

Background

One of the biggest barriers to cycling in the city is a lack of suitable cycle parking for residents in tenement areas. Use of stairwells to store bicycles can also create issues for residents and provide opportunities for theft.

In recognition of this, the Council has approved the trialling of on-street cycle parking at 5 locations with tenement residences, including Warrender Park Terrace (x 2), South Oxford Street, Lonsdale Crescent and Douglas Crescent.

This trial is part funded by the European 'CHAMP' Cycling Project, in which Edinburgh is a partner. It is hoped that the facilities will help encourage more take up of cycling whilst helping to reduce bike clutter in stairwells. If successful the Council will consider whether such parking can be rolled out on a wider basis.

Progress to Date

- Local consultations complete in August/September 2013 (originally 6 locations, 1 was subsequently dropped on Polwarth Gardens due to objections).
- Baseline surveys, looking at existing cycle usage and storage in the area, were complete in November 2013.
- Changes to the Traffic Regulation Orders were approved in January 2014.
- Tender awarded for the supply and installation of the units in May 2014, with installations planned in 6-8 weeks (mid-July).

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| Cycle Hoop Bikehanger (Lonsdale Terrace) | Cycle Works Velo-Box Locker (Warrender Park Terrace) | Cycle Works StreetStore (Douglas Crescent / South Oxford St) |

Next Steps

- The Council's Legal department are currently developing a user agreement. The contract detail has still to be agreed however, is likely to be in the form of a permit.
- Users who initially expressed an interest will be contacted in the coming weeks.
- A waiting list will be in place for each location. Residents within 100m of the sites were offered applications in Aug-Sept and given initial priority. Applications would then be based on a first come first served basis.
- Use of the cycle parking will initially be free of charge with the management of the facilities and users undertaken by CEC.
- It is the intention to have a supplier manage and maintain the products and user contracts; this would likely involve a monthly payment estimated at £5 per month. A contract is currently being investigated for a potential supplier.
- Further evaluations and surveys will be undertaken at 6, 12 and 24 months. This will be reported on and used to determine the possibility of a full city wide roll-out of the project.