

**ANNEX D**

**Responses received from:**  
**St Paul's Nursery School**  
**St Paul's CE Primary School**

# *St Paul's C of E Primary School*

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Ms Gill.

As headteacher of St Paul's C of E Primary School, situated at the corner of St Paul's Terrace, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed introduction of the Respark scheme in Railway Terrace and St Paul's Terrace.

St Paul's Primary School was built in 1874 at a time when members of the public did not have cars; just as the surrounding houses have no garages, the school has no car park. I believe it is one of only 3 schools in York without a car park (and, indeed, probably one of only a handful of urban primary schools in the whole country). Our situation is, therefore, unique.

We do not consider ourselves as a "business" (as described in your letter of 8th February), but as a local community service; we provide a public service educating children, who are members of the local community.

The Respark scheme would affect the ability of the staff (and others visiting the school) to park and I would like to explain in more detail below the consequences that this would have on the education and opportunities that we could offer at St Paul's.

- The school currently has 20 staff of whom 14 travel by car. Staff travel from as far afield as Ripon, Knaresborough and Wetherby. When we teachers were appointed to St Paul's, we knew that there was no off-street parking amenity, but, until the last two-three years, we have had little trouble finding parking places. If staff have to make alternative travel arrangements (with the added time, cost and stress that this would involve) ,then I am concerned about the retention and recruitment of staff at St Paul's in the future.
- Teaching not only involves working with children during school hours, but also, for example, marking and preparation; all of my teaching staff (currently 11) take books home to mark and, if they had to carry a set, or two, of 25 books on public transport and/or walk, I would be concerned for their health (back injuries, etc).
- Most teaching staff leave at approximately 5pm. However, during term time we have a number of meetings and events (governor's meetings, staff meetings and training, parents' evenings, PTA events such as discos for the pupils, etc.), which require us to stay much later. This equates to approximately one evening per week, when some staff will be in school until 7.30pm. I am concerned as to the travel arrangements staff will have to make on these occasions (and the added stress that it could cause them) and how these will affect the opportunities and, ultimately, the education that we can provide at St Paul's in the future. Staff would certainly be less likely to run" after school "clubs and ,if they did ,time would be reduced.



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- During a week we have many visitors to school. I assume that the bursar and LA support staff (e.g. Ed. Psych, SPO) would be given visitor parking permits? However, how would Respark affect, for example, the coach from York City Football Foundation, who transports his (heavy) equipment to St Paul's to coach the children each Wednesday? Or the coach from Premier Sport who coaches the children on a Thursday? Also, what provision will be made for workmen (e.g. plumbers, decorators), who need to park their vehicles whilst working in school?
- If the plan were to go ahead, would we be guaranteed a permit for each member of staff requiring one? In terms of numbers this would mean 14 permits. Our teachers fully accept that there would be a cost involved and would be happy to pay the same fee as local residents of St Paul's Terrace.

Although I do appreciate that the residents of St Paul's Terrace and Railway Terrace have had difficulty in finding parking places in front of their houses in recent years (I have spoken to some about it), I feel that since September 2016 the situation has eased and my staff and I have had little trouble finding parking spaces. It is interesting to note that this coincided with the completion of the Railway College and conversion of GPO House on Holgate Road.

My staff and I have also observed the occupants of some cars, who park in the morning in St Paul's/Railway Terrace and then walk into York; they are clearly not residents and neither are they members of staff at St Paul's. When staff are arriving, many at 8am, some residents are leaving to go to work and, when staff are leaving (5-6pm), residents are returning home. I feel strongly ,therefore,that there are sufficient spaces for residents of Railway Terrace and St Paul's Terrace and staff at St Paul's.

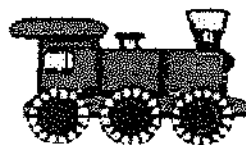
I would be most grateful if you could share my comments in the consultation process as part of the report to be considered by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ms Gill,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed introduction of the Respark scheme in St Paul's Square.

We are a local authority maintained nursery school located in the corner of St Paul's Square and unusually do not have a car park on our school site.

We do not consider ourselves as a business, but as a local community service; we provide a public service educating children, who are members of the local community.

The Respark scheme would affect the ability of the staff (and others visiting the school) to park and I would like to explain in more detail below the consequences that this would have on the education and opportunities that we could offer at St Paul's.

- The school currently has 18 members of staff, of whom 9 travel by car. Staff travel from as far afield as Malton and Wheldrake. Our staff that do live more locally always walk to work and we also promote walking to school to our parents.
- Teaching not only involves working with children during school hours, but also planning and preparation. All of my teaching staff carry resources to and from school on a daily basis.
- Most teaching staff leave at approximately 5.30 pm. However, during term time we have a number of meetings and events (governor's meetings, staff meetings and training, parents' evenings) which require us to stay much later. Staff could sometimes be in school until 9.00 pm. I am concerned as to the travel arrangements staff will have to make on these occasions.

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• We are an enhanced resource provision, therefore during any given week we have many visitors to school including speech and language therapists, our Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and specialist teachers. My bursar and business manager also work with us one day a week. We may also have other workers (e.g. plumbers, decorators), who need to park their vehicles whilst working in school.

• If the plan were to go ahead, would we be guaranteed a permit for each member of staff requiring one? In terms of numbers this would mean 9 permits.

I would be most grateful if you could share my comments in the consultation process as part of the report to be considered by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.

Yours sincerely,

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