

Transport Planning Unit

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cc:

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Copmanthorpe Parish Council

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO 13 BUS ROUTE IN COPMANTHORPE / RESULTS OF A LOCAL
PETITION**

Sirs,

With regard to the above consultation that closes today, I write with results of a local petition to save the 'Flaxman Loop' on the 13 bus service.

The petition was conducted via www.change.org and is hosted via <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-flaxman-loop-on-the-13-bus-service>¹. **At the time of this submission this hyper-local petition, which was promoted through Copmanthorpe community-related pages on Facebook, was signed by 415 people.**

Of particular value, I submit, are the comments made by those that signed. Which I attach by way of appendix A. Signatories are recorded in appendix B

Yours sincerely,

The full petition contains a list of 415 names and addresses, plus a letter from resident dated 16th Jan 2024 in regard to Reserved Matters Application 23/02256/REMM, addressed to City of York Council Planning and Development Services.

Comments from residents, with personal data removed, are shown on the next page.

Comment	
"I have many friends and family who rely on this bus route"	"I believe people need this loop. Especially the many elderly in the area. Some without cars who can't use Asham Bar park and ride. Can it be so expensive compared to the loop round Tower St / Piccadilly which used to be straight down Coppergate."
"Need the service for the pensioners"	
"We are a family of 6. We have 4 children. 3 of them use this route for their bus to Millthorpe school and back home. Another uses it for work and as part of her route to University. Having to walk an extra mile (20mins) is not only a massive inconvenience but a massive downgrade in quality of life. All the road works around York atm, especially Tadcaster road, it is already a massive inconvenience. I can't imagine how the elderly are going to get places, they can't be expected to walk a mile to top lane. It's ridiculous!!! Bit bit bit, chunk by chunk, York city Council continues to reduce quality of life. Why don't you take away the air we breath whilst your at it and be done with it."	
"Copmanthorpe is a large, growing village with more homes planned. It requires a better, more frequent bus service for the residents to prevent traffic chaos in York caused by the use of more vehicles!"	
"Whilst it doesn't affect me personally, it is a life line for the less mobile in this part of the village and should be retained."	
"Urgently needed by residents with mobility issues who cannot walk to Top Lane. Tadcaster roadworks, seemingly going on for ever has not helped !"	
"This will massively affect older people who shop in the village, using the bus to get to and fro. So the shops, including Little Acorns Cafe who will all miss out on trade and some people will no longer be able to use the library, hairdresser and doctor's surgery. the impact for some will mean greatly reduced quality of life. So sad."	
"It is a important service for people who need it"	
"The service is needed for pensioners as it's a long walk uphill for some people. I watched several people get off at Top Lane one evening because we didn't go down the Flaxman part, they wouldn't have been counted on the numbers!!"	
"This is for many reasons Elderly. People with mobility issues.Young Families"	
"We should have public transport in York."	
"The 13 is a lifeline for many in the village and serves far more people than the Coastliner alone. Withdrawal of the Flaxman loop will just give CYC reason to withdraw the 13 altogether, which we must fight. The 13 is a valued part of our community."	
"Living in the 'loop' served by the 13, I know of a number of people, some also elderly, who depend on this service and are unable to make the journey UP the estate, there is a significant gradient, to the nearest alternative bus stop. I thought it was a priority to ensure people weren't being isolated from bus services which are/can be lifelines for access to health, medical and commercial services."	
"This service is needed."	