

## **Officer Decision pursuant to Scheme of Delegation, Part 8**

Tony Singh  
Chief Highways 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 4406/HVR

Objection period: 27 September 2023 - 18 October 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 or lamp columns at the proposed locations on 9 August 2023 for 21 days.

### **Summary of comments, objections and the council's response**

We received 52 responses to the notice of proposals, of which all 52 were objections. A summary of the issues raised is as follows, along with the Council's responses to them.

## **Havelock Road**

### **Objection:**

- No demand for a bike hangar
- Buildings have storage rooms
- Parking pressure

### **Officer's Response**

- Hangar will not be installed. We will revisit the location in the future to address demand.
- Cycle storage was unknown when the location was identified.
- Ealing council understands there is parking pressure on these roads. however, this is not deemed reason enough not to install a bike hangar. 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. The council will continue to monitor requests and demand for a bike hangar in this location.

## **Harrow View Road**

### **Objection:**

- Location
- Parking pressure
- Response rate of local consultation
- Eyesore
- Concerns about security
- Narrow road

### **Officer's Response**

- Ealing council understands there is parking pressure on these roads. however, the installations of bike hangars are in response to extremely high demand in the area. We have received 11 requests from the surrounding roads, while the nearest hangar to Harrow View Road is full and has 13 residents on the waiting list. 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. The council will continue to monitor requests and demand for a bike hangar in this location.
- The bike hangar sits in a parking bay and therefore does not affect passing traffic
- The bike hangar can only be accessed with a key, which is only held by residents who have purchased one of the six places in the hangar. Cyclehoop hangars are accredited with the highest level of security, and as a result we have had very few reports of bike theft from the hangars. We have consulted our Community Safety Team who have reported that there is no correlation between the installation of bike hangars and an increase in crime at these sites, in Ealing.

## **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**

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Signature:

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