

## **Supporting Information Received with the Petition**

### **Application for Residents' Parking Zone: Albemarle Road**

Albemarle Road covers the area from the junction of the Mount to Campleshon Road opposite the old Terry's site. There are a variety of traffic restrictions already in place on parts of this road including double yellow lines, H-bars and a residents parking zone from the Scarcroft Hill junction towards the Mount. Residents from number 15 to the junction of Philadelphia Terrace have experienced a significant rise in the number of on-street day parkers as a result of neighbouring streets having successfully applied for their residents' only parking. This has led to home owners often not being able to park within close proximity to their own property and properties with off-street parking regularly being unable to gain access on and off their driveways because of parked cars blocking their driveways. Indeed a neighbour has reported she has contacted the police five times over the past year because of these obstructions.

There are also two schools entrances off this stretch of Albemarle Road, All Saints and Millthorpe. As a consequence, traffic is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day and despite traffic calming method such as speed bumps both cars and young cyclists travel at speed along this road. Visibility due to a bend in the road on this stretch is virtually nil when vehicles park up to and over H-bar markings, which makes exiting from a driveway a challenge. We have real concerns that it is an accident waiting to happen.

The parking problem is also not confined to weekdays. Ovington Cricket Club on the little Knavesmire is positioned on this stretch of Albemarle Road and there is an ongoing problem with members, visiting teams and supporters parking not only on the road adjacent to the properties but often over both sides of the road, mounting the footpath. There is ample parking on Knavesmire Road but attendees seem reluctant to walk over the grass to access the grounds and clubhouse.

The close proximity of Albemarle Road to the racecourse compounds the problem. Minibuses and other vehicles frequently park outside our properties during race meetings and race goers are milling on both road and pavement, which again makes safe access and egress difficult.

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Albemarle Road is not a quiet suburban street instead it is used as a through road to avoid traffic on Bishopthorpe Road. It is often busy with traffic; cars, vans, buses, cycles and pedestrians. The growing residential development at the old Terry's Chocolate Factory has and will continue to increase the traffic. Additionally the road is used as a parking zone for people working in town - on workdays there is a continuous line of parked cars squeezed on the road from Philadelphia Terrace to the Mount. The growing problem for residents between number 15 and the junction of Philadelphia Terrace having difficulty parking within a reasonable distance from their properties and/or obtaining safe and ready access and egress to their driveways will only be resolved by the granting of seven days residents' only parking. Of the fifteen properties within this stretch nine have actively asked that the City of York Council begin the process of a formal consultation into obtaining a residents' zone on this stretch (signatures enclosed).

Yours faithfully, on behalf of the petitioning residents

## **Photographs supplied by the Petition Leader**



Area parked up with  
Commuters &  
non-residents

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Vehicle parked encroaching over access to off street parking amenity