

Annex A

# Badger Hill Action Group

## Over Development of Family Homes Petition

You will be more than aware that properties on Badger Hill are being converted to Student lets at an alarming rate. What started as just standard homes being let to Students, is now becoming big business for the developers.

Recently, 41 Yarborough Way has been allowed to be converted from a 3-bedroom home into a multiple student hostel, and now an application is being sought to convert 58 Crossways from a 3 bedroom home into an 8-bedroom student hostel.

The Council does not want ordinary family homes converted into flats & has a policy which means they would normally refuse permission to convert a house with 4 bedrooms or less when originally built. This policy does not appear to be working.

In support of the development schemes for Germany Beck & Derwenthorpe, the Council have stated that these sites can provide family homes with gardens, which is what people are asking for. If this area of York is lacking in family houses, you have to ask why properties on Badger Hill, the very types of houses which are so desperately needed, are being allowed to be converted to Student lets at an alarming rate. This is having a detrimental effect on our estate. People are already beginning to move out, people who have lived here for many years, and it is not new families moving in, but Property Developers who have no consideration for the community.

Students do not appear to use the local shops - notice where the Tesco delivery vans go - neither do they have children to attend the local schools - only 9 intakes this year at the Primary School - so in time we could lose the shops and the school.

Finally, Students do not pay Council Tax & neither do the Landlords of properties housing only Students, whilst the Council receives extra grants from Central Government to offset this, the Taxpayer is picking up the tab.

If you are concerned about these issues, please sign the petition slip below urging City of York Council to use its power to stop these student let conversions & save our community from becoming part of the University Campus. Please return your signed petition ASAP to the collection box in Badger Hill Newsagents from where they will be collected and presented to City of York Council.

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To: Chief Executive,  
City of York Council,  
Guildhall,  
York,  
Y01 9QN

We the undersigned, urje you to use what ever powers are necessary to enforce your policy, the City of York Local Plan 4 Set of Changes 2005 H7 & H8, and stop the over development of family homes on Badger Hill into multiple student let accommodation & to refuse planning permission for all future applications for conversion to student lets of houses with less than 4 bedrooms when originally built.

Name

Address

Signature