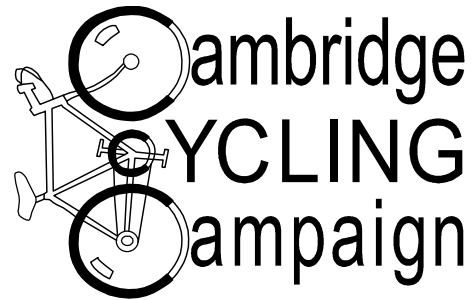


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Dear Councillor,

Cycle parking in Cambridge City centre

As you will be aware, Cambridge Cycling Campaign has long advocated increases in cycle parking in and around the Cambridge area.

Benefits

Cycle parking is one example of a 'quick win' which the Council could achieve, with a number of benefits including:

- Theft reduction
- Increased convenience
- More efficient use of space – around 10 cycles can be accommodated in the same space as one car parking space
- Reduced clutter of bicycles strewn wherever space can be found, benefiting pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

The installation of new parking outside St Catharine's College is an excellent example of what can be done, with obvious benefits at little cost.

Creation of a new annual target for new cycle parking spaces

We were disappointed that the recent City Centre Review did not adequately address the severe lack of cycle parking in the City area. Although space is clearly limited, areas of space do exist and could have cycle racks installed.

We would like to see the adoption of a (potentially politically popular) target of, say, 100 new secure cycle parking spaces in Cambridge (including the historic core) each year for the foreseeable future, in order to focus minds on the task. A rolling programme of new spaces would lead to real and visible improvements.

Would you and your colleagues support the creation of such a target and be willing to push for this at the Area Joint Committee?

Some proposed locations

As a first step, the Campaign wishes to propose new spaces in the locations listed below. This is only a starting point giving suggestions, and there are many others which could be done in due course; we are working to produce a complete list of locations in due course.

- Regent St - outside cinema (in the road, as outside St Catharine's College, replacing space often used illegally by parked vehicles)
- Job Centre (Chesterton Rd)
- King's Parade (we would question whether the responses of 29 stakeholders in the recent survey adequately represents public opinion on the desirability of further cycling parking in this area; this is an obvious area for which we can see no rational reason against the provision of sensitively installed cycle parking)
- On the corner of Mill Road and Kingston Street (outside the White Swan public house)
- In the vicinity of the shops on Hills Road (the section nearest town, including near the Co-op and One Stop stores)
- Areas around the Grafton Centre (Adam and Eve Street and near shops such as Debenhams and Chilli's)
- King Street at various locations (additional to, and replacing the existing concrete slots)
- Drummer Street Bus station – round the back of Bradwell's Court
- Onstreet cycle parking in dense residential areas with narrow pavements (esp Romsey and Petersfield), e.g. near pubs and other places where piles of bikes combine with parked cars to block the footway.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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