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Design and Access Statement

St Mary's University College Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, TW1 4SX

Proposed works

Installation of 12 cycle stands and 1 bank of 2 shelters (outside Y-Block Halls of Residence).

Background

St Mary's University College employs 500 staff and caters for 3150 full time students. It also receives around 200 visitors per week.

St. Mary's University College is fully committed to delivering its travel plan and to the over-arching objective which is 'To encourage students and staff to use more sustainable ways of travelling to campus, through improvements in the quality of provision, the more effective promotion of the alternatives and by engaging more with students to develop potential Improvements to travel opportunities both on and off campus.'

As part of the travel plan, St Mary's has adopted the following key targets:

- To increase the percentage of staff who walk, cycle use public transport or car share to work from a baseline of 67% to 72% by Sept 2015.
- To increase the percentage of students to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share to the University college from a baseline of 82% to 87% by Sept 2015.

In order to achieve these targets it is important that the appropriate facilities are in place to support cycling.

Access

The proposed location of the cycle stands and shelter is in close proximity to the Y-Block Halls of Residence and can be well accessed from the east and west side of the halls via a path. The location also lends itself well to rear access from Waldegrave Park, where cyclists can exit and enter the campus. There is currently no covered cycle parking facility in close proximity to these Hall of Residence.

Landscaping

The shelter will be dark green in colour to blend in with the trees and grass in close proximity. It will not be visible to the public, does not affect any public views and is not directly next of any locally listed buildings.