

Annex E



SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Reader

Scrutiny Members examine the decisions, policies and performance of the Council and make recommendations where they feel things could be improved for the citizens of York.

This non-Executive Member cross-party role was created by the Local Government Act 2000 which is all about modernising local government and creating better ways for citizens to be more involved in local decision making.

The scrutiny boards will consider possible suggestions about issues to look at from anyone, so long as these are not specific issues of an individual nature which should be taken up with a local Councillor or addressed through the Corporate Complaints system.

Scrutiny at York has already investigated things as diverse as the response to the 2000 floods, affordable housing, provision for young people in York, rail-side safety and street cleaning.

If you have a suggestion for something the scrutiny boards might consider, then please fill in this registration form and return it to us, either by post or by e-mail.

Madeleine Kirk

Cllr Madeleine Kirk
Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee



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SUGGESTED TITLE OF TOPIC Paving policy - Parking, paving and verges	
ABOUT YOU Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.	
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Are You (delete as applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resident of York • A Visitor • A City of York Councillor • A City of York Council Employee • A Representative of a Voluntary Organisation or Charitable Trust (if YES please tell us the organisations title and your relationship to the organisation below) • Other (please comment) 	YES NO YES NO YES / NO

ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC

Please write your responses to as many of the questions below as you are able to.

WHY DO YOU THINK THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT?

The present policy adopted in 2002 seeks to minimise future maintenance and injury claims by replacing footway paving with black tarmac, unless it is a Conservation Area or there is an intervening grass verge. Increasingly this is also being removed and replaced by tarmac too because of damage by vehicle over-run. Residents often feel this policy damages the appearance of a suburban street and reduces ambient light levels particularly in winter . It also increases storm water run-off into the drains (with greater risk of flash flooding) and creates more ponding problems, particularly if the cheaper slurry sealing is applied or traffic calming features are present.

DO YOU KNOW IF THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT TO OTHER PEOPLE? IF SO, WHO AND WHY?

Yes - recent several reports in the local media of residents unhappy with this policy in the past year.

WHAT DO YOU THINK SCRUTINY OF THIS TOPIC MIGHT CHANGE, DO OR ACHIEVE?

Alternative options to removing verges and paving could be discussed and pilot measures tried where there is clear support for this from residents in the street affected. The scrutiny may raise public awareness of the damage done by heavy vehicles driving onto the verge or footway and help to reduce this type of damage or recover more of the costs of repair.

Options that reduce storm runoff might be identified.
The council will be seen to be 'listening' on the issue.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT THE APPROACH SCRUTINY MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE TO YOUR SUGGESTED TOPIC?

A scrutiny report on the drainage implications of paving of front gardens was completed for London, There may be other councils have identified innovative solutions to this problem that could be applied in York

In addition to the damage, parking on verges and footways is of concern to people with disabilities, parents with small children and those concerned about road safety.

The appearance of the street is an important aspect of building support for 'York Pride' If residents feel that the council doesn't care about the appearance of their street they are less likely to continue to take a pride in the public realm in their neighbourhood.

WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO TALK TO SCRUTINY MEMBERS ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC AT FORMAL MEETINGS?

Yes

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE SUBMISSION OF THIS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Thank you for proposing a new scrutiny topic. As Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee and Scrutiny Boards we promise the following things;

- To advise you of any meetings where a decision will be taken as to whether to progress your topic and invite you to attend
- If Members would like you to speak in support of your topic at such meetings you will be notified and supported through the process by a Scrutiny Officer
- If you do not wish to speak you do not have to; your choice will not influence fair consideration of your topic.

Please return this form to the address below or send it by email. If you want any more information about Scrutiny or submitting a new topic for consideration then please contact the Scrutiny Team.

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