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I wish the following views to be taken into account with regard to the proposed CITY OF YORK COUNCIL NOTICE OF PROPOSALS THE YORK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO 14/101 ORDER 2021, Notice ID: BRA2137240, Notice effective from 9th July 2021 to 8th August 2021

I am objecting on the following reasons:

The proposals have been shown, by the council's own survey, to be discriminating against Blue Badge holders: 78% of people who are Blue Badge holders disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "There is parking close enough to allow me access to the city centre" (York Open Data). Making the changes permanent, in light of this, means the council is knowingly making a discriminatory decision.

I have been provided with a Blue Badge by the national scheme in order to allow me to get closer to the places I need to be. This is a reasonable adjustment which takes into account my disability and helps me to access facilities, businesses etc on a more equal basis.

I may not live in York but I live nearby and York was one of my primary shopping and socialising centres until the recent closures. As my nearest city, I have often had to access certain post office services, banking and legal services in York.

As a result of these closures, I consider City of York Council to have disadvantaged me and my family under the terms of the PSED (Equality Act 2010) and you should stop implementation immediately.

Despite claiming to have consulted Blue Badge holders the Council has chosen to ignore the responses that I and others made. The streets on the outskirts of the footstreets are too far from the centre of York, leaving many destinations, including key services such as accessible toilets out of reach. This is a breach of my human rights and s.149 (the public sector equality duty) of the Equality Act 2010.

In addition I would like to complain about the time lapse between the decision (22nd June), apparent publication 9th July, and notifying Blue Badge holders of the TRO publication (16th July).

Yours faithfully,