

Annex N

Preliminary Consultation Letter + Summary of Responses



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Dear

Re: City Centre Footstreets Traffic Management Review

A number of suggested changes to the way York's footstreets (see attached plan) operate have been put forward for consideration. Some initial work has been carried out to determine whether these suggestions are practical and achievable and I am now at the stage where I would welcome the views of businesses and those representing groups with a particular interest in how York's footstreets operate.

I should add that the main thrust of the review is with regards to the regulations governing the traffic use of the area rather than the physical appearance. However, there may be scope to make some minor improvements depending on the outcome of the review and what changes to the regulations, if any, are taken forward to the legal consultation process.

With the above in mind, I should be grateful if you could spare the time to consider the options put forward in the attached questionnaire and return it in the FREEPOST envelope provided by 7 January 2011 for my attention. I will then collate the responses to include in a report to councillors for them to consider. Any changes to the regulations taken forward following this report would be subject to further consultation in line with legal requirements, hence please be assured that this will not be your only opportunity to make comments.

I regret that due to the scale of the review I am unable to enter into individual correspondence at this time, but if you require any clarification on the questions put forward please do not hesitate to call me on 01904 551368.

Yours «Yours»

PP *B. Buchanan*

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City Centre Footstreets Traffic Management Review

Q1. Standardising the hours of operation throughout the week.

At present most of the city centre pedestrianised area operates for 3 different time periods depending on the day of week:

Monday to Friday 11am to 4pm

Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm

Sunday Noon to 4pm

Please tick your preferred option for 7 days a week:

11am to 4pm

A

10.30am to 4.30pm

B

Leave as it is now

C

Any other comments

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Q2. Extending the hours of footstreet operation.

There is potential to start the pedestrian zone earlier in the morning and / or finish later in the evening.

Please tick your preferred option/s:

10am start

A

5pm finish

B

Neither

C

Any other comments

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Q3. Greater control of disabled driver blue badge access to the footstreets.

The current access arrangements for holders of disability badges have been demonstrated to be confusing, open to abuse and difficult to enforce. In addition, the presence of private vehicles within the area raises safety concerns and is seen as detrimental to the overall appeal of the footstreets. Hence, the options below for consideration:

Please tick your preferred option/s:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Remove the disabled drivers exemption that currently allows access to the Davygate, Church Street, route | <input type="checkbox"/> | A |
| Give greater priority for disabled badge holders to park in the Blake St, / Lendal and Goodramgate / Colliergate access loops | <input type="checkbox"/> | B |
| Leave as it is now | <input type="checkbox"/> | C |

Any other comments

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Q4. Cycling in the footstreets.

There is potential to permit cycling during the footstreet hours to varying degrees.

Please tick your preferred option:

- | | | |
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| A single route through the city centre in both directions via Colliergate and Petergate | <input type="checkbox"/> | A |
| Allow full access through all the footstreets | <input type="checkbox"/> | B |
| No change to existing | <input type="checkbox"/> | C |

Any other comments

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Q5. Access restrictions outside the footstreet hours.

Currently outside the footstreet hours some streets have periods where there is no restriction on access for motor vehicle, other streets permit access only and some only allow loading to take place. This can lead to misunderstandings, hence the consideration of a more standardised set of restrictions outside the footstreet hours.

Please tick your preferred option:

Allow greater motor vehicle access to the streets outside the footstreet hours

A

Only allow access outside the footstreet hours for loading, disabled badge holders and those living within the area

B

No changes are necessary

C

Any other comments
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Q6. Do you support expanding the footstreets to include Fossgate?

Yes

No

Any other comments
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Your contact details:

Name

Business or organisation

Address

E-mail

Phone number

Please return in the **FREEPOST** envelope provided by 7th January 2011.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Organisation	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q5			Q6	
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	Y	N
	Yorkshire Ambulance Service																
North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service																	
North Yorkshire Police																	
York Older People's Assembly																	
York Access Group	1			1	1												
York Blind and Partially Sighted Society	1																
Resource Centre for Deafened People	1																
Improvement Officer (Equalities)																	
CTC Rights and Planning Officer	1																
York Cycle Campaign																	
York Private Hire and Taxi Guild																	
York Taxi Proprietors Association																	
York Taxi Association																	
Taxi Licensing Officer																	
Freight Transport Association																	
Northern Region																	
York Civic Trust	1																
York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce																	
Federation of Small Businesses																	
City Centre manager																	
Markets Manager	1																
31 New Walk Terrace	1																
York Access Group & Y.O.P.A	1																
York Older People's Assembly																	
Alzheimers Society North Yorkshire	1																
York Older Peoples' Assembly																	
Supersave Ltd	1																
E J Freeborn & Sons	1																
Brown's Department Store	1																
R A Braithwaite	1																
Abbeyfield York Society Law																	
York Blind and Partially Sighted Society	1																
Environment Secretary for the Ramblers' York Group																	
Total	4	9	5	5	8	9	7	8	3	4	1	13	4	11	4	17	3