

## CAR-BREAKING AREA, SMALL HEATH (AREA 2)

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No sign posts point to districts like this, nor are they outlined on any maps. However, most cities will have such an area, but maybe not as distinct or concentrated as this part of Small Heath. Almost every premises in the Parliament Street, Jenkins Street, Herbert Road and Camelot Way is occupied by independent motor dealers and mechanics, whilst the surrounding streets are residential and commercial with healthcare and educational facilities that are plagued with issues of parking and the overspill of detritus from the district.

Dead cars come here to be resurrected, painted, modified and tuned (although maybe with a different chassis and registration number than that with which they were previously laid to rest). Most of the businesses here are totally legitimate and serve those of us that do not want to use main dealers: a graphited BMW insignia on a door is no guarantee that the company has much contact with Bavaria.

We need such districts but most of us would prefer to ignore their existence as the council chooses to do as they turn a blind eye to street cleaning and fly tipping in the area. It is not the best of places to wonder about with taking photos. You will be confronted.

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