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Dear Sir or Madam,

## New lockable cycle parking proposed for Eton Avenue, NW3 3EL

We are writing to inform you of the Council's proposal to install one Cycle Hangar with a capacity for 6 bicycles adjacent to 9a Eton Avenue. Residents in Camden have told us that they would like to have more lockable cycle parking close to where they live. We know that a lack of somewhere covered and secure to keep bicycles can discourage people from taking up cycling. As a result, the Council is rolling out a programme of cycle hangar installations across the borough. This is in line with our Transport Strategy which aims to transform transport and mobility in Camden, enabling and encouraging people to travel healthily and sustainably. Our priorities include increasing cycling, reducing car ownership and use, and improving the quality of our air.

The council has brought forward this project as part of our Covid-19 Safer Travel measures, to provide high quality covered and secure cycle parking facilities for residents. This will help to encourage residents to cycle as an active, healthy and sustainable alternative to using public transport and private motor vehicles.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created new road safety challenges in Camden that the council is taking seriously. We want to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle locally, shop on their local high street, reach their local green spaces, schools and NHS sites, all while maintaining physical distancing. We are also looking to tackle future challenges caused by changes in the way that people travel as lockdown restrictions have been eased. This includes a predicted rise in walking, cycling and car use with people less likely to choose public transport. Further details on our proposals can be found here: <a href="http://democracy.camden.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=54173&Opt=0">http://democracy.camden.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=54173&Opt=0</a>

As part of this response, we are proposing to install new cycle hangars at various locations across the borough. The hangars will be located on the road on yellow lines or in place of parking spaces, and will help to support a shift from car use to a more sustainable mode of travel. Cycle hangars offer local residents the opportunity to hire secure on-street cycle parking close to where they live. This is particularly beneficial to residents where storage space is limited within properties.

## Images of cycle hangars in Camden





The above images show both external and internal views of a cycle hangar. They have reflective strips on the side for safety & visibility at night. If approved, the units will be installed in **green** colour only.

## Are you eligible?

The criteria for being able to hire a space in a cycle hangar prioritises residents who:

- Live on the street (or an adjacent one) where the hangar is proposed; and,
- Do not have suitable space for keeping a cycle.

Cycle hangars are installed and maintained by the Council's approved supplier. The cost of maintenance is covered by the annual membership fee.

## Have your say

The proposal is illustrated in detail on the plan overleaf and will result in the loss of 2.6 metres of resident permit holder parking space to facilitate the installation of a bike hangar. Any person wishing to comment or make representations on the proposal should send their comments by email, giving reasons for any objection to our consultations email address transportconsultations@camden.gov.uk by close of business on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

While it will not be possible to reply to you individually, all comments will be taken into account. At the end of this consultation period, officers will consider all responses received and make amendments to the proposal if necessary. A Statutory Traffic Management Order consultation will then be carried out by advertising the proposed changes in the local press (The Camden New Journal and London Gazette). Officers will then review responses received relating to both consultations and a report with recommendations will be prepared. This report will be presented to the Director of Environment and Sustainability (Supporting Communities Directorate) who will make a decision whether or not to proceed with implementing the proposal. If approved, the bike hangar would be installed this summer.

Under the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985, your consultation response will be available for inspection if required. However, your personal details will remain confidential. Please only write to us with representations associated with this consultation.

