

Report for: Cabinet Member Signing

Title: Bikehangar Installation: Connaught Gardens, flank wall of 72 Woodland Gardens, N10

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Ward(s) affected: Muswell Hill

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision:** Non-key

1 Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 To report on the feedback of statutory consultation carried out from 3 February to 24 February 2021, for a proposal to introduce a Bikehangar on Connaught Gardens, on the road surface adjacent to the flank wall of 72 Woodland Gardens, N10.
- 1.2 To request approval to proceed to implementation, having taken objections into consideration.

2 Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1 N/A

3 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency approves the implementation of a Bikehangar on Connaught Gardens, on the road surface adjacent to the flank wall of 72 Woodland Gardens, N10.

4 Reasons for decisions

- 4.1 The proposals meet local demand from residents and helps deliver the Transport Strategy through promotion of sustainable mode of transport.

5 Alternative options considered

- 5.1 None.

6 Background Information

- 6.1 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, there is a recognised need for safe and secure parking.
- 6.2 The 'Bikehangar' (a brand name) 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, manufactured by Cyclehoop, protects bicycles from vandalism and wet weather.
- 6.4 Local residents can currently rent a space inside a Bikehangar at a reduced rate of £36 per annum (normal price £72) with a £25 key deposit, which is presently subsidised by the Council. Cyclehoop manage and maintain the Bikehangar once it is installed.
- 6.5 Following requests from local residents, Connaught Gardens was shortlisted to receive a Bikehangar. Statutory consultation documents relating to the proposal to install a Bikehangar on Connaught Gardens, on the road surface adjacent to the flank wall of 72 Woodland Gardens were initially distributed to properties in the vicinity, in October 2020. However, there was an error with the Public Notice, which incorrectly stated that the Council was proposing to install a Bikehangar opposite number 13 Connaught Gardens.
- 6.6 In view of this error, the Council repeated the statutory consultation exercise, to make it clear to the local community that the proposal was to install the Bikehangar on Connaught Gardens, on the road surface adjacent to the flank wall of 72 Woodland Gardens.
- 6.7 Ward Councillors were informed about the proposal on 22 January 2021, with the notice of proposals advertised in the Enfield and Haringey Independent Newspaper and the London Gazette on 03 February 2021 for a period of 21 days, allowing objections to be received during this period. Residents in the vicinity of the proposal were notified. A copy of the statutory notification document is shown in Appendix A.
- 6.8 Legal Notices were placed on the street at the location where the Bikehangar is proposed. A copy of the legal notice is shown in Appendix B.
- 6.9 The Council received one response during the statutory consultation period, objecting to the proposal.
- 6.9.1 *Objection – Proposed Location is dangerous*

A resident objected to the proposed location for the Bikehangar citing two reasons, firstly due to parking pressure due to a lack of parking on Connaught Gardens, near the junction with Woodland Gardens. Secondly it would block the entrance door to the property which is rear of 72 Woodland Gardens. The resident requested the Council consider relocating it further south on Connaught Gardens, where there are two flank walls without street access.

Council Response

The Bikehangar will be located away from the front door of the property which is the rear of 72 Woodland Gardens but faces Connaught Gardens. The location for this Bikehangar was selected as it is not directly outside a property, whilst still being overlooked by properties, which provides natural surveillance.

The proposed Bikehangar will reduce vehicle parking by only half a space but will allow six bicycles to park safely, which will help promote the use of a more sustainable form of transport.

7 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1 It is important that the Council has safe, green travel to prevent the borough's roads from being overrun by cars and to support active travel, which is the ambition of the Council as laid out in its [Borough Plan](#) and [Transport Strategy](#). Bikehangar installations will support the objectives set out in these documents as well as the wider initiatives to improve air quality and support the health of residents as per the council's [Climate Change Action Plan](#).
- 7.2 This project will improve cycling parking facilities in the area and thus encourage cycle usage.

Statutory Officers' comments

8 Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

- 8.1 This report requests Cabinet Member approval for the making of a TMO and installation of a Bikehanger, outlined in section 3.
- a. The supply and installation cost is £3.6k and will be funded by NCIL (NCIL399_AA.20).
 - b. This will be treated as Capital expenditure and become part the Council's asset register.

9 Comments of the Head of Legal Services and Governance

- 9.1 Bikehangars can be installed without the need for planning permission by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 12, Class A (a) of the General Permitted Development Order.
- 9.2 The Highways Act 1980 permits local authorities to place objects or structures on a highway for the purposes of providing a service for the benefit of the public or a section of the public.
- 9.3 The Council has the power under section 63 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to provide parking places for securing bicycles without prior notification or the need for a traffic order.
- 9.4 It is the view of legal services that what is being proposed and recommended within this report is in accordance with the law, as set out in this section.

10 Equalities Comments

- 10.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

10.2 The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

10.3 The proposal is to provide a Bikehangar which will securely accommodate parking for up to 6 bicycles. The Bikehangar is 2.5m in length which is roughly half of a parking space if one was marked on the carriageway, which in this location it is not as the road is not under any parking controls. This loss in potential parking space by a motor vehicle is considered negligible but will be a positive step towards improved air quality as it will allow up to 6 bicycles to be parked securely. Officers consider this to have negligible impact on any protected groups.

11 **Use of Appendices**

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