

# News

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## **Stockport Exchange boosts active travel with Brompton Bikes**

Stockport Exchange, already one of the region's most well-connected and accessible business hubs, is boosting its active travel credentials by introducing a Brompton Bike Hire dock.

The £145m Stockport Exchange transformation, delivered collaboratively by Stockport Council and national urban regenerators, Muse Developments, is part of the council's visionary Mayoral Development Corporation and is central to its £1bn town centre regeneration programme.

The new solar powered cycle dock, which launches in the Summer and will see eight docks and 12 cycles located outside the Holiday Inn Express, in close proximity to Stockport train station.

Brompton Bikes are specially designed for cycling in cities. Small wheels mean fast acceleration and increased manoeuvrability. Their foldability means they can easily be carried onto all forms of public transport, in the boot of a car, or stowed away under a desk. Brompton Bike Hire was created to provide a cycle hire scheme that is safe, accessible to all, easy to install and run, and economical to use.

To get started, users simply register online, credit their account and can then reserve a bike either on the website, or by text message before collecting it. Prices start from £3.50 a day and users can keep the bike for as long as they need, by simply reserving a bay and returning it to any public dock once they have finished.

Tom Webber, senior development surveyor at Muse, said: "Stockport Exchange is already one of the best-connected business hubs in the area and the new Brompton Bike Hire dock here will make it even easier and greener for people to get around Stockport and Greater Manchester. The Brompton brand and ethos is widely recognised and aligns seamlessly with the Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC)'s aspiration to become Greater Manchester's newest, greenest and coolest affordable urban neighbourhood."

Cllr David Meller, cabinet member for economy and regeneration at Stockport Council, said: "It's absolutely fantastic news that we have brought the Brompton Bike Hire dock to the heart of our town.

"It will provide a huge boost to residents, workers, and visitors who want to explore what our great town has to offer.

"This scheme will also help the council achieve one of its main objectives of its 10 year Stockport Walking and Cycling Plan, which focuses on making connections with the town's public transport hubs. The Brompton scheme near the train station and the bus station is a great fit for helping us to achieve this.

"This new venture with Brompton also links in to our commitment to cycling in the borough through our Mayoral Challenge Fund schemes and shows the council's ambitions to change the mind set of how our residents travel around Stockport."

Once complete, the wider Stockport Exchange development will deliver up to 375,000 sq ft of office space and 28,000 sq ft of commercial floor space.

For further information about the development visit [www.stockportexchange.co.uk](http://www.stockportexchange.co.uk)