

Revival Estate Information

I am writing on behalf of the Revival Residents Community Association (Tadcaster Road, YO24) to request the City of York Council to take immediate action in order to resolve the acute safety and access concerns on the Revival Estate.

Background: For the past few years we have been experiencing increasing access, traffic and parking issues caused by the students from York College who treat the Revival Estate as a carpark, due to (1) being banned from parking within the College grounds in the first year after passing their driving test and (2) avoiding to pay any parking fees. We note that the streets in the immediate neighbourhood of York College, e.g. Chessingham Gardens and The Grove are completely double yellow lined, thus rendering the Revival Estate as the location with highest proximity that could offer a cost-free 'solution' to their parking need.

So far, there have been **two reported accidents** by student drivers resulting in damage to vehicles and property, but luckily *so far* no one has been injured. There have also been several sightings of students driving recklessly and racing each other around the estate.

The current parking situation during the daytime causes danger and inconvenience to residents when trying to access their homes, significantly increases the volume of estate traffic, creates access issues for delivery vehicles and poses a **worrying safety risk** if the need arose for emergency vehicles (such as fire engines) to access the estate, since double parking is a common occurrence.

Estate Action:

In order to tackle these problems and arrive at potential solutions, we formed an estate parking group and discussed our issues at length, both with the College and with the Council. We explored various avenues, e.g. the use of the old Askham Bar Park & Ride site, increasing the number of parking spaces at the college and other free parking options for students. It appears that the only way we can resolve this particular safety issue is to implement some form of Residents Parking Permit Scheme and Speed Restriction.

Proposed solution:

We propose to implement a Residents Parking Permit Scheme and a Restricted Speed Limit to 20mph, such as those operating in many areas of York. Our preferred option would be a scheme that would only operate on **weekdays during 10am - 3pm, 1st January - 10th July and 5th September - 20th December**.

Overwhelming resident support for the proposed solution:

As advised by Cllr Stephen Fenton, we have conducted an opinion survey to investigate the resident support for (1) a Residents Parking Permit Scheme and (2) a reduction in speed limit to 20mph. Attached please find a copy of the letter and survey that were sent to all residents. I also attach a list of the names who are in favour of the proposals.

Specifically, responses are included from houses on Principal Rise, Academy Drive, College Court, Bursary Court, Chancellor Grove and Teachers Close, with 145 households responding (out of 222). This equates to an overall **response rate of over 65%**, with streets such as Bursary Court whose residents have to drive the entire depth of the estate, exceeding a 90% response rate. Of those who responded, **over 90% are in favour** of both a Residents Parking Permit Scheme and a restricted speed limit to 20mph. This effectively means that overall, **over 60% of residents are in favour of a Residents Permit Parking Scheme and 64% are in favour to have the speed limit on the estate reduced to 20mph**, with signs at the entrance of the estate to show this. N.B.: Whilst the flats on Scholars Court and Master Mews were administered this survey, their responses are not included in the statistics above, as only 5% responded due to them already having their own parking permit system, which would continue to operate and be separate from this.

Cllr Fenton, with the guidance from Alistair Briggs, has informed us that our proposed permit restrictions are indeed acceptable and that we need 25% of households (e.g. 50% response rate and 25% of those supportive) to be in favour of this proposal in order to proceed with the council.

Council Action:

With overwhelming evidence that the majority of homeowners on the Revival Estate are in favour of a Residents Parking Permit Scheme and Restricted Speed Limit to 20mph, we now urge the City of York Council to take the next steps to put these proposals in place. We would appreciate it if it possible to have the speed limit reduction implemented ASAP for safety reasons.

The Revival Estate is a residential estate and the Council can protect the safety of our children, and ourselves, by immediately and effectively taking action.

Our parking group would also be happy to meet in person if required for this action to proceed.

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