

Representation in support of implementing the advertised restrictions for R66

We are in full support of the proposals and would like to provide/reiterate the following comments.

We have lived on Wellington Street for almost 20 years and the use of the street parking by non-residents is a significant problem and has been for a long time, resulting in street parking often not being available to residents within close proximity to their properties, in addition to causing problems regarding safety, congestion and cleanliness.

As a result of the area's close proximity to the city centre, non-residents park on Wellington Street and the surrounding streets to walk into the city centre for work and leisure/shopping etc at all times of the day, seven days a week. The area also experiences significant problems with non-residents parking to attend events at York Barbican and parking for other nearby sites, for example, construction sites on James Street.

The number of vehicles parked on Wellington Street and the surrounding streets is completely disproportionate and not representative of the number of residents with vehicles. For example, we are a household of two with one shared vehicle; the one resident on one side of us does not have a vehicle; none of the four residents on the other side of us have vehicles; the couple opposite us do not have a vehicle; the resident to the side of them does not have a vehicle; none of the three residents on the other side of them have vehicles. Therefore, the congestion on Wellington Street and the surrounding streets is clearly caused by non-residents using the area for free parking. This is supported by our observations of non-residents continuously leaving/returning to their vehicles throughout the day/week. For example, at around 5.30pm on a weekday, we recently observed a group of three commuters return to their vehicles and drive away in each of their individual vehicles (so not even car sharing); this is just a snapshot of the constant use (or rather abuse) of the street parking, including disabled bays, on Wellington Street and the surrounding streets.

As residents near the Barbican Road end of Wellington Street, we repeatedly observe drivers not accustomed to parking on the area's narrow streets attempting 3-point turns to exit the street, risking/causing damage to property, and parking inconsiderately and illegally on double-yellow lines and obstructing the highway and private access. For example, a car believed to be a non-resident's was parked across the alleyway behind Willis Street/Barbican Road from the early evening of Friday 27 September 2024 to midday on Saturday 28 September 2024, on double yellow lines and completely obstructing private access for residents. While such illegal and obstructive parking might be reported by residents and consequently issued with a penalty charge notice by the council's Civil Enforcement Team, residents are still prevented from obtaining private access until the offending vehicle is moved. The same illegal and obstructive parking across private access and on junctions additionally poses a significant risk to pedestrians and cyclists and to emergency services if private access was required.

The abuse of street parking on Wellington Street and the surrounding streets by non-residents also creates problems in maintaining and cleaning the streets for council services. Non-residents do not receive, or do not see/ignore, notification of scheduled cleaning and prohibition to park, therefore the streets cannot be maintained and cleaned properly. This was evident as recently as Thursday 07 November 2024 when a significant number of vehicles remained parked on Wellington Street during scheduled cleaning and prohibition to park, preventing the street from being properly maintained and cleaned.

We note point 35 of the initial Decision Report dated 30 September 2024 states *"The drivers which may currently park to utilise free on street parking for commuting purposes would be likely to have to find somewhere else to park, possibly at a cost (car parks, pay*

and display bays or Park & Ride)". This can only be a good thing and we note the Decision Report also acknowledges that implementing residents parking restrictions to restrict the number of vehicle movements looking to find on street parking will consequently encourage the use of more sustainable transport modes for non-residents by reducing the opportunities to park in or close to the city centre, in line with Local Transport Plan objectives (point 33).

While we appreciate the potential additional costs incurred in purchasing ResPark permits, particularly for lower income households, we do believe the scheme is reasonably priced with one standard rate annual permit equating to less than 28p per day, and it is a cost we are willing to meet in order to reduce congestion and illegal/obstructive parking, improve safety and cleanliness of Wellington Street and the surrounding streets and to be able to park within close proximity to our property. Finally, we would like to highlight the importance of enforcing the residents only restrictions in the period immediately after implementation and regularly thereafter by the presence of the council's Civil Enforcement Team to ensure non-residents do not continue to abuse parking in the area.

We look forward to the implementation of the proposed residents only parking restrictions at the earliest opportunity.

We have lived at Willis Street for around twenty three years and the situation regarding parking has progressively got worse over that time. We are therefore really pleased and very grateful that, on this occasion, the consultation process and views of local permanent residents has progressed beyond the initial voting stage.

We own one car and regularly experience problems trying to park not only on the street where we live but in the immediate surrounding area. Willis Street is the closest street to the city centre with no parking restrictions and this results in visitors to the city using it as free parking before walking into the city for work, shopping and events at the Barbican Centre. We witness this regularly and it results in residents being unable to park close to their property. As council tax payers it is incredibly frustrating and annoying to waste hours and hours (over the years) driving around looking for a parking space, sometimes with a boot full of food after a supermarket shop (for example), not to mention trying to negotiate a way around inconsiderate drivers who have parked their vehicles outside of designated parking bays, on double yellow lines and either in or across the entry to the alley ways. Over the years this has resulted in several scratches and dents to our own car as well as having wing mirrors knocked off.

While we feel, as residents of Willis Street, that this street experiences the worst of the problems, it is a daily problem for all of the area and affects all residents with cars as well as visitors to residents, delivery drivers and trades-people. As you will be aware, a lot of the properties in this area are student lets and every year landlords require access to work on their properties particularly during the University holidays. This results in the surrounding streets being even busier than usual with vans and extra cars struggling to find parking bays close to the properties that they are working in and often they either park out of the bays or in the alley ways making access very difficult.

Introducing residents' parking in the Heslington Road area would definitely help towards the Council's wish to reduce the number of vehicles coming into the city and although we only use our car when necessary we fully support the move towards residents' parking and would be more than happy to provide any further information if required.

I can only express my gratitude to York City Council for having approved the R66 Wellington Street proposal. Many residents in the area support it.

Those of us who have a car and drive do it mostly because we need to transport to work and especially, those with children, like in my case, require the car to take them children to school or after-school activities. Having a family of four also implies doing supermarket shopping regularly. And yet, with the current parking arrangements in the area, we seriously struggle to find parking when we have to move our car to run a caring related or work errand. Being left with no place to park significantly adds to the stresses of life. Every day we experience tremendous anxiety as we do not know whether we will find parking when returning home from work or from any activity that requires using the car. When the full area (my street and those around) are full with cars and with no parking spaces left, I need to drive around for about 15-20 minutes until a car becomes available, and having little children becomes the task unfair and exhausting. In the last few years, there has been two occasions where I had to return home after 10pm, I have had to drive back to work and park my car there overnight. This situation is unfair and highly stressful for residents.

I am pleased about this proposal and fully support it.

I wish to register my support for the proposal, and welcome it, as a long-term resident of Wellington Street (10+years).

The plans look very comprehensive, particularly along Heslington Road, where the number of poorly parked cars sometimes makes it dangerous.

I am more than happy to pay a nominal annual fee to be able to park on the street I live on, & hope that this will be the first stage to the City of York becoming more sustainable by generating income for the council (parking fines for illegally parked cars, increased car park fees, residents parking permit fees, etc.), which can be reinvested into charging points, etc., for all of the EVs/hybrid vehicles we are being encouraged to buy.

In Addition, I wanted to demonstrate that if ever there was a case for a resident's parking scheme, then the R66 subject streets at this time of year are it.

You can see from the attached photos, that during the holidays, when most non-residents/commuters/tourists are on leave from work, when the Christmas Market has finished, etc., hardly anyone, except for 'real' residents, parks here, which means we actually get to park easily & don't spend ages driving around trying to find a space every single day.



I am writing in support of the introduction of Resident Parking Permits in the proposed R66: Wellington Street area.

I am an owner-occupier who has lived on Willis Street for 7 years and it has become increasingly difficult to find anywhere to park my car. Quite often I have to go round and round the whole of the R66 area looking for a parking spot and it can take up to 20 minutes to find anywhere and/or have to park up to half a mile from my house.

I am aware of some vehicles currently being parked in the R66 area are by people who are not residents or visitors of residents but people who want to go in to the town centre and avoid paying a car park fee.

I welcome the creation of resident parking permits as this should result in deterring non-residents from parking in the designated R66 area and allow residents to park their cars more easily near their home.

I appreciate this will incur a new permit cost for car owning residents like myself but if this means I can more easily find a parking place near my home then this cost would have some value.

We fully support the proposed Residents Parking Scheme - R66 - on the following grounds. We believe it will alleviate the significant parking issues in the area, more specifically this area is used as a 'free to park' area by shoppers, visitors, city center workers, and building contractors etc. We also support the Heslington Road proposals as it will alleviate the congestion on what is the main route to the University. The parking issues on Heslington Road often render the road dangerous due to parking across the cycle paths and on the pavements. To be fully effective the newly established parking restrictions must be enforced by regular Traffic Enforcement patrol to ensure that the practice of parking on the corners of the streets and across alleyways within the zone does not continue.

I have no objections over the scheme and I hope it'll get the go ahead as soon as possible.

My only comment would be that I respect that everyone should have a voice however local businesses must not dictate the decision over the residents choice.

As a resident of Wellington Street I continue to **support** the proposal for residents only parking restrictions for the Heslington Road area to be known as 'R66: Wellington Street'.

My reasons remain the same as previously submitted and presented in the decision making session, see below. However I would also like to add that on the 7th of November the planned street cleaning works were unable to take place due to non-residents failing to remove their vehicles and continuing to park in the area despite the

council workers best efforts to prevent them from doing so on that morning - this is not the first time this has happened and the streets remain filthy with drains blocked, broken line markings and damaged surfaces.

I have been a homeowner on Wellington Street for 8 years.

Over that time the scale of **non resident parking in this whole area has significantly increased.**

Reasons for this include;

1. People parking to go to work or shopping in the city
2. Long Term residents of StayCity
3. People attending events at the Barbican
4. People working on nearby construction sites
5. People who live in nearby area who do not have resident parking pass for their own area as well as those who have multiple vehicles in these areas

This is despite there being an NCP and QPark in close proximity, as well as regular bus services including park and ride.

My request for ResPark is not one of convenience, as I appreciate parking right outside your own home is a luxury not a right, it is driven by Safety, Climate and Community reasons.

Firstly **Resident Safety** - Every morning I witness the scale and aggressive nature of people rushing to find spaces with no regard for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. My daughter bikes to school and I fear for her everyday. The area also has many elderly residents as well as young families who have to risk crossing the road with people speeding and poor vision being created by the volume of vehicles in a small space.

Secondly **Climate**, allowing non residents to continue to drive and park in residential areas is a clear contradiction of the Councils climate ambitions. It is inconsistent with other areas and along with Farrar Street remains one of the last areas not to have ResParking in place.

Lastly **Community**, previous low response rate to the proposal - this is due to the significant increases in Homes With Multiple Occupancy and residents of these only having a short term focus. However the majority of those who responded were in favour. I encourage you to think of those actually call this area home and want to enjoy this place safely today and in the future.

For anyone in doubt as to what the correct decision is I encourage you to visit the area and see first hand the scale of this issue and risk.

I'm writing in this email in support of this proposal. As a resident for over 20 years, this is now needed more than ever.

I have 2 small children and we walk to Primary school and around these streets, there are so many dangers with over-parking. This causing cars to drive erratically trying to over take others, and buses struggling to get past.

Where we live on Gordon Street, I have had numerous issues with not being able to get parked, family unable to park in order to drop off my children in car seats when they were tiny.

I've struggled to have emergency plumbing, house works and they have had damaged caused to their vehicles by cars trying to squeeze past and bad parking.

I'm very concerned for cyclists, and pedestrians.

I know, with absolutely no question, that ALL true residents to this area are in support of this proposal. Despite the return numbers to the questionnaire sent round. This has been continuously brought up at Community and Council petitions.

I'm ecstatic to finally see this come to fruition.

I've had people knock in my door to ask if this street is free parking as they planned to leave their car here whilst christmas shopping for the weekend, Barbican events, going to B&B's. This happens continuously, where cars park in a morning, they get out their bikes then cycle to work - they park all day. It's ridiculous that these streets so close to the centre is a free for all. There is Park and Ride and Car Parks only a few minutes away!

Please proceed with this proposal as planned. I followed the meeting on-line and was thrilled with this outcome.

My neighbour at no._Gordon Street. He is unable to communicate in written format due to significant reading issues- he has asked me to put his name down on my email - in support of this proposal.

Please note that I am in favour for the proposed parking restrictions in my area and I wish to be part of representation in favour of this scheme in case you require somebody to challenge the opposition to the scheme.

I hope I understand the purpose of this email.
Apollo Court resident