

How you can speed up installation of Bikehangars in your street



The process so far:

1. You've heard about the Bikehangar, and you've put your details on the Cyclehoop website
2. You've seen other local councils install them, but you are still waiting...

What can you do to help?

1. Get in touch with your local council's cycling officer, or highways / planning team and ask them if they are looking into this at the moment.
2. Drop an email to your **local councillors**, worth copying in the Cabinet member for Transport and the chair of the relevant committee too. Ask them what they think can be done to accelerate the roll out, given your interest.
3. Run a petition for your street. As the Bikehangars often are placed on the carriageway and replace ½ a car parking bay, some councils can be worried about a possible backlash. If you can show that your neighbours are supportive, then this can really help. Jon Irwin did this for his street in Wandsworth (SW London) and as a result the council are going to do a trial with 10 hangars starting Summer 2014, only one year after the petition was presented to the council.
4. Get in touch with your local cycle campaign group. See if there might be other people who could help. See London Cycling Campaign (lcc.org.uk) if in London, or Cyclenation if outside of London (cyclenation.org.uk) who can put you in touch with your local group.



See below an example of the text of a petition which was successfully done in Wandsworth:

Petition for Bike Parking trial for local residents – Kettering Street

In our neighbouring borough of Lambeth, they have recently rolled out 40 on-street bike lockers as per the picture below. These lockers offer a secure option for people to park their bike. They can store six bicycles, and only take up the space of half a car parking bay. As this type of facility is new for Wandsworth we need your support so that the council can see that local people are in favour of this. Somewhat different if we bought a car, as we could just park on the street without seeking your support, and occupy a full car parking bay.

Key points:

- The Bikehangar stores up to six bicycles.
- Gas sprung door which remains open at the required height.
- Can be placed in half a parking space.
- Provides a safe and dry storage space.
- Secured to the ground using bolts (so can be moved if initial location is problematic)

"We, the undersigned, call on Wandsworth Council to install a bike locker on our street, so that local people have the opportunity to park their bikes securely on the road in the same way that residents who own cars are able to."

Key details to collect from people who are signing the petition:

- Name (Initial and Surname is usually sufficient)
- Postcode
- Signature

Useful details to collect:

- Email
- Full Address

The petition also needs to be proposed (usually the person who starts it). You can either print your name and address on the petition sheet(s) or put your name down as the first person.