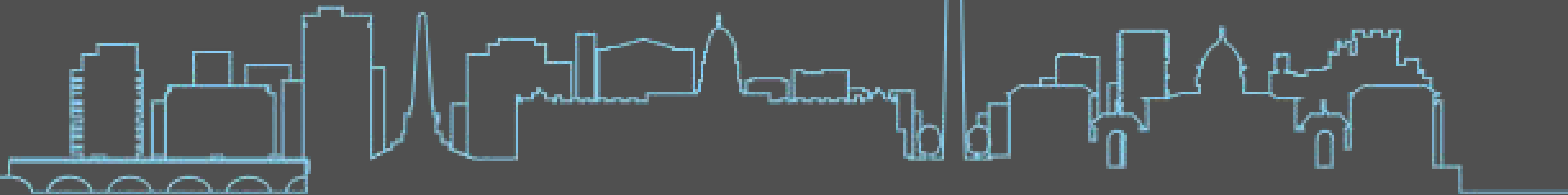


Bike theft

A 100 year old problem

David Timoney

Dublin Cycling Campaign





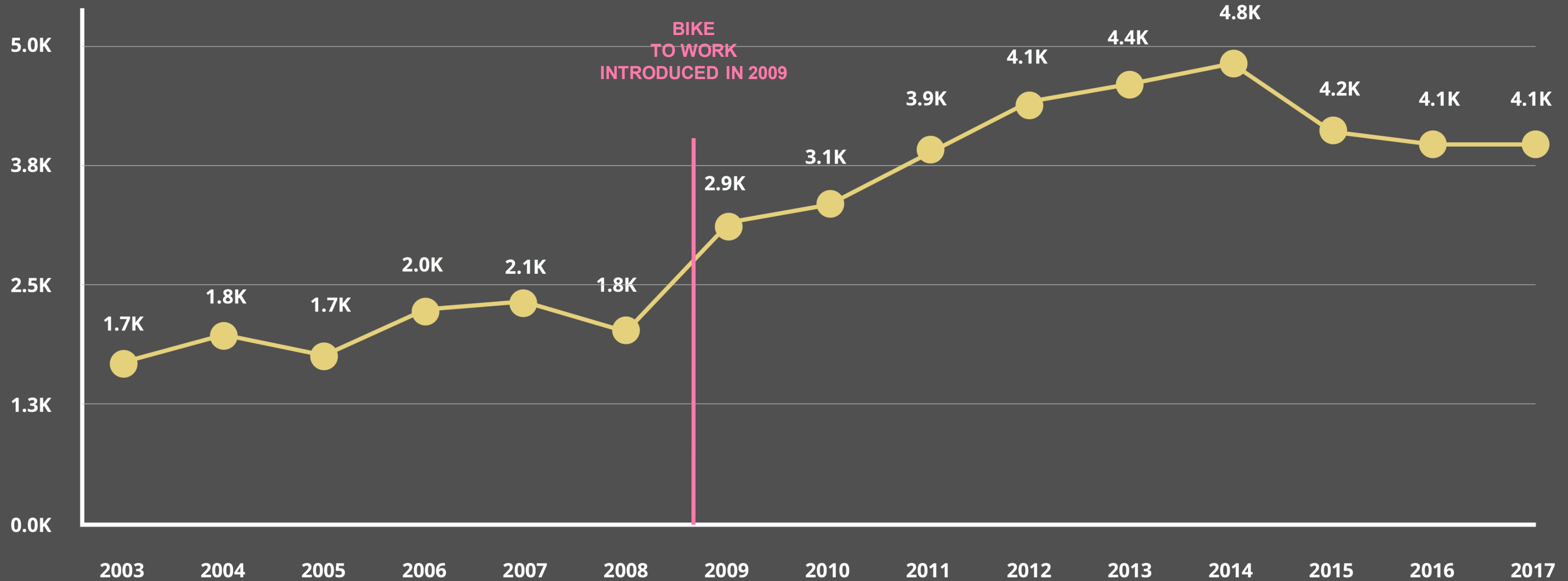
What we'll cover today



- ⚙️ **Why we looked at bike theft**
- ⚙️ **What we did**
- ⚙️ **What we found**
- ⚙️ **What we did with what we found**
- ⚙️ **What we learned**

Reported bike theft rose by 160% from 2008 to 2017

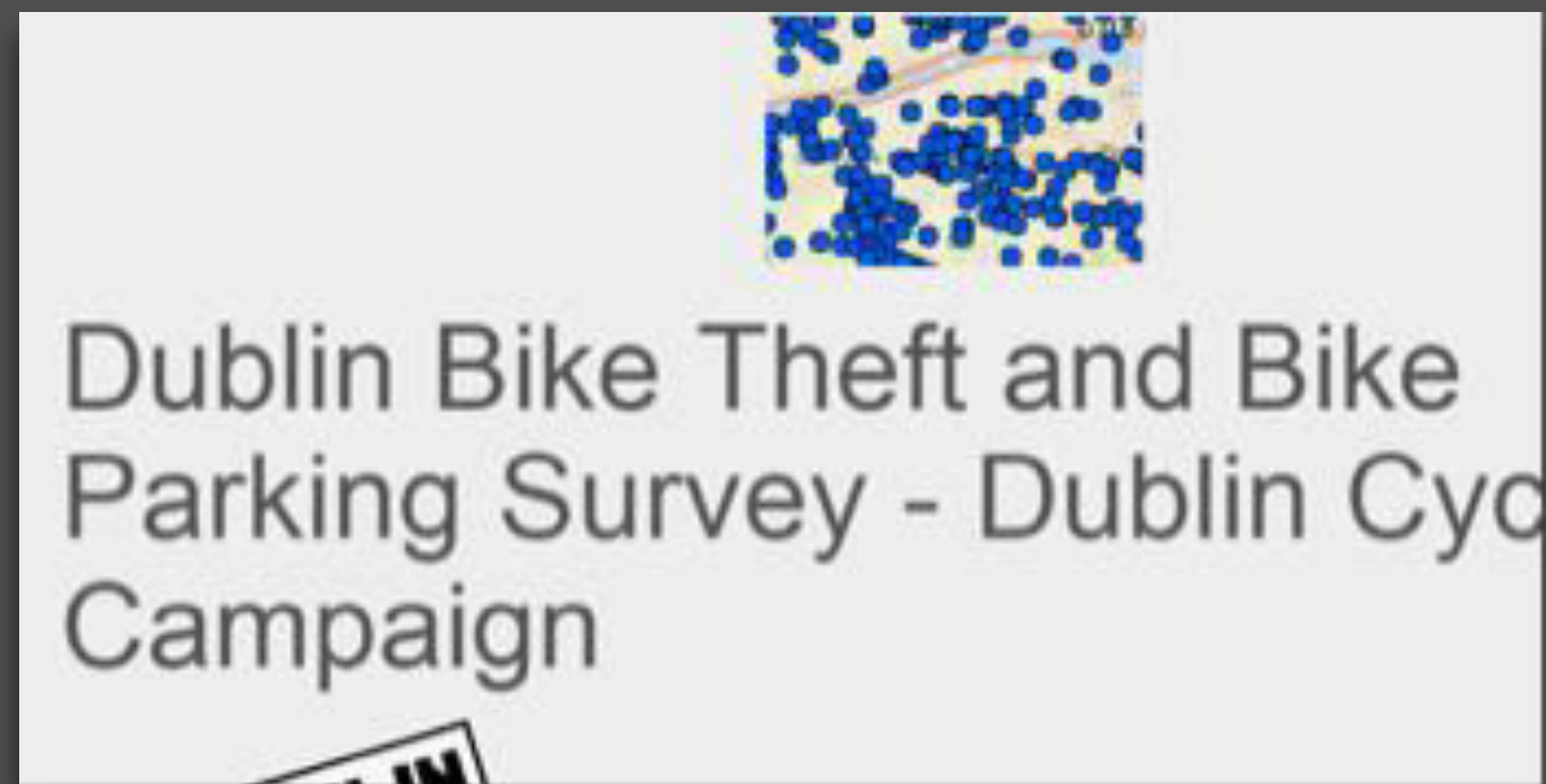
Reported thefts 2003 - 2017



🔗🔗 Dublin bike theft survey & European comparison 🔗🔗

❄️ Dublin bike theft and bike parking survey (1500 replies)

❄️ Bike theft projects in Netherland and London



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🔗🔗🔗🔗🔗 Bike theft is not a new problem 🔗🔗🔗🔗🔗

Irish Independent, 1935

DUBLIN CYCLE THEFTS
—
CARELESSNESS OF OWNERS
—
PARKING PLACES URGED

HARD LABOUR FOR CYCLE THEFTS
—
JUDGE ISSUES WARNING TO RECEIVERS

Irish Independent, 1943

Thefts Of Bicycles
GARDAI ON DUTY OUTSIDE CHURCHES
The authorities had taken such a serious view of the stealing of bicycles from outside churches that they had placed Gardai on duty at churches all over Dublin, said Detective-Officer Murphy at Dun Laoghaire.

Dublin Thief Cycled Under Lorry

Det.-Sergt. Corry said that following the theft Nolan had an amazing escape from death. When a crowd followed him he cycled under a lorry of hay at the junction of North King Street and Coleraine Street. He sustained injuries to his head but when he was being attended to he jumped up and ran away.

Irish Independent, 1940

Advice to Cyclists
COMBATING THE CYCLE THIEF

Don't leave your machine unlocked.

Always worthwhile turning the key in the lock, even if you'll only be absent a few seconds.

If you've forgotten your lock or key, deflate one of the tyres and remove the valve.

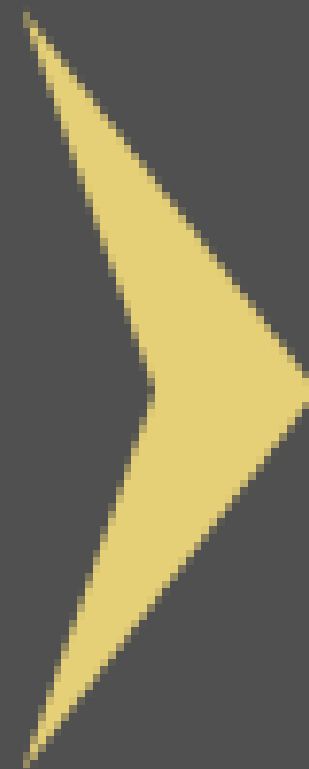


∞ ∞ ∞ A barrier to increasing cycling numbers ∞ ∞ ∞

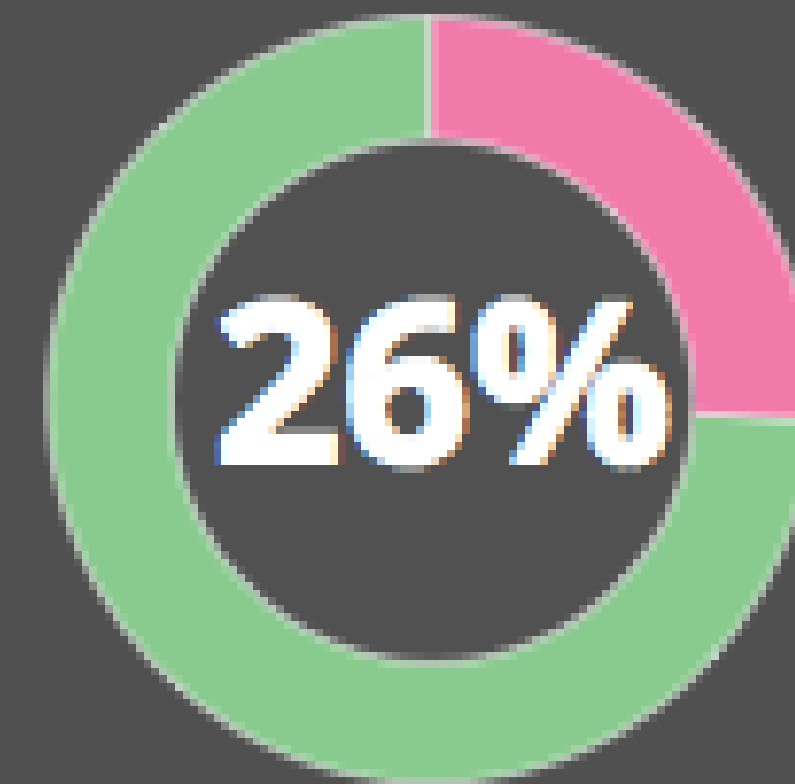
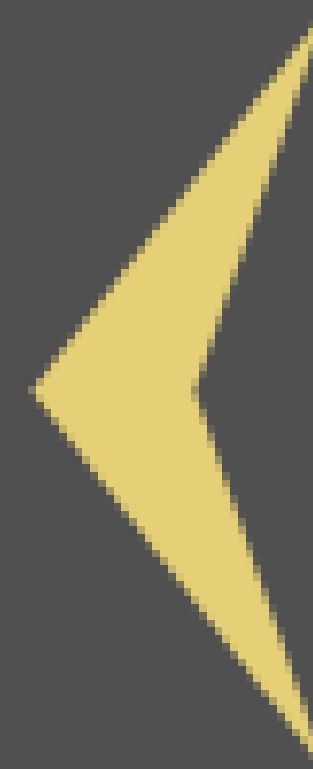
THE IMPACT OF THE BIKE THEFT

1 in 6 people

do not replace
their bicycles



42%
STOP OR
REDUCE THEIR
CYCLING



REDUCE
HOW MUCH
THEY USE
USE THEIR
BICYCLE


🔗 Apartment car parks, streets, gardens & sheds 🔗

TOP BIKE THEFT LOCATIONS



Bike Theft campaign

Issued a press release and had a photo call

THE IRISH TIMES Sun, Feb 8, 2015

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Just 4% of bikes stolen in Dublin are recovered - survey


Trinity college a 'hot spot' for bicycle theft, Dublin Cycling Campaign survey finds



The Dublin Cycling Campaign is calling for the establishment of a working group co-ordinated by Dublin City Council to develop a scheme to reduce bike theft in the city. File photograph: Cyril Byrne/The Irish Times

Cyclists urged to be cautious with bikes, even at home

David Timoney from the Dublin Cycling Campaign, says a new survey show bikes are as vulnerable to theft in car parks and homes as they are on the street



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CONVICTION RATE FOR BIKE THEFT 2%

Cycling campaign chief has bike robbed - while meeting council about bike thefts

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Cycling campaign chief has bike robbed - while meeting council about bike thefts




A member of the Dublin Cycling Campaign who was surveying bike thefts had his own bike stolen while meeting with Dublin City Council about the issue



What happened – action group through council

-  Councillors
-  Gardai
-  National Transport Authority
-  Dublin Cycling Campaign
-  Bike Shop representatives

Focus:

-  Communications campaign on bike locking
-  Bike Parking Guide & new guidelines in City Development Plan
-  Central Statistics Office (CSO) survey on unreported bike theft



🔗 Campaign on bike locking & bike parking guide 🔗

Bike locking campaign

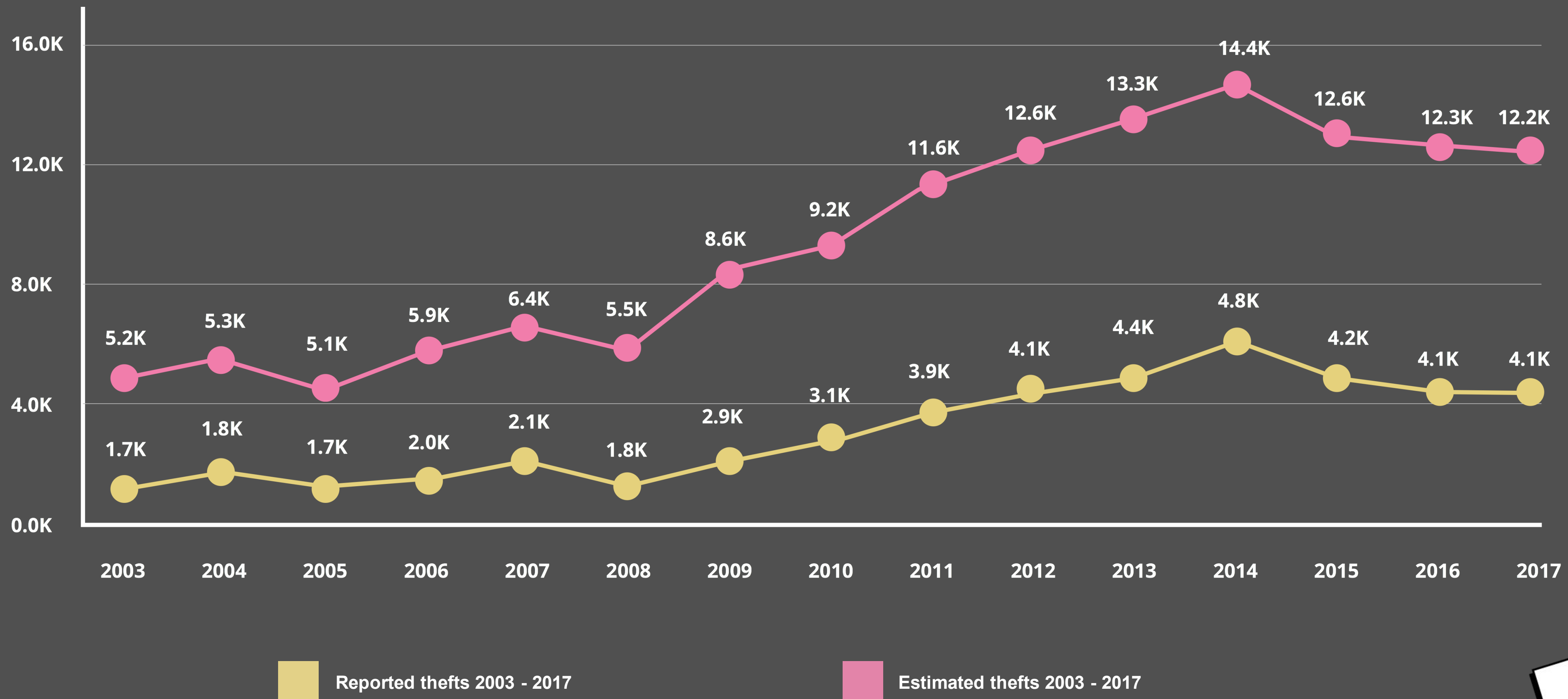


Bike parking guide



CSO: actual bike thefts 3 times reported level

Reported and estimated thefts 2003 - 2017





What we didn't do



Bike registration

- ❄ Heavy administrative burden
- ❄ No willing owner in Ireland
- ❄ Mixed results from registration schemes abroad
- ❄ Focused on what we felt we could influence with limited resources.

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⚙️ Bike Parking:

- Still a shortage of secure bike parking in the city.
- Retrofitting of existing apartment blocks with Sheffield Hoops.
- Mandatory Sheffield hoops in new apartment blocks.

⚙️ Bike Locking:

- A significant, (but reducing), % of cyclists still use poor quality locks.



The solution has been known for a long time...



Irish Independent 1905-current*, 30.11.1936, page 11

Irish Independent, 1936

CYCLE STEALING IN DUBLIN

INCREASED NUMBER OF OFFENCES

ADVICE TO OWNERS

Supervised/ secure
bike parking

Every month sees an increase in cycling in the city, and most owners constantly are in dread of a thief. Most continental cities provide parking in bike parks free of charge or for a nominal fee, the parking stands being in the charge of an official, who gives a numbered disk to the owner after locking his bike in a bracket. Bicycle thefts in these cities were very uncommon as a result.

Better locks

The principal places of larceny are outside shops, churches and offices where bicycles are left unlocked and unattended. A lock can be purchased for 3d and in the past 3 years only 1 bike was stolen that was locked.

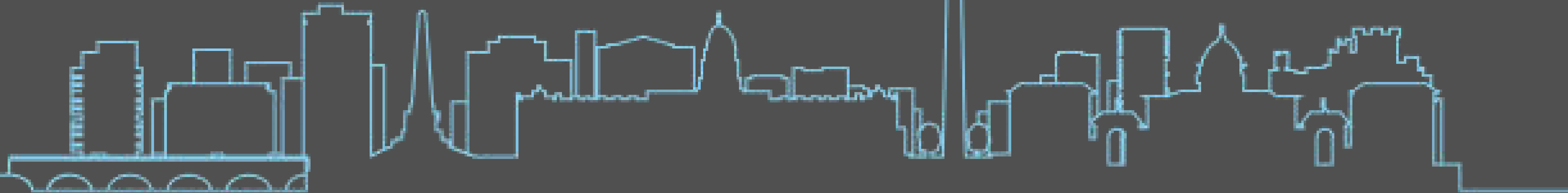
Registration of bicycles on the lines of motor vehicles has been suggested as a means of checking larcenies.

Bike registration

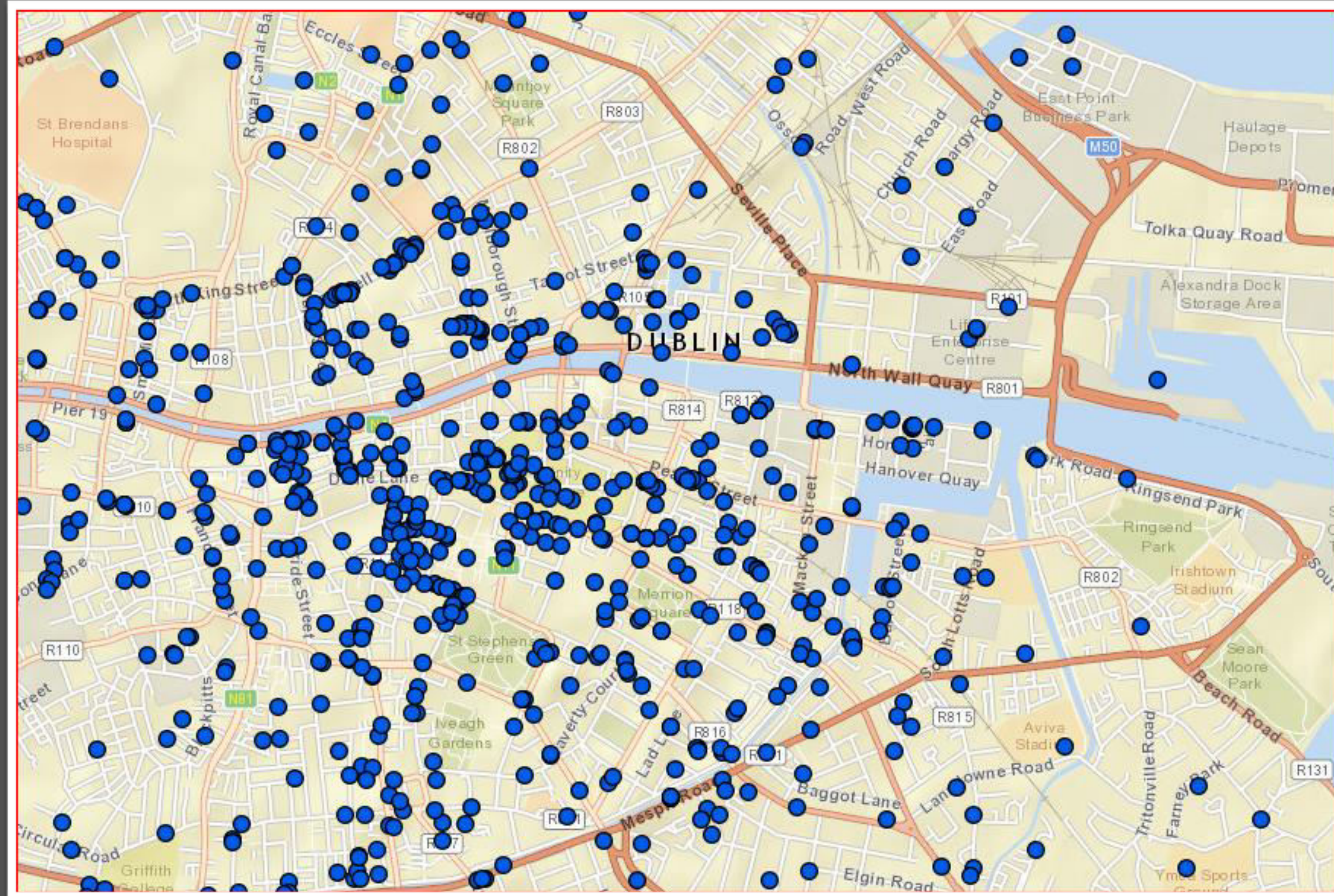


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Thank you!



🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲 Bike theft location from survey 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲



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Some comments from the survey



On bike parking

“Drury street is great but we need much more secure bike parking places in city including the Northside”

On Garda action

“Gardai don't take bike theft seriously. If this was car theft Gardai would be all over it”

On bike theft

“Bike theft is rampant. I would love to cycle to more places if I didn't think my bike would be stolen”

On bike locking

“Owners do have to take responsibility too. Get a better lock! Double lock! Watch what you lock it too!”

“Am very careful & still have had 3 bikes stolen. Everyone I know that cycles have had bicycles stolen. “

