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Zutphen, Amsterdam, (NL)

An underground bike parking facility serving Zutphen rail station and transport interchange. Parking is provided for up to 3000 bikes and 50 motor scooters. Access to the facility is via a ramp from street level. Users have the option of parking in bays with controlled access via a swipecard and turnstile or open access. Parking furniture is two-tier ('double decker') to maximise space. The facility is staffed between 05:30 and 01:30 daily. Users can park for as long as they wish, up to a maximum of 4 weeks, free of charge.

Provider:

Zutphen Municipality in partnership with NS (Netherlands Railways).

Designer / Architect:

S2 architecten, architect Frank Spoek.

Cost of provision:

Build cost £ 3.7m. Annual maintenance cost £135,000.

Strengths:

- Free and easy to access and use
- Safe and secure and staffed
- Open access or controlled access is optional and at users' discretion
- Controlled access takes longer and is more secure
- Open access is quicker but less secure, as accessible to all

Weaknesses:

- Expansion of parking area is restricted as underground area cannot be extended
- Access via stairway, whilst convenient for most users, is not so easy for elderly or less able users

Useful References:

<http://www.zutphen.nl/>

<http://www.ns.nl/cs/Satellite/ns2007/en/article/include/1201622516511/store+your+bicycle?p=1198251853909&packedargs=language%3Den>

<http://www.s2.nl/>

