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Dear resident/business operator

### **Proposed Changes to city centre vehicle access**

As you may be aware, last November the council made the difficult decision to remove the exemption that had allowed vehicle access for blue badge holders during the footstreet hours. This followed strong advice from the Counter Terrorism Policing Team to remove all vehicles from the busy city centre footstreets at these times.

That leaves very limited access during footstreet hours. There is currently no access for residents or business owners between 10:30 and 5pm unless they have a specific exemption to the access restriction or have been issued a waiver to contravene the moving traffic order.

The decision was also made to consult on the removal of all other exemptions except for emergency services, vehicles being used in connection to medical requirements, a specialist vehicle or non-motorised vehicle (wheelchairs motorised and non-motorised) and the Dial & Ride bus, as detailed in the Notice of Proposals overleaf.

The introduction of new permanent barriers at entry and exit points to the pedestrian area in the coming months, will enable much tighter control of this important safety measure. They will help ensure that people can enjoy the city centre safely, in a largely traffic-free environment during the footstreet hours.

If the removal of the remaining exemptions is approved, a new process would be introduced to request access, for example for emergency repairs. Deliveries and other unrestricted access would still be available (as previously) before 10.30am or after 5.00pm.

Further information can be found on [www.york.gov.uk/citycentreaccess](http://www.york.gov.uk/citycentreaccess). As explained in the notice below, your views in support or objection can be sent to me

by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, and will be considered by the Executive Member for Transport later this year. Please share your views on this proposal either in writing to the address above or e-mail [highway.regulation@york.gov.uk](mailto:highway.regulation@york.gov.uk), marked for my attention.

Yours sincerely,

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**CITY OF YORK COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSALS**  
**THE YORK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (No 14/12)**  
**ORDER 2022**

**Notice is hereby given that City of York Council, in exercise of powers under Sections 1, 2, 4 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Schedule 9 of the Act, proposes to make an Order which will have the effect in York of:**

- (a) Amending the access restrictions on Back Swinegate, Blake Street, Church Street, Colliergate, Coney Street, Davygate, Feasegate, Finkle Street, Goodramgate between its junctions Deangate and King's Square, Grape Lane, Great Shambles, High Ousegate, High Petergate, Jubbergate, King's Square, Lendal, Little Stonegate, Low Petergate, Market Street, Newgate, New Street, Parliament Street, Patrick Pool, Peter Lane, St Andrewgate, St Helen's Square, St Sampson's Square, Silver Street, Spurriergate, Stonegate and Swinegate (footstreets); to restrict vehicle access into the said roads/lengths of roads during the pedestrian period (10.30am – 5pm 7 days a week) to vehicles being used for:
- (i) Ambulance, Fire Brigade or Police purposes,
  - (ii) proceeding upon the direction/permission of a Police Constable, a Civil Enforcement Officer, The Council's Head of Transport or vehicle issued with a City Centre Permit by the City of York Council's Traffic Manager,
  - (iii) A vehicle being used in connection with medical Requirements,
  - (iv) A vehicle travelling by the most direct route to either access or exit a street within the footstreets, unless a route is specified,
  - (v) A Specialist Vehicle or Non-motorised Vehicle,
  - (vi) A Dial a Ride Bus.
- (b) Amending the exemptions to accurately reflect current job titles held by officers employed by the Council.

A copy of the draft Order, Statement of Reasons for making it and relevant maps can be inspected at the Reception, West Offices, Station Rise, York, during normal business hours. Objections or other representations specifying reasons for the objection or representation should be sent to me in writing to arrive no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

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