

Annex A

Review ePetition

Title: Bishopthorpe Road Car Park

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to STOP a 500%+ increase in parking charges at Bishy Road 'Shopper's Car Park' and review the charges under our Right to Challenge Parking Policies under the Traffic Management Act.

Justification:

Thank you for letting us present our petition this morning which has over 8000 signatures protesting against the astonishing and we believe overzealous and unjustified 500% increase in parking charges in our car local park.

We are presenting our petition to ask for a formal review of this decision under the statutory guidelines set out in the Traffic Management Act and the Right to Challenge Parking Policies section of this recently introduced decision by City of York Council.

I do not need to overstate or exaggerate the detail around this shocking increase the facts speak for themselves and if we are granted an opportunity to review then our intention is to provide facts, hard evidence and data that will convince the Council to change this decision. Parking strategies cannot simply be about restricting parking. They need to meet the best interests of road users, communities and businesses. Inappropriate parking rules, over-zealous enforcement and high parking charges drive people out of town centres, push up the cost of living, harm local shops and make it harder for people to park responsibly and go about their everyday lives. The current processes for considering and implementing parking strategies are not easily understood or accessed by local residents or businesses. The timeframe for reviewing policies is not linked to, or required to respond to, changes in local circumstances. This creates a perception that people have no say on parking in their area, or power to challenge decisions on parking policy. The Government wants to make it easier for local residents and firms to challenge unfair, disproportionate or unreasonable parking policies. This could include the provision of parking, parking charges or the use of yellow lines. The Government believes that introducing a right to challenge parking policies will strengthen local democracy and local accountability. The introduction of direct democratic participation through the right to petition and initiate a local resident review will strengthen the rights of local taxpayers, and encourage citizen participation in local decision-making. Given elected councillors, not officers, will make the final decision on the review, in turn, this will strengthen local representative democracy. We hope the end result should be to remove unnecessary or excessive parking restrictions and unfair parking practices, to the benefit of the local economy and local shops. These are not my words but a direct quote from the government statutory guidance.

This review is needed for Bishopthorpe Road but it is just the tip of the iceberg as there are others areas that deserve to have these decisions reviewed as well.

I hope you will agree to providing us with our right to challenge this decision. ([Show truncated justification text](#))

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