

**Objection received from a resident of Fulford Cross**

**- the scheme is unnecessary.**

There is a problem with the volume of traffic created by Danesgate Community (PRU) and Steiner School - this in turn creates a problem very rarely with certain households not being able to park outside their house at certain times.

This is due in part to the nature of Fulford Cross, which was built in 1910 for tramworkers and not designed for the traffic of 2019. However since the "Friends of Fulford Cross", a minority of residents who represent their own interests and not the common good of the street, sought to implement a parking scheme (scared by the knock on effect of the Danesmead request), Danesgate Community have created parking spaces on their land which has greatly alleviated the problem. Steiner School however still presents a problem due to the amount of traffic it creates and refusal to create parking spaces, refusal of parents and visitors to use public transport or Park and Ride or walk any distance to the school (see previous objections). There is no problem at all during school holidays. This is annoying and selfish on the part of Steiner School but does not require a Residents' Parking Scheme.

**- the scheme is based on the opinions of a few residents rather than evidence or facts**

From the very start of the "consultation" process, CYC has been swayed by the opinions of a small minority of residents who are motivated, selfish and wealthy enough to want a Resident's Parking scheme.

At no point, has CYC conducted any analysis of the problem (is there actually a problem that requires Residents' parking) e.g. Photo evidence, CCTV cameras to ascertain where and when cars are parked, surveys, establishment of the Green Travel Plans for the Schools.

Our "Green" Councillors, one of whom wrote the Travel Plan for Steiner School several years ago, have not been impartial or represented the residents they have been elected to serve.

From the start, residents said that the problem was caused by the traffic to Steiner School and Danesgate Community. These schools have failed to engage with the problem and in the case of Steiner school refused to acknowledge any problem it causes. As a result, this

proposal will affect Residents with no change in behaviour for Danesgate or Steiner School traffic (Steiner School has already stated that it will not create parking spaces, parents can not use Park and Ride due to cost or walk any distance on "busy" roads with children).

**- a solution is possible which does not require a Residents' Parking Scheme**

If CYC were to implement its own Council Plan 2019-2023 (esp A Cleaner Greener City, An Open and Effective Council and Getting Around Sustainably) this plan would not be implemented. This plan allows people who travel by car from York and outside CYC to continue with no behaviour change (as Steiner School has already stated in consultation, parents travelling from Ripon, Malton, Harrogate, Selby etc). It penalises CYC residents who leave their car at home to walk, cycle or get the bus to work and school or residents who have no car at all but still have to pay for people to visit them (including tradespeople and health professionals). Mediation should be used to get Danesgate and Steiner School to understand the problem they cause during term time and change the behaviour of their staff, pupils and parents. The solutions are already there and York residents are "encouraged" by CYC to use alternatives to the car.

Implementing a Residents' Parking Scheme represents a failure of CYC to enact its own plan.

**- the process is biased in favour of CYC implementing a Parking Scheme**

The letter of 8 November 2019 to residents talks about taking forward "your scheme". The scheme proposed has **not** been requested, proposed or voted for by a majority of residents so in no way can be called "your" (ie our) scheme. Newer residents may get the impression that this is what people have chosen or voted for. This plan is presented by CYC as a done deal (also the view of the Green Party Councillors in their recent newsletter). This is unacceptable.

**- the process for applying for Residents' Parking is not fit for purpose**

**We believe this process is not accessible to all and therefore undemocratic.**

It can be (and has been) manipulated by a minority of Residents to serve their own needs and wants. It is legalistic, difficult to engage with and lengthy to navigate, especially for residents with EAL or additional needs, and we feel it requires a certain level of education or background. Residents who have the time, education and motivation can skew the process.

**-the scheme has a negative economic effect on those least able to afford it and create divisions in the community**

This proposal will hit lower income and working poor households the most. It will increase divisions in the community, as some residents can afford parking permits, while others who have drives or can afford to pave over their front garden will not have the same economic consequences.

**Objection from York Steiner School**

We read the proposal with great concern, in particular when considered in conjunction with the transfer of Danesgate School into an Academy, as these will seriously jeopardise our school's sustainability.

The proposed resident parking scheme restricting parking to non-permit holders to 10 minutes for the purpose of drop-off and pick-up in Fulford Cross is woefully insufficient to drop off and collect young children. 30 minutes, as introduced in the neighbouring Danesmead Estate, is an absolute bare minimum and this does not allow for any essential face-to-face parent teacher discussion regarding the welfare of our children.

In addition, we have several disabled children/parents. Our parking directly next to the school is extremely limited, with no capacity for expansion, and is entirely taken up by staff and tenant parking. It is crucial that we can offer a manageable drop-off/pick-up time period for disabled members of our community, and we would ask that you consider your duty of care to these members of the community under the Disabilities Act.

In comparison to Danesgate, York Steiner school pupil numbers are at their maximum and have been constant for a number of years. A large proportion of York Steiner school community live locally and travel in on foot or cycle, the remainder travel in by car. The proportions of children travelling by car we consider is a relative constant. We accept some parent helpers, volunteering York Steiner School Park in Fulford Cross, they always have. But this we suspect is not the real problem. We agree

there is some evidence of commuter parking in the area, which adds to the problem. But that said, if you visit Fulford Cross between 9.30am and 3.00pm on a school day, yes there are cars parked on the road, but there are usually ample available spaces for visitors. One of the main problems is the bottle neck along Fulford Cross which allows parking from Fulford Road up to the triangle. This essentially turns Fulford Cross into a single highway which is totally inadequate to cope with the increased volume of vehicles at drop off and pick up.

One improvement strategy for this, as previously submitted, would be to create green parking spaces on the current grassed area on Fulford Cross, from Fulford Road up to the triangle on the right hand-side, so allowing both highways to be used, allowing traffic to flow. Furthermore, if the road around the triangle was to be marked up as a round-about, this would further increase the flow. It's the lack of traffic flow that is the root cause of the congestion, not the parking availability.

Secondly, if York Steiner school was given **14** resident parking permits for staff/school volunteers, this would alleviate the problem of commuter parking in Fulford Cross, which has worsened following the introduction resident parking of the Danesmead estate, which was built after the school, and accordingly the residents would/should have been aware of York Steiner school children drop-off and pick-up traffic. As a community, our objective has always been and is to get along with our neighbours; we always write to our neighbours when we hold school fairs and we always have parking marshals at such fairs to ensure responsible parking. We respect to our neighbours and don't take them for granted, as we operate in a close community.

We echo the representation made by Keir Brown on 25th Oct 2018 on behalf of the school.

(The representation made by Keir Brown in October 2018 refers to the York Steiner School response to the first consultation we undertook which was considered by the Executive Member at that time.)

### **Two Representations were received from Residents of Fulford Cross requesting the time limit allowed for non-permit holders remains at 10 minutes**

I am in favour of a Residents' Priority Parking Scheme on Fulford Cross but I strongly believe that this needs to be with a 10 minute waiting zone rather than the 30 minutes that was agreed for Danesmead. Otherwise it

is likely that we will have to pay for residents' permits with little benefit to residents.

Fulford Cross housing is significantly different to Danesmead and should be treated differently. Fulford Cross is made up of terraced houses without any driveways (unless residents have converted their small front garden into a driveway which is a minority of houses). Unlike the residents of Danesmead, we will need to purchase residents parking permits in order to park outside our properties.

If the waiting time on Fulford Cross is 30 minutes, Steiner School parents would be actively encouraged to continue to use Fulford Cross as a dropping off and picking up zone which would significantly limit the availability of parking for residents. This would also increase congestion in what is already a congested area with many taxis dropping children off at Danesgate School. This increases the risk to cyclists on Fulford Cross at a time when we should be encouraging sustainable modes of transport (rather than enabling parents to drop off and pick up their children in their cars by giving them a 30 minute allowance).

It makes more sense for the 30 minute allowance for non-residents to be available on Danesmead because residents there all have private driveways AND they don't have existing congestion from taxis going to Danesgate School. Steiner parents would still have an area that they could use for dropping off and picking up (Danesmead) but congestion on Fulford Cross would be reduced which is important given the significant number of taxis going to Danesgate school. Importantly, this would reduce the risk involved in cycling or walking in this area. -

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I really hope City of York council takes its commitment to climate change seriously by encouraging sustainable modes of transport in decisions such as the Fulford Cross Respark scheme (rather than enabling parents to drop off and pick up their children in cars by granting a 30 minute waiting zone). I am in favour of the scheme as proposed, but would be very much opposed to any increase to the standard waiting time (i.e. from 10 minutes to 30 minutes or one hour, and other time). This is to ensure consistency across the local area, where any increase to this non-permit holder waiting time would encourage drivers to park in Fulford Cross, thereby increasing traffic and reducing the effectiveness of the respark scheme.