

Annex A: Consultation results

It is required as part of the application to share powers under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to conduct a public consultation. This is to establish the public opinion for taking on the powers, to take views on the proposed pilot and to receive views on other locations in the City that have an issue with road safety that would benefit from the implementation of this technology.

The survey was conducted online for 6 weeks and closed on the 25th August 2023.

The survey comprised of four questions. The questions and results from the survey are in the tables below.

It is important to note that this consultation was to gain a view in order to progress the application for the powers. Each individual scheme, including the pilot, will be subject to itself own consultation.

There were 58 responses to the online questionnaire.

Question 1

As a whole, do you feel that the Council applying to DfT for these powers to enforce violations using ANPR is a good idea?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	71.15%	37
No	25.00%	13
Not sure/ don't know	3.85%	2
	Answered	52
	Skipped	6

Question 2

To what extent do you support or oppose using ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) powers to enforce the one way restriction through Micklegate Bar.		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly support	55.77%	29
Support	17.31%	9
Neither support nor oppose	0.00%	0
Oppose	11.54%	6
Strongly oppose	15.38%	8

Don't know	0.00%	0
	Answered	52
	Skipped	6

Question 3

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Do you think there are any negatives to applying for these powers?

Answered

36

Skipped

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27/08/2023	no
26/08/2023	The (potential) unsightliness of the cameras depending on how and where they are installed. Signage will be installed in line with the TSRDG and local signage guidance in order to ensure full compliance and sensitivities in the area.
26/08/2023	The application increases the growing surveillance culture unnecessarily. The one way system could be enforced with physical measures, like we find at the exits to some car parks, for example. This could be but it will be costly and high maintenance. Any sort of barrier in the highway would increase the risk of a road safety issue and impact on the traffic flow.
24/08/2023	yes
24/08/2023	ANPR is a technical solution that leads to other technological surveillance uses, which is a bad thing.
24/08/2023	More surveillance, more fines. Please don't proceed with this. This is a possibility but this will ensure more compliance and supporting road safety. These are a recognised tool that have been assessed nationally for this purpose and has proven to be a very effective deterrent.
24/08/2023	Operational cost if they achieve compliance with regulations. Intrusive signage at historic location? All signage would be installed in line with TSRDG and local design guides.

20/08/2023	Huge invasion of privacy and overuse of surveillance technology. It should not be used anywhere.
19/08/2023	Yes. Stealth tax. It will impoverish residents with more taxes, it increases surveillance and deter tourists. All round it's a bad idea. Fines would only be issued against those breaking the law.
16/08/2023	Presumably there will be a cost to implement the scheme? Can the money be spent more wisely elsewhere or does it deliver good value for money? For, example, there are alternative ways of enforcing the one way through the bar. A simple curb that runs up to the pedestrian crossing would act as a deterrent as it places the driver on the wrong side of the road. The standard traffic lights could be replaced with small ones clearly intended for cyclists. Despite signage and the traffic systems, observations and a traffic survey have shown there is a concerning number of drivers passing through the restrictions in the wrong way
16/08/2023	No
10/08/2023	TFL London has just been told that the use of ANPR cameras for prosecutions is illegal and all fines could have to be re-payd. Instances such as a person pulling up to the kerb to pick someone up in a bus lane for literally seconds or moving into a yellow box to allow emergency vehicles through have brought about fines. by the cameras which is in just. Have you learnt nothing from the Lendal Bridge and Coppergate fiasco's?? Any new sites coming forward would be assessed and reviewed to ensure any use of ANPR, signage and lining is compliant. This would also be supported by a warning period for drivers and communications to make the public aware of any new sites covered by this type of enforcement
09/08/2023	No
09/08/2023	No
09/08/2023	People are already struggling, fining them isn't great, but they shouldn't be breaking the law in stupid ways.
08/08/2023	No

08/08/2023	The inability to discuss infringements with a real person and being criminalised for simply making a mistake. Particularly with people not used to the area. There will be a warning period before a fine is issued for a 6 month period. After that there is an objection and appeal route for anyone who wishes to evidence any infringement that will be considered on it own merit and with the evidence the driver submits.
08/08/2023	A perception from residents that motorists are being targeted and that CYC is using the powers as a money making exercise. If people obey the traffic laws then they will not be fined.
08/08/2023	applying for those powers will result in less police/traffic wardens on the streets. At the moment the police do not have the resource to police this type of enforcement and CEOs (Traffic Wardens) will still be present on their patrols where additional resource will be brought in as an when.
08/08/2023	Yes, the cost and then when do you stop extending these powers, as the creep generally occurs - I do not want to live in a surveillance state. Educate Road users, provide clear simple guidelines and stop using the motorists for revenue production. The previous record of the council for these types of schemes in the past has resulted in complete failure with wrongly issued fines having to be repaid and costing the people of York even more in misallocated resources. All current signage and measures are legally compliant. The issues are to do with some road users ignoring these restrictions and causing a danger to other road users who are complying with these restrictions
08/08/2023	No
08/08/2023	Passive intrusion into personal freedom as ANPR will monitor traffic even if behaving legally. The cameras will be monitoring this but automatically done. Only those breaking the law will be passed on to be assessed by an operator.

07/08/2023	If they are open to legal challenge by motorists who oppose them! There is an objection, appeal and independent appeal process in place that bases a decision on the cameras evidence and that provided by the motorist
07/08/2023	No, as long as the system is consistent. Legislation makes this so.
07/08/2023	No, but they should be supported by clear signage. This is a legal requirement.
07/08/2023	Micklegate Bar is a clear nono. Other uses e.g. of bus lanes at 4am are far less serious.
07/08/2023	Yes over zealous application in order to raise funds as York is known to be anticar. If powers also used to prosecute cyclists who ignore the Highway Code then would be fairer.
07/08/2023	Tourists will be penalised without being helped. Signage used is that seen across the rest of the UK so road users will see the restrictions but there is an objection and appeal service should anyone issued a fine can use.
07/08/2023	No
07/08/2023	No. I wish that it could be used across the whole city and that the Council pushes so that Local Authorities can utilise similar technology to enforce speed limits too. At the moment only the police can enforce against speeding.
07/08/2023	Presumably it will also capture numbers of vehicles travelling legally in the right direction. No this will only capture vehicles travelling through the restriction in the wrong direction.
06/08/2023	This is hardly the biggest priority for enforcement - yellow boxes on the inner ring road and approach radials would be far higher priority for tackling congestion delays. After that the abuse of the Pavement and Piccadilly traffic restrictions would be next. This survey has asked for other locations and it is the intent of the council to consider these and other locations across the city under these new powers, including some yellow box junctions.

01/08/2023	Potential reputation risk to York/the council from mis-application of the powers, or an excessive number of fines being issued for use where scheme design or implementation is insufficiently clear to road users (e.g. Lendal Bridge bus lane, Coppergate before the signs were updated/relocated). Fines will only be issued to any vehicle contravening the local highway order.
19/07/2023	Privacy risks and hugely inappropriate. These are assess and certified along with a Data Protection Impact Assessment to ensure compliance against data protection laws.
17/07/2023	Obtrusive signage / camera in sensitive location? Signage will be installed in line with the TSRDG and local signage guidance in order to ensure full compliance and sensitivities in the area.
17/07/2023	It could be seen as a money making scheme rather than a safety initiative. Fines will only be issued follow a 6 month warning period, to those who break the contraventions set out in national legislation and the local highway traffic order.

Question 4

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Are there other locations we should consider for enforcement in the future?

Answered

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Response Date	Responses
27/08/2023	Scarcroft Road
26/08/2023	No right turn onto Skeldergate from Skeldergate bridge. The bus lane through to James street next to Morrisons.
24/08/2023	no
24/08/2023	Turning right out of Lendal (only left is permitted).
24/08/2023	No
24/08/2023	Victoria Bar (instead of rising bollards). Piccadilly- Stonebow. Box junctions /banned turns around inner ring road. Red light jumping at problem locations?
20/08/2023	Nowhere"
19/08/2023	Outside every councillor's home so we can track and track and monitor their movements.
16/08/2023	Box junctions throughout the city. Drivers often ignore the hatched areas that are meant to be kept clear, and clog up other traffic flows from moving through the junction. Right turners out of Lendal, although I would argue that this should be achieved using an extension of the island, with a cycle filter so that cyclists can continue to turn right.
10/08/2023	No they should never be allowed in our city in the first place. It is a waste of our extortionate council tax payers money.

09/08/2023	Any traffic lights that have ASL to protect cyclists, if permitted. If not, junction of Lord Mayors Walk.
09/08/2023	Not sure
09/08/2023	This is the problem, where else are they going to go?
08/08/2023	Tesco Askham Bar roundabout
08/08/2023	Junction of The Mount/Scarcroft Rd where the yellow box is routinely ignored. Jumping red lights occurs in numerous locations.
08/08/2023	no, what we need is to have sufficient police to police the law, we got enough cctv. this is aimed to earn money for the council, not to make it safer or anything. sort public transport in the city so people can get to work without having to pay a taxi/uber/neighbour to bring them to work (specially for those working sundays/bank holidays)
08/08/2023	None
08/08/2023	Not at present
08/08/2023	Cycling restrictions on Coney Street and Spurrier Gate
08/08/2023	Gillygate Museum Street and Bootham
07/08/2023	Victoria Bar! Far cheaper than replacing the mechanical barriers there. Also box junctions around the inner ring road and on the main radial routes in York
07/08/2023	Victoria bar, to replace the defunct rising bollards, increasingly used as a rat run. Also the forbidden right hand turn onto Skeldergate from Bishopgate st going south
07/08/2023	Gillygate bootham junction
07/08/2023	Lots. Try Green Lane in Acomb every evening around 7pm. Lots of speeding there and people cycling on the pavement around a blind bend.
07/08/2023	Areas outside schools (to be accompanied with a citywide standard for school crossing facilities outside schools).
07/08/2023	Need more traffic enforcement officers in city centre

06/08/2023	Yellow boxes on the inner ring road and approach radials, Pavement and Piccadilly traffic restrictions would be next, then enforcement of cycle lanes and illegal parking in them.
17/07/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -St Leonards Place/Bootham junction (left turn into Bootham from St Leonards when using the straight on/Gillygate lane!). Surely this can be enforced via linking capture to the associated traffic light phase? -Gillygate/Bootham junction (vehicles continuing to drive through after the light has turned red!). -Lord Mayors Walk/Gillygate junction yellow box markings. -Haxby Road/Clarence St junction yellow box markings (in front of Coop; can't remember if there are yellow box markings here but if not there should be!). -Clifton Moor Roundabout yellow box markings.
19/07/2023	None
18/07/2023	Victoria Bar? The box junction at Bootham Bar, particularly w.r.t motorists moving from St Leonard's Place to Gillygate during the pedestrian crossing phase for Gillygate
17/07/2023	<p>Victoria Bar should be monitored and then covered too if the abuse is found to be significant.</p> <p>Box junctions around the inner ring road.</p>
17/07/2023	LTNs, signalised junctions with long-standing red light jumping issues, Pavement / Piccadilly / Coppergate access-only areas, Foss Islands Retail Park bus link
17/07/2023	Ralph Butterfield School, Haxby. Regular and persistent parking offences on the school parking restrictions, double yellow and single yellow lines. Also footpaths are blocked by cars parking on footpaths.