By telephone
- ❖In the car

♦ Unlock

- Designated parking bays on-street or off-street
- Smartcard releases central locking

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♦ Drive

- ❖Enter PIN & drive
 ❖Return & sign off
- ♦ Pay
 - ❖Fuel card
 - ❖Tariff: all costs included
 - ❖Monthly invoice
 - ❖Direct debit

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Signing up

♦ Membership:

- ❖Join on-line
- ❖Authorisation:
 - -driver
 - -insurance (excess
- ❖Payment method
- ❖Welcome Pack
 - -Smartcard
 - -Handbook (the rules)
 - -Membership + PIN numbers

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Why car share?

♦ For the convenience

- ❖NCT, Motor Tax...
- ...maintenance, repairs.
- ❖...parking space...all done for you

♦To save money & gain flexibility

- Pay-as-you-go makes other travel options affordable and practical
- Chance to get rid of second car

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Find out more today & tell us your views

♦ Car sharing club:

- ❖Demonstration car available
- Equipped with smartcard reader and in-car security communication device

♦Survey:

- ❖Complete today with our staff
- ❖Complete on-line visit:

www.ratransport.co.uk/news5.html

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Benefits of car sharing

♦UK survey 2006

- \$1,800 active car sharing club members surveyed on-line
- ❖788 (44%) responded
- 326 would have bought car or additional household car
- ❖367 fewer cars thanks to car sharing
- ❖Use car less, use all modes of transport

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Benefits of car sharing club at UCC

- ♦ Car sharing club cars:
 - ❖For staff use on UCC business
 - Reducing need to bring car to work
 - For personal use, staff or students
- ♦ Reduces parking pressure
- ♦ Saves everyone money
- ♦ Commuter Plan success

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Making sustainable living practical

- ♦ Today's scenario:
 - ❖Fossil-fuel dependency
 - ❖Adverse impacts on climate (CO₂)
 - Congestion, community severance, unpleasant places to live or visit
- **♦**To change our behaviour:
 - ❖Need sustainable travel choices
 - ❖Car sharing club part of tool-kit

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It's already happening elsewhere

- **♦** Switzerland
 - ❖ Mobility Carsharing
- **♦ Netherlands**
 - ❖E.g. Greenwheels
- **♦UK**
 - ❖E.g. Brighton, Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Norwich, Portsmouth

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Mobil.punkt in Bremen

- ♦ Holistic approach to the promotion of sustainable travel
- ♦ Car sharing stations
 - ❖Car sharing
 - ♦Cycle park
 - ❖Bus stop
 - ❖ Mobility information





Mobil.punkt in Bremen

- ♦ Impact of two Mobil.punkt stations
 - 30% of private carsharing members have replaced their own car with membership of carsharing club
 - ❖55% of private carsharing members have not purchased a car due to their membership of carsharing club
 - 21% of corporate carsharing members have replaced their car
 67% of corporate carsharing members have
 - not purchased a car

 •95 cars have been replaced

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About Cork Car Sharing Feasibility Study

- **♦ Cork City Council**
 - ❖Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP)
 - Integrated transport strategy
- ♦ Feasibility study commissioned
 - ❖RATC Ltd. & Mendes Ltd.
 - ❖Involved in car sharing since '95
 - Q: How/where might car sharing work in Cork?

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Market for car sharing

♦ Matrix of desirable attributes:

- Population/housing density
- ❖Parking availability
- ❖Household income levels
- ❖Public transport availability/quality
- Services
- ❖Community activities
- ❖Potential business users
- ♦ New development





What happens next?

♦ Determine feasibility in Cork

- ❖Identify promising locations
- ❖Options for delivery of the service
- ❖Resources required
- ❖Conference to discuss proposals
- ❖Report to Project Group, led by Traffic Division, Cork City Council

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