

ANNEX B

One business owner objected to the proposed scheme, raising several issues as outlined below:

Issue 1 –

“The shelter has been proposed to be between a number of commercial properties and will therefore reduce visibility and limit Parking spaces required for both customers and for goods access”.

Officer response:

The location has been considered carefully and the lay-by is uncontrolled (i.e. no parking bay marked out and no other restrictions) so it is used for general parking, deliveries, etc. The length of the bay is such that the impact on parking and deliveries would be minimal. Only one space is lost.

Issue 2:-

“Having a shelter on the street will increase the possibility of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, which will also have a negative impact on the commercial properties around the shelter”.

Officer response:

At no point during the trial has the shelter been vandalised or damaged. The shelter has been fully utilised by residents.

Issue 3:

Heslington Road is situated within 10 mins of the city centre and 10 mins towards the University Campus, this convenience has had a knock on effect on the availability of parking spaces, a Bikehanger would further limit the availability of these spaces.

Officer response:

As mentioned above, the shelter takes the space of one vehicle in an unmarked unregulated layby which can otherwise be used by any motorists (business, residents and/or commuters) for any duration and currently operates on a first come, first served basis.

Issue 4:

It has become apparent that out of town commuters store their bicycles in the boot of their vehicles, park on Heslington Road and then cycle to work. This proposal will only encourage out of town commuters to

continue with this method and instead of storing the bicycles in the boot of their car, the bike shelter will be utilised. The knock on effect of this is that parking spaces for local residents will be limited even further.

Officer response:

The shelter is primarily intended for use by residents. The rental is managed by Cyclehoop and the Council do not impose any restrictions on its use.

Issue 5:

A number of properties across the street have been provided with a Sheffield Bike Rail /Stand, both at the front of their respective houses and in the back yard, therefore a “Bike Hanger” would be deemed surplus to requirements. Please note I am a landlord to a number of properties across Heslington Road and we ensure that each house accommodates for secure cycle rails and secure cycle storage.

Officer response:

The proposal to provide secure cycle parking originated from the fact that cycles were being stolen from private properties. The author is unaware of any arrangement between the Council and residents to provide Sheffield style stands within private property and so it is assumed that these have been provided through a private arrangement.

The objection was later withdrawn following a discussion between Councillor D’Agorne and the objector.