

# REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

## CYCLE SHELTERS PROJECT

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

In March 2018, the committee agreed four priorities for developing a legacy from the Tour of Britain having passed through Knutsford twice in 2016 and making Knutsford a more cycling friendly town. These priorities were:

1. Publication of a new Knutsford Cycle Map (published in 2019)
2. Identification of required infrastructure improvements (completed by Cycle Knutsford and adopted by the council in 2020)
3. Installation of covered cycle shelters across the town
4. Installation of bicycle maintenance equipment at key locations

The committee agreed to look to install one cycle shelter per year over a number of years and budgeted £4,000 for this. The budget was amended as part of the 2019/20 budget process to add a requirement to secure sponsorship of 75% of the cost, leaving net budget of £1,000.

There has been no progress on this project since it was agreed and this report looks to refresh priorities and agree a route forward.

### 2.0 CYCLE SHELTER LOCATIONS

Whilst there are a number of cycle stands in the town centre, none of it is covered. Covered cycle parking is particularly favoured by those cycling for work where their bicycles would otherwise be exposed to the elements for long periods.

The previously agreed locations for new cycle shelters were: the Council Offices, the hospital, Toft Cricket Club, Knutsford Sports Club, Shaw Heath Social Club, the Curzon (uncovered), Green Street, the Welcome and all Cheshire East Council car parks.

Cycle parking will be included at the Council Offices as part of any refurbishment works which will also look at reconfiguring the onsite parking.

Cheshire East Council is currently undertaking a car parking survey, whilst it is focused on cars it does ask allow respondents to suggest cycle parking as a priority.

### 3.0 CYCLE SHELTER OPTIONS

There are various options for cycle shelters which are available in numerous different styles.

### 3.1 BROXAP NEW SHEFFIELD CYCLE SHELTER

This is a simple metal and PET shelter which provides cover to the top (side panels optional). Minimum size 3.6m to accommodate 4 Sheffield hoops (8 bikes). Each unit is £1,445 with installation quoted by manufacturer at £750 (onto concrete).

### 3.2 BROXAP WARDALE CYCLE SHELTER

This is a larger metal and PET shelter which provides cover to the top (side panels optional). Minimum size 3.6m to accommodate 4 Sheffield hoops (8 bikes). The 4-bike unit is £1,100, 8-bike unit is £1,475 and 10-bike unit is £1,510.



Broxap New Sheffield Cycle Shelter and Broxap Wardale Cycle Shelter

### 3.3 CYCLE HOOP BIKE HANGAR

The Cycle Hoop Bike Hangar is a secure bike hangar accessed by key. They provide a more secure bike parking solution and are designed to fit into existing parking spaces, including on street. Due to the key operation, they are less designed for general public use and more for workplaces or public leasing spaces within a hangar. A unit is £2,850 (without décor/branding)

### 3.4 WOODEN CYCLE SHED WITH GREEN ROOF

Similar to 3.1/3.2 these provide cover and are easily accessible for the public to use. They have an added benefit of being less visually intrusive in certain areas and incorporating planting/wildlife habitats which would contribute to the council's Nature Action Plan aims. They are notably more expensive at £6,300 each including delivery but would add interest in the town centre locations.



Bike Hangar with custom vinyl detailing and example green roofed shed

## 4.0 ROUTE FORWARD

With the budget available, the council would have to look to fund shelters over a number of years. Grant funding will always be considered but a cursory search of Grants Online did not yield any potential funders.

The option of crowd funding could be considered and may be more successful with the green roofed shelters which may capture the community's interest more. Sponsorship from local businesses will also be investigated.

The committee should determine:

- a) The style of bike shelter it would like to see installed in Knutsford
- b) First priority location

Officers will then look to arrange necessary permissions and secure the required funding for the first shelter.