

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE

7th September 2015

Report of: *Highways and Traffic*

Title: *Installation of Cycle Stands at climbing sites on the Avon Gorge*

Ward: *Clifton*

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee accept the recommendation detailed below:

***That cycle parking is installed at 2 climbing sites on the Avon Gorge,
Black Rocks Quarry and below The Gulley***

Summary

It is proposed to install cycle parking for the use of climbers at the following sites on the Avon Gorge:

- Black Rocks Quarry
- Below the Gulley

The significant issues in the report are:

- 3 stands will be installed at each site to hold up to 6 bikes.
- The stands are secured into the ground with 300mm concrete foundations the surface is then made good with materials to match the existing surface.
- Stands will be hoop shaped Sheffield stands made of stainless steel coated in black nylon.

Policy

Part of the Corporate Plan is to create safer and healthier environments and better neighbourhoods, to promote active travel choices – walking and cycling as a safe and pleasant alternative to the car. The scheme as a whole is aimed towards this.

Consultation

Internal:

- Bristol City Council Conservation Officer
- Supervisor Downs, Blaise, Kingsweston Estates
- Estates Management Team
- City Design.

External:

- Land Management and Conservation Lead Advisor Natural England
- Avon Gorge and Downs Biodiversity Education Officer
- Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge

Context

Bristol City Council was approached by Colin Knowles, member of the British Mountaineering Council in March 2015 with a request to install cycle parking at climbing sites on the Avon Gorge.

Proposal

The two areas the Committee have been asked to consider are explained in more detail below:

1. Black Rock Quarry also called Sea Walls.

It is proposed to install 3 hoop shaped Sheffield cycle stands. The stand dimensions are 700mm x 700mm and made from stainless steel dip coated in black nylon. This is a hard wearing, scratch and chip resistant coating which will enable the stands to blend into the background when not in use. The location of the stands will be behind the wooden bollards to afford protection to cyclists (figure 1), but away from the rock face.



Figure 1

2. Below the Gully also called New Quarry
Stands as described above are to be sited at the end of the tarmac to the left
of the gate, see figure 2.



Figure 2

Natural England are being consulted on the proposals as they will need to give formal assent, before works can proceed. The proposal is not expected to have any negative ecological impacts.