

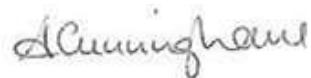
Report for: Record of Decision Taken Under Delegated Authority

Item number:

Title: Bikehangar Installation: Dickenson Road, flank wall of 28  
Briston Grove, N8

Report

Authorised by: Head of Highways and Parking:



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Investment:



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Ward(s) affected: Crouch End

Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision: Non key decision

## **1.0 Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 To report on the feedback of statutory consultation carried out from 07 October to 28 October 2020, for a proposal to introduce a Bikehanger on Dickenson Road, flank wall of 28 Briston Grove, N8.
- 1.2 To request approval to proceed to implementation, having taken objections into consideration.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Head of Highways and Parking, Cabinet Member for Transformation and Public Realm Investment: -
- 2.2 Approves the making of the Traffic Order to introduce a Bikehanger on Dickenson Road, flank wall of 28 Briston Grove, N8.

## **3.0 Reasons for decision**

- 3.1 This facility has been consulted upon following requests from Dickenson Road residents.

## **4.0 Alternative options considered**

- 4.1 None.

## **5.0 Background Information**

- 5.1 Encouraging more people to cycle is a vital part of Haringey Council's plan to tackle congestion, improve air quality, promote physical activity and improve accessibility. The Council is committed to the promotion of cycling as a serious form of transport. As the number of people who cycle increases, we recognise the need for safe and secure parking.
- 5.2 Following numerous requests from Dickenson Road residents, the Council proposes to install a Bikehanger on Dickenson Road, flank wall of 28 Briston Grove, N8.
- 5.3 The Bikehanger is a communal bike locker that stores six bicycles and only occupies half a car parking space. It is easy to open with a self-lifting door; the steel design protects bicycles from vandalism and wet weather.
- 5.4 The Bikehanger is manufactured by Cyclehoop, which is a firm of award-winning designers and architects specialising in producing innovative indoor and outdoor cycle parking infrastructure.
- 5.5 Local residents can currently rent a space inside a Bikehanger at a reduced rate of £36 per annum (normal price £72) with a £25 key deposit, which is

presently subsidised by the council, subject to review/change. Cyclehoops will be managing and maintaining the Bikehangar once installed, subject to review/change.

## 6.0 Consultation

- 6.1 Ward Councillors were informed about the proposal on the 23 September 2020.
- 6.2 Notification documents were distributed to residents in the vicinity of the proposal on the 07 October 2020. A copy of the statutory notification document is shown in Appendix A.
- 6.3 Legal Notices were placed on street at the location where the Bikehangar is proposed. A copy of the legal notice is shown in Appendix B.

## 7.0 Responses to Consultation

- 7.1 The council received a total of 3 responses during the statutory notification period. 2 in support and 1 objection.

### 7.1.1 *Objection – Proposed Location is dangerous*

*‘My worry is that the proposed bike rack will create a blind spot in a crossing location that is used by unaccompanied young children entering and exiting St Gilda's Primary School main gate less than thirty metres away. At these times of day, a large number of cars park or double park and unaccompanied children run out to their parents' cars’.*

*‘I am raising this issue because I personally witnessed a frightening incident where a car had to make an emergency stop when a child stepped out behind a similar bike rack at the junction of Highcroft Road and Ashley road in Islington. Unlike a parked vehicle, these bike racks have no visibility either through windows or beneath the wheels, which makes it particularly hard for drivers to see kids, and doubly so at a junction where a driver is distracted by other hazards such as oncoming traffic’.*

*‘I do not have any fundamental objection to the installation of a bike rack. But I do feel that a safety first approach should be taken and that anyone considering this application needs to ask the following question:*

*Why place a cycle rack at a junction thirty metres from a primary school, when it can easily be located across the street, or even just a few metres further from the junction?’*

## Council Response

The exact position in which a Bikehanger is located is based on a site assessment which is conducted by the Project Engineer and agreed with Cyclehoop; this assessment takes the surrounding environment into consideration, which included the school on this occasion. It should be noted that vehicles are currently permitted to park at this location, and therefore the introduction of the Bikehanger in place of a vehicle will not impact negatively on the existing traffic situation.

The side panels of a Bikehanger are made from a galvanised steel see through material, therefore motorists are able to see a pedestrian and vice versa. Nevertheless, we will monitor the ongoing operation and safety of the Bikehanger once installed.

### 8.0 Contribution to strategic outcomes

8.1 This project will improve cycling facilities in the area and thus encourage cycle usage.

### 9.0 Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance Equalities

#### 9.1 Comments of the Head of Legal Services

9.1.1 N/A

#### 9.2 Chief Finance Officer Comments

9.2.1 The cost to supply and install the Bikehanger can be contained within the existing budget funded from Transport for London LIP allocation.

#### 9.3 Equal Opportunities

9.3.1 The consultation documents were distributed to all households / businesses within the agreed consultation area to ensure that all stakeholders were made aware of the **Council's** proposals.

#### 9.4 Staff Side Comments

9.4.1 N/A

#### 9.5 Summary and Response

9.5.1 After considering the statutory consultation results and noting that there was 1 objection, detailed in 7.1.1, the Council has concluded that no alterations should be made to the proposed scheme. The Bikehanger will reduce vehicle

parking by half a space but will allow six bicycles to park safely, which will help to promote the use of more sustainable forms of transport.

## 10.0 Use of Appendices

- Appendix A – Statutory consultation document
- Appendix B - Legal Notice

## 11.0 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1 N/A