

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE LEGAL CONSULTATION  
PROCESS:**

**DANESMEAD CLOSE ESTATE**

**From a Business Owner (Danesmead Business Centre)**

I object to this because every single property on these particular roads has private off-street parking, varying from space for a single car on the forecourt plus garage (equalling park space for 2 vehicles) to space for 2 cars on the forecourt plus a double garage (thereby equalling parking space for 4 vehicles) which does bring into question the need for the proposed Priority Parking for Residents?

If the residents of these roads had no other option but to park their vehicles on the street, I could understand the requirement for a Residents Priority Parking zone but as they already have private off-street parking, there is no clear and obvious additional benefit to the residents, so it seems to me as though this is actually a witch-hunt against the parent/carers of pupils of the Steiner School who use Danesmead Close in particular to park during the school term, some of whom come the sorts of distances that preclude walking, cycling or public transport, by the residents, given the nature of the school.

I am not a parent of the Steiner school but I do have an office in the Danesmead Business Wing, which is attached to the school. I can see the need for some form of management of the parking situation which I think should either be achieved in the form of restrictions with timings that allow parents to take their children into school and collect them, both at lunch time and at the end of the school day or by allowing parents and users of the business wing to buy a parking permit in the same way as residents do. I would be very happy to pay for a residents parking permit but as I do not have an address on these streets, I do not have the option.

It would be nice to hear from you about this especially if it became possible to buy a parking permit but probably an unlikely expectation.

**Officer Comments**

We note and agree the level of off street parking available to residents would seem to be adequate in most circumstances.

The Danesmead Business Wing is not located within the boundary of the proposed zone, consequently business owners will not be eligible to purchase

permits to park.

### **From a parent of pupil of York Steiner School**

As a local parent of the York Steiner School I ensure that I when ever possible walk my 3 year old to school. However, due to the diverse nature of our school community we have children travelling from areas like Malton and Leeds in order to attend and it is not feasible for everyone to walk or cycle.

Our school has very young children (Kindergarten starts at age 3) and I'm sure any parent or carer will appreciate that trying to get children this young safely from a car to school, changed in to indoor shoes and have any necessary brief discussion with the teacher 10 minutes simply isn't enough time.

Our family will be impacted by these restrictions on specific days when an older family member with restricted mobility collects our daughter. This family member is in her 70s, has 2 hip replacements and a heart complaint. She is perfectly capable of walking along Danesmead to do a school collection but NOT in 10 minutes. (She is not eligible for a blue badge). Ten minutes is simply not enough time for any one who has any mobility issue, whether short term or permanent.

When I walk along Danesmead at school pick up and drop off I have never noticed any inconsiderate parking or driving and generally the road isn't even very busy. I suspect anyone parking for significant amounts of time is not parking for school use but for commuting. I attach a photo that I took a few days ago at 12.36pm - just before Kindergarten pick up time which is 12.40. You will see the road is virtually empty especially towards the end where the school is located. The only cars are those parked at the end of the road.



It is a real shame that the Danemead community don't feel they can work together with the Steiner School Community. If these parking changes do go ahead it will have a very negative effect on our school and the children's' experience.

If these changes do happen can I at least ask you to consider extending the usual 10 minute waiting time to 30 minutes. Bearing in mind the nature of the need to wait (i.e. young children and a school environment) 30 minutes would be a huge improvement and a much better compromise and would still restrict parking for anyone using this area to park for extended periods for commuting purposes.

### **Officer Comments**

Concerns are noted and a possible mitigation is highlighted within Option 4 on the report.

### **York Steiner School**

We would like to object to the proposed Respark Scheme area for zone R63 as we feel it will have an extremely negative impact on our school. There has been a school on this site long before the houses were built around it, and, since becoming a Steiner School, attracts many families into the area specifically so they can attend York Steiner School.

We would like to appeal the proposed parking restrictions and feel that we would like to highlight some of the reasons why such a scheme would seriously impact on the viability of our school.

- **We are not a “local” school.**

- We are one of a very small number of Steiner Schools in the United Kingdom, providing a recognised and valuable alternative. As a Steiner School, we attract people who are specifically drawn to the education we provide, which means that we are not limited to a local catchment area. Those families that do live within a reasonable distance are encouraged to walk or cycle to school with their children.

However there are a number of children who come from further afield, who would find the parking restrictions most daunting and we very much fear losing them if they are unable to park near the school to drop off or pick up.

- Our Community Relations mandate holder Keir Brown recently had a meeting with Christine Packer, Travel Plan Officer to explore how to draw up a School Travel Plan. As part of the preparation, a quick survey was carried out to identify the distances our families were travelling. This showed that

- the majority live within York, though not specifically in the

#### Fulford area

- 7 families travel from Leeds
- 9 from the Selby area
- 10 from the Pocklington area
- 3 from around Easingwold
- 2 from Malton
- 2 from Kirkbymoorside
- Public Transport Links from many of these locations are either non-existent or not practical for families with small children.
- **We cater for children from birth to 14**
  - Whilst we acknowledge that the ten minute drop off time is perfectly adequate for many of our families, it does not provide enough time for families with younger children to safely escort them to the classroom and prepare them for their day.
- **We have baby groups, parent and child sessions and kindergarten**
  - These sessions run at various times throughout the day and last between 1 ½ hours and 4 hours, and, by definition cater for babies and very young children. The practicalities of parking at a distance from the school and then walking with these small children is very likely to put parents off from attending these sessions.
- **We are committed to an inclusive education**
  - This means that we operate a contributions system which is linked to the household income and enables many low-income families to attend the school. The money generated from parental contributions is not enough to run the school and we supplement our income in two ways.
    - Fundraising – parents commit to helping us raise money through various events throughout the year. This would be seriously impacted if the parking restrictions were to be imposed.
    - Business wing – we make office/workshop space available to rent, in order to generate revenue. Currently, 25 individuals work in the business wing and we are only able to provide 8 parking spaces at the side of school. If people were unable to park to use these businesses, this may mean our tenants would move elsewhere.
  - Both these sources of income would be seriously challenged if the parking restrictions were to be imposed as currently suggested.

Whilst we understand that some residents find it difficult that parents park in their street when on school business, we would really urge a move to compromise here, as the future of our school would be seriously jeopardised by such stringent parking restrictions. We acknowledge that some members of our parent body are not always as considerate as they could be when parking and we continually try to reinforce the need to remain respectful of those people who live close by. We are also actively attempting to develop a School Travel Plan, to make the best, and most environmentally considerate ways of allowing people to access the school.

We would, however, implore you to look at the situation we are in and ask you to consider the needs of all parties in this proposal. We are always happy to negotiate and welcome any suggestions of how to improve our part in the difficulties encountered by local residents. Stringent parking restrictions seriously threaten the future of our school. Please consider the benefits to all parties of sincere negotiation and constructive debate.

### **Officer comments**

York Steiner School are asking that we consider their needs and try to mitigate the effects of this proposal.

There appears to be conflict between resident and school parking. Previous comments by residents have indicated they believe the alleged problem is mainly caused by parents /staff of the school.

Although we have brought possible options to the attention of the Executive Member for Transport which could mitigate the negative impact of the restriction on the school we are not confident the options to allow longer parking for non permit holders will be acceptable to residents.

### **Resident of Danes Croft**

As a resident of a cul-de-sac on the Estate who, by majority did not vote for the resident only parking scheme to be implemented within their street, it feels a rather blunt instrument to impose what is a penalty charge to these residents. The width of the road in the cul de sac is narrow and the arrangement of the driveways restricts where a car could be parked if not on a driveway. Driveways are also not as generous as those of the properties along the Estate distributor roads. There has been no occasions where unwelcome none visitor parking has occurred within the cul de sac, even at times when the Steiner School has a open day so, introducing this Scheme is seen simply to be yet

another Authority charge. I therefore request further information on why it is considered appropriate to introduce the Resident's Scheme into a cul de sac and also why the most obvious road on which to introduce this Scheme (should you go ahead with your proposal) has been excluded. This road is Broadway West the properties on which have generous drives and off road verge accesses so have ample space for visitors to park without incurring a cost. It is also the entry road to the Danesmead Estate and should the scheme be imposed on the Estate, none visitor parking will simply use this road.

**Officer Comments**

Should we decide to not implement this restriction on Danes Croft it would involve entry and exit signage installed at the entrance to the cul-de-sac.

Displaced parking may transfer to the small cul-de-sac from the main thoroughfare and consequently create problems where they do not exist at this time.

Should Danes Croft be omitted from any implemented scheme, residents of this street would be ineligible for permits and consequently would be unable to park in the adjacent streets during the hours of operation

