## **Environment, Transport & Sustainability CMM Agenda Item 54(i)**

Ms Tanya Davies Senior Democratic Services Officer Democratic Services Brighton & Hove City Council

8th November 2011

Dear Tanya,

## Bike box storage scheme

I would be pleased if this letter could be placed on the agenda of the next Environment, Transport and Sustainability Cabinet Member's Meeting.

I would request that the Cabinet Members for Transport and Sustainability give consideration to supporting this scheme that is popular in Holland and has now been taken up for the first time on a trial basis in Lambeth.

The boxes have been introduced to tackle the fear of theft that discourages many residents from owning and using a bike, particularly for people living in flats who do not have the room for safe or convenient storage.

Residents who want to take advantage of the scheme are charged £5 a month to hire a dedicated space in one of the units.

Cycle theft is a continuing problem in Brighton and Hove and as a Cycle Demonstration Town I believe that we should be looking at new ways to address that problem as well as making it easier for people to cycle and help cut pollution and congestion.

Please could consideration be given to implementing the scheme in suitable areas in Brighton and Hove.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Gill Mitchell Leader of the Labour and Co-operative Group Brighton & Hove City Council



Picture of a 'Bike Box' in the London Borough of Lambeth