

Comments received to the R65 extension informal consultation**SUPPORT**

I fully support the Residents Parking scheme on a 7 day, 24 hour basis

Oversubscription of our 4 streets has been getting worse year on year. Residents' safety and wellbeing/mental health are suffering because of this.

Examples:

- Pupils at St Peter's school - inexperienced drivers who often enter and exit too fast - making our streets unsafe Monday to Saturday on their arrival and exit, and regularly damaging residents' vehicles.
- Contractors who can't park on site e.g. Roundtree's Crescent, Coney St
- People who work in town or at the hospital but don't wish to pay for parking.
- Residents in adjacent Res Park areas who have a second/third vehicle and don't wish to pay for additional permits (e.g. Abbey Street, North Parade )
- The 13 (that i know of) AirBnBs within the proposed scheme, where we can have multiple vehicles arrive for each property. They are often parked until the end of 'changeover day' while the new occupancy and their multiple vehicles have already arrived.
- Holiday-makers who use our streets for free parking before walking to the station to catch the airport train. Their cars have been known to have been left for anything up to 2 weeks.

**SUPPORT**

We both voted in favour of the scheme and for the 24 hours 7 days a week option.

I'm just getting in touch to provide some further information as to why we feel so strongly about this scheme going ahead. I've attached a few images highlighting how bad the parking situation is for the residents of Compton street.

With our street, and the adjacent streets being the only non permit zone in the area it has meant that the residents barely stand a chance of getting parked near their own homes and are completely at the mercy of people who work in York and use our street for free parking all day, St Peters Students, Old Grey Mare customers who can't drive home after drinking and Air B&B's in the area who advertise our street as free parking.

There have been a number of instances where I've been completely blocked in by people who don't live in the area and we've had no way of getting in contact with the owners to try and get out. Neither the police or the council said they could help, both said it was the others remit. I've been severely late for work as a result.

We've had a window fitter in the past few months who's had to charge us twice because when he came to fit the windows he couldn't get outside our house to do the work. A young girl ditched her car outside and never came back for over 3 days. We've had to turn numerous workman away as a result of this in the past.

Finally there's how bad things have got at the weekends since the opening of the Old Grey Mare. Don't get me wrong, we love the fact that the pubs doing really well, and we enjoy going ourselves. It's gotten to the point where people are driving, leaving there cars and having a drink.

I popped back to the house at 8pm last night to pick up some things and I couldn't get parked anywhere. I'm dreading to think what it'll be like the day we bring the baby back and my partner is struggling to get out of the car and we're trying to get the baby out at the same time.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this, I just wanted to make you aware that our support of the residents only parking isn't coming from place of pettiness or grudges. But from genuine grievances that the vast majority of other residents in the city don't have to put up with.



## SUPPORT

One of the serious problems that occurs on Grove view is the amount of parking from St Peter's School.

Numerous students drive in and out at the exact times that people who live in the street are trying to move in the opposite direction for work or school purposes. This has led to numerous arguments in the street and is damaging to community cohesion. Residents have appealed to St peter's Schools to create parking for sixth formers on their land rather than causes much nuisance in the local neighbourhood., notwithstanding the fact that at the moment it is of course legal for them to park here.

They often park badly and take up too much space in a small street. It is sometimes a serious nuisance.

WE also get people from other streets not Compton or Rosslyn who park here and go on holiday. That is also annoying when the owner of the vehicle lives in eg Abbey Street or another street and assumes that our street is safer.

I agree with businesses being provided for with temporary parking bays especially the butcher and the greengrocer.

There is more visitor parking now that the Old Grey Mare is functioning more successfully but more parking in Compton Street has arisen as a result.

As I have been seriously ill I have had numerous home visits from a variety of care and service providers. I need know that the arrangements for them to park are workable and not too costly given that some of them are medical staff nurses and chiropodists as well as the cleaner and home help. Are there arrangements for visitors who are doing a job at any given house especially where disabilities or illness is involved.

I prefer paper permits that I can give to people rather than having to go online all the time as I would not necessarily have registration numbers or knowledge of what kind of car to complete any online form.

## SUPPORT

There are a number of identifiable groups that use Compton Street for parking at different times, workers, sixth-formers, shoppers. There is also significant anecdotal evidence that the street is used by visitors/AirBnB-ers. For this reason I think it's important that any restriction be 24x7.

On the plan provided, the red line which indicates the proposed extended area terminates on the north side at the gable-end of 1A Compton Street. Perhaps the diagram is drafted inaccurately, but it would seem to be more sensible (and create an extra parking space) if the parking area extended as far as the entrance of the Old Grey Mare. (See diag.)



With this extra space, 3 cars can then park comfortably outside of 1A & 1B.

A more general comment is re the 2-hour parking bays. I appreciate that 2-hour parking is in use elsewhere in the locality, but I question whether this is the best way to support local shops.

2-hours hardly encourages great turnover. The pub has its own car-park, and surely one hour is sufficient time to visit the deli, the butcher and/or have a haircut, or to park up for a 30 minute music lesson locally. 2 hours is sufficient time to park up and stroll into the city centre for in excess of an hour of shopping, which does little to assist local businesses.

#### **SUPPORT**

As a resident I strongly support the action to make the street a permit zone.

#### **SUPPORT**

Mon -Sat 9.00am - 5.00pm After over two years of waiting this is great and very positive news. I am fully in favour of the scheme and hope the surrounding residents are too. We are however at a slight disadvantage in Grove View now as we have waited so long for this parking scheme to happen that recently three residents from the street who were in favour have now decided to move with the issue being part of their reason why.

#### **SUPPORT**

Parking has become horrendous in the area on a daily basis which causes needless stress for everyone. I truly believe that if successful it will make life easier for all residents who live here

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The parking situation is noticeably more difficult during St Peters' School term time. Residents have appealed to the school about the inconvenience to residents of the number of sixth form students parking in the street but the school has not provided a solution and has reminded us that the students are legally entitled to park but the school will support our application for resident parking.

#### **SUPPORT**

One of the issues we have on the street is students at St Peters using it as a car-park. I was hoping that supporting the proposition may also help to discourage people setting up Air BnB on the street.

#### **SUPPORT**

9-5 on weekdays is currently when parking is the most stressed, particularly on school days. So I believe restricting parking during this time would be the most effective at addressing the issue, while still allowing some flexibility for guests during the weekend.

#### **SUPPORT**

This scheme is very much welcome. already on a number of occasions I have been unable to park on my own street, as well as having had my vehicle damaged by inexperienced drivers who drive down our rather tight one way street. I sincerely hope that this proposal goes through, and we can enjoy parking outside our houses not having to worry about space availability.

## AGAINST

We are writing to strongly object to the proposed introduction of a permit parking scheme on Rosslyn Street. As residents of this street for nearly six years, we believe such a scheme is unnecessary, would provide no additional benefit to us, and would, in fact, cause significant financial hardship and disadvantage, particularly in our current circumstances.

The consultation specifically asks for comments on any circumstances that mean we would be disadvantaged by the introduction of the scheme. We wish to highlight the following key points:

1. **Specific Disadvantage and Financial Burden Related to Employment:** One of the most significant disadvantages for us relates to \*\*\* employment. The recent appointment is a role dedicated to serving our communities. This role inherently requires extensive travel by car, often needing to use a different hire vehicle each week for insurance purposes. The proposed permit scheme presents a serious logistical and financial obstacle. It appears they would either be forced to purchase numerous visitor permits weekly, which may be subject to limitations and rapidly accumulating costs, or potentially face the unfeasible expense of an additional full permit costing hundreds of pounds annually for vehicles they use temporarily. This new financial burden, arising so soon after commencing a role focused on public service, seriously calls into question the viability of continuing this important community-focused work without incurring significant personal and unsustainable expense. This is a clear and direct disadvantage imposed by the scheme.
2. **Lack of Existing Parking Issues for Residents:** In our almost six years living on Rosslyn Street, we have consistently found it easy to park either directly on our street or on the adjacent Compton Street. We have not experienced a shortage of parking spaces that would necessitate a permit scheme. Therefore, the proposal seeks to charge us for a convenience we already enjoy and rightfully expect as residents.
3. **Exorbitant and Unjustified Permit Costs:** The proposed permit costs are, frankly, astronomical. £115 for a single car, and an additional £264 for a second car, represents a substantial new financial burden. This feels less like a solution to a non-existent problem and more like an additional tax, particularly on younger working residents. At a time when council tax continues to rise and the general cost of living presents significant challenges, these proposed charges would place an unnecessary and severe strain on our already tight household budget.
4. **Feeling Priced Out of Our Community:** We love living in York and actively contribute to the city through our employment and volunteering efforts. However, the cumulative effect of rising council tax, the general cost of living, and now the

potential for these extortionate and, in our view, unnecessary permit charges, is genuinely making us feel as though we are being priced out of the city we call home.

5. **Flawed Justification for the Scheme:** We understand the petition for permits may stem from concerns about St Peter's students or city centre commuters parking on these streets. However, in our direct experience, this does not present a significant issue for residents. There is a natural turnover of vehicles in the morning and evening as residents commuting to work depart and return around the same times as any non-resident day parkers. This typically ensures space availability. Furthermore, we have observed a noticeable reduction in non-resident parking since 2020, likely due to increased remote working. We urge the council to conduct a thorough, objective assessment of current parking levels on Rosslyn Street at various times and days to accurately gauge the situation before proceeding with these plans. We are confident such an assessment would demonstrate that sufficient parking remains available for residents.
6. **Misdirected Solution – Real Issue is Lack of Enforcement:** The primary parking-related issue on Rosslyn Street is not a lack of spaces, but rather the persistent illegal and inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines. This dangerous practice significantly obstructs visibility and access, particularly when entering and exiting Rosslyn Street and when pulling out from Compton Street onto Bootham. The current lack of enforcement of these existing, clearly marked restrictions gives us little confidence that a new permit scheme would be effectively policed. Consequently, we fear that non-residents may continue to park inappropriately without penalty, while residents are burdened with the cost of permits that fail to solve the actual problem.

**Alternative Suggestion:**

We believe a more equitable and sensible approach, if any intervention is deemed necessary after a proper assessment, would be to grant permits to residents free of charge. If the aim is to deter non-resident parking, then a system of charging non-residents for parking in the area would be a more targeted and fair solution, rather than penalising residents for parking near their own homes.

In conclusion, the proposed permit parking scheme for Rosslyn Street would impose significant and demonstrable disadvantages upon us as residents. It offers no discernible benefits to offset the substantial financial costs, the logistical challenges it presents for employment, and the general sense of being financially penalised for simply residing here. The scheme appears to be a solution in search of a problem, failing to address the genuine issue of illegal parking while creating new burdens for the community it ostensibly aims to serve. We strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal, conduct a comprehensive and objective assessment of the current parking situation, and explore alternative solutions that do not disproportionately disadvantage residents like ourselves. We believe that our ability to continue living and contributing to this community will be seriously impacted by the introduction of these unnecessary and costly permits.

Thank you for considering our objections.

**AGAINST**

I have experienced no issues parking in the time I have lived here, and regularly see multiple free spaces. I see no reason why I should pay £100 per year to continue doing exactly the same thing that I currently do. I would happily support residents' parking as I am aware students of St Peter's regularly park on our road, but only if this is at no cost to residents. To reiterate, I do not want to be paying money to continue to do something which I already do without needing to pay. Given that you have already increased residents' council tax at the maximum available rate, I would prefer not to continue to pay more money for no additional service or benefit.

**AGAINST**

No resident parking scheme is necessary in this area