

### **Bike Hangars - Local Consultation Results**

Ealing Council are installing bike hangars in autumn and winter 2024 as part of our commitment to deliver at least 150 hangars by 2026. The installation of bike hangars across the borough is in line with Ealing's commitment to zero carbon emissions and encouraging residents to cycle. Cycling is incredibly beneficial to our mental and physical wellbeing and can reduce the risk of a number of health conditions. Evidence from other London boroughs shows that the installation of bike hangars increases the uptake of cycling, and in time this reduces overall motor traffic and the need for car parking space in the future.

This batch of hangars is planned for Central Greenford, North Hanwell, Northolt Mandeville, Northolt West End, Perivale & Southall West wards. A local consultation took place in July 2024, with a letter delivered to each household to allow residents living near the proposed bike hangar location to share their views. We have considered the responses alongside the number of requests received in each location.

If a location was deemed suitable for a bike hangar, we will now proceed with a Traffic Management Order. This is a legal document, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which regulates the use of highways for movement and parking. A Traffic Management Order involves a 21-day statutory consultation, advertised on lamp-posts on the street, which will then fully consider any objections before a decision is made on installing the hangar.

As part of the Travel In Ealing Charter, which was adopted in June 2023, we affirmed that we will not treat engagement exercises as though they are referendums. Local consultations allow us to collate responses from residents and understand their views. All objections are noted and this report addresses all issues raised by residents. We remain committed to following the evidence and underlying principles for our schemes, and we do not base decisions solely on questions requiring simple yes/no answers. We are responding to very high demand for safe cycle storage across Ealing, and are following the principle that providing six residents with cycle parking is a greater resident benefit than retaining parking space for one car.

This report outlines the feedback from residents and the resulting decision by Ealing Council for each proposed location. You can click the road name to skip to the relevant page:

Court Farm Road Gifford Gardens Ingram Way Lancaster Road Wicket Road Yeading Lane

## **Location: Court Farm Road**

Number of responses: 1

Number of households that received a letter: 41

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 3 from the vicinity

Response rate: 2.4%

Response

Yes - support installation: 0 No - oppose installation: 1

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Court Farm Road

# Summary of responses received from residents:

- location is in a conservation area
- the bike hangar does not fit in aesthetically to the area

### Response from council:

The hangar will likely replace a parked car, as it is proposed in a parking zone. The bike hangar does not present a material difference to the aesthetics of the proposed location over a parked vehicle.

As a council we are keen to remove some of the barriers residents face when wanting to cycle, and access to secure cycle storage is one of them. We are hoping to encourage more trips in the borough to be made by cycling.

As we have had requests from the area and have received limited objections, Ealing Council will proceed to the Traffic Management Order. This is a 21-day statutory consultation, which will then fully consider any objections before a decision is made on installing the hangar.

### **Location: Gifford Gardens**

Number of responses: 2

Number of households that received a letter: 57

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 1 from the vicinity

Response rate: 3.5%

Response

Yes - support installation: 0 No - oppose installation: 1

Neutral/other location suggested: 1

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Gifford Gardens

# Summary of responses received from residents:

We received two responses against the hangar. Both responses have asked the council to consider another location and cited that it is on a bus route and were concerned about the narrow passage for the bus to operate.

Parking concerns were raised and a perceived lack of demand in the area.

## Response from council:

As a council we are keen to remove some of the barriers residents face when wanting to cycle, and access to secure cycle storage is one of them. We are hoping to encourage more trips in the borough to be made by cycling rather than by car. Alongside other cycling measures, we are aiming to reduce the need for some residents to own or use a car, thereby freeing up parking space in the longer term. We understand that there is parking pressure on your road; however, the installation of secure cycle parking, which allows six residents to park their bikes in the same space occupied by half of a car parking space, will benefit more residents and encourage more people to start cycling.

As pictured in the consultation letter, the bike hangar would be placed on the carriageway and would occupy the same space as a car, and therefore would not be an issue for the operation of the bus. The hangar opens inwards, onto the footway, to access the bicycles.

# **Location: Ingram Way**

Number of responses

Number of households that received a letter

Number of requests for a bike hangar

Response rate

Response: Yes - support installation Response: No - oppose installation

Response: Neutral/other location suggested

Response information	Number or percentage of responses
Number of responses	2
Number of households that received a	38
letter	
Number of requests for a bike hangar	2 from the vicinity
Response rate	5.3%
Response: Yes - support installation	0
Response: No - oppose installation	0
Response: Neutral/other location	2
suggested	

**Outcome:** Proceed to Traffic Management Order on Ingram Way

**Summary of responses received from residents:** Both responses have stated that they would like to see the bike hangar relocated to a different area. It was stated that there were concerns about the need for a bike hangar in this area as most of the houses have garages or dedicated bike storage. Both the responses expressed concerns about congestion on the road that the bike hangar will exacerbate. One response mentioned parking.

Response from council: As a council we are keen to remove some of the barriers residents face when wanting to cycle, and access to secure cycle storage is one of them. We are hoping to encourage more trips in the borough to be made by cycling rather than by car. Alongside other cycling measures, we are aiming to reduce the need for some residents to own or use a car, thereby freeing up parking space in the longer term. We understand that there is parking pressure on your road; however, the installation of secure cycle parking, which allows six residents to park their bikes in the same space occupied by half of a car parking space, will benefit more residents and encourage more people to start cycling.

Ingram Way has had two requests in the vicinity, and therefore we are keen to install the hangar to meet this demand in the area.

As pictured in the consultation letter, the bike hangar would be placed on the carriageway and would occupy the same space as a parked car.

Therefore, it should not exacerbate congestion.

# **Location: Ingram Way**

## **Location: Lancaster Road**

Number of responses

Number of households that received a letter

Number of requests for a bike hangar

Response rate

Response: Yes - support installation Response: No - oppose installation

Response: Neutral/other location suggested

Response information	Number or percentage of responses
Number of responses	1
Number of households that received a	47
letter	
Number of requests for a bike hangar	1 from the vicinity
Response rate	2.1%
Response: Yes - support installation	0
Response: No - oppose installation	0
Response: Neutral/other location suggested	1

Outcome: Proceed to Traffic Management Order on Lancaster Road.

# Summary of responses received from residents:

We received one response which noted that they were in support of the bike hangar but not as the current location. The reasons stated were due to the traffic congestion at the end of the road. An alternative location was suggested nearby.

#### Response from council:

The bike hangar will be placed in a car parking bay and therefore will not impact current congestion levels. The response also noted that the new micromobility bays have already been damaged by passing cars. The bike hangar will also serve to protect this bay.

### **Location: Wicket Road**

Number of responses

Number of households that received a letter

Number of requests for a bike hangar

Response rate

Response: Yes - support installation Response: No - oppose installation

Response: Neutral/other location suggested

Response information	Number or percentage of responses
Number of responses	1
Number of households that received a letter	64
Number of requests for a bike hangar	1
Response rate	1.6%
Response: Yes - support installation	0
Response: No - oppose installation	1
Response: Neutral/other location suggested	0

Outcome Proceed to Traffic Management Order on Wicket Road

### Summary of responses received from residents:

The one response was opposed to the bike hangar on Wicket Road due to the parking pressure.

Response from council: As a council we are keen to remove some of the barriers residents face when wanting to cycle, and access to secure cycle storage is one of them. We are hoping to encourage more trips in the borough to be made by cycling rather than by car. Alongside other cycling measures, we are aiming to reduce the need for some residents to own or use a car, thereby freeing up parking space in the longer term. We understand that there is parking pressure on your road; however, the installation of secure cycle parking, which allows six residents to park their bikes in the same space occupied by half of a car parking space, will benefit more residents and encourage more people to start cycling.

# **Location: Yeading Lane**

Number of responses

Number of households that received a letter

Number of requests for a bike hangar

Response rate

Response: Yes - support installation Response: No - oppose installation

Response: Neutral/other location suggested

Response information	Number or percentage of responses
Number of responses	0
Number of households that received a	54
letter	
Number of requests for a bike hangar	0
Response rate	0
Response: Yes - support installation	0
Response: No - oppose installation	0
Response: Neutral/other location suggested	0

Outcome Do not proceed with Traffic Management Order

Summary of responses received from residents: N/A

### Response from council:

As a council we are keen to remove some of the barriers residents face when wanting to cycle, and access to secure cycle storage is one of them. We are hoping to encourage more trips in the borough to be made by cycling rather than by car.

We have not received any requests from the immediate area and have received no responses to the local consultation. Therefore, although we will keep this location in mind should local residents request a bike hangar in future, we will not proceed to Traffic Management Order at this stage.