

**From Residents of Mill Lane, York
YO31**

By Email & post to:
Cllrs. Barbara Boyce, and Tina Funnell (Heworth Ward)
cc/ Head of Transport Planning Unit

Dear Councillors,

Reducing Traffic on Mill Lane

I write on behalf of the 29 signatories of the attached letter, who are all residents of Mill Lane.

As you know, we wrote recently expressing our support for the completion of the Heworth Green-James Street Road link, and our petition was presented to, and favourably received by The Planning Committee on 21st January.

We now petition concerning the second request in that letter, namely
To dramatically reduce traffic into Mill Lane.

Our reasons for this are several:

- **Volumes:** Traffic volumes along Mill Lane have reached unacceptable levels for what is a narrow area of domestic housing.
- **Strategic links:** With the (positive) economic development of commercial businesses in James Street, Mill Lane is increasingly used as the main link between the A1036 (Heworth Green) and Layerthorpe. It was never designed for this.
- **Fitness for purpose:** The number of domestic dwellings and local inhabitants on Mill Lane has increased significantly with the removal of a petrol station and completion of new houses. This is an entirely domestic area.
- **Air quality:** Levels of harmful pollutants (CO₂, NO_x and NO₂) are abnormally high. We estimate that the number of vehicles using this road as a 'cut-through' exceeds 7,000 per day; many thousands more cross the small roundabout at the junction with East Parade. Air quality is at peak times deeply unpleasant, almost certainly now exceeding legal requirements in what should be a low emission area. This is injurious to health.
- **Safety:** The volume and speed of through traffic also presents an unacceptable level of danger to those on foot and cycle. Mill Lane's 'speed patches' are ignored and do nothing to reduce or deter vehicle speed.

While the completion of the above road link will provide an alternative route which is both fit for purpose and also much safer, we propose that measures

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to calm and reduce traffic through Mill Lane should not await this. The issues of safety and of health are already too pressing.

We therefore request and petition that measures are designed in consultation with residents to reduce and calm traffic now. While making the road one-way (East to West) is one option, one preferred by residents is simply to close entry to the road for traffic turning left (north to south) from Heworth Green. This may be a suitable and effective compromise. Explicit 20 mph speed restrictions should also be clearly posted. (Similar measures already apply to Harcourt Street, which continues Mill Lane, and Eastern Terrace which is parallel). We request that these (and any other suitable options) are now set out by council officers.

It is the strong feeling of residents that the current volumes of traffic cannot be allowed to continue, and that safety and health measures are now overdue. We hope for your strong and active support and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

(List of signatories attached)

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and Jonathan Kenyon (Planning Dept. Case officer); cc/ Head of Transport
Planning Unit

Dear Sirs & Madam,

Reducing Traffic on Mill Lane
with the Heworth Green-James Street link Road
(Ref: LTP3 and Eboracum Way planning application)

We are writing to request your support to reduce traffic on Mill Lane and by also ensuring the completion of the Heworth Green-James Street Link Road.

Our reasons our this are several:

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As you know, the Local Transport Plan (LTP3 2011) already includes a proposal to complete the James Street link to Heworth Green through Eboracum Way. The Plan's environmental, social and economic objectives have our full support. We also understand that a planning application to develop hotel accommodation at Layerthorpe, including and requiring the

completion of the James Street Link, is to be considered on **21st January**.
The completion of this link has several obvious advantages:

- **Strategic link:** Eboracum Way is already built to accept these volumes of traffic; it is twice as wide as Mill lane, with defined lanes and existing traffic lights installed. (It is currently totally unused.)
- **Fitness for purpose:** Eboracum way is not an area of dense domestic dwellings. It is adjoined on a minority of its length by flats and mostly by offices and the gas plant. It is far more suitable for traffic.
- **Economic development:** The major and continuing economic development of James Street requires appropriate traffic link and access. Completing this link is also likely to reduce traffic (often jammed) along Foss Islands Road. While supporting positive access to this area, it would have no negative impact upon businesses in East Parade.

Our Requests are therefore please to:

1. Ensure the suitable completion of the Heworth Green - James Street Link Road.
2. **Simultaneously dramatically reduce traffic into Mill Lane by signposting "No Turn-Off" from Heworth Green.**

We hope for your strong and active support and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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