

**Infrastructure and Development Select Committee**  
**18 January 2023**  
**Public & Local Member Questions**

<b>Agenda item 5</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
5.1	<p><b>Question from Martin Schmierer</b></p> <p>Residents in particular in the north city centre have complained of the chronic lack of secure communal cycle storage provision. This is a part of the city with a high proportion of flats which means cycle storage can be difficult. In London commitments have been made to install 30,000 new cycle hangars. Will the council follow London's lead and commit to introducing similar cycle hangars at the earliest opportunity especially in parts of the county with a high proportion of flats and HMOs?</p> <p><b>Response from the Chair</b></p> <p>It is recognised that cycle storage can be difficult in areas where housing is dense and there is less space for cycles to be stored at individual residences. As part of developing Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) across Norfolk, we are looking at the different options there are to addressing this and cycle hangars are one way of providing secure cycle storage on the carriageway, footway or communal areas. There are a number of factors to take into account and these are currently being considered before a decision can be made whether to commit to rolling out cycle hangars. These include the identification of appropriate space, how access to these units will be arranged and managed and how such units would be maintained and by whom. In many areas, space would need to be created by removing car parking provision, so this would need to be subject to local consultation and support.</p> <p>We will look to see what lessons can be learnt from what London is delivering. Funding for the installation and maintenance would need to be secured and we would seek to balance the funding needs of cycle parking with that of providing cycle lanes and delivering behaviour change programmes aimed at increasing levels of cycling.</p>
<b>Agenda item 6</b>	<b>Local Member Issues/Questions</b>
6.1	<p><b>Question from Cllr Steffan Aquerone</b></p> <p>Regarding the new Household Waste Recycling Centre near Sheringham, what is the exact current state of the negotiation with Denny Construction?</p> <p><b>Response from the Chair</b></p> <p>On 31 January 2022 the principles of the acquisition for a replacement recycling centre were agreed by Cabinet. The subsequent lease is subject to the County Council securing all relevant consents and in support of that site surveys have been undertaken and a planning application is expected very shortly.</p> <p><b>Second question from Cllr Steffan Aquerone</b></p> <p>Several of my communities are grateful for the news that the Director of Highways and Waste has instructed a refill of grit bins. However, I would like to know when Norfolk County Council's policy became to refill only at the behest of the Director of services, rather than when communities run out of grit? In one case the bin still invites people to call Highways if the grit runs low!</p>

**Response from the Chair**

There are over 1900 grit bins available across the county for use by the public. The grit bins are checked prior to each winter season and filled as required, typically in November and December. The decision to replenish grit bins is based on an assessment of the predicted weather conditions, resource availability and call volumes requesting bins to be filled; this usually takes place after Christmas.

Taking these considerations into account, an operational instruction is issued by the Director of Highways, Transport & Waste to refill grit bins countywide. The refill commencement date is communicated to the public with assistance from the Press Office and to callers who make such requests to the Customer Service Centre.

The second grit bin fill commenced on 9 January 2023.