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Cycle hangars

Good Evening.

My name is Theresa Franklin.

I am a resident of the Lansdown area. I decided when I reached a certain age I would give **aging gracefully a miss and age with vitality instead.**

The City of Bath has always been my chosen city to achieve that goal.

Now:

- Bath's active travel program,
- its dedicated cycle lanes,
- its inner city vehicle access restrictions in high footfall areas,
- plus the introduction of Liveable Neighbourhoods

have increased opportunities for physical activity for everyone.

So, I am here today, **to express positivity for active travel and to thank the Council for increasing the number of bike hangars in the city from 21 to 41. Each with the capacity to store 6 bikes in the size of 1 car parking space.**

The cycle hangars are a crucial element in active travel and reducing reliance on cars, resulting in

a greener,

cleaner,

healthier city.

I walk almost everywhere in Bath but **I would like an e-trike - indeed I see one in my future.**

Many of our Georgian terraces and crescents are split into flats.

For example - The Georgian crescent I live in, has 33 homes spread across the original 11 houses.

In addition there are plenty of purpose-built modern apartments and many larger older buildings which have been converted into flats.

Most flats, but especially Georgian flats, have no place to store bikes.

Our Georgian building appears to have an increasing volume of younger residents, some with young children, we have in recent years seen an increase in bike usage.

I have witnessed the effect, little or no bike storage, can have on the flat dwelling lives of my neighbours.

Like:

1. Issues with insurance because bikes cannot be stored in communal spaces which are required to be “clutter free.”
2. Carrying bikes all the way to the top floor on a daily basis.
3. Moving home because young children did not have the space to keep their bikes.

My top floor neighbours have 2 bikes which they store in the cycle hangar situated on Lansdown Place West. They have recently bought a cargo bike to take their daughter to and from school.

In short - many households, find it very difficult to own and store bikes.

Importantly - The addition of cycle hangars, by this Council has made owning a bike easier - it's levelled the playing field especially for those without adequate indoor storage.

I would like to end by saying

We are all so lucky to live in a walking/cycling/scooting city.

Recent guests, from Cape Town, had this to say about Bath:

“No need to use a car in Bath, we love it.

It's such a liberating experience, to walk, scoot or cycle, exploring at your own pace. And to find hidden corners, local shops, and interesting architectural details.”

Please continue to be brave in your pursuit of active travel.

Continue to help the City of Bath to play a meaningful role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.

Thank you for your time.