

I am writing to you in reference to the Experimental Residents Parking Scheme been made permanent in Forge Close and Saddlers Close. After been able to park outside my own property free for over 20 years, I do not feel it is necessary for parking permits to be now introduced. Especially as this is mainly due to the fact that a sports stadium was built with nowhere near enough parking spaces needed. So I am not willing to pay for someone else's short sightedness. Plus the fact it was originally trialled for match days, So I would be paying for days where parking restrictions certainly are not needed.

With regard to the proposed Residents parking Scheme at Forge close.

We are unhappy with having to pay to park in our own area due to the community stadium, The disruption caused by the stadium is minimal and therefore feel it is unfair on the residents to pay to park for a few days disruption,

If you feel the scheme needs to be enforced we feel that each household should be given at least one free permit with an option to purchase more if needed.

We are **not in favour** of continuing the residents parking scheme which was brought into operation on completion of the community stadium.

We think its extreme to continue with the scheme as we don't get many cars parked in our street and in fact the parking tickets handed out have been to family of residents who had a legitimate reason for parking in the street – which is annoying.

We think the experiment has acted and will continue to act as a deterrent for community stadium parkers to use our street. What would be useful is if we could have a sign in the street reminding people that it is residents and guests parking only.

I have received your letter dated 21/11/2022 in regard to the changes of the Permits that will be taking place on my street Saddlers Close. I feel charging for permits for members of my family to visit me, is just sheer greed from the council. It's not like I can buy a permit and its transferable – its allocated to a registration number.

There has been times in the past when I have had workmen at the house and they have parked outside my house. I have given them the R66 permit – but how would this work in future?

Also If I was to buy a permit and allocate it to my car – why should I park on the street – when other cars have been knocked and scaped as the close is used as a pick up and drop off area on match days?

The council are very happy and quick to give fines on the close to residents that have by there own fault forgotten to put their permit in their car window, but when the church car park over the road is full and

people park on a Sunday morning outside my house with no permit – that's fine.

As you can tell from the tone of this email I object to paying for permits so my family can see me and park up knowing this will not get a parking ticket.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email and that it will be discussed on 17/01/2023.

I am writing in response to your letter dated 21st November 2022 regarding the Experimental Residents Parking Scheme in Forge Close and Saddlers Close. I object to the Council's proposal of making the Experimental Parking Scheme permanent. The reasons for my representation IN OBJECTION are as follows:

Reason 1. There is simply unnecessary and no ground for the existence of a parking scheme.

The neighbourhoods and drivers who park in Saddlers Close have been very self-conscious and considerate. Currently all residents are keeping their cars in the house area or in the private flat parking area that there were no obstructions or disturbance found in the Saddlers Close. I cannot see any benefits from the scheme, especially on the residents' side. On the contrary, roads in Saddlers Close are narrow and unlikely appropriate to let vehicles park aside on the road for a long time (please do a site visit in Saddlers Close), I doubt the scheme may bring an unwanted outcome to let residents park their vehicles outside their houses and 'legally' obstruct the street when they are willing to pay for a permit. I also wonder if the Council's trucks can come into the Close for waste and recycling collection when the Council allows parking on the road and makes this arrangement permanent.

Reason 2. The idea of charging (punishing) drivers for parking in a 'non-busy residential area' is wrong.

Non-residents coming to park in the Close is a consequence of poor city planning and it is ridiculous to make us pay the price. People need to drive and park for visiting their family and friends, shopping or seeing a match. These are basic needs and people are finding their own ways to cope without complaining. It is too harsh to punish people with money during this hard time.

Reason 3. Negative impacts on residents of Saddlers Close are expected. Our builders, gas engineers, friends, family members will be charged if they would like to stay for more than 10 mins. That means the residents may very likely need to pay for the incurred charges hereafter. The online registrations and payments make life even more complicated and difficult. Having chosen to live in a village in York,

I didn't expect the costs of such a parking scheme and the fuss that it would bring.

I hope the Council would understand local people have been facing a very difficult time when all living costs have been rising, this scheme which brings no benefit to the residents in Saddlers Close but incurs extra spendings will surely be unwelcome. Please listen to us and cancel the money-driven order permanently.

Moreover, it would be helpful if the Council could provide residents with more background information of the experimental scheme in the letter. There are new residents around Saddlers Close and they might struggle to understand what's happening, given that the information on the Council's website is limited.

May I request my letter to be treated as an official representation.

Thank you.

This is a response to your letter of the 21st of November concerning the Experimental Residents Parking Scheme.

The previous letters (starting on the 27/01/2020) were sent just before and during a global pandemic when the stadium was closed. It is therefore unsurprising that few answered it, but it is good that this reminder has been sent allowing the residents an opportunity to respond.

First, and foremost, we own our property and according to the title deeds, that includes the section up to the hedge at the front of the property. If this scheme is to be made permanent that would mean that we, and other property owners would be charged for parking on our own land, which is unfair.

Second, while the prices are not exorbitant, if the scheme is made permanent, this will impose another expense on households during a time of economic recession, record inflation, and sky high energy prices. The available public transport infrastructure in York is generally abysmal which means that owning a car is a necessity for most people.

Third, according to the original letters, imposing the experimental parking restrictions was aimed at determining whether this was a viable solution for preventing stadium visitors from parking in residential streets. However, since the parking restrictions were in place before the stadium reopened, how will the Council determine the impact of not having restrictions in place, without repeating the experiment without the restrictions?

Please can you inform us where and how the details of the evidence obtained by the experiment will be published?

If the evidence points to such a parking scheme being necessary to prevent stadium patrons parking in a residential street, it seems that a

better solution would be to charge the stadium for parking permits which would apply during and around the times of events.  
In conclusion, given the points stated above, we object to the scheme being made permanent at this time. We would hope that if the restrictions are removed, the Council would continue to monitor the situation and provide options for residents if nuisance parking later becomes an issue.

I write further to receipt of the letter sent to residents regarding the completion of the residential parking experiment in Saddlers Close in relation to the stadium.

I forward here the emails (below) which I sent at the beginning of the scheme. My mind has not been changed at all.

**I would like this restrictive residents parking scheme removing at the first available opportunity. I do not want it. I never have wanted it.**

I think it is complete overkill, unnecessary and prohibitively expensive to residents to solve a parking issue which causes little disruption on our road.

At the moment I cannot afford to heat my house let alone pay ridiculous charges like this. For two cars, your fees are extortion. The match day parking is short duration and does not warrant all these restrictions which will be placed onto residents (visitor parking etc for 24 hours a day 7 days a week) just so a couple of people don't park down the street on match days.

I would like it to be recorded that I object in the strongest possible terms to this scheme.

I look forward to receiving updates.

I write to register my objection to making permanent the experimental parking scheme in Forge Close and Saddlers Close, Huntington, York for the following reasons:

- As a new resident I see no need for a parking permit scheme.
- Signage is not clear. I lived here for 4 weeks before I was made aware by the previous owner of my property that a scheme was in place. The fact that a scheme is in place had never come up in conversation with other residents.
- I could find no up to date information about the R66 residents parking scheme when I looked on the City of York Council website in October 2022.
- My understanding is that the experimental scheme was put in place to deter the number of cars parking in the area when matches take place at the LNER stadium. It is clear to me that visitors to the LNER stadium do not use this area for parking.

- At the most recent stadium match (Saturday 3 December 2022) no match visitors parked on Forge Close. I noted many people walking eastwards along Jockey Lane leading me to believe that they are parking elsewhere.
- During the Women's Rugby League World Cup there was no evidence that the area was being used for parking, including the day of the England match which witnessed a near capacity crowd at the stadium.
- I have never seen a warden checking vehicles.
- At most, on any given day, there are no more than 3 vehicles using the road to park.
- I have only noted one resident park on the road displaying a permit.
- The majority of residents park on the driveway to their house. They therefore have no need for a permit.
- A very small number of residents own two vehicles with limited driveway parking. Any parking scheme would be adversely expensive for them.
- A parking permit and an additional permit for visitors is not needed by residents.
- The cost of permits is unreasonably high. I do not foresee that residents with driveway parking would purchase a permit.
- A parking permit scheme would raise very little revenue.
- If the council believe that a residents' parking scheme is needed in this area, I would expect to see a proper survey undertaken to measure the number of vehicles using the area. I would also anticipate that data exists to measure the number of vehicles parking at Monk's Cross on match days.

I trust that my views will be taken into consideration when deciding the future of this experimental scheme.

I believe that the impact of visitors to the stadium parking in the area has not been as high as anticipated and that a Residents Parking Scheme is not warranted.

I reply to your letter dated 21st November 2022, regarding the experimental parking scheme, I would like to make the following comments on behalf of both adults at 36 Saddlers Close.

Firstly, the reason we did not make any representations to the experimental order was to allow as long as possible to monitor the impact of the Community Stadium and other associated facilities at Vanguard. It was difficult to make any representations early in the scheme, especially as part of the experimental period was during Covid.

We would like to make it categorically clear that we are opposed to the scheme continuing.

Clear, in the current climate, it wouldn't be financially viable for us, and even if it were, the scheme would not offer any value for money or maintain our quality of living at the location.

I have monitored the impact of the new community stadium, and there has been no noticeable difference to traffic flow at the location. I have noticed some increased parking further afield and appreciate some of this may come into our street if the restrictions are lifted.

However, the layout of our street makes it difficult for parking to cause any issues and in reality, there is very little room. A good test was the recent back to back rugby league World Cup games, which had no adverse impact.

The relatively short period of time matches are on for further minimises and almost eliminates any possible inconvenience.

We would like the parking scheme to cease as soon as possible.

This email is to notify my OBJECTION to a residents parking scheme for the reasons laid out below.

Firstly as i live in one of the social housing properties without a drive, this is unfair on myself and other social housing tenants over people who live in private bought properties with drives who would not need to pay for a permit.

Also the amount of times the Huntington stadium houses sports events a year does not justify the cost of permits.

Once again i OBJECT to any residents parking scheme on Forge close or Saddlers close

I write to you on the subject of a parking scheme in Saddlers Close. I do not wish to have a parking scheme in my street. We have no problem with people parking in our street. There are only a couple of off street parking spaces in the street and these are taken up by residents. I do not wish for me or any of my visitors to pay to park in my own street. We didn't ask for this you have forced this on us.

I have just received a letter from yourself, regarding the residents parking scheme which you are proposing for my street and Forge Close, and which you have asked for residents views.

Here are my views.

I am completely against the proposed development. I think that you are using a sledgehammer to crack a very small nut.

Parking in our street has never been an issue. Even on match days prior to the scheme being introduced on a temporary basis.

Have you ever been down our street? Apart from the flats, most of the houses have a double driveway, so can accommodate 2 vehicles easily. From my understanding, if we park on our own driveways then we do not need to purchase a permit to park. It therefore seems to be a money grabbing exercise at our expense. The street is also a very small cul-de-sac, with limited parking space other than our driveways, so as I say, we are never inundated with extra cars on match days, or other days for that matter. So why do we need a permit?

Even if someone did park on our street on match days, it is for a very short time, but we are expected to pay for a permit 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Complete overkill in my eyes.



As for my own personal experience, my daughter and son in law were caught out parking at my house when they came to collect their children when I had been baby sitting. They arrived together, stayed for around 30 minutes, to discover on their exit that they had received a ticket! Apparently, it was a match day. A fact to which we were completely unaware, not being sports fans, and the fact that we get no notice of when matches are on. My daughter's car even had 2 wheels on my drive! Apparently, on disputing the fee, my son in law was told that he was being timed! It appears now we are on a time limit for guests. Ridiculous!

All in all, I am completely against this proposal and I would like this fact recording.