

Frances Street objections (X25)

I'm writing following receipt of the result of the consultation undertaken in my area in March 2021. As a Frances Street resident, I'm seriously concerned about the result and how it will affect our household.

My partner (CCd) has written to the council on a couple of occasions to lodge a complaint about the parking situation on our street. With many houses being rented to students, during term time these households often have four+ cars parked on-street - we are often unable to park our single vehicle anywhere near our home, which is ridiculous. The plans for permits on our neighbouring street but not on this one will only serve to worsen this issue.

Further to this, many responses "against" the permits will have come from student tenants who aren't long term residents of the street. Naturally these student lodgings will not want to pay for a permit for their four-car households, and of course they voted against. It seems very unfair for long term residents to be denied parking on our own street due to this.

I suspect once parking permits come into effect on Alma Terrace and Alma Grove, we will see a further rise in demand for parking on our street, as those unwilling to purchase a permit will know there is "free" parking on the next street. This is a real concern, and the situation continues to affect our quality of life as residents.

There are extensive plans for development in the surrounding areas here in Fulford. With ours being one of the only streets without permit parking, I can only foresee this becoming an even worse issue for us. Are there plans to review the proposal? Can you please let me know how I can take this complaint further?

I would like to request a re-survey of Frances St regarding residents parking. My reasons are as follows.

1. I didn't live in the street at the time of the first survey and would like my say
2. I think the requirement of 50% of households needed to respond to the survey should be waived, due to the fact that so many houses are student occupied and unlikely to respond, and of those that did it was a majority in favour.

There is likely to be a considerable increase in parking on Frances St, as Alma terrace and Grove have been graded resident parking only.

I live on Frances Street, YO10. I would like residents to be re-surveyed about the Resident Parking Scheme. I didn't expect that some of the nearby streets would get Residents Parking and others would not, and am therefore concerned about the potential knock-on effects to Frances Street, Ambrose Street and Carey Street.

Hi. I would just like to express my concern at the soon to be introduced residents parking. I did not expect that some streets would get ResParking and others would not. So, I think we should all get it.

Annex H

I would like to formally object to the proposals regarding the consultation results for residents parking schemes in YO10. Particularly to inclusion of the Alma Terrace areas.

The areas I have concern with are as follows:

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It seems like close to 200 properties on neighbouring streets will be affected by the inclusion of Alma Terrace, based on the opinion of a minority of residents from one street.

2. The timing of the consultation was not representative of 'normal' due to many student houses being vacant and much of the comuter/social parking reduced. We saw a totally different parking situation when COVID regulations were more stringent compared to recent months.

3. The opinion that the development of student accommodation could impact on parking in the area... this affects all streets in the area equally, not just Alma Terrace.

As a Frances Street resident my experience of the current situation is that parking in the whole area is stretched, but can generally self regulate. The area from Alma Terrace through Frances St, Cary St etc to Ambrose St experiences the same demand, from both residents, visitors, commuters and tourists. At times of high demand we all park on whichever street currently has space. It is common to have to do laps of the area to find a space which is particularly onerous on families like mine, with young children.

If you do approve resident parking on just one part of the area, this will serve to unfairly advantage that street by giving them the best of both worlds; a ResPark scheme they can chose to use while they park 2nd cars and visitors on adjacent streets. All the while detrimentally affecting those on adjacent streets.

I think the area from Alma to Ambrose should be reconsidered as one whole, and a new survey conducted to reflect the current situation.

As a result from previous survey result I believe Frances Street is not getting resident parking, but neighbouring street are. I do not feel this is the right decision and will result in residents and visitor from neighbouring streets, and all passing traffic for local business and workers of local business around the Fulford Road area parking in Frances Street. With no other parking available and not being in the resident parking scheme Frances Street will see an increase in volume of traffic and parking, unfairly preventing the residents of Frances Street parking on the street we live on.

I didn't expect some streets would get resident parking and some would not And I think we should all get resident parking, as the reason above. I cannot see any possible reasoning for Frances Street's Omission from having resident parking and would like your reasoning on the decision explained fully or revoked.

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As a concerned resident of Frances Street i would like to object to the decision to allow Respark to the above named streets. This would put further pressure on Frances, Ambrose, Carey Streets & Wenlock Terrace who have been refused Respark. Anyone who chooses not to buy a permit, especially a permit for a second vehicle would be able to park on non Respark Streets, as is happening on Levisham, Farndale & Hartoft, we will have no choice. The council has caused this problem by allowing all surrounding streets to have Respark, leaving a handful to absorb the fallout. We already have commuters parking all day who work in the city, TSYS employees & lately, workers from the student development next to the Police Station. There at least 8 student houses on Frances Street of multiple occupancy nearly 10%, that probably have no interest in what happens to the street, as they will move on each year & once the new development is finished, has the council put measures in place to offer enough car park spaces to those students who choose to bring a car with them.

Following notification that Alma Grove/Terrace are becoming resident parking I wish to raise an objection on the following grounds.

- 1) If those streets are to obtain resident parking it only seems fair that Frances street residents receive the same privilege.
- 2) I did not vote in the last survey as I have only recently moved into my property on Frances street but would like to register I would like to respond to any further survey.
- 3) Giving some streets resident parking and not others will have an impact on the streets without resident parking. Visitors will continue to park in Frances Street alongside residents from Holly Terrace (often two car ownership) and dog walkers to the river.

Please keep me informed of any further developments

You probably know that someone has leafleted Frances St and perhaps other streets regarding residents parking. I agree with whoever it is that implementing residents parking in Alma Terrace and Alma Grove (which I support) will have negative knock-on consequences for parking in Frances St.

I think it is now necessary to repeat the survey in Frances St.

Also, given the high number of student houses in Frances St, I don't think you can set a high threshold for responses before you take action.

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Thank you for the recent letter we received regarding Residents Parking in Frances Street/Ambrose Street. I was shocked that we didn't get it but Alma Terrace/Grove did. So all the visitors in Alma Terrace/Grove will obviously park in Frances Street or Ambrose Street.

At the moment we have workers parking in our street and walking down the river to work in York City Centre.

We have also got the Student Accommodation on Fulford Road and where will they park. Also Ordanance Lane will have very limited parking so obviously they will park in Frances Street or Ambrose Street.

When Alma Terrace/Grove got Resi Parking Frances Street and Ambrose Street should also have got it.

I have lived in Frances Street for 49 years and I have never seen so many Cars parked in the street that don't live in the street. If you come home after 6pm you won't get a parking space.

I didn't expect that some streets would get resi parking and others wouldn't so I think we should all get resi parking.

I would like you to reconsider this matter.

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I write regarding the recent Resident Parking Scheme application that I am sure you will be aware of.

It is quite incomprehensible that Alma Terrace, Alma Grove, have been approved for a Resident Parking Scheme, and yet Frances Street, Ambrose Street and Carey Street have not.

These roads are in close proximity, and the effects of the new scheme will clearly be imbalanced.

There are major concerns that visitors to Alma Terrace, Alma Grove will just use neighbouring streets to park "conveniently".

In the case of Frances Street, there is a mix of Home Owners (who live in their properties) and landlords who rent theirs.

I am very concerned that the survey as undertaken is not truly representative.

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Further to your letter dated 10th January regarding the Consultation Results for the Residents' Parking scheme in Kilburn Road-Frances Street, I would like to make the following comments for consideration.

Firstly, I think it is extremely unfair that the student houses are surveyed alongside the permanent residents, for the following reasons:

- Looking at Frances Street currently there are at least 15 houses that are let to students and these house between 3 and 4 students, each of these students may have a car leading to a disproportionate numbers of cars related to these houses and enough to cause a parking problem as each house front can only accommodate 1 car. Parking is less of a problem during the University holidays when the students are away.
- Students are unlikely to be prepared to pay the fee associated with the resident's parking and certainly not for multiple cars at the same address, the fee for which is prohibitive even for me who is working and would prevent me from developing my midwifery career to become a community midwife needing a car. For this reason, the students would not have voted for the scheme, this does not mean there is not a parking problem in the road.
- The students also are not resident for a year therefore buying a permit for a year would not be cost effective for them and also would result in them voting against the scheme.
- Students generally live in the area for a 9 month period then move on, therefore I feel asking them to vote for something which has long term consequences for the surrounding area is unfair and inappropriate.

I believe only those resident's paying council tax should be surveyed for Residents' Parking.

I was very disturbed to read that the plan is to implement Residents' Priority Parking in some of the relevant roads but not all of them. I am aware of residents in Alma Terrace who currently park consistently in Carey Street and Frances Street and what will stop all the residents in Alma Terrace doing this to prevent them having to buy a permit with the result that the pressure on parking becomes even worse in those roads not covered by the new R70 scheme?

At certain times, having found no parking place in Alma Terrace, Frances Street and Ambrose Street we have had to park our car in Kilburn Road, the other side of the main Fulford Road, if this scheme is introduced then this option will not be available and where will we end up parking then, probably down in Fulford somewhere, probably the next nearest road with no Residents' parking scheme which will not be ideal for those residents.

Having lived in Wellington Street for years where the parking situation is impossible we had to move because of it. Arriving home from the supermarket with a young child in the car and not being able to park within sight of the house made living there completely untenable. The road is full of student HMO with multiple cars, and town workers' cars and if you do the same and survey all the temporary residents then you will get the same result but those roads really need Residents' parking to make it more pleasant to live there.

I do not want to pay to park outside my house but introducing R70 to only a few roads in the area will also make living here untenable.

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Following the recent issuing of the results of the proposals for a residents parking scheme on Alma Terrace and Alma Grove, I would like to convey my concern that the adjacent streets (Ambrose Street and Frances Street) will see an influx of additional visitors parking – further congesting an already over-filled road. I have regularly witnessed many cars park and walk to the river (to presumably walk into town) as these streets are some of the most convenient to access the City Centre without paying for parking, and it is clear that the residents of these streets are being pushed out.

I am a single parent raising 2 young children, living in a rental property (_ Frances Street). I regularly have to park 300m+ away from my home, and walk to the house with the kids in tow, including the crossing of roads (without crossing points) multiple times.

The implementation of permits on Alma Terrace and Alma Grove will, without doubt, increase the parking on our streets, and such I would like to strongly ask that the council to reconsider this decision and extend the award of the new parking permit scheme to Frances Street/Ambrose Street.

I have received the results of the Resident Parking Scheme survey in my area. I wish to register my objection and request that you reconsider.

It makes no sense to apply the scheme to Alma Terrace and Alma Grove but not Frances Street, Carey Street, and Ambrose Street (and Wenlock Terrace?). Either all the streets need to be zoned or none at all.

Under the proposed scheme I am concerned that

- Residents on Alma Terrace/Grove are not obliged to pay the scheme and may park on the other streets.
- Visitors to Alma Terrace/Grove will use Carey Street, Frances Street and Ambrose Street for parking.
- The new student accommodation on Fulford Road may increase parking pressure on these streets.
- There is already some pressure on parking in these streets at various times, with residents having to park in adjoining streets on occasion.

I have lived in Frances Street for 8 years and I observe huge variations in parking behaviour varying with time of day, days of the week, and university terms. There is a significant proportion of student occupied / temporary residency. Maybe these occupiers do not respond to the survey and/or do not have cars. In spite of this, the street is generally fully parked in the evening/overnight. The survey does not seem to have adequately captured the local parking situation.

I am very concerned that with the proposed scheme I will not be able to park in Frances Street where I live, nor will there be a nearby option.

I hope you will consider these points and reconsider the Scheme or undertake a further survey.

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I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to the parking rules around Alma Terrace and Alma Grove. I understand there was a survey regarding these changes some time ago before I moved to York, but I am now a resident on Frances Street.

I believe local residents were under the impression that a proposed permit parking scheme would apply to all streets in the local area; including Carey Street, Frances Street, Ambrose Street, and Wenlock Terrace. At present it is impossible to find a space in the late evening on any of these streets and at all other times it has become noticeably more difficult.

A parking permit scheme that only benefits a subset of our streets will clearly impact the remaining streets negatively as visitors and non-permit holders will use the free areas. In addition, the new accommodation on Fulford Street built with inadequate parking means overflow will further impact our streets. I believe that the scheme should be applied to all residents of the area or to none at all. Please either resurvey the area with this clarification or reconsider your approach.

I have been horrified to learn that the proposed parking scheme for my area is to be rolled out across only two of the five streets that currently share no parking restrictions. I did not originally complete the survey as I was unsure whether permits would be a good idea for the area or not. Though I am certain that only introducing the scheme for some of the streets will have a disastrous impact on those left out of the parking scheme. It seems obvious that this will result in residents struggling to park on the roads not covered by the parking scheme, it was not made clear that this was a potential outcome. Either all streets should be included or we should be resurveyed about this current plan.

I find it rather confusing that Frances Street, Carey Street and Ambrose Street have not been approved. Parking on Frances Street is already at a premium. The resident parking scheme approval will make this much worse. Residents of Alma Terrace and Grove whom don't want to pay or their visitors will now park elsewhere, likely Frances Street given it's proximity.

Furthermore, there is at least 8 student properties on Frances Street. I surmise those properties either did not engage with the survey or actively rejected the scheme. Given students are not permanent residents and are exempt from council tax, I do not believe their preferences should be counted, as brusque as that may sound.

I would like to formally confirm this email as my objection to Alma Terrace and Grove being approved for the resident parking scheme.

I did not live on Frances Street at the time of the survey and therefore would like the area to be surveyed again, to have my say counted.

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I would like to formally register my objection to the proposed residents parking scheme proposed for Alma Terrace, YO10.

I live on Frances Street with my family and have long found parking to be difficult, particularly later in evenings. On more than one occasion I have been unable to park the car near our house, with a baby /toddler and sleeping young child. In these situations I was forced to choose between waking the toddler to force them to walk home for parking on another street OR put the sleeping children in to the house and leave them there to park the car.

Issues⁰ like this are major factors in why young families like mine move away from the area to leave more student and rental properties.

I voted on favour of resident parking on Frances Street which is why I am so disappointed in the decision to proceed on Alma Terrace alone.

As you are no doubt aware, Alma Terrace, Frances Street and Ambrose Street are very close. By making 1 of the 3 a ResPark area, this will unduly and detrimentally affect the other two streets. Any houses on Alma Terrace which choose not to purchase visitors passes will be sending an overflow to the neighbouring streets. It goes without saying that the arguments made in the recent council meeting affect all 3 streets and not just Alma Terrace. Visitors, Commuters and Tourists park on all 3 streets and the newly proposed student housing will only serve to exacerbate the issue.

The fact that Alma Terrace residents did not submit 50% responses to the survey also begs the question why this was allowed to be agreed? I would like to know what legislation or precedent there was for this threshold to be changed for one street but not others?

The parking availability varies greatly through the year. During holiday periods, day times and lockdowns the situations was manageable. However, on the last few months (for example) the difficulties have worsened.

I would propose three actions :

1. Expand the agreed Resident parking scheme to all three streets so as not to unduly favour one Street while shifting the problem to a more concentrated area.
2. If not, resurvey the streets as a whole, with clear threshold guidance that will be adhered to.
3. Take in to account the number of student or short term let properties on streets which would affect the total number of households able to submit a return. (I.e Out of 87 properties, if 10 are student houses or holiday lets, the total returning number would be 77, which a 50% threshold of 39)

I am deeply disappointed by the lack of forethought demonstrated on this debate - particularly how it will affect families.

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As a resident of Frances Street for almost 24 years I am astounded at the decision by CYC to refuse resident parking scheme to some streets, yet provide resident parking to other parts of the original area. I request a re-survey is urgently completed taking into consideration the additional impact of parking problems for our streets now Kilburn Road, Alma Terrace and Alma Grove were awarded res parking.

I base this request upon the following key factors:

- I am aware of 2 car Alma Terrace residences, whereby observed already parking on Frances street - further exacerbating this problem. There is no mandatory rule for these residents to pay res parking - but to default to nearby streets further exacerbating the problem.
- More student accommodation and Air B&B residences have not been removed from the non-responses (clearly a factor affecting the % results).
- At no point was I informed that 'partial' implementation would be considered/approved - further exacerbating this situation.
- Only last week 7 'to let' notices went up on Frances street from a renowned student rental provider highlighting increased pattern of number of student lets in our area (in addition to the horrendous number of flats being built directly opposite Fulford Road).
- REcognised building/renovation of properties adding extra bedrooms - encourages more cars into the area.
- Observation of larger vehicles already parking down Frances street overnight - SUV/work vans - potentially because res parking vehicle size pricing policy.
- Alley regularly blocked during day by work vans/vehicles - reducing access to residents/emergency vehicles etc.

We love living in this area, however the parking difficulties (especially late at night as I can end up down Fulford Road/Hospital Fields Area and being a female this directly impacts upon my personal safety at night when forced to walk home. With increased footfall/students etc this will only increase. The council and Highways decision to not provide parking at the new accommodation site directly impacts upon City of York Residents.

I request the above points are recorded formally and that this can be quickly reassessed to residents satisfaction. I look forward to receiving your response.

I am a resident of Frances Street; I didn't live in the street at the time of the parking survey and would like to have my say.

I object to the parking scheme as it is already extremely difficult to get a parking space in my own street. Having more people park here because of resident parking elsewhere will make this situation much worse.

If ResPark is going ahead then I believe it should be offered to all the neighbouring streets.

I hope my views are taken into consideration.

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I arrived home yesterday to find the results of the consultation regarding permit parking.

I was horrified to see that it had been approved in Alma Terrace & Alma Grove but not in the rest of the streets. How can that possibly work?

I note that more than 50% of people who voted in Frances Street voted for permit parking. Surely in a democracy, where everyone has the opportunity to vote, that should be passed in favour. That's what happened with Brexit.

Parking is already appalling in the street & with people from these new permit areas spilling into our street, as they don't have a permit, it is going to be totally unworkable. Surely the whole area should be either none permit or permit, not half and half. To have half doing it and half not will result in absolute chaos. I really don't think this has been thought through & it needs to be stopped!

Visitors to Alma Terrace will park in Frances Street, residents of Alma Terrace who don't want to pay will park in Frances Street, as well as people working locally & those wanting to walk by the river into town (as we have now)

I came home from a long day at work this evening, having called at the supermarket, to find that despite driving round 3 times, in the hope someone would move, there wasn't a single space in the whole street. I eventually ended up parking in Ambrose Street. That made me feel bad as I was potentially taking someone's space there. I had to make 3 journeys from that street to my home with bags of shopping. And this is even before the limitations on the surrounding streets start.

I am so worried about the situation. Can you imagine getting home & not being able to park anywhere near your house because other people, who don't live in the street, are parking there.

Please, please, please rethink this madness. It can't possibly work. Surely it needs to be either all of the adjoining street or none at all. But from my point of view, for peace of mind that I can park, it needs to be all, as per the majority vote.

I would be very grateful if this could be reconsidered. I don't want to have to move away from my lovely street but I can't live with this uncertainty every night when I am driving home.