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Greenwich Millennium Village, London, (UK)

A residential bike parking facility located in small storage areas scattered around the Village development close to entrances/exits of the building. Access to the facility is via a door code. The facility provides high capacity parking. Access is a 24/24h via a code, and the concierge provides security patrols. Furniture comprises double decker racks and wheel grabbers.

Provider:

Phase One: Falco

Designer/ Architect:

Phase One: EPR Architects

Cost of provision:

Information not available

Strengths:

- Restricted security
- Convenient: Cyclist can ride to the door of the cycle park and then only have a short walk to the entrance of the building
- Concierge provides security patrols
- Double deck - space saving, high capacity, allows both the frame and wheels to be locked to the stand.

Weaknesses:

- Key codes can be passed on to non-residents.
- False sense of security provided to residents.
- Wheel grabbers - difficult to lock frame to stand. Bikes liable to falling over.
- Large site to be covered by 1 Concierge office.
- Some 'abandoned' looking bikes using the stands.
- Some people are now choosing to store their cycle on the balcony presumably due to theft issues

Useful References:

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