

Case Study – Secure Cycle Storage for Inverness Residents

Residents living in Highland Council flats on the Raigmore Estate in Inverness now have somewhere secure to store a bike thanks to HITRANS funding.



The initiative came about partly because of building management concerns with bikes regularly left in stairwells and lobbies, blocking access including fire escapes, or left on railings outside.

At the same time, the council is committed to support people to cycle more and has recently delivered a programme of dropped kerbs and junction improvements in the area.

Each of the 18 blocks of flats now has a six-bike lockable cycle storage pod after a successful application for funding towards cycling infrastructure in community settings.

The project has therefore delivered multiple positive outcomes including secure cycle storage for residents, with key allocation managed by housing staff.

Baiba Terehova, a resident of the Mackintosh Road flats, said: “Because there’s now a good place to keep one, my son and daughter now both have a bike and use them all the time.

“Before, they would have either had to carry a bike up to the top floor or lock it to railings outside where it might have got damaged or stolen.

“The new unit is secure, dry and handy. It’s a real help.”

Housing maintenance staff at The Highland Council say they have noticed a reduction of bikes being tied to internal railings within the blocks as well as external railings.

This makes it easier for residents to get access, particularly if they have a pushchair, and it also keeps the fire exits clear.