

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 Ealing Common, Ealing Broadway, Northfield, Pitshanger and Walpole. A local consultation took place in August 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:

Balmoral Gardens
Beaconsfield road
Broughton Road
Ealing Park Gardens
Eaton Rise
Fordhook Avenue
Montpelier Road
Rosemount Road
Warwick Road
Weymouth Avenue

Location: Balmoral Gardens

Number of responses: 4

Number of households that received a letter: 32

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 4 nearby

Response rate: 12.5%

Responses

Yes - support installation: 1

No - oppose installation: 3

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: the residents opposed mostly mentioned that the area does not appear to meet the criteria for needing a bike hangar. One resident refuted the noted benefits of cycling, focusing on no discernible positive mental impact. One resident was in full support of the location and initiative.

Response from council: the bike hangar location has been chosen as it is the central point of the 4 requests within the vicinity. This location will help to provide cycle storage for residents in this area. Ealing Council is keen to ensure bike hangars are provided across all areas of the borough, in order to meet resident demand.

[British Cycling](#) notes several ways in which cycling can improve mental wellbeing including a report from The British Medical Journal that shows it is proven to reduce stress.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Balmoral Gardens.

Location: Beaconsfield Road

Number of responses: 5

Number of households that received a letter: 68

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 6 nearby

Response rate: 7.4%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 1

No - oppose installation: 0

Neutral/other location suggested: 4

Summary of responses received from residents: all residents including the one who responded to support the installation mentioned concerns with how narrow the road was here. An extension to the double yellow line opposite the proposed site was proposed to ensure continued easy access Ealing Court Mansions.

Response from council: the council has conducted more checks to the site. The council will extend the double yellow line on Beaconsfield Road opposite the bike hangar site.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Beaconsfield Road.

Location: Broughton Road

Number of responses: 4

Number of households that received a letter: 148

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 6 in vicinity and 6 people on waiting list for current hangar

Response rate: 2.7%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 0

No - oppose installation: 4

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: all responses objected to the installation of the bike hangar. The residents mentioned: the location is not suitable, suggesting other locations; the bike hangar is an eyesore to the area; and parking pressure on the road. There was also a comment that the previous bike hangar was not consulted on and that there is no need for another.

Response from council: 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.

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.

A consultation was carried out for the first hangar in November 2023, and can be found online [here](#). The bike hangar is now fully occupied and has 6 people on the waiting list, which is enough to fill a second hangar.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Broughton Road.

Location: Ealing Park Gardens

Number of responses: 5

Number of households that received a letter: 64

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 7 nearby

Response rate: 7.8%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 2

No - oppose installation: 3

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: two responses were in strong support for the scheme. One of these mentioned that there should be more initiatives to encourage cycling. Residents objecting to the proposal mainly mentioned a perceived lack of need in this particular area, stating that they didn't think any residents would use the bike hangar. One mentioned the lack of financial contributions that cyclists make to the area and that spaces are free.

Response from council: the objections focused on the perceived lack of need. There are 7 requests in the immediate area and residents have responded to the consultation stating that they would like a space if the installation moved forward. A space in the hangar currently costs £8.40 per year.

Sustrans, the national charity helping make cycling easier, shows that there is a 67p benefit to society for every mile cycled rather than driven. See their post on this, [here](#).

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Ealing Park Gardens.

Location: Eaton Rise

Number of responses: 4

Number of households that received a letter: 108

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 3

Response rate: 3.7%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 0

No - oppose installation: 4

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: all residents have objected to the placement of the bike hangar. It is noted that congestion may cause this to be a dangerous location including the active bus route. It is also noted that the placement of this hangar is outside Eaton Court, which residents have informed the council has its own cycle storage. Residents have suggested a new location.

Response from council: the council has conducted further checks on the site. The bike hangar will be placed in a parking bay and poses no additional safety concerns. While we appreciate highlighting that Eaton Court has cycle parking, we have requests from other residents on Eaton Rise and will look to install to meet this demand.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Eaton Rise.

Location: Fordhook Avenue

Number of responses: 1

Number of households that received a letter: 83

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 9

Response rate: 1.2%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 1

No - oppose installation: 0

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: the resident was in support of the installation, however noted that it may increase friction between delivery vehicles.

Response from council: the location of the hangar is to be placed in a 'stop and shop' parking bay. The bike hangar occupies the same space as a parked car therefore should not impede road use.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Fordhook Avenue.

Location: Montpelier Road

Number of responses: 2

Number of households that received a letter: 69

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 4

Response rate: 2.9%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 1

No - oppose installation: 0

Neutral/other location suggested: 1

Summary of responses received from residents: two residents responded. One expressed support and one was opposed to this location based on concerns about congestion and cars turning in and out of Montpelier court and Goldcrest Mews. The new location was across the road to avoid visibility issues.

Response from council: the council will re-review the location, however the hangar is placed in an existing parking bay and therefore will not affect visibility more than a parked car.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Montpelier Road.

Location: Rosemount Road

Number of responses: 1

Number of households that received a letter: 63

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 11

Response rate: 1.6%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 0

No - oppose installation: 1

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: the response cited parking pressure and lack of need.

Response from council: 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.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Rosemount Road.

Location: Warwick Road

Number of responses: 5

Number of households that received a letter: 49

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 4

Response rate: 10.2%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 0

No - oppose installation: 5

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: all responses objected to the bike hangar being placed in this location. Most of the objections specifically identified the lack of need in this particular location. A few responses mentioned parking pressure and another the aesthetics as it is a conservation area.

Response from council: 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.

This proposal directly responds to 4 requests for a bike hangar in this area.

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.

Outcome: proceed to Traffic Management Order on Warwick Road.

Location: Weymouth Avenue

Number of responses: 6

Number of households that received a letter: 40

Number of requests for a bike hangar: 2

Response rate: 15%

Responses:

Yes - support installation: 2

No - oppose installation: 4

Neutral/other location suggested: 0

Summary of responses received from residents: two residents are supportive of the location. Residents opposed state that this is not a suitable location as the bike hangar will not be needed and there is already a hangar close by. One resident remarked about the general use and requirement of bike hangars across the borough. Residents also have disability access concerns where parking outside their home is necessary.

Response from council: the council has received requests from Weymouth Avenue and the surrounding roads. The bike hangar on Temple Road is fully occupied and has 20 people on the waiting list, showing the high demand in this area. For the overall borough 97% of spaces are occupied, and 100% of bike hangars are full in Northfield ward.

The council has investigated the accessibility issues, as we understand that for some people cars and parking directly outside their property are requirements.

Outcome: the council will move the bay to outside 37 Weymouth Avenue to avoid accessibility conflicts. The council will continue to Traffic Management Order at this location.