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Hello Neighbours

I live on Scotland Street and if you are reading this, I expect that you do too. I am at number 41 - the house with all the bikes outside. I would rather not have them cluttering the pavement, and I know that a few other neighbours also have bikes but nowhere easy to put them.

I would like to ask the council for some cycle parking for our street. The pavements are too narrow to fit any, so the only option is for some 'on road' racks - like these which the council has placed in other parts of Hanover and Brighton.



This could accommodate up to 10 bikes, but would mean reducing car parking on the street by between 1 and 2 spaces.

The council aims to put in up to 100 bike racks each year, but there is a lot of demand for them from across the city. I would like the council to prioritise this street, but before I start to bother them I would like to know what you all think about this.

If other people on the street think this is a good idea and would like to use them, we are more likely to get the council to put them in. Conversely, if you all think this is a bad idea, there is no point taking it forward.

I have put a copy of this letter and a survey through all of the doors on our Street. The survey is also available online at www.scotlandstreet.wordpress.com. If you could complete it there or pop the paper copy through my letterbox (No 41) it would be fantastic.

Best wishes
Simon

Scotland Street Cycle Parking Survey

A few weeks ago I sent round a survey about cycle parking on Scotland Street. I did this because I would like to see some, and wondered what everybody else on the street thought about the idea - and whether it was worth bothering the council about it.

The survey closed this week, with a 50% response. Thanks to everyone who completed it.

Here is a summary of the results.

(for more info, check www.scotlandstreet.wordpress.com)

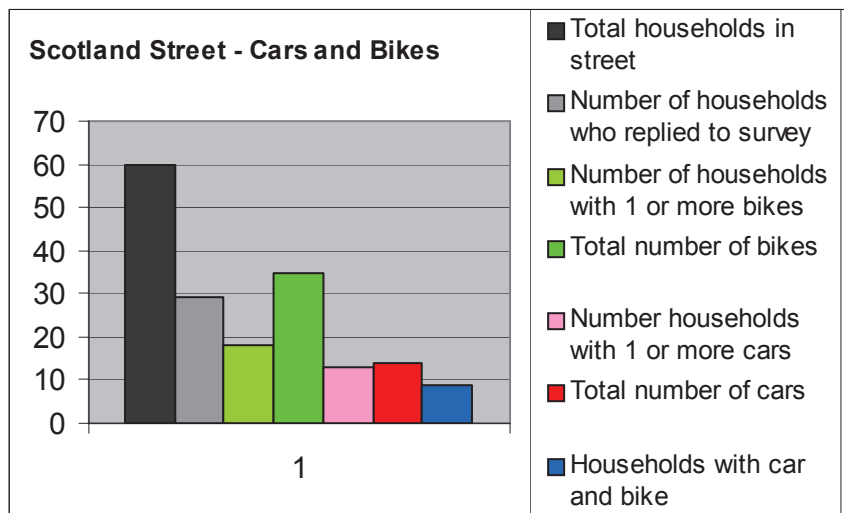
About the responses

A paper copy of the survey and accompanying letter was delivered to all 56 households on Scotland Street as well as the four corner houses on Albion Hill and Southover Street on May 3rd. This material was also posted online. A follow-up paper copy with accompanying summary of the results so far was delivered to all those who had not yet responded on May 26th.

When delivering I was aware of three properties which remained unoccupied during this time.

By June 20th twenty nine responses had been received. With a total of 60 households included in the survey - reduced to 57 because of the unoccupied properties, this gives a response rate of 50%. Twenty five responses were hand delivered, and four were completed online.

Q1 and Q2 asked who has bikes and cars and how many:



Bikes:

Of the 28 households that replied, 18 had at least one bike and their collective total was 35 bikes overall.

Cars:

13 had at least one car and their collective total was 14 cars overall.

Nine households had both a **car** and a **bike**.

This means that - from those that responded per household - we have a car ownership level of just under 50% and a cycle ownership level of 65% - and the **total** number of cycles appears greater than the number of households.

Brighton as a whole has car ownership rates of 62% (2011 census) and recent BHCC research has indicated that over 50% of Hanover households have at least one adult bike.

In citywide context then, and considering our quiet residential street, the survey responses seem reasonable, and tend to indicate that residential car parking and cycle parking could be well accommodated in our street, (space for approx 60 parked cars) leaving a significant number of spaces for visitors. Of course, even though we have ample space, we have no way of ensuring that residents might have priority for parking on our street....but that's another story.

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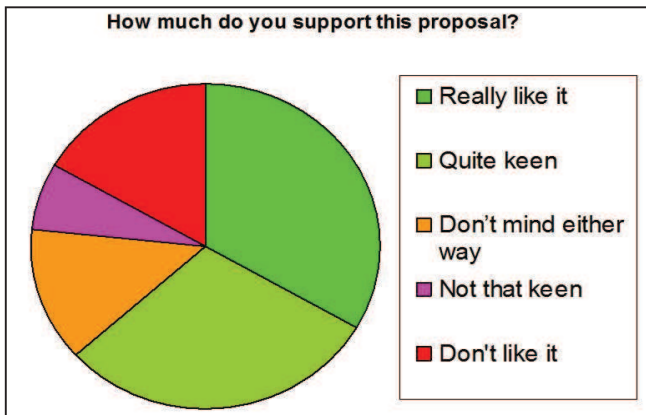
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Q3 to Q6 were about the proposed bike racks and how useful or supported they might be

Q3 If 'On-Road' cycle parking was put in Scotland Street, would you use it? Of 27 responses to this question, **15 would use racks provided and 12 would not.**

Q4 Are you OK with losing some car parking space on the street if it means gaining up to 10 bike parking spaces? Of the 29 responses to this question **23 would be ok with losing car parking and 6 would be opposed to this.**

Q5 If cycle racks were provided, would it encourage your household to get any/any more bikes? Of the 25 responses to this question, **6 felt they might get more bikes as opposed to 19 who would not**



Of the 29 responses to this question, 9 really liked it, 9 were quite keen and 4 didn't mind either way. This contrasted with 2 who were not keen and 5 who were opposed.

Probably this, and Q4 are the most important questions, and the responses to both indicate substantial support for on road bike parking replacing some car parking.

Q3 and 5 suggest that any bike parking installed would be well used.

Summary

Responses to this survey have been positive overall, and have suggested that our street has higher than average bike ownership and lower than average car ownership. For this proposal, a clear majority of those who responded were very or quite keen, and a clear majority thought it acceptable to lose some car parking space to provide bike parking space.

The results of this survey will now be passed on to the council, for them to consider. Should they decide to take this further, they will contact us again.

Thank you for your support and participation.

