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To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report on Beta Project Bike Stands

Having originated as a Dublin City Council BETA Project (www.dccbета.ie), trialled in 2015, BikeBunkers are secure hangars for city residents to securely stow their bicycles close to their home and under cover, saving space and worry, and for just €100 per year. More information at www.bikebunkers.ie

The website went live in August and there's been huge interest from citizens with 248 households registering their interest in 396 spaces to date. (This would equate to approximately 130 BikeBunkers.) We are about to install a first phase of 10 BikeBunkers in the city, with more to follow in 2020.

In order to try to better manage expectations and our service delivery, the service will be initially restricted to "inside the canals" and to two spaces per household. <https://bikebunkers.ie/explore/locations/>

All BikeBunker installation locations are being chosen by mapping where interested residents live, and then placing one in close proximity to any clusters. (The South East Area and Central Areas will receive a higher concentration to reflect their Discretionary Fund contribution for this service.)

Bicycle hangars have been ordered from suppliers and will be arriving into Dublin shortly. Due to the late stage of the calendar year, any unspent figure which was ring-fenced for BikeBunkers will be carried into 2020 to be used to purchase additional BikeBunkers for installation within the relevant area as soon as possible. (A capital cost centre has been setup to ensure that all funds can be carried over.)

For installation, we're considering aspects such as these...

- BikeBunkers will be on public streets.
- They will generally be on residential streets, and not main thoroughfares.
- They will not usually be located on footpaths.
- We'll generally be aiming for a maximum distance of 100m from the key holders' doors (as earlier trial learnings indicated).
- We will locate them to maximise the convenience for the users. (For example locating them near corners will be more convenient for the residents of several streets.)
- Whenever possible, we will locate them away from people's doors or windows.
- If possible, we will position them under a street light to make them easier to use.

We are also trialling an innovative approach to informing local residents by marking off the planned locations and providing a highly-visible explanation sign next to the space to attempt to actively seek out their local input and suggestions with regards to the planned installation. (We've also noticed a large uptake in registrations of interest in the areas immediately surrounding these signs.)

Please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions at bikebunkers@dublincity.ie

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