

# Part 2: Specifying the Right Cycle Storage

**Before choosing your storage solution, some criteria should be met and a few key questions asked. Address questions that will identify what will suit your organisation and employees, and criteria that can be used to ensure your chosen storage will be effective.**





# Criteria to Meet and Questions to Ask



In general, the following criteria should try to be met before choosing your cycle storage:

Convenient

Visible

Secure

Weather Protection

Well Designed

## Ask the following questions:

### ■ What Shape and Size Will be Required?

Storage comes in all shapes and sizes. There are plenty of contemporary and stylish solutions on the market to choose from. Whilst the shape can be a personal choice, deciding the size is imperative. There are multiple factors to consider in this situation.

Identify such things as; the volume of expected cyclists within the business or organisation, how often people will use it over the course of a day, whether it will be available for external visitors and even understanding if the surrounding area is high-risk. We recommend accommodating more bicycles than initially expected, allowing room for extra workers to make the change to cycle in the future.

If you're unsure about the number of cyclists, send out an internal survey to determine how many people you need to cater for now, and in the future.

### ■ Where Do I Position It?

After understanding the required capacity of storage, analysing the site in which you intend to install it is vital. Evaluating the available surrounding space, nearby flora, buildings and even roads will determine the storage's practicality and safety. Additionally, optimising the convenience and visibility of the storage can greatly improve its use, which means placing it as close as possible to entrances or exits and in an accessible and illuminated area.

Measure the area, noting down the height, width and depth of the space you have to work with. More space doesn't just mean more bike storage, but a greater level of safety for those that need to navigate around the shelter.

### ■ What's Your Budget?

Analysing your budget and deciding how much you intend to spend is a preliminary task in determining the type of shelter to start searching for. With varying budgets come different styles, sizes and of course capacities. Although, one thing remains a constant – the quality.

A smaller budget can provide cost-effective solutions such as cycle hoops and racks. These economical options are classic and practical facilities that are both inexpensive and easy to maintain. Meanwhile, larger budgets can look towards incorporating gated compounds, providing extra security for the storage of large volumes of bicycles.



# Types of Shelter & Storage Available

From straightforward bike stands to enclosed compounds, the world of cycle storage is vast.

A great way of deciding what is best for your needs is to think about the frequency of usage and duration of stay. Below we've explored different solutions based on specific requirements ranging from low-usage and short-term parking needs through to solutions for facilities with high usage and higher security requirements.

Whichever solution you choose, purchasing a secure, durable and weather-resistant product designed with cost-effective materials can save you money in the long run.

## Low-Usage

For short-term cycle parking, individual bike stands can be securely fixed to the ground, allowing up to two bicycles to be locked to each stand. Ground or wall fixed options can be available in this range for flexibility, whilst 4 or 5 units can be sited in a row to create a dedicated but simple space for storage.



## Medium-Usage

Where long term cycle parking is required, we recommend a cycle shelter with enough space to easily accommodate up to 10 bikes. As many of these facilities are designed to provide cover and protection from the weather, choosing a unit that offers corrosion resistance is important.



## High-Usage

Compounds & enclosures, whilst proving costly, can provide full cover protection against the elements as well as vital security in higher-risk areas where shelters may be unmonitored. The inclusion of a lockable key coded entrance provides the added security that many organisations seek. These expansive shelters are able to include permanently fixed bike stands that allow bikes to be secured with appropriate cycle locking devices.



**All Glasdon cycle shelters are rigorously tested to ensure they perform to optimal standards.**