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Although it is good to see a large amount of cycle storage space provided it is also disappointing to see that it is not aspirational in its scale and is not secure or sited for ease of use at different access points.

Good practice guidance indicates that cycle storage for this type and location of development should be on a scale of 2 spaces for every 3 bed spaces. If there are 131 rooms with double beds this should provide something like 175 cycle spaces with additional spaces for visitors at a scale of 1 space for every 5 bed spaces (53 spaces). Spaces for residents should be in secure facilities. The covered shelters proposed are to be commended but the addition of some form of security to these shelters would add to their usefulness with young professional residents potentially owning reasonably high value cycles.

Some form of allocation of spaces based location within the development would add to their usability with associated relocation of spaces to the natural access/egress points for each. Good practice indicates that these secure storage locations should house up to 50 cycles each.

The developer is asked to consider improving on the proposal put forward to move further towards good practice. The access statement notes that cycling will be encouraged - an improved offer for usable and secure cycle parking would be a real step in the direction of delivering that intent.

Although written for student accommodation I commend the guidance developed by Cambridge <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/6771/cycle-parking-guide-for-new-residential-developments.pdf>

Comments submitted in behalf of the Exeter Cycling Campaign