

OUTCOME OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Cycle Hangar Minor Order
PROPOSAL:	To designate the 20 locations identified as cycle parking places
SCHEME REF No:	23- 016
REPORT AUTHOR:	Tom Gaze, Principal Engineer - Active Travel

1. **DELEGATION**

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY**

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under section 61 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

	An order which has one or more of the effects described in Part I of Schedule 4 and no other effect.	
	An order which is made under section 61 of the 1984 Act and under no other provision.	
	An order which relates solely to one or more parking places provided by means of stands or racks for bicycles pursuant to section 63 of the 1984 Act.	X

3. **PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 We plan to install 20 cycle hangars as part of our phase two cycle hangar pilot. To make an order to designate the following locations as parking places for cycles.

	SITE ID	Site name	Location Description
1	2301	Grove Street	Outside 12 Grove Street
2	2302	Railway Place (Alt. Dorchester Street)	South side of Railway Place in parking bay
3	2304	Camden Road A	North side of road opposite 6 Belgrave Place, Camden Road
4	2306	Portland Place	South side of road near 20 Portland Place
5	2307	Cleveland place	On wide footway on north side of the road.
6	2311	Henry Street	North side of street outside 2-4 Henry Street
7	2315	Walcot Street	Outside 112 Ladymead House
8	2317	Vane Street (alt. Great Pulteney Street)	South side of road next to 6 Vane Street
9	2318	Lansdown Place West (Alt. All Saints Road)	On north side of Lansdown Place West, in junction of Somerset Place and Somerset Lane
10	2319	Park Place (alt. to Park Street)	On south side of Park Place opposite 10 Park Street
11	2320	Upper Church Street (alt. to St James's Square)	On west side of road opposite Rivers Street

12	2323	South Parade (alt. to Duke Street)	On south side of South Parade near Taxi rank
13	2324	Henrietta Mews	On north side of the road near to the park entrance
14	2327	Catharine Place	On south side of the road outside The Cottage, Catherine Place
15	2330	Archway street	On east side of the road outside car park
16	2336	Lime Grove	On east side of road outside 2 Lime Grove
17	2337	Sydney Mews (alt. to Sydney Place)	On west side of Sydney Mews opposite Sydney Lodge
18	2347	Grosvenor Place	On south side of Grosvenor Place outside Grosvenor House
19	2355	The St, Radstock	On south side of road outside Radstock Community Hub
20	2356	Carpenters Lane, Keynsham	Opposite Stuart Court

4. **BACKGROUND**

A consultation asking for the public's suggestions for locations of cycle hangars closed on 13 March 2023 receiving 110 responses. Officers have analysed the data to identify high-priority locations for the funding.

The provision of cycle hangars will enable those who have demonstrated a need, living in some of the more deprived areas of B&NES, as well as prioritising children and disabled people, to begin cycling or to cycle more, increasing access to services and opportunities, as well as improving health and wellbeing. A report on the consultation findings can be found in Appendix A.

B&NES officers from Highways, Planning, Film Office, Emergency Planning, World Heritage, Active Travel and Regeneration teams were consulted for information and comments on the proposed cycle hangar locations.

We have reviewed the comments and changes have been made to mitigate the impact identified where possible for example by selecting an alternative position on a street or alternative nearby street. However, where no further feasible alternative has been found with a reasonable distance of the original request, we propose to proceed with the suggested sites to meet the objectives of the project on the basis that the benefits of the proposed hangars outweigh any harm caused by replacing a car parking space with a cycle hangar.

The locations of the proposed sites are shown in Appendix B. The hangars are a small metal shelter with a locked door that will store up to six cycles. The locking mechanism can be key operated or operated by a mobile app. An example of the hangars phase one of the project can be seen below:



Figure 1 Existing cycle hangars in Bath

The plans show the location of the hangar in the context of the street and is not an exact representation of the space taken up by the hangar. The actual dimension of a hangar is 2,425mm long x 2,020mm wide.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

The total budget for the project is estimated at £163,500 approved through an officer delegated decision on 1/03/2023. The project is funded from the Transforming Cities Fund awarded to WECA and allocated to this project via a change request.

6. INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

Informal consultation was carried out with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Transport.

7. COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Chief Constable

Thank you for your email and attachments regarding the proposed locations for Bike Hangars within the Bath and North East Somerset Council area, as shown.

It is understood from the attached that Bath and North East Somerset Council propose to install 20 cycle hangars as part of a two phase cycle hangar pilot, and to make a Traffic Regulation Order to designate the named locations (above) as parking places for cycles.

It is also understood that “A consultation asking for the public’s suggestions for locations of cycle hangars closed on 13 March 2023 receiving 110 responses. Officers have analysed the data to identify high-priority locations for the funding. The provision of cycle hangars will enable those who have demonstrated a need, living in some of the more deprived areas of B&NES, as well as prioritising children and disabled people, to begin cycling or to cycle more, increasing access to services and opportunities, as well as improving health and wellbeing. A report on the consultation findings can be found in Appendix A.

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The proposals should meet the aspirations behind their introduction.

Parking Services

No comment.

Ward Members

Bathavon North:

Cllr Kevin Guy – No comment.

Cllr Sarah Warren – No comment.

Bathavon South:

Cllr Fiona Gourley – No comment.

Cllr Matt McCabe – No comment.

Bathwick:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

Cllr Toby Simon – I am content with these proposals.

Combe Down:

Cllr Onkar Saini – No comment.

Cllr Bharat Ramji Nathoo Pankhania – No comment.

Keynsham East:

Cllr Hal McFie – We have proposed a cycle hanger on the ground opposite the Snapdragon Nursery south of the A4. This would be used by cyclists who want to catch the frequent X39 service to Bath or Bristol. They would also use the Air decker to catch buses to Bath.

Response: The location on the A4 has been assessed but we feel it would be better dealt with by other B&NES transport projects which are aimed at improving the interchange between cycling and public transport. The location would also need some additional works to create a suitable hardstanding which is not within the scope of this project. An alternative location in Keynsham Town centre has been identified at Carpenters Lane.

Cllr Andy Wait – It's a good spot for Keynsham's **only cycle hanger** of this type. I can think of a lot more places where they would be welcome in the town. I hope that this isn't the last TRO of this type.

Keynsham North:

Cllr Alex Beaumont – No comment.

Cllr George Leach – No comment.

Keynsham South:

Cllr David Biddleston – No comment.

Cllr Alan Hale – No comment.

Keynsham Town Council – No comment.

Kingsmead:

Cllr Paul Roper – No comment.

Cllr George Tomlin – No comment.

Lambridge:

Cllr Saskia Heijltjes – Could you please clarify whether the proposed location for the Cleveland Place hangar is the same spot as the current Sheffield stand, or will it be next to them?

Could you please clarify whether the proposed location for the bike hangar on Upper Church Street is on the pavement?

1. Offering secure on-street cycle storage will enable some individuals and families to take up cycling and is therefore a welcome addition to Bath and Northeast Somerset.
2. Secure cycle storage space at home or work will be the main factor for not cycling for certain segments of the population, but not for many.
3. The report states "The assessment aims to prioritise residents who are reliant on cycling as a mode of transport, with a particular emphasis on the following groups:
 - 1- People on low income or live in deprived areas
 - 2- Parents with children
 - 3- People with a disability"

Most suggested cycle hangar locations are in the central wards of Bathwick, Kingsmead and Walcot. The proposal for five cycle hangars in Bathwick Ward seems very high, seen two are already in place from the first phase of this project.

According to latest Census data, 61.7% of households in Bathwick is not deprived in any dimension, compared to 54.1% of households in Bath and Northeast Somerset.

There would be seven bike hangars in Bathwick ward while Lambridge ward and many other wards are getting none, with many people on low income or living in deprived areas missing out on this opportunity.

4. 10 out of 101 respondents said they would like to park a non-standard bicycle, but no non-standard cycle hangars are being suggested. 9 out of those 10 responses were for cargo bikes or a tandem. Families are therefore missing out on the opportunity to safely store a cargo bike or tandem to carry children, while the report stated that a particular emphasis was on parents with children.
5. It is welcomed that many suggested cycle hangar locations are on the road, instead of on the pavement. We would suggest placing all cycle hangars on the public highway by default, instead of suggesting placement on the pavement.

Response: In answer to the first question, the cycle hangar on Cleveland Place is proposed to be next to the current Sheffield stands, not replacing them.

Regarding the proposed location for the bike hangar on Upper Church Street, it is in an existing car parking bay, not on the pavement.

Thank you for your feedback on the distribution of proposed cycle hangars. Lessons learnt can feed into any further phases of delivery if funding allows. I can confirm that our approach is to site cycle hangars in parking bays in the carriageway by default, and not on pavements. It is only by exception that any have been proposed on the pavement.

Excellent to hear about placement on carriageway by default. Could you please tell me why an exception was made for the one on Cleveland Place?

Response: The location at Cleveland Place was proposed for the following reasons:

- *Advice from our cycle hangar feasibility study is not to put hangars in the carriageway on roads that are 'A' class highway with 30mph speed limit without further assessment.*

- *The pavement in this location is approximately 7m wide. Which is enough space to accommodate a cycle hangar 2.2m and retain approximately 4.8m width for pedestrians.*
- *The requests from the public specifically suggested the hangar to be placed on the pavement in this location.*

Cllr Joanna Wright – Please can I second all that Saskia has written for the TRO on bike hangers.

Lansdown:

Cllr Mark Elliott – No comment.

Cllr Lucy Hodge – No comment.

Moorlands:

Cllr Jess David – No comment.

Newbridge:

Cllr Michelle O’Doherty – No comment.

Cllr Samantha Kelly – No comment.

Odd Down:

Cllr Steve Hedges – No comment.

Cllr Joel Hirst – No comment.

Oldfield Park:

Cllr Ian Halsall – I would be keen to pilot placing bike hangers where WECA and B&NES funding would permit in Oldfield Park ward which is a densely populated area with many students in the community and close to the city centre and Two Tunnels Greenway.

In discussion with Cllr Shaun Stephenson McGall who until May was the councillor for Oldfield Park, we would like to conder the future feasibility of locating hangers in the following locations:

- Canterbury Road on the junction with Shaftesbury Road outside the Memorial Garden and close to Moorland Road;
- Oldfield Lane close to the Moorfields Inn which is a location proposed to be one of the districts Liveable Neighbourhood areas; and
- Second Avenue at the junction with King Edward Road;

I hope these can be investigated and considered at a later stage.

Response: We recommend that the feasibility of these locations is considered if funding permits further phases of installation.

Radstock:

Cllr Chris Dando – No comment.

Cllr Lesley Mansell – No comment.

Radstock Town Council – No comment.

Southdown:

Cllr Paul Crossley – No comment.

Cllr Dine Romero – No comment.

Twerton:

Cllr Tim Ball – No comment.

Cllr Sarah Moore – No comment.

Walcot:

Cllr Oli Henman – No comment.

Cllr John Leach – No comment.

Westmorelands:

Cllr June Player – No comment.

Cllr Colin Blackburn – No comment.

Weston:

Cllr Malcolm Treby – No comment.

Cllr Ruth Malloy – No comment.

Widcombe & Lyncombe:

Cllr Deborah Collins – We have received several objections to the siting of the cycle hangar on Lime Grove. This is very close to a T junction which is used by delivery vehicles. We have observed that although there is residents parking here, the road is quite narrow and difficult to negotiate. Residents have suggested moving the site of the hangar to just past the junction between Lime Grove and Pulteney Gardens, to the start of the parking spaces there where the road is wider, and this site does look safer.

If it is not possible to move the site, we would prefer the site at Pulteney Gardens to be prioritised. We note that this appears on the Lime Grove map but is not listed as a site in the TRO. We have some concerns that the exact siting may be a bit close to the junction with Pulteney Road, and that it may be safer for visibility if it were

slightly further away from the junction, but this would seem a better alternative site than Lime Grove.

Response: The proposed location at Lime Grove is within an existing resident's parking bay. As the cycle hangar has similar dimensions to a small car the impact on the junction both in terms of visibility and space will be no greater than the vehicle it will be replacing. We do note residents doubts about the potential demand on Lime Grove, however, we did receive two requests for a cycle hangar on this street through our public consultation. We also received requests for Pulteney Gardens which is very nearby.

It is not possible to move the site past the junction between Lime Grove and Pulteney Gardens due to the gradient of the road at this location. To respond to the resident's and ward member's feedback we will replace the Lime Grove site with a site that has been assessed as feasible outside 27 Pulteney Gardens. Again, this site would be within an existing parking bay and will have no greater impact on the junction both in terms of visibility and space than the vehicle it will be replacing. The alternative location on Pulteney Gardens (outside 27 Pulteney Gardens) as shown below should be added and sealed in the Order.



Cllr Alison Born – Same as above.

Cabinet Member:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No comment.

8. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minor Order as advertised is adjusted as described below and sealed.



Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

Date: 11th July 2023

9. **DECISION**

As the Officer holding the above delegation, I have decided that the objections / comments be acceded to in part and the following adjustments, being of minor significance; be included in the Order to be sealed.

Specify minor amendment to Order here: To respond to the resident's and ward member's feedback we will replace the Lime Grove site with a site that has been assessed as feasible outside 27 Pulteney Gardens. Again, this site would be within an existing parking bay and will have no greater impact on the junction both in terms of visibility and space than the vehicle it will be replacing.

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

The Council's policy framework has been used as the basis to develop the scheme with full engagement with stakeholders across the area.

I further note that the issue of deciding whether to implement any scheme is a matter of broad judgement, taking into account the wider transport and climate aims of the Council rather than a purely mathematical analysis on the numbers of positive or negative responses.

The arguments both for and against the scheme were clearly identified and were considered fully as part of the decision-making process before I made the final decision as set out above.



Chris Major
Director for Place Management

Date: 11/07/23