

PLACE



Officer Decision pursuant to Scheme of Delegation, Part 8

Tony Singh
Chief Highway Engineer

Pursuant to Sections 6, 122 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(The "Act")

Spring 2023 Bike Hanger Scheme

Reference Number: ORD 4401

Objection period: 09/08/2023 – 31/08/2023

Background

Ealing Council proposed to implement a number of Bike Hangers (covered and lockable bike storage lockers) in various locations within the borough to help provide residents a safe storage location for their bicycles on the publicly adopted highway.

A Traffic Management Order (TMO) formal consultation and notice of proposals was published on the Council website, in the Ealing Gazette and London Gazette and erected on posts/lamp columns at the proposed locations on 9 August 2023 for 21 days.

Summary of comments, objections and the council's response

We received 28 responses to the notice of proposals 25 of which were objections. A summary of the issues raised, is as follows along with the Council's responses to them.

Cambourne Road

Objection:

- parking pressure on the road is already high
- there is no demand on this road for a bike hangar

Officer's Response

- Ealing council understands there is parking pressure on these roads. however, the installation of bike hangars is in response to very high demand for safe cycle storage across the borough. the council are following the principle that providing six residents with cycle parking is a greater resident benefit than retaining parking space for one car. the installation of bike hangars is in line with Ealing's commitment to zero carbon emissions and supporting residents to cycle
- this location has been chosen to serve requests from the immediate vicinity

Mount Avenue

Objection:

- this location is unsuitable for a bike hangar
- the hangar would attract anti-social behaviour to the area and a general increase in crime
- the hangar would offer no benefit to the community

Officer's Response:

- this location has been chosen to serve requests for secure parking from the immediate vicinity
- the hangar regularly is maintained by Cyclehoop
- there has been no evidence that hangars increase crime or anti-social behaviour in the area

Sunnyside Road

Objection:

- the bike hangar would increase crime in the area
- there is no demand in the area as people already have space on private property to store bikes
- this is a narrow road which would be further impeded by the bike hangars presence
- there is significant parking pressure on the road
- the bike hangar is a hub for anti-social behaviours and vandalism

Officer's Response:

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 - this location has been chosen to serve requests for secure parking from the immediate vicinity.
 - the hangar regularly is maintained by Cyclehoop.
 - there has been no evidence that hangars increase crime or anti-social behaviour in the area.
- hangar will be placed in a parking bay and therefore will not impact road or pavement space

Waldeck Road

Objection:

- this will create a large amount of noise from people going in and out of the hangar
- the bike hangar is an eyesore which will impact the local area
- parking pressure is already significant on the road

Officer's Response:

- bike hangar doors are quieter than typical noises in residential areas like the closing of car doors and passing vehicles. the hangars will be at the same distance from houses as any parked car and are typically used by residents commuting to and from work, who leave and return at around the same times as car users
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- hangar will be placed in a parking bay and therefore will not impact road or pavement space nor does it impede views more than a car

Legal implications

The council has powers to implement on street waiting restrictions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (including sections 6, 9, 122, and 124 in particular).

The relevant procedures are set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

In exercising these powers, section 122(1) of the Act imposes a duty on the council to have regard (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2) to securing the 'expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway'. Subsection (2) also includes 'the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises and 'any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.

Concluding statements of officer

Officers have duly considered all comments and suggestions.

I have considered the comments and objections on the proposals and on the basis of the Council's powers and duties outlined above, I am satisfied that the decision to proceed with the implementation of the parking controls is correct subject to the variation to the restrictions south of the Noon entrance.

On this basis I authorise the implementation of the scheme and the making of the Ealing (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Special Parking Area) (Amendment No. **) Order 2023

Service: Highways

Name: Tony Singh

Designation: Chief highway engineer

Signature:

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