

Bike Hangars

Bike Hangars are a novel way of storing a bike on the street in a car parking space.

They are cylindrical-like containers (see links) with a locking door, and metal bike hoops inside to which one can lock a bike.

These on-street lockups have been successfully trialled by Lambeth Borough Council.



If placed on a public highway, they require planning permission. They are ideal for buildings with many tenants such as housing associations or halls of residence, offering an ideal solution where there is a large car park where one or two spaces could be reallocated to bikes. They have also been used effectively by communities, who may pay a fee to have a space within the hangar.

A Youtube video of Bike Hangar being used can be seen via this link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeBes_012LE

Price range	√
Grab-factor	√ √ √
Security	√ √ √

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Advantages

- Bike Hangars have a fairly good 'grab-factor'. They are especially attractive for people wanting to avoid carrying bikes up steps to their front door, and through narrow hallways.
- Two Bike Hangars fit into a standard car parking space (5.5m long by 2.4 metres deep).
- They are secure – bikes are locked to metal hoops inside.

Disadvantages

- A long period of consultation with residents and the local council may be needed before the Bike Hangar has planning permission.
- There is only room for 6 bikes

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Cost:

Retail at £2,600 plus vat.

Where to buy:

A company called 'Cyclehoop' sells 'bike hangars'.

Bristol Case Study

Bike Hangars are due to be tested in a street in Windmill Hill soon. The local community applied to the Council for funding, and will be charging residents a monthly fee of £2.50 for a space. Once installed, it is hoped it will lead to permission for more hangars across Bristol in the future.