OFFICER DECISION

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

23 JUNE 2023

CONSIDERATION OF THE RESPONSES RECEIVED TO THE STATUTORY TRAFFIC ORDER CONSULTATIONS TO INTRODUCE RENTAL E-BIKE BAYS IN DALGARNO WARD.

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The number of trips made by rental e-bikes has increased greatly in RBKC over the last few years. However, the parking of rental e-bikes on narrow footways can cause a nuisance, particularly where the footway is obstructed for those using wheelchairs or buggies. In June 2023, the Council made a Key Decision to implement rental e-bike parking bays, and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with operators to ensure that all rental e-bikes be parked in marked bays.
- 1.2 To assist rental e-bike operators in restricting their customers to the proposed parking bays, the Council needs to ensure they are reasonably well distributed so that a user never has to walk too far to pick up or drop off an e-bike. The Council has therefore consulted on creating 164 designated rental e-bike parking bays to help control where dockless bicycles can be parked.
- 1.3 This report sets out the consultation responses received to the proposals in Dalgarno ward, with a recommendation on how to proceed for each proposal.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Following consideration of all comments received, officers recommend that the Director of Transport and Regulatory Services proceed as set out in Table 1.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The parking of rental e-bikes on narrow footways can cause a nuisance, particularly where the footway is obstructed for those using wheelchairs or buggies. To address this, the Council has proposed to create dedicated parking bays for use by e-bike hire operators and their customers in existing parking bays across the borough. This will allow the Council to bring more control over where bikes are parked and reduce the impact on pedestrians

4 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

4.1 From 5 April to 17 May 2023, the Council undertook consultation on introducing rental e-bike parking bays at eight locations in Dalgarno ward. Residents living near the proposals received letters signposting them to the consultation and the consultation was available on the Council's online consultation and engagement hub. Local ward councillors, residents' associations and community groups were made aware of the consultations by email.

4.2 In total, 54 responses were received. Table 1 summarises the responses received and the recommendation on how to proceed. Whilst officers did not agree with the objections in respect of two of the three sites with objections, we have received a request for a personalised disabled bay at the proposed location for St Mark's Road and are recommending not to proceed with an e-bike bay here. For those proposals that officers are recommending should proceed, section 5 provides officer responses to the issues raised.

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Scheme	No. Objections	No. Support in Part	No. Support in Full	No opinion	Comment	Recommendation
Barlby Road	0	1	6	0	0	Proceed
Bracewell Road	0	1	5	0	0	Proceed
Dalgarno Gardens	0	1	6	0	0	Proceed
Pangbourne Avenue	2	1	5	0	0	Proceed
St Charles Square	0	1	5	0	0	Proceed
			1	>	0	Do not proceed
St Mark's Road	1	1	5	0	U	Do not proceed
St Mark's Road Sutton Way (G)	0	1	5	0	0	Proceed

5 CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

5.1 Appendix 1 – 8 lists the responses received to each location in full. Table 2 below illustrates the main themes of the objections or 'support in-part' responses received.

Table 2 – Objections/support in-part responses by theme

Scheme	Loss of parking space	E-bikes left on footways	Impacts accessibility	Poor behaviour by cyclists	Other
Balby Road	0	0	0	0	1
Bracewell Road	0	0	0	0	1
Dalgarno Gardens	0	0	0	0	1

Pangbourne Avenue	2	1	0	1	1
St Charles Square	0	0	0	0	1
St Mark's Road	1	0	1	0	4
Sutton Way	0	0	0	0	1
Sutton Way (H)	0	0	1	0	3
TOTAL	3	1	2	1	13

5.2 Officer responses to the issues raised are detailed below:

Loss of parking space

5.3 Some respondents objected due to the loss of car parking space required to accommodate an e-bike parking bay.

Officer Response

5.4 The proposal has arisen following requests from residents to combat the nuisance and hazard dockless rental e-bikes can cause, particularly for people who have impaired vision or are using wheelchairs or buggies. Boroughs that have introduced on-footway e-bike parking bays have found that they need to be at least the size of a car in order to accommodate the number of bikes that are in circulation (ten dockless e-bikes require a space similar to one car parking space). Most footways in the borough are either not wide enough to accommodate a bay this size or (due to other footway furniture such as cycle parking stands, Santander cycle docks, seating, planting, etc) or, where they are wide enough, do not have a sufficient clear space. Consequently, most bays will need to be on the carriageway. The borough's parking restrictions have evolved to the degree that where e-bike parking would be safe and not risk causing an obstruction will only be where cars can currently be parked in marked bays. This reduction in car parking is thus a necessary outcome if residents want the Council to control where dockless e-bikes can be parked. There are just over 29,000 residents' parking spaces in the borough – far more than available pay-by-phone bays - so the 164 originally proposed bay conversions to dockless e-bike bays represents around 0.5 per cent. In comparison, residents' permit numbers are around 4 per cent lower now than pre-COVID.

Rental e-bikes left on footways

3.5 Some respondents objected to the proposals on the basis that e-bikes are a nuisance and often left on footways.

Officer Response

3.6 The main objective of the e-bike bays is to address this problem of rental bikes being left in inconvenient positions on footways. The proposals are intended to provide designated parking spaces for rental e-bike customers and once implemented, the operators will be guiding customers to these bays, with warnings and fines in place for non-compliance.

Poor behaviour by cyclists

3.7 One respondent objected to the proposal in Pangbourne Avenue on the basis that cyclists exhibit poor behaviour such as riding on the footway and do not abide by the highway rules and regulations.

Officer Response

3.8 Whilst a small minority of people who cycle may exhibit poor cycling behaviour, this is not a reason to refuse to install rental e-bike parking, in the same way the Council would not refuse to provide car parking because a small minority of people who drive contravene traffic rules.

Other comments

3.9 Table 3 lists comments received sitting outside of the above themes, alongside officer responses.

Table 3 – 'Other' comments and officer responses.

	0	Office and December 2
	Comment	Officer Response
1	It would increase existing antisocial behaviour, noise nuisance and litter by inebriated and/or young people who use public bicycles as a popular method of travel/transport. (St Mark's Road proposal)	There is no reason to believe that the presence of rental e-bike bays, would lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour such as littering or excess noise. However, officers can monitor any reports of the above and take action accordingly following installation.
2	It will negatively affect the value and attractiveness to buyers of property on the road. (St Mark's Road proposal)	There is no reason to think that the presence of rental e-bike bays devalue properties. Depending on how they prefer to travel, some potential buyers may value access to rental e-bikes as highly as car parking or being in close proximity to public transport.
3	There are alternative areas away from residents to place an e-Bike Rental Parking Bay. (St Mark's Road proposal)	To ensure high compliance with parking of e-bikes in designated bays, officers aim to have an evenly distributed network of parking bays. The proposed St Mark's Road bay would provide sustainable travel options for visitors to St Charles's Hospital and Kensington Memorial Park.
4	It would cause a safety hazard to e-cyclists and other road users close to a busy but diminutive roundabout used by a regular bus service which uses the entire diameter of the rotary to turn into and out of the northern extreme	As the proposed bay utilises the space of an existing car parking bay, there is no reason to think that bicycles parked here would impact or be a hazard to road users any more than a car parked here presently.

	of St. Mark's Road. (St Mark's Road proposal)	
5	Too many in the north of the ward. Why aren't they spread out? (Sutton Way H proposal)	The Council has completed its consultation on eight parking bays that are evenly distributed throughout the Dalgarno Ward.
6	This one by the park will be an eyesore and dangerous for the young and old who use the park. (Sutton Way H proposal)	By creating an e-bike parking bay in the carriageway, we will minimise the number of bikes obstructing the footway, allowing ample space for elderly and children to access the park.
		The Council must often balance the needs of residents with the visual impact onstreet. To a large degree, visual appearance is a matter of subjective taste. For example, some people may prefer the look of a row of bicycles over a parked car.
7	Scheme should be trialled in a couple of areas to see whether it works. [All proposals]	Since June 2021, the Council has been part of the London rental e-scooter trial which uses designated parking bays as the only places e-scooters can be parked. Officers have observed high compliance with parking of these vehicles and therefore believe that a similar approach can be adopted for rental e-bike parking bays, without the need for a further trial.

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The proposals to create designated cycle hire bays on the carriageway are wholly appropriate to meet the needs of those wanting to make use of sustainable and healthy travel choices while managing the impact this has had to date on pedestrians and on pedestrian spaces.

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[No comment provided]

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Support in Full Two

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Support in Full Four

It is now very important to provide official places to park e-bikes and not allow them to be parked at random on pavements.

I live beside a block of flats. E-bikes are popular with the residents. Three or four bikes are frequently parked at different places along the middle the pavement.

Support in Full Five

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Support in Full Six

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Appendix 4: Responses received for proposed e-bike Bay in Pangbourne Avenue

Objection One

Pangbourne Avenue seems to have a lot of cars parked in the residents' parking spaces so that often those who live in Pangbourne Avenue have difficulty parking here. One less space will make quite a difference, particularly if e-bikes are not being parked there. With a pre-school nursery and a large development on one side of the street there are always plenty of cars parked here.

Objection Two

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Support in Part One

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How will the new e-bike bays stop people leaving bikes anywhere on the pavement as they do now? What penalty will there be for people who continue to leave them on the pavement and how will it be levied? Shouldn't the hire companies be made responsible to go round and collect the bikes, as they know where they are?

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In summary, those who leave their bikes where they get off them won't change their habits. Residents will be forced to struggle even more for parking, and the Council will continue to collect revenue from permits and fines from people who feel forced to park in empty or under-used e-bike bays.

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Appendix 6: Responses received for proposed e-bike Bay in St Mark's Road

Objection One

I am writing on behalf of and represent a group of residents living permanently at the northern end of St. Mark's Road W10 to respond to the proposal of the following Rental e-Bike Parking Bay:

"cxxxvi. on the west side of St Mark's Road outside the flank wall of No. 110 Barlby Road, situated in St Mark's Road."

We applaud and welcome the endeavour to encourage alternative public transport but oppose the measure on the following grounds:

- 1. Most residents would be directly affected because the bay would unfairly and further limit the number of resident parking spaces which is currently insufficient.
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- 3. It will place undue pressure on the east side of St. Mark's Road where resident parking bays are scarce.
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- 5. It will negatively affect the value and attractiveness to buyers of property on the road.
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[Additional Comments]

None of us have either received a reply or acknowledgement to the emailed objection below dated 19/4/23 which we received a receipt for.

The yellow sign on the lamp post, which I photographed, stated we have until 17th May to object.

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What is going on?

[Additional Comments]

I received some of your details from the attached photograph.

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Reference: Dockless Bikes/NS/S453f

[Additional Comments]

It is 16th May today. The street notice has not been replaced and the attached sign has been put up. If the sign is not related to this proposal, what is it for?

[Additional Comments]

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