

Bikehangars – Camden Cycling Campaign’s response to consultation on 19 locations, December 2015.

This response to the consultation on the proposal to install bikehangars at 19 locations across the borough is from Camden Cycling Campaign, the local borough group of London Cycling Campaign (LCC). We have approximately 500 members and represent the interests of cyclists living or working in the borough of Camden.

We had previously invited our members to let us know whether they needed a bikehangar, and received nearly 100 responses from people living on almost 60 streets; we passed this list to Camden in February 2015 and we are pleased to see that many of these streets are included in the list of locations currently being considered by Camden.

We firmly support the installation of bikehangars to provide secure weather-proof on-street parking for people with bicycles who do not have a secure, easily-accessible place to keep them. Our only regret is that it seems to have taken Camden a long time to progress this project and even now, the proposal being consulted on includes only 29 bikehangars in 19 locations; even if all of these are approved, this is far below the numbers installed in Lambeth and Hackney.

While we recognise that the criteria stipulated by Camden in the consultation are intended to prioritise those without a car or car-owners who would be prepared to give up their parking permit, some of our members have reported to us that they need a car for work but also use a bicycle for other trips, and feel this requirement is unduly restrictive. We hope that in allocating spaces in bikehangars, Camden officers will be willing to relax this criterion in the interests of achieving full occupancy of a hangar.

We have some concerns that, since only two of the 19 locations were publicised on the web, the information may not have reached all people with bicycles living in the area; some of our members did not receive information through the post, perhaps because they lived in neighbouring streets which were regarded as too far from the proposed location.

We are confident that as more bikehangars appear on the streets, the demand for them will increase, and hope that Camden will be able to continue to meet this demand.

We support this proposal and look forward to seeing them installed before too long.

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