

Liskeard station – Cycle parking

Proposal to bid to the Customer and Communities Improvement Fund to improve cycle shelters and pavements at Liskeard Railway station entrance.



Current Arrangement of Parking at the Top of Liskeard Railway Station.

The problem

Rail passengers who cycle to Liskeard station on an occasional basis have no secure, covered cycle storage facility. There are 5 cycle cabinets, provided on a commercial basis, to the left of the photo above. Three of these are currently occupied and two empty. None of them are available to the occasional bike user. There are six Sheffield cycle stands by the buffer stops on the Looe platform, but these are seldom used. The reason is that they are 'out of the way' for passengers using the ticket office and the main line platforms. It is believed that because the Looe platform is not manned, the security of bikes left there for any length of time is questionable.

As a result of the lack of suitable covered cycle stands near the station building, bikes are left padlocked to the railings and the wire fence opposite the 'drop off' spaces in the car park in an ad-hoc and unsightly manner (see below).



This causes difficulty in the securing of bikes, as they must be lifted to the railing, but also can lead to clutter for passengers using the pavements.

The arrangement of the pavements at the top of the station can also create confusion. The path vanishes around the disabled parking bays for example. Vehicles are also expected to park at various angles depending on the bay they are using at the top of the station. This can lead to confusion with drivers, and a hazard to vehicles and passengers moving around at the top of the station area by the entrance to the station. Passengers can for example be forced to walk around the rear of cars, that could be in the process of reversing out of the bays. This is visibly dangerous, especially at busy station times with chaotic passenger and vehicle movements.

The solution

It is suggested that a covered cycle shelter/rack be provided near the main station entrance, (ideally close to the passenger car drop off zone) to encourage rail users to cycle to Liskeard station.

If suitable funding can be sourced, along with the cycle shelter, improvements to the current passenger drop off bays, staff and taxi parking could be examined, (see top photo). This modest safety improvement to the pavements could be coordinated by Cornwall Council, working in partnership with the train operator and Network Rail along the lines of the National Stations Improvement Programme.

Costings

Some research has been carried out, and a shelter along the Bromley Cycle Shelter type, would cost between £1,500 to £3,000, plus the installation costs, anticipated at £1,000?



Bromley Type Cycle Shelter

Ideally the path at the top of the station could be improved. To change the path would require additional costings, including drop down ramps to support mobility scooters. It is anticipated the costings would be £50,000 for this work, including the cycle shelter.

Community Support

At the moment we are building community support for this grant. It is anticipated that the Liskeard Town Council, Liskeard Town Forum, Liskeard Cycling Group, Liskeard Ladies Cycling group and Chambers of commerce will support this bid.

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