**Supermarkets Cycle Parking – Good Practice Guide – Structure Ideas (v1)**

Some introductory points:

* Purpose: this factsheet aims to provide a resource to use with supermarket shop and/or area managers etc when discussing cycle parking. It will be useful for local cyclists to lobby their stores, to seek appropriate improvements.
* It will also help store managers in thinking about whether they could undertake an exemplary project to put them on the map for their cycling customers.
* Based on survey responses to the online questionnaire run by Spokes in Spring 2015 plus additional investigation of the technical options for bike parking, as well as current standards and supply options
* It aims to covers potential cycle parking options for different types of shops: supermarkets and shopping centres with car parks, small on-street ‘metro’ / ‘express’ style supermarkets and other local shops which may have limited if any space of their own for cycle parking.

**[Headings:]**

**Cycle parking options**

Split into options for

* Stores / shopping centres with their own grounds (e.g., carpark areas)
* On-street stores without any outside property

Describe (with photos):

* Sheffield racks – both covered and uncovered [maybe note something about the shape of the racks – dimensions to be useful for typical adult bikes etc]
* Cycle hoops on lamp-posts etc
* Horizontal metal rails along shop-fronts
* Other – ‘tulip’ stands?
* Butterfly / ‘wheelbender’ racks [i.e., to avoid! Similarly slots for front wheels in the ground etc]

*[Could maybe have a table with the features cyclists are looking for, and how these deliver – e.g., on frame/wheel lockability (security), shelter from weather, security from / for passers-by (not in the way or liable to get knocked etc), space for sorting out luggage etc?]*

**Factors to consider when installing cycle parking facilities**

Cycle parking location relative to the store: proximity to the door / trolley park; visibility to cyclists so are aware of it; visibility to other shoppers / passers-by for security (not tucked round the back)

Ensure appropriate signage to the cycle parking, and clearly mark it as such if any doubt (to avoid trolleys, dogs, rubbish bins, grit containers etc…)

Lighting for use at night

Supervision – monitoring by store staff to ensure clean and tidy, remove abandoned bikes (add any URLs to guidance on this e.g., from the Bike Station?]. Maybe CCTV.

Cycle parking options and technical specifications [minimum spacing between racks, to walls etc, esp bearing in mind the need to manoeuvre with panniers or laden front baskets, possibly trailers etc; flat surfaces to avoid bikes rolling; ideally absence of cross-struts at ground level that would catch wheels]

[for larger stores with their own grounds and driveways etc] Access to the site, and movement within the site – ensure safely accessible, including by families (esp if need to share access with cars. Lighting, especially if of road, to facilitate safe access at night)

[make reference to current CEC cycle parking standards for new developments, and anything on the position re new high street metro-store developments and cycle parking provision for these]

**Working with the local Council and others**

[outline the possibilities for requesting the installation nearby of on-street cycle hoops / Sheffield stands etc from the Council, and any appropriate funding sources – give suitable contacts]

**Possible Suppliers and Sources of Advice**

[what can CEC / Sustrans / Cycling Scotland / Living Streets / others do to help?]

**REFERENCES TO DRAW ON [ADD MORE AS FIND THEM]**

e.g., Sustrans' technical guide (p.31) covers the basics of cycle parking:

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/file_content_type/sustrans_handbook_for_cycle-friendly_design_11_04_14.pdf>