

Waterbeach Cycle Campaign

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Proposal for Cycle Parking in Waterbeach

Introduction

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign has been active in the village for over 2 years, and we now have over 120 supporters. We have been campaigning for better infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, to encourage more people to use cycling and walking for everyday journeys in and around the village.

There is a great need for cycle parking outside shops, pubs and other public venues around the village. There are currently no cycle parking spaces around the Village Green where many of the shops are located, and very few elsewhere in the village. A few cycle racks put in the right places could bring real benefits to the village, and encourage many more people to cycle rather than drive for short trips.

Benefits to Village

The introduction of cycle racks outside shops and pubs has several key benefits for Waterbeach village:

1. Increased level of active travel and physical activity.
2. Health benefits for villagers using cycling as a means of transport.
3. Reduction of car journeys made within the village and reduction of car parking issues outside local stores.
4. Increased footfall into local shops and food outlets.
5. Reduced likelihood of cycle theft.

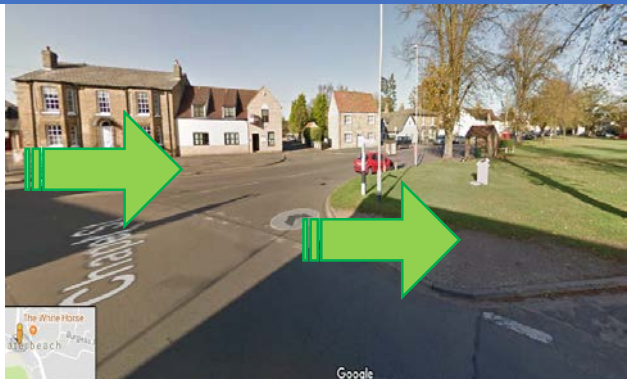
Proposed Locations of Cycle Racks

Cycle racks should be installed outside all shops, food outlets and public houses within the village. These are listed below, with ten locations of cycle parking proposed. In each of these locations, we are recommending a rack of four Sheffield Bike Stands, allowing eight bikes to be locked up. This would require around 4m x 2m of space at each location. If it were found that the bike racks are popular, more could be added in the future. The actual locations of cycle racks would need to be discussed with landowners in any cases where the Parish Council does not own the land.

Premises

The Village Stores/Post Office

There is very little space directly outside the shop and the pavement is narrow. There is space next to the car parking on the other side of the road, or on the wide pavement at the bottom of High Street.



OneStop

Onestop has an issue with car parking, which could be helped by providing bike racks. There is space next to the birch tree outside the front of the store which would be ideal for several bike racks.



Rosemary Newsagent

There is provision for customers to leave their bikes within the yard, so no need for further cycle parking.

Waterbeach Pharmacy

The Pharmacy has relocated to High Street – there is a wide pavement in front of the shop that would be ideal for bike racks – this would not restrict pedestrian/wheelchair access along the pavement.



The Sun Inn/
Pharmacie
Cafe

The Sun and Pharmacie are located alongside a very narrow pavement. There is space on the pavement on the other side of the road where cycle racks could be located without loss of green space, and still allowing space for pedestrians/wheelchairs to use the pavement.



White Horse

There is space under the windows of The White Horse which could be used for cycle racks without losing any car parking spaces.



The Brewery Tap

The Brewery Tap has lots of space adjacent to the building which could be used for cycle racks



Chung Hwa/JBs Hair Salon

There is a concrete pad outside these shops – perhaps it was the location of an old bus stop? This could be used for cycle racks – this would repurpose the pad and there would be no loss of green space.



The Beach Fryer

The Beach Fryer has lots of space where cycle racks could be located.



Hair at 17 /Boswells Bakery

The pavement outside these shops is reasonably narrow, but cycle racks could be located here if they were out on an oblique angle so that the pavement width was not restricted.



Bustops

Adding cycle racks outside bus stops in the village would increase the amount of trips made by public transport. This is one possible location – cycle racks could be added by other bus stops in the village.



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Cycle Rack Design

South Cambs District Council has not published any guidelines on Cycle Rack design, however Cambridge City Council have produced a Cycle Parking Guide¹. CamCycle has also provided a cycle parking design guide². Both these documents recommend 'Sheffield Bike Stands' as shown in the Diagram below³:



These racks are liked by cyclists as they are easy to use. They support the cycle well, and allow both wheels to be locked easily. Each rack can be used to lock two bikes.

¹ https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/CycleParkingGuide_std.pdf

² <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/cycleparking/guide/>

³ Image Credit: <https://www.streetfurnituredirect.co.uk/>

The stands are low maintenance, and are available in a range of styles. They are simple to install, and can be supplied as 'toast racks' – a number of stands on a common base which can be bolted down.

Cycle racks are also available in the shape of bikes. This design could be a fun piece of public furniture around the village green.



Cost Estimate

Sheffield cycle racks are available at low cost, with costs depending on the finish, and fixing type (bolt down, concrete fix etc.). We would expect a 'toast rack' of 4 bike hoops to cost around £250, with many suppliers offering a discount for bulk purchasing. Installation costs would need to be discussed with local building contractors. The cost of cycle racks could perhaps be shared with the shop owners who will be benefitting from the installations.

Waterbeach Cycle Campaign understand that a project of this type could involves time and expenditure to organise. We can assist with liaising with landowners, and can offer our time to help apply for grants or other funding if this is required to bring the project to fruition.

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