

We call on City of York Council to Pedestrianise Fossgate!

Due to the Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, businesses had the opportunity to trade outside. Fossgate was transformed into a beautiful street with continental-style outdoor seating which residents and visitors enjoyed during the summer months

Concerns over disability access have now prevented most businesses from trading outside. At a time where hospitality businesses are under financial threats never before encountered, these businesses need external trading areas more than ever.

These businesses are part of our local community and owned by local people. As such, we also share concerns over disabled residents and visitors visiting our businesses. We believe that the best solution - and one that satisfies everyone's needs - is to fully pedestrianise Fossgate.

If there were no vehicles on the street, there would be more than enough room to accommodate pavement café licences and the needs of our local disabled community. Furthermore, local residents, employees of, and visitors to Fossgate would benefit from cleaner air to breathe and a greatly improved environment.

City of York Council: please put this long-running saga behind us and do the right thing: pedestrianise Fossgate for the good of everyone!