

### **Objections on grounds of displaced vehicles**

We are hoping to move into our property ... soon. It is the premises closest to the proposed double yellow lines on Moorcroft Road.

Whilst we have been getting it ready for us to move into we have been concerned about the number of vehicles that use the start of our road to park up and go to the doctors or dentists on Moorcroft Road, some of these vehicles are there for many hours and make it difficult to get on or off our drive.

If the yellow lines do get approved even more cars will park in front of our houses.

Some properties in this area have removed their front lawn/gardens and I think the Doctors and Dentists should do this to ensure the staff have enough space to park their vehicles for the time they are in their practice.

Also these businesses need to stress to their patients that they need to use the parking behind the shops where there are a good few spaces and two hours free parking.

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We accept the proposed yellow (no parking) lines, but where are they going to park? We suspect in Bramble Dene. This will cause very bad obstructions going into Bramble Dene. People are already parking in our side streets and going to work, including parking partially on pavements. Why not ask the private parking behind garage to fit a parking meter?

If you travel the streets in this area, you can see the cars which go into town, they are here all day?

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My own point of view is that there was no problem before vehicles were limited to a 2 hour parking stay in the car park to the rear of the shopping arcade. There were always spare parking bays for those shopping in the Woodthorpe arcade of retail outlets and it was not an issue.

Since the parking restriction has been imposed the parking of vehicles in Moorcroft Road and surrounding streets occurred and has proved a hindrance to residents & the number 12 bus route drivers.

I believe that the introduction of double yellow lines down Moorcroft Road would just push the parking issue further down the road (closer to the bend in Moorcroft Road) and into the neighbouring street's i.e. Bramble Dene.

I believe the easiest solution would be to remove the 2 hour parking restriction in the already existing car park at the rear of the Woodthorpe arcade of shops.

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I oppose to this foolish idea of putting double yellow lines down moorcroft road this will cause so many more problems for our residents down bramble dene we have so many problems with people parking over my drive way already when I cannot get of my drive way on many occasions where upon I have had to go into doctors and ask who has blocked me in people are just being lazy as we have a car park at the back of the shops.

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## Dental Practice

I am the Practice Manager of Woodthorpe Dental Centre. I wanted to give you our feedback on this proposal.

This proposal does concern myself and my staff who work on site. The car park behind the local shops have imposed a parking restriction and fine system which has forced us to park on Moorcroft Road or on the nearby roads. Much to the dissatisfaction from local residents who feel it appropriate to put notes on cars, but unfortunately my staff and patients do have to park somewhere? This proposal will mean that we are only able to park in the nearby streets, which I feel will aggravate local residents further. The car park has more than enough space to allow for parking of customers and non-customers to the shops? Also the pub car park only allows use for patrons and again is empty for most of the day during the doctors/dentists and most of the shops business hours.

I think the car park restrictions (especially shops), has created the problem on Moorcroft Road, further to when the original proposal of yellow lines just outside the doctors was first proposed.

I have worked at this practice now for 16 years now and the problem with buses getting past parked cars has only become an issue since the parking restriction at the shops and I can confidently say that this is an infrequent event. I think that by just having yellow lines outside the doctors as originally proposed is the best solution as it will still allow buses to pass, without limiting parking as much as the new proposal would.

We are objecting to double lines on both sides of the road proposal

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### **Objection**

Proposal has not been consulted

letters of notice were not issued to all impacted residents •No details of why the last proposal was rejected and how this has been reflected in the new / revised proposal

I have supplied the Councillor with photographic evidence that the bends / corners is where the biggest safety issues are with 'head on' issues and busses getting stuck.

The wider understanding of the issues has not been considered, current proposal will exacerbate issues ... such as the bends.

I have supplied evidence to the Councillor that current double yellow lines are often ignored, is this due to lack of enforcement?

Given the demands of the Doctors, Dentists, shops and residents a more wholistic mature approach is required, applying lessons learnt from the college site and redevelopment.

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### **Objection**

I understand that the proposal aims to alleviate 'indiscriminate/obstructive parking' along Moorcroft Road; however, it is doubtful that the proposal would achieve this. It slightly revises one previously put forward by council officers (in 2018) which also aimed to alleviate 'indiscriminate/obstructive parking' along Moorcroft Road. The present proposal mostly revives fundamental flaws that were generally

accepted to undermine the previous (albeit slightly different) one. Although such attempts to tackle this issue are doubtless well intentioned, it is surprising that council officers are persisting with them and that it is necessary to reiterate the difficulties that were discussed thoroughly in 2018, i.e.

Attempts to install/extend double yellow lines would simply shift any problems arising from parking, to other parts of Moorcroft Road and nearby locations:

For instance there could be problems further south along the road, where congestion might become even worse, with intensive parking within a very short straight section of road and then a very tight bend.

There might be worsening difficulties in nearby Bramble Dene owing to an increase in attempts to park in what is a very narrow road.

Parking is always going to be difficult in the area, whatever happens, not least because restrictions have recently been introduced on parking behind the Moorcroft Road shops. This has increased pressure on parking space in the neighbourhood for people needing to access local facilities.

The chief problem at present appears to be instances of 'double parking' in Moorcroft Road. Arguably, this is already unlawful, and can only be addressed if the appropriate authorities actually enforce lawful parking in situ from time to time to discourage 'double parking.' Plainly this is not being done at present, and this is where resources may be better targeted, rather than painting double yellow lines.

This last point is vividly demonstrated, perhaps unwittingly, by a recent informative mailing (February 2020) to Moorcroft Road residents from Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward councillors, which has two photographs intended to illustrate the issue in Moorcroft Road, and presumably implying a need for the council to intervene in line with the above proposal. However, what these photographs actually show, perhaps without council officers or councillors realising this, is how ineffective measures already in place on Moorcroft Road really are, in practice:

One of the photographs shows a car, purported to be contributing to obstruction on Moorcroft Road, actually parked on double yellow lines situated not far from the place to which the council now proposes extending them! In other words, in the photograph is a part of Moorcroft

Road where double yellow lines already exist (put there at public expense undoubtedly) and yet there is clearly no enforcement to render such measures effective. I have absolutely no doubt that this would continue to be the case even if double yellow lines were extended.

The other photograph shows a car which is mainly on the pavement and is blatantly obstructing the pavement; again, this does not appear to be lawful parking, and yet parking of this kind has been allowed to continue unchallenged for many years. In the light of this history, it isn't credible to imagine that the authorities are suddenly going to target resources at enforcing lawful parking in this area; therefore double yellow lines wouldn't amount to any deterrent – on the contrary, they would simply be a waste of money, as monitoring and enforcement would be virtually non-existent.

Another relevant point is that the proposals for double yellow lines have arisen following complaints from FirstBus (part of FirstGroup) about difficulty progressing along Moorcroft Road. That may be an understandable point of view, but I note that in 2019 it was announced, after a FirstGroup shareholders' revolt, that FirstBus would be required to pull out of the UK bus-service sector altogether. It would be perverse for City of York Council to ignore local residents' opposition to the double yellow lines proposals, while instead prioritising the viewpoint of a company with, according to recent reports, no apparent long-term commitment to serving York's community.

Surely the greater risk lies not to the future of bus services in Woodthorpe, but to the viability of the medical practice, if parking were to become so restricted that even essential surgery staff would find it almost impossible to park close to the surgery.

Lastly, it may be relevant to comment on suggestions from local councillors, offered in 2019, that the council's proposals might be amended in some way, e.g. installing double yellow lines on the part of Moorcroft Road near to the GPs' surgery, but only on one side of the road. Although again well-intentioned, such amendments would not of course dispense with the more general problems mentioned above. Additionally, with both a GPs' surgery and a dental practice located nearby, blue badge holders would need to continue to park in the vicinity, as they do at present, in order to access these surgeries, and there would be a risk of double parking from non-blue badge holders parking on the 'unlined' side.

Thank you in anticipation of your considering these observations.

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## **Objection**

I am writing to suggest an alternative approach to the one proposed for the double yellow lines to be installed along the odd numbered side of the road.

Whilst the current proposal will ease the issue around the dentist and surgery, the one proposed will still lead to chaos creating congestion around the corner leading out towards Bramble Dene and Moor Lane as it does today for public bus services, delivery lorries and cars.

I would like to propose 3 options;

- a) continue with your proposal BUT then create a permit holder only approach for the remaining house holders.
- b) same as a) but allowing householders faced with double yellow lines outside their property the same permit access
- c) extend the yellow lines past 29 Moorcroft Road, around the corner to Bramble Dene entry or beyond to alleviate congestion.

Perhaps permit holder only, free of charge, is the answer and would allow visitor access to householders whilst also preventing dental practice and surgery employees/clients parking on the road. In addition why cant the area behind the shops and service station not be used and remove restrictions there?

Apologies for all the options but the one being proposed will only alleviate some of the problem.

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## **Support**

My wife and I support the proposal re yellow lines.

Councillor Fenton (Ward Councillor)

I write in support of the proposed double yellow lines on Moorcroft Road, with one amendment – that the proposed restrictions on the odd-numbered side of the road extend from the dentist as far as the boundary of numbers 41 and 43 Moorcroft Road. Or as an alternative, approve the full extent as advertised but initially only implement the scope I have suggested above and monitor the impact.

The issues caused by parking on Moorcroft Road are a major concern to residents, not least because of the impact on the operation of the number 12 bus service which frequently gets stuck because of cars parked on both sides of the road outside the GP practice and the dentist. The prevalence of pavement parking in this area is also a significant concern, particularly for the elderly and parents with young children. I have attached a couple of photographs which demonstrate the issues here.

I convened a meeting of local residents on 18 February at the Moor Lane Youth Centre to gather views. Whilst there are varying views on the impacts of possible solutions and potential knock-on consequences, the consensus at the meeting was that something needs to be done. I took a number of actions from the meeting which are designed to tackle the cause of the increase in parking on Moorcroft Road and nearby streets and reduce the risk of adverse consequences should the advertised restrictions be implemented.

**1. Liaise with the GP practice and dental practice**

I am already in discussions with the GP practice about having a dropped kerb installed outside the surgery so that they can create additional parking bays for staff and patients. But there is perhaps a need for both the GP and dentists to better communicate to their patients the fact that they can park for free for up to two hours in the car park behind the shops, so there should be no need for them to park on street. I will pursue this with them.

**2. Improve signage for the car park behind the shops**

Some residents felt that some patients may not be aware of the existence of the car park behind the shops. I undertook to look at options for erecting a sign on CYC land or property, eg on a lamp post, alerting people to the free car park.

### 3. Liaise with the owners of the land around the shops

I have previously asked the owners of the land around the shops if they would be interested in providing permits for staff from the GP and dentists to park in their car park for more than the permitted two hours, but this has not been pursued. I will follow this up with them, and have also asked if they would consider creating additional parking spaces in front of the shops.

### 4. White H-Bar markings

Some residents at the high-numbered end of Bramble Dene already suffer from cars parked either wholly or partially across driveways, and they have expressed the concern that the advertised restrictions could exacerbate this problem. One potential mitigating measure we have identified is the painting of H-Bars across driveways, to provide a visual cue for motorists when parking.

