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| <p>Thank you for providing me with this information. The reduction / removal of parking privileges for Disabled drivers is simply a further step in the banning of traffic from central York..a process which has been ongoing for the last 45 years that I have been aware of. The City Council has little regard for residents or for shopkeepers/hoteliers who are not presenting for tourists. I wish you well in this matter. I have already withdrawn from City centre solicitors, accountants and bankers. I no longer look to York as my shopping centre for anything. However, come the day when the tourists fail to arrive ..Covid 20 / 21 /22 .. and the cafes, restaurants and cheapy tourist knick knack sellers run out of income I hope that you will understand that the lack of a working centre is of your own creation and not of ours.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal, I am sorry to hear that these restrictions have made you remove your support/business from the city centre.</p>                                                                                    |
| <p>I don't agree with removing disabled drivers parking with valid blue badge many of disabled people park in city centre for shopping you will drive these disabled drivers away from York City centre to other areas</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how this will affect the use of the city centre.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| <p>What's the point in objecting bout the restrictions on blue badge parking in York your gonna do it anyways hence why I don't bother shopping in York no more as I find it disgraceful and discrimination to disabled people so I take my money to other city's where we are appreciated. Please remove me from your database thank you from one VERY unhappy disabled person with a blue badge</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Thank you for your comments, I am sorry to hear that this proposal will stop you from using the City centre.</p>                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I find your new parking strategy in the city Centre very unfair for disabled if you a resident and vistor a like. I have informed my other disabled friends to to forget York and visit other cities where there are more friendly and helpful place to visit and share and use the disabled pound. I have visited York on many times since I first visited as a child of eleven in 1969; to see the Minister and my eldest daughter went to the University. I see your assault on disabled drivers and their cars as unjustified and unfriendly. I shall be passing on your proposal to DDA and other disabled organisation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal. I am sorry to hear that this has tarnished you opinion of York. Thank you for also passing on the proposal to other groups and organisations so we are able to receive a large scope of views.</p> |
| <p>I feel the way you are treating disabled over terrible I would come to York and spend my money now I shall not. I feel way you have treated disabled over park in the city centre terrible. shall there for via the disabled communities don't visit York!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Thank you for your comments, the proposal was made to try and increase safety in the city centre not discourage anyone from visiting.</p>                                                                                                       |

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| <p>I want to just say something about the meetings emails and other means of communication over your plans to change disabled parking. I believe if you're doing all this you know what you're doing is totally wrong, do you know how hard life is when you struggle to walk I no longer can go to my hairdresser or bank I can't meet friends for coffee or go shopping it's sad really because the only thing that makes me disabled is people like you who won't let me use my town I wish you could spend one day with difficulty of walking you maybe wouldn't be doing any of this I know beyond doubt what ever we say you will still go ahead with this scheme please give people like me the courtesy of not blaming the covid situation or terrorism you just think we don't count because one of the councillors is a tree hugging cyclists how nice for him he has the health to ride a bike</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal, the Council has engaged with different groups throughout the process to help understand the views of those affected.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>hi,that you for the email.i doubt that york city council will change its mind as regards the proposed changes in york city centre.in d agorne it has someone who is an anti car zealot and who is determined to rid the city of them.can t he see what he s doing to the city centre?there is nothing for residents,stores are closing and much of the city centre is desolate and unwelcoming.if you don t want to drink coffee sat in the street then there is nothing for you.residents no longer use the town,instead they shop at vanguard,monks cross or designer outlet.maybe the process is now too far along but if d agorne is allowed to continue our city will be destroyed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal, the process is not too far a long and this consultation is a legal opportunity to put forward views/concerns about the proposal which will be reported back for a decision.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Why do Blue Badge holders have to contact you to object? If it was the other way around and you had to contact to support the proposal, then the result would be completely different! It will be currently easy for you to count non returns as support which is absolutely not the case at all! It smacks of the 'three card trick'.. By not allowing disabled parking at convenient locations in the York City Centre, you are making it a no go zone of disabled shoppers. I will not be able to get to my bank, market, cafes etc etc whilst your attention is on attracting tourists to the city centre and condoning the influx of drunken revellers every weekend, York residents and especially the disabled like me take a very distant second place. Not everyone can ride a bike, scooter or access public transport. Have a heart!</p>                                                        | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how it will affect your life and use of the city centre. We are asking all residents to contact with their objections/representation, so we have a clear picture of the thoughts of the residents. We will not be taking any none response as support, anyone in favour would need to contact as well and provide their comments</p> |

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| <p>It is with disbelief that the centre of York is being heavily restricted to disabled people. As being disabled, this decision will prevent me visiting York centre and as with a number of centres around the country find life difficult causing retail outlet's closing both large and small family business being closed down. As a result, I can only shop at large retail parks and not York Centre. Also This rule is discriminatory towards disabled individuals. I totally disagree with the ruling. As a resident of York. I pay council tax to York Council as everyone else but with this ruling I do not get the same access as able body individuals. Which idiots in the council thought restricting disabled people there visiting rights to York centre and request. No demand this ruling be overturned</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how it will affect your use of the city centre if it progresses.</p>                                                               |
| <p>I wish to object to the proposed changes to Blue Badge exemptions in the city centre. Both my husband and I have valid badges which have enabled us to park close to amenities such as the Market and M&amp;S, as well as the shops in Goodramgate. Castle gate and Castlegate car park have given us access to Coney Street and adjoining streets. We have our bank in Parliament Street which will now be almost impossible to reach. My husband is in a wheel chair which I am obliged to push ,in spite of my own mobility issues, so I feel we will be virtually excluded from my native city of which I am a Freeman. Local businesses need all the support they can get, not only from tourists. More and more the elderly and infirm are being forced to shop on line or go to out of town centres. Please think of all the citizens when making these difficult decisions.</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and how it will affect your use of the facilities in the City Centre.</p>                                                                             |
| <p>I am writing to OBJECT in the strongest terms to the proposed permanent stopping of blue badge holders parking in pedestrian streets. This was intended to be temporary due to the Covid Pandemic and now it seems that the disabled people in York are to be discriminated against from parking close to city centre shops on a permanent basis. No adequate alternative has been put in place for the loss of this facility. Since this was first put in place I have found it too difficult to shop or get into York as I am a wheelchair user and the restrictions make it too difficult. e.g. The multi storey car park on Piccadilly is very difficult for a wheelchair user to exit the floors and get to the lifts due to the heavy doors which are not automatic and very difficult for a non abled person to open. Likewise the same issue on returning to the car. Just one example. The small number of additional places designated for Blue Badge Holders is not sufficient or close enough to the shops.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on the difficulties with using Piccadilly car park. The proposal has been put forward with the safety of all users of the centre.</p> |

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| <p>I am writing with great concern about the restriction of Blue Badge holders in the city centre. Preventing access like the proposed plans means many residents will not be able to enjoy their city. Moreover, the plans do not recognise the right to an individual's privacy or independence (for example, offering specialised taxi services means a reliance on when THOSE services can run, adding time to an activity which is already exhausting, and sharing space in a vehicle when medically vulnerable in a pandemic). Not all disabled people are unemployed or without responsibility - they are entitled to the same freedoms (such as running to their own timetable) as able bodied people. A fully pedestrian centre means those with mobility problems cannot park near to, or be dropped off at, many local businesses and services. At a time when York Council should be encouraging use of local shops and businesses, preventing access for disabled people is nonsensical and discriminatory. Adding a handful of parking bays on the outskirts does not solve this: many have a Blue Badge because they are unable to walk more than 50m. Limited bays near to Shopmobility further compounds the issue for those who wish to access the service so they can safely and independently navigate pedestrian areas. The city wishes to become a Human Rights City, but so far is ignoring disabled people entirely in favour of alternative commercial gain (such as additional street licensing for hospitality, which also reduces access for disabled people on pavements and footstreets).</p> | <p>The Proposal do not include an offering of a specialised taxi, this was a short term offer previously offered. The proposals are been considered to help increase the safety of all users of the pedestrian area</p>                                                                                                                    |
| <p>As a retailer who has held a business in York City Centre for a substantially long period of time I would like to object to your proposal. Due to the massive impact the Covid virus has had on all walks of life we require as many visitors as possible into the City Centres to help boost the economy. We have many customers who are Blue Badge holders and they spend a large amount with us, it would therefore be a detrimental loss to our business. We need to assist them wherever possible, a lot of them have been in their homes some in total isolation over the last 18 months. The last thing they need is more restrictions placing on them at the moment! We are also now back to paying our Council Rates which should be taken into consideration. Perhaps there could be an alternative option to help the Blue Badge Holders?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>The Proposal has been made to increase safety of all users of the pedestrian area, it is hoped that this can be done without any negative impact on businesses within the area. The additional Blue Badge parking on the edge of the Foot streets has been proposed to provide an alternative option to access the pedestrian area.</p> |

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| <p>I refer to your email regarding the disabled parking areas in the City of York. My dad who is 92 enjoyed visiting St Sampson's Church to spend time with his friends and I would park outside and help him out of the car as he has a broken hip and walks with a rollator. I would then walk around York, shopping and then pick him up later on and go for lunch with him. We would do this a couple times a week and have done for 6 or 7 years. I also have a husband who is battling Motor Neurone Disease and relies on disabled parking to get him nearer to the shops and restaurants due to his poor walking and balance. Now that you have removed the parking In the centre of York I can't take my husband or Dad out for a meal and do not go into York for shopping. Looking at the amount of shops that are empty in the City of York I would think you should be encouraging people to visit York whether disabled or not to spend money not impeding them. As a carer it is stressful enough caring for someone and making sure they can move around safely without having to think how or where we can park. I would imagine you are getting the same response from majority of York residents who have chosen to spend their money out of town due to the lack of disabled parking and I don't think you have thought this through.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment and explanation on how the proposals will affect your future use of the city centre.</p>                                       |
| <p>I do not support the above consultation. Currently access is restricted, and if you are not allowed in the centre of York at anytime, you are penalising the vulnerable. Many banks and building societies have closed in the surrounding areas of York and not all elderly people have access to the internet and internet banking. If you make it so there is no access to the centre of York, you are forcing them down a road that may not wish to go. I hope you bare this in mind when making your decision.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Thank you for your comment and explanation on how the proposals will affect your future use of the city centre.</p>                                       |
| <p>We object to the new proposals for city centre parking , my.husband has Parkinson's &amp; is disabled , have we not got the right to go shopping , go to the theatre , enjoy a meal.out , this new proposal is so wrong , is their no compassion</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>The Proposal has been made to try and increase the safety of users in the pedestrian area as it reduces the conflict between pedestrian and vehicles.</p> |
| <p>Don't discrimination laws count in York. Is York a Human Rights city? I don't think so. My relatives often visit York (by train). I would pick them up by car, park in York, they would then shop meet up then lunch in York. Not any more.I've informed them how York discriminates and not to visit. Well done York</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Thank you for your comments, I am sorry to hear that this proposal will affect you and your parents use of the City.</p>                                  |

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| <p>I am writing to object to the new Blue Badge proposals. I understand that it was a necessary immediate action to take at the beginning of 2020 to change the parking rules for blue badge holders in order to ensure public safety through social distancing. Although that requirement arguably still exists, I am deeply concerned by the council's decision to make these changes permanent. I have mobility issues which limit my capacity to walk. However I equally cannot use a wheelchair, as sitting down with the vibrations of movement puts my back into spasm. Therefore, the ability to park very close to my desired destination is the only way with which I can access town. Under the new proposals I understand that you plan to "introduce Blue Badge parking places in the vicinity of the pedestrian area." It is by only allowing parking "in the vicinity", rather than within the pedestrian area, that you are ensuring that I am unable to access significant proportions of the town centre. I had not planned on writing as I believed that it was just a fact of life that, as a disabled person, I was to have my access limited. However, these plans are deliberately and knowingly removing any level of accessibility to my own town centre that I could have had before the pandemic. It is deeply saddening and I hope that the proposals are amended to consider those of us with mobility issues who can't use a wheelchair and, as such, require proximity to the destination.</p> |                                                                                                        |
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| <p>I do not agree with the new blue badge holders parking suggestions. It would dramatically effect my husband and father in laws ability to access york shops and businesses. York would become inaccessible to them. Therefore I object to the new proposal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Thank you for your comments and information on how accessible the proposed parking bays are for</p> |

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| <p>I personally think that this is a retrograde step and seeks to discriminate against disabled people, many of whose cannot walk more than a short distance. Whilst I note you comments on increased security and it being seen as a means to increase security this is a very poor argument. If individuals are of a mind to commit such crimes then I doubt they will not have researched it thoroughly and the lack of a blue badge in the window would be the least issue. This is clear and systematic reduction of blue badge access for the disabled who need to use the points for parking close to town shops. Removing this will severely limit people's ability to use the retail outlets in York and remove revenue from these businesses.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on proposal and how they will affect the economy.</p>                                                         |
| <p>I am objecting on behalf of my mother and mother in law who are both blue badge holders. Firstly we would ask if this proposal is a joke. If it isn't then we would ask how ambulant impaired individuals are supposed to access the centre of York. One of the questions asked in the questionnaire to enable the council to determine if an applicant should be issued with a blue badge is 'how far can you walk'. Both my mother and mother in law would not be able to access the establishments they would wish to from the proposed new parking arrangements thus banning them from the city where they have lived all their lives. This is surely discrimination and to which the council should be ashamed.</p>                                 | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal.</p>                                                                                          |
| <p>At this time of my life I find it insulting that York Council shows no respect for my Motability problems, <b>I CANNOT WALK</b> so it is pointless me parking in a car park. They only contain cars. No Banks , shops,n Cafes Etc. Fewer Shops, Masses of Tourist. even if <i>can find a bank it is almost Certain that it is not in York</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and how they will affect your access to the pedestrian area.</p>                              |
| <p>I object strongly to your proposal of banning blue badge holders in the centre of York. this is nothing short of discrimination of a small minority of people.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal.</p>                                                                                          |
| <p>I am writing in response to the consultation and decision to change access into the city centre. The new regulations will make it impossible for my father to access his bank and any other services he might want to visit. he has very limited mobility and Alzheimer's . parking on the outskirts is not an option as I cannot manage to push him in a wheelchair and his condition prevents him using a mobility scooter. Even a limited access period would be better than your proposals</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Thank you for your comments and information on how it will affect your fathers access to the pedestrian area.</p>                         |
| <p>Basically I wanted to say that I am really feeling deprived at not being able to go into town. I feel deprived of the access that I had before when using a Blue Badge . I know it's complicated but I urge York City Council to consider this in greater depth than before.<br/>Thank you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Thank you for your comments and information on how the restrictions are affecting you personally and your use of the pedestrian area.</p> |

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| <p>I am an electric wheelchair user, due to having M.S.. I use public transport, adapted taxis when available) and my daughter has an adapted car which she takes me out in, shopping and for meals etc. I am currently in hospital after a bad fall and trying to work through this information. From what I can see, all of this works/doesn't work in different ways dependent on what I am doing and the form of transport I am using. An illustrated example would be, quite recently, a friend and I booked a taxi for a pre booked tea at Patisserie Valerie. ( We usually go in town 2 weekly but following her having a stroke and now using a walking frame, we thought we could go door to door) we did not realise we would have been dropped at the end of Blake Street, which was then too far for her to walk but ok for me in my chair! I feel different types of disabilities need to be addressed, when travelling together.</p>                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and the information on your recent experiences of accessing the pedestrian area.</p>                                                                               |
| <p>I raised this question prior to the closing of Disabled Parking on Goodramgate, Does York City Council not want disabled people to come into the city? I personally struggle with even managing to get across a small road, which is why I have been given enhanced rate mobility. I subsequently have only been into York City Centre a very few times. Some years ago I was given a Green Parking permit, which allowed me to park within easy parking distance from the shops and banks. These present restrictions will certainly make me feel even more of a nuisance. I did go to the St John Street Car Park, once, however I was under the impression that a bus would be there every 5 or so minutes, after sitting in my car for over half an hour I had to go somewhere else. I cannot stand for more than 2 minutes without experiencing severe pain, which does not help my quality of life. I cannot travel on the bus route as I cannot bear to be shaken about, plus I cannot stand to wait for a bus, much less walk to the nearest bus stop. Does that mean that my life is worthless. I think so.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal, the proposal is made to increase safety for all users of the pedestrian area but it is helpful to understand how the proposals affect your usage of the area.</p> |
| <p>I am a York Citizen and a Blue Badge Holder needing to use my Blue Badge for Independent access to York City Centre. I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposals to permanently stop the parking concessions for disabled badge holders on the streets listed in your email. If this proposal is allowed to go ahead I shall be prevented from access into York City Centre. Your new proposals offer very limited street parking for Blue Badge holders and are totally inadequate and in no way replace the former concessions. If this proposal is allowed to go ahead York citizens with mobility difficulties will literally be barred from access to York City Centre.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how they affect your use of the pedestrian area</p>                                                                                             |

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| <p>Further to your letter dated 9 July 2021 I am writing to you to object to the proposals outlined therein. York City Council appear to be doing everything that they can to make the city centre a "no go" area for private cars, regardless of the restrictions that this will place on the disabled, blind and partially sighted. The proposal to provide additional disabled parking bays in no way compensates or mitigates the loss of access for disabled people. York City Council pays lip service to sustainability, yet these proposals will force those who provide transport for the disabled to travel to other towns in the region where the Blue Badge will enable access to the shops and facilities the disabled require. This cannot be good for the environment. Also I do not see why the needs of businesses that cater almost exclusively for the tourist industry should be allowed to take over public roads in order to enhance their business prospects at the expense of the disabled and other York residents. The Council is adopting a shameful policy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I respond to the Blue Badge Consultation on behalf of my wife and my daughter who are both in possession to blue badges. My wife is 75 years of age and has difficulty walking and moving, and my daughter is 48 years of age, has three daughters aged 5 – 16, and suffers from M.S. Since the new regulations were introduced, neither have been able to access the City Centre areas as before, and it is totally discriminatory. When I was Executive Member for Transport, I introduced a paper that precluded blue badge holders entering Goodramgate until after 5p.m. That had the effect of no vehicles in Kings Square, Church Street, and St. Sampson Square between 10 a.m. and 5p.m. This was rejected by the Liberal Democrat Group out of hand. There is a paper in existence. I would also suggest that this could be a compromise between Easter and the end of September, although I believe the appropriate finishing time should be 4p.m. Fossgate and Blake Street could be assessed separately, as they have separate issues. What is clear is that the banning of residents and others who are disabled should not extend to 8p.m. I am also concerned regarding the lack of policing of the misuse of blue badges together with those who contravene the access regulations which serves to exacerbate the problem of vehicles in streets where they are banned. It is not only disabled badge holders who clog the city streets. A new regime of enforcement including fixed penalties via wardens or cameras should be considered. Closing of streets until 8p.m. also has far reaching consequences. For instance, my wife and I used to frequent City Centre eating establishments at least twice a week, that is no longer possible. I have been approached by members of societies and other organisations which are on the verge of being disbanded because members can no longer attend meetings. Now that the pandemic regulations have been reduced, the attendance at dinners and functions at the various Guild halls will be reduced. Disabled guests will be unable to access weddings and funerals at city several centre churches. In addition, my granddaughter has had to give up a learning course in the city as her mother cannot access the premises easily. I am</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments, the proposal is only to remove the exemption between 10.30am and 5pm, the additional Temporary hours are not been considered as part of this consultation. I have discussed this matter with the complainer and they totally object to any proposal to extend the duration between 5pm and 8pm.</p> |

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| <p>certain there are many other instances that this wretched policy will affect, and it needs to be consigned to the bin. As this is being billed as a consultation, I would ask that details regarding numbers of responses will be made available, and the comments made. I assume this will go to a decision session, and I would ask that my request to speak be registered at this early stage.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I wish to object to the proposals for Blue Badge parking as they make things very difficult for disabled people to access York city centre. Personally I was able to shop in Goodramgate on my own parking outside whichever shop I needed to go in without need for my mobility scooter. Now we have to park some distance away and my husband has to be with me to lift my scooter in and out of the car and assemble it. If I wanted to visit any other areas of town we would park in Piccadilly, as I understand it there will be disabled parking bays in Piccadilly in future which I suspect will make it more difficult to find a space to park as more people will be using it. To add insult to injury I have just read in this morning's Press that a new Trading Association is being set up in Goodramgate to encourage visitors and residents, as long as they're not disabled!!, to spend more time in the area. Hardly fair!! I have also read recently that there will be parking bays for mobility scooters, why? I don't think disabled people will be parking their scooters and getting about by some other means.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal. There is already Blue Badge parking available on Piccadilly.</p>                                         |
| <p>As a Blue Badge holder and the owner of a flat in pedestrian area, I am writing to express my objections to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. The centre of York is home to countless disabled/elderly people who have chosen to live there precisely because it has historically been accessible to all. We did not choose to live in an entirely pedestrianised area: we chose to buy or rent property that fits our particular needs and enables us to access our homes by car when we need to. Removing the Blue Badge exemption to access the streets in the heart of York - which has enabled disabled people to live full lives and to support the city's economy - is moving the goalposts after the event. As such, it is completely abhorrent. Road safety is obviously of prime importance. However, I am not aware of a single instance of a pedestrian in the centre of York being involved in a road traffic accident. I would suggest that pedestrians are at far greater risk from the new e-scooters (or those who ride them). The reference to "increasing the security of the area against the threat of hostile vehicles used in terrorist attacks" is quite simply a red herring. In an age of anti-discrimination, it seems almost inconceivable that York Council would be proposing to discriminate against disabled people and make the centre of York accessible only to able-bodied people (who are, in general, going to be young people). Many of the people whom the Council will be hoping to attract are tourists. While tourists are very welcome here (I run holiday lets, so I can vouch for this), their contribution to the local economy is arguably very different from that of the people who live and work here all the time. We are the people who shop in places such as Barnitts, Tullivers, Boyes and</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments and information on how the proposals will affect your daily life and access to your property and the pedestrian area.</p> |

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| <p>Browns. We are the people who shop in the market and who use the City Screen and the Theatre Royal (venues which will become impossible for disabled people if these proposals go ahead). We are the people who worship at the Minster, St Wilfrid's and St Michael le Belfrey (to name just three). All of these day-to-day activities - which have already been made difficult under the guise of "Covid rules" - would be made impossible for people with physical disabilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                             |
| <p>wow so you want to prevent a disabled person from accessing the centre of York. You are BULLIES If you carry out the restrictions please remember Disabled green badge means limited mobility, so i can not ever again access york centre.... but of course all the tourists can so why should we pay full poll tax . The disabled bays in york have always been at a premium and too few. remember all the disabled against going GREEN. As i am banned from york ( not able to get into york) Can i please have an exemption from my Poll tax, as £1300 for bins emptying is offensive This goes with all the stupid street closures and a silly guy riding a bike up the riverside with flags stating what he has done not very professional for a second in command York council cowboys</p>                                                                                                      | <p>Thank you for your comments and how the proposal will affect you, the green badge is no longer valid or used.</p>        |
| <p>My wife and myself are both disabled people my wife more than myself and during the pandemic with the restrictions you as CYC have put in place have made it extremely difficult for us to access the city and now it looks like you are going to keep it that way, well all we have to say is, if that is what you are planning then you will loose the disabled people shopping in the city, the disabled parking in Goodramgate along Ladies row and down Colliergate is very important for disabled people to access the city centre and to take that away from us in the main shopping times is appalling and very bad judgement on your side, we need those parking spaces at all times so we have good access to the city not just when the shops are shut that is totally useless and if you as a council CANNOT see that the it's time we had a council of people with there EYE'S OPEN.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and confirmation of how they affect the daily life of you and your wife.</p> |
| <p>Thank you for your email ref consultation about removing access for disabled badge holders in the City Centre. I write on behalf of my mother and object strongly to your proposals. My mother is 99 and cannot walk more than a few yards. Removing these access facilities will prevent her from accessing her banks which, having closed their outlying branches, can only be access by driving as close as possible then using a pushed wheelchair (VERY difficult with the cobbled.rustic surfaces). Marked disabled spaces are always difficult to find, even with the extra ones you are adding. These proposals are unacceptable.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and confirmation of how they affect the daily life of your mother.</p>       |

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| <p>I do not agree with the decision made regarding the closure of certain popular streets in York. I personally often got my husband to park in Goodramgate so I could get to shops there. Also Blake Street was another street we used. Finally we occasionally parked either in Kings Square or preferably St Sampson's Square to visit daughter who has a business in Grape Lane. We haven't been able to do that for a long time now. It's the shop owners I feel more sorry for. They seemed to get quite a good few disabled who parked in these areas to do their shopping. The priority now seems to be pedestrians. The disabled are at the bottom of the list. Now we personally have to shop either Monks Cross or Clifton Moor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how they affect your use of the pedestrian area</p>                                                                                                                         |
| <p>I am writing as I want to strongly disagree to the proposed disability parking in York, or lack of it. I drive a large wheelchairs adapted vehicle which is higher than any of the barriers of the carparks that have been suggested. I have been able to find parking previously on the inner roads of York on the double yellows near browns etc which have now been closed. I do object most strongly too this because not only have I not got a suitable vehicle for parking in barrier car parks but it also has a tail lift to get my husband out safely and i need access at the back. I always knew where to park to give me that access to get my husband out safely. Because of his illnesses using public transport is a no so even the shuttle taxi idea is a fail as far as i'm concerned. I feel you have targeted disabled families and said you want a car free zone in York, yet you are allowing pavements where i push my husbands wheelchair to be covered in chairs for cafe users. How is that remotely fair. It is now daunting to think about travelling into York, contending with the congestion because of the various roads you have also deemed necessary to close! Then I can't get parked up and I dont see why my husband should have to suffer not being able to be taken out because i cant park. Please let us use the square near Coney street where the old post office was and McDonalds is. That was perfect to get into town. I can't use shopmobility as I cant get into a multi storey even. I think you have been deliberately unkind and actually as its going to affected all of the blue badge holder I think unethical. If you think this is going to make York a better place to be as a tourist think again as that's all you will have as we all move to places where they actually care about the disabled community. Your alternatives fall far too short. Dropping my husband off and going off to park as one of your suggestions wouldn't work as i cant leave him on his own. So you see my dilema. I know I am not the only one who hates the way you have now prohibited our access and look forward to seeing what you do about it and whether you will actually listen...</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how they will/have affected your access to the city centre. The proposed additional blue badge parking is on street, so you would not be required to access a car park.</p> |

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| <p>On behalf of my severely disabled partner I must protest against the proposals. At present she now has limited access to the city centre. This will disappear completely with the proposals. She will not be alone. Are the plans designed to convert the centre into a museum?. They will surely impact on shop , hotel and restaurant returns. On a related matter her blue badge requires renewal in October. The renewal form is more complicated than the original authorisation. There seems little point in renewing : saves £10 too.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how it will affect your access to the city centre.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>In repose to the email with attached letter dated 9th July 2021, about the decision session to remove parking exemptions for blue badge holders in York. Which I strongly object too. Firstly York central is already not easy for blue badge holders to access and park making it any more difficult for blue badge holders would come across as a very discriminative action towards blue badge holders, including myself. This sends the message to me that disabled people are not welcome in York. I was shocked to hear news that in the meetings discussing this two disabled councilors were banned from the meeting, as they were seen to have a conflict of interest. This is such a shame to hear, as a disabled person I want disabled councilors acting in my behalf as they have an understanding that an able bodied person can not have. In the long run this will eventually put off disabled tourist and force disabled residents away from york. This is very upsetting. This month Gobal Disabled Pride Month, and instead of using this to make the lives of disabled people more accessible and independent York is in fact doing the opposite. As a disabled person I class this as discrimination, as per the Equality Act 2010.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and how they will affect your use of the pedestrian area. The proposal has been made to try and increase the safety of all users.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I have been a blue badge user since September 2019. This followed heart problems requiring hospitalisation in August 2019, leaving me with very limited mobility. Perhaps you will understand that immediately after my initial heart problems, I was unable to go 'out and about'. Prior to my illness I had usually used the bus to travel into and from York which I found very 'user friendly' and then would walk to where I wanted to go. Then in March 2020, before I had 'got going' again, the rules for blue badge users were changed; I believe at the time it was said this was mainly for reasons of health and safety, due to the pandemic. The recent confirmation of the changes that were instituted primarily due to covid, is, to me pure expediency on the part of the Council with little regard for how it might be for those with limited mobility. The location of the parking spaces are difficult to identify when one is not familiar with the street names and in which direction the traffic flows and there are no directions on how to reach the designated parking spaces. Which shops the parking is close to is a real issue and how does one move from one shopping area to another with limited mobility? I have studied the maps of York endlessly and have not come to any conclusion about how I could visit York city centre. I personally have not felt able to travel into the centre for the two years since I had mobility difficulties. I appreciate that I am now in the minority with my personal mobility issues but, in an age of so called 'equal</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and how they will affect your use of the pedestrian area. The proposal has been made to try and increase the safety of all users. The increase in pavement café in the city is due to a change in national legislation, which temporarily remove the requirement for an establishment to apply for planning permission for a pavement cafe and also capped the cost of a licence.</p> |

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| <p>'opportunities' I do not feel it is appropriate to exclude some people from the centre of the city due to their disabilities. I pay council tax like everyone else but now feel excluded from my own city; this was the place which we chose to move to, due to its attractions, both old and new. Incidentally I have heard from others who are lucky enough to be able to go into the centre, that hostelries have now moved out into the streets creating an obstacle course for pedestrians. Is this all because the Council can charge these providers additional rent? You didn't seem to learn the lesson when you placed limitations on the use of the Ouse Bridge and caused havoc - another ill-considered policy at the expense of the public. Whilst the financial support structure of the city is obviously important, so are the needs of the community and those who are infirm. I would ask that you reconsider where your priorities lie.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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I refer to your letter e-mailed to me on 9th July which proposes 'Revoking the exemption on vehicles which display a Valid Disabled Person's Badge from proceeding along Blake Street, Castlegate, Church Street, Colliergate, Goodramgate between its junctions with Deangate and King's Square/Low Petergate, Kings Square, Lendal, St Andrewgate from the highway boundary line on the north east side of Colliergate and north east for 50 metres, and St Helen's Square, York during the pedestrian period (10.30am and 5.00pm every day). This restriction will have an extremely detrimental impact on the physical & mental wellbeing of disabled residents & I ask that this proposal be rejected. The restrictions put in place by York City Council under Covid 19, further restricting disabled people from parking was for the most part tolerated because most of us are in a vulnerable state & would not have ventured into the City Centre at that time in any event. However, to invoke further restrictions on disabled people at that time in order to allow non disabled people to more easily socially distance sent an extremely detrimental message to the disabled people of York. The provision of taxi services from the Park & Rides was also simply non sensical, as at that time there was no vaccine in place, in doors contact with others was restricted to family & then later restricted to those in your 'bubble'. Even at this point, Scientists continue to recommend that the vulnerable socialist outdoors where possible. I mention this for one reason; if the lack of objection to the above earlier restriction or the use of these facilities by disabled people is considered to be a success & is being used as evidence of how successful a more permanent restriction would be, I ask that this be documented to allow these false findings to be discussed more widely & in more detail. I should not have to remind the Council of their duty to promote & provide facilities & rights of access which are inclusive to all members of society - not just the able bodied. The proposals conflict with the Council's obligations to provide an inclusive society which does not discriminate against minorities, & this includes disabled people. To add further justification as to why this proposal should be rejected, the reasons given are either simply not factual or could be quite easily resolved by simple communication. Two reasons are provided, 1 - 'The proposal aims to improve road safety whilst at the same time balancing the needs of businesses and city centre residents'. 2 - 'Removing the exemption increases safety by reducing the number of cars driving in areas where large numbers of pedestrians gather, and increases the security of the area against the threat of hostile vehicles used in terrorist attacks'. It is true that where there are vehicles & humans there is an increased risk, but it is a ridiculous notion to use this as justification when the risk can be so easily reduced by other methods & when the impact would be to exclude the most vulnerable from society & adversely affect their physical & mental health. Restricting the disabled from local activities is also very dangerous culturally. It poses a significant step back in our considerable challenge to integrate people of all abilities & to change cultural attitude to one which openly accepts difference.

Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how they would affect your access. With regards the use of pedal cycles in the pedestrian area they do not have an exemption to do so and are travelling illegally, which would be something that the Police would enforce.

Increased communication methods, highlighting disabled access in York, would surely improve the awareness of those visiting the City Centre; increased signage in & around the City Centre, via the Council Website & in Tourist communications. As someone who is challenged physically myself, I have not had a problem in 'getting out of the way' of disabled drivers in York as they drive so slowly. However, I do have a problem with push cycles, skate boarders & scooters who feel they have the right to go everywhere & leave their vehicles anywhere. This poses a much higher risk than a few disabled drivers & yet I see no evidence of managing this risk. There is a quite insulting suggestion that this proposal will increase disabled parking, as a few token spaces will be provided outside of the areas which are proposed to be blocked. Many disabled people have a problem walking more than a few meters but equally need that physical activity, albeit very limited, for their physical & mental wellbeing. These spaces are therefore completely useless to the very people who really need them, unless of course the space just happens to be in close vicinity to their destination. Disabled people need access via car to the areas of York City Centre which are restricted to the abled bodied, as this enables them to access to the shops, cafe's, restaurants, pubs, historic sights, seasonal celebrations etc etc etc, i.e. the things which the able bodied take for granted every day as they are able to walk without issue or pain & take public transport. If access is restricted & disabled people are forced to park in specific spaces & they are then required to walk a considerable distance, given their challenges, to reach their destination, those with significant & chronic conditions will be excluded & be further isolated by their disabilities. The other reason for this proposal presumably has been added to 'bulk up' the justification, but has no basis in fact. To view this as fact would be to view every static object as a potential terrorist threat, i.e. shops, cafe's etc, the seasonal cabins in Parliament Street, bins, flower planters....the list would be extensive & certainly could not be removed completely simply to reduce the risk of terrorism. I note that the proposal was raised following engagement sessions in April in relation to Blue Badge facilities. I certainly was not aware of this consultation, as a Blue Badge holder myself, & would ask how disabled people were represented. I close by stating again that to approve this proposal would be against the rights of disabled people & I ask that this proposal is rejected, however if it is not I will have no option but to escalate this further as to do so would discriminate against disabled people in their ability to use the facilities & services which they pay YCC to provide, but more importantly it would discriminate against their need to live a normal life, to integrate socially, utilise facilities in the City Centre all of which will impact both mental & physical well being. From a cultural perspective this would also be huge step back to actively restrict the disabled from York City Centre. I would be grateful for an acknowledgement to my objection & would appreciate updates moving forwards.

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| <p>respectfully request that you stop implementation immediately and attend to this crucial issue. Finally, the timescale for lodging an objection is very short indeed. The decision was made on 22nd June, not published (I believe) until 9th July and Blue Badge holders were not notified of the TRO publication until 16<sup>th</sup> July.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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and s.149 (the public sector equality duty) of the Equality Act 2010. There has been no proper consultation whatsoever on *how* disabled people use the city centre to date. Each questionnaire and consultation there has been has been is noticeably specifically structured to actually avoid asking disabled people *how they use vehicles in the city centre*. The council has been gathering evidence only to support the agenda they already have in place, for example to canvas opinion for the newly planned disabled parking spaces at the periphery of the city centre - without explaining to disabled people that these are not an additional measure, but a poor substitute for what they will lose if they agree to them. It is despicable. The council now gives the following justification for the closure of the city centre roads to disabled people: improve road safety; increase security against the threat of vehicles used in terrorist attacks; balance the needs of local businesses and city centre residents: improve the availability of spaces for Blue Badge holders in the vicinity of pedestrian areas: cater for some loading/unloading activities. I refute these points. - There is no evidence of poor road safety in York City Centre. If the council has this evidence, it must be published. At present it is not available publicly on the council website, and there is no evidence of historic or current poor road safety in the local media. - The UK terrorism threat level was actually reduced in February of this year. Priti Patel the Home Secretary commented that the move followed a "significant reduction" in the momentum of attacks in Europe. It is bizarre that York City Council would use this reasoning to justify their actions at this time. The justification is weak and inappropriate. - Local businesses benefit from the support and patronage of disabled people, and disabled people are city centre residents. Removing vehicle access from the city, and effectively excluding disabled people, makes the city hostile, unwelcoming, discriminatory and non-diverse. The government is currently trying to get more disabled people into work, and a key aspect of being able to work is being able to get to your place of work. Removing ability to access the city significantly reduces the ability of disabled people to access jobs. One of the council's Key Priorities is 'well paid jobs and an inclusive economy'. Clearly excluding disabled people from the city centre conflicts with this. - I am sure many people will welcome extra spaces, however those with poor mobility and greater needs will not be able to make use of these as they are not central enough. They are not a substitute for proper access. - Indeed, this is the only reason there is any access to the city centre at any time at all - the needs of businesses are considered to be a greater priority than the needs of disabled people. These early and late hours are not helpful to many people who are reliant on carers - because the hours do not correspond with the hours care companies allocate for appointments and social support ie. the middle of the day when carers do not have breakfasts/personal care/tea time duties. Additionally, disabled people should not have their lives marginalised. They should be able to have equal opportunity to access appointments etc. in the city

centre just like any able bodied person. It is appalling that the council's aims for the city centre make no reference to making the city fair, inclusive and diverse place. Furthermore, the grounds the council now provide for closing the city centre roads to disabled people differ and conflict with the grounds that the council provided during the pandemic. During the pandemic the introduction of the bollards was explained as being 'to ensure that residents and visitors can safely access the footstreets during the economic recovery from coronavirus', specifically to: create additional space for pedestrians to adhere to social distancing guidelines; allow queues for businesses that need to manage the numbers of people within their premises; provide opportunities for businesses to be able to expand out in to the highway and public spaces; The council prioritised the needs of able bodied people over disabled people. It seems as if the council have decided upon their goal of closing the city centre to disabled people, and are now hunting about for reasons to continue to justify their decision. This is not an acceptable way of running our city. The council should be supporting and responding to the needs of ALL York residents - not setting their own agendas and pursuing them no matter what. From 19 July 2021 the law dictates that there are no social distancing regulations. There is therefore no requirement for pedestrians to adhere to social distancing guidelines, no need for queues to allow businesses to manage the number of people within their premises, and no need for businesses to expand into the highway. Indeed, under the grounds the council has currently set out, there is no justification whatsoever for the continuation of the emergency changes made in order to manage the pandemic. Access MUST be restored with immediate effect. Any decision not to do so is discriminatory. The council's Statement of Reasons also includes the following statement: 'Council Permits can also be issued in special circumstances pertaining to market access, exceptional personal or cultural needs'. I have sought clarification on this point (specifically, what is the process for applying for these permits, and which body will be responsible for making the decisions?), but the council has not responded. It is important to note that Blue Badges already address special circumstances relating to exceptional personal needs. Requiring disabled people to apply *again* for a further permit is unnecessarily bureaucratic and stressful for the applicants. In addition I would like to complain about the time lapse between the decision (22<sup>nd</sup> June), apparent publication 9<sup>th</sup> July, and notifying Blue Badge holders of the TRO publication (16<sup>th</sup> July) and the late publication of the Statement of Reasons - which was only done when disabled people complained. Finally, I was disgusted by the council's decision to inform councillors Katie Lomas and Ashley Mason they could not speak in a debate about disabled people accessing the city centre because they are disabled on 15 July 2021. This is an attitude of intolerance and hate that is pervasive and damaging and undermines the wellbeing and lives of disabled people.

As director of economy and place you ought to know that a vibrant inclusive city centre is part of the city's attraction. Your attitude proves that it is not just that the city is medieval, but the attitude of the councillors. The suggestion that people can go online for alternative provision of services – eg with the 'Digital Inclusion'... it utterly laughable. Perhaps all York visitors should do this and visit York virtually? We want to access the city centre not just for shopping but to meet friends, improve emotional wellbeing and enjoy the beautiful medieval city in person. Can you seriously be suggesting we stay home, log on and loose out. I wish the following views to be taken into account with regard to the proposed CITY OF YORK COUNCIL NOTICE OF PROPOSALS THE YORK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO 14/101 ORDER 2021, Notice ID: BRA2137240, Notice effective from 9th July 2021 to 8th August 2021. I am objecting on the following reasons: The proposals have been shown, by the council's own survey, to be discriminating against Blue Badge holders: 78% of people who are Blue Badge holders disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "There is parking close enough to allow me access to the city centre" (York Open Data). Making the changes permanent, in light of this, means the council is **knowingly making a discriminatory decision.** I have been provided with a Blue Badge by the national scheme in order to allow me to get closer to the places I need to be. This is a reasonable adjustment which takes into account my disability and helps me to access facilities, businesses etc on a more equal basis. I am a York resident and until the street closures in June 2020 I visited the centre of York to go to shops and businesses including Tullivers, Barnetts The Pasty Shop Marks and Spenser and all cafes and the market which is a social space and which are now unavailable to me. As a result of these closures, I consider City of York Council to have disadvantaged me and my family under the terms of the PSED (Equality Act 2010) and you should stop implementation immediately. Despite claiming to have consulted Blue Badge holders the Council has chosen to ignore the responses that I and others made. The streets on the outskirts of the footstreets are too far from the centre of York, leaving many destinations, including key services such as accessible toilets out of reach. This is a breach of my human rights and s.149 (the public sector equality duty) of the Equality Act 2010. In addition I would like add that I was not notified as I did not get my blue badge form York so I am not on your contact list.

Thank you for your comments and information on how the proposals affect your day to day life. The delay on the advertisement of the restriction was due certain legal requirements were required to be met prior to the advertisement.

We write on behalf of a member of our family who is a Blue Badge Holder and who has recently received your letter dated 9 July 2021. We write to object to the proposal to permanently remove access to York city centre by blue badge holders. As you are no doubt aware, blue badge holders are by definition less able and, as those who are more able bodied, on occasion require access to our city centre. Removing right of access to blue badge holders during certain hours of the day is discriminatory. The recipient of your letter, our mother/mother-in-law, aged 90 years, frail, with mobility issues and a blue badge holder, occasionally needs to access services only available in the city centre. She is unable to walk more than 40 metres without difficulties and is unable to use a mobility scooter. Your proposals will in effect bar her from our city centre between 10:30 and 17:00 hours each day. Given her particular needs, it would prove difficult to reach the city centre, carry out and conclude necessary business before 10:30 in the morning. Why should those who are by definition less able be required to perform their business within a specific time frame when some financial institutions do not open for business until 09:30? The suggested additional parking is at some distance from the city centre where banks, building societies, solicitors, etc, are situated. It is more than likely a wheelchair would be required to transport a less able individual to such offices, requiring negotiation of York's narrow streets with frequently uneven paving posing a danger to both occupant and carer. This effectively removes any vestige of independence from one who might be able to alight relatively easily from a vehicle close to an office, bank, etc. On balance, the idea of improving road safety by reducing the number of vehicles in pedestrian areas and increasing security against the possibility of hostile terrorist attacks using vehicles, is outweighed by the real needs of those members of our community who should have a right to be able to access our city centre. We ask that the proposed access arrangements are reconsidered. Please try to imagine the very real difficulties faced by those less able who are desperate to maintain some level of independence and consider how that might be managed in a world where, increasingly, doors - and in this case roads - are closed to them. We look forward to hearing your response.

Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how the proposal affect your mother/mother-in-law.

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| <p>I wish to wholeheartedly object to the proposals as outlined in your email and attachment reference the meeting held on the 22nd June 2021. Re: City Centre Access Arrangements – Blue Badge Holders At the Decision Session for the Executive Member for Transport (22nd June 2021), there was a proposal to permanently remove the exemption which allows vehicles displaying a Blue Badge (Disabled Person's Badge) to use a number of city centre streets between 10:30am and 5pm for access and parking. The blue badge exemption to access these streets has been temporarily removed since June 2020. These streets are: · Blake Street · Castlegate · Church Street · Colliergate · Goodramgate between its junctions with Deangate and King's Square/Low Petergate · Kings Square · Lendal · St Andrewgate from the highway boundary line on the north east side of Colliergate and north east for 50 metres · St Helen's Square The precise locations are listed on the attached York Traffic Management (Amendment) (No 14/10) Order 2021. Life is extremely hard and at times almost unbearable for disabled people and their carers. The ability to do the simplest of everyday tasks is a tremendous endeavour with whole families having to assist and manage, care and provide for the challenged individuals who are</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal. The proposal has no relation to the increase in pavement cafes, they were introduced due to a change to national legislation on the approval of licences to help national economy recovery.</p> |

disabled. Just starting the day and getting prepared to exit the front door to carry out vital trips to the bank, shopping, post office visit or indeed meeting up with friends is a huge task. The Blue Badge system allows for disable people to carry out those tasks that most of us carry out without any concern or a second thought. It allows the disabled to get to the front door so to speak of the venues where they need to visit. A crucial part of their welfare. The proposal to permanently remove the exemption for blue Badge holders access to the streets outlined is not only despicable in its meanness towards the disabled it really is abhorrent. Its shocking to even consider as a compromise or alternative that they can take a shuttle service from a car park into town and back. Imagine having got yourself into your car or mode of transport you then have to discard that and enter another vehicle be ferried into the centre of town, disembark carry out your visit and go through the entire process on your return journey. Have you any idea the physical and mental trauma this places on the disabled? All this so more table and chairs can be positioned in our streets to cater for the hoards of visitors from elsewhere or to cutdown on harmful vehicle emissions maybe? Meanwhile 3rd party road maintenance vehicles loaded with traffic signs or barriers stand parked up with engines idling for hours on end as I have reported previously and witnessed just yesterday. Likewise e-scooters introduced to our crowded streets, correction...if that was where they are supposed to be ridden as so many are seen on our pavements. Let's block off Lowther street and divert the traffic down Monkgate and Lord Mayors Walk to improvement the environment. Traffic jam. More pollution. A total lack of understanding of the complexity and pain disabled have to go through. You are effectively robbing them of their dignity and access to a fundamental aspect of their mobility. Not what I would have expected from a socialist, liberal or democratic lead Council. A disgraceful proposal that should be discarded immediately.

I wish to object to the proposal to remove the exemption of Blue Badge Holders to access certain streets during pedestrian hours. I hold a Blue Badge, granted because I have severe difficulties in walking. My particular conditions mean that I cannot use a wheelchair or mobility scooter for long enough to be helpful. They also tend to be worse earlier in the day, meaning that I am unable to take advantage of access before 10.30 am, even supposing the facilities I wanted were open that early. The removal of access to certain areas of the city centre will effectively rule me out of being able to get to banks, cafés, shops etc as the walk from the proposed new parking areas will be too far. It seems extraordinary, and somewhat contradictory given the criteria for a Blue Badge on grounds of limited mobility, that the Council feel it is appropriate to move Blue Badge access to what it admits are the edges of the pedestrian area. In conjunction with the similarly unhelpful changes to the charging arrangements at the Piccadilly car park, it is highly unlikely that I will be able to use the city centre facilities, and that being so will shop online, mainly with national and international

Thank you for your comments on the proposal, they are solely proposed on safety grounds and it was not proposed with discrimination in mind. The aim of the consultation is to consider all opinions equally.

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I am writing to you regarding the recent TRO banning blue badge holders from entering and parking in the city centre during footstreet hours. Whether that is using their own vehicle or a taxi. I object strongly to this TRO and ask that it is overturned. The process of decision making is flawed, the Council's understanding of their duties under the Equality Act is insufficient and they have not paid due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity - disabled people will not have equality of opportunity to do ANYTHING in the city centre as they cannot get their vehicles close to where they need to be. Neither do they 'foster or encourage good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not'. This TRO seeks to segregate people with a protected characteristic from those who do not, and keeps us out of the public eye. We become disabled BY this TRO and that not only affects us, but it affects our friends and family too. This TRO excludes us from restaurants, shops, banks, food festivals, Christmas markets - anything that is happening in our city. That is NOT fostering good relations. I consider that by adopting this policy, City of York Council, is discriminating and removing equality of opportunity from those who the Equality Act has defined as having a protected characteristic. Blind and partially sighted people along with all other disabled people should not be disadvantaged in accessing goods and services at a time of their own choosing. These measures are disproportionate in their severity. The negative impact will only serve to isolate many visually impaired and disabled people. This limits our independence, self-esteem and sense of worth and makes us more dependent on others people for support that we previously didn't need. And what about people who have no-one to support them - they simply cannot go. I urge you to reconsider the disproportionate impact this decision will have on the more vulnerable members of the community. Blue badge parking in the city centre was not a problem pre-Covid - why should it be now? Is it so that you can allow business to use the pavement and highway for their own purposes? These are public spaces and pavements should be a safe space to walk. By rejecting this TRO, you will reinstate blind and partially sighted and other disabled people's equality of opportunity to enjoy the same rights of access and inclusion they had before, and that you and your families have now. Just introduce a walking pace speed limit - that is far more proportionate than banning us. Thank you for reading this, if you would like to speak to me about the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how they affect your use of the city centre and how the approval of the proposal could have long term effects on residents mental health.

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| To all concerned with this proposal. I DISPAIR, Reading the plans for the removal of the Blue Badge Exemption see figures 1& 2 this means that because of my physical condition I will no longer be able to access the city centre . I refer to DDA 1995 and the duties of public authorities to make it unlawful to discriminate against disabled persons. Also with the Barriers mentioned in the access Audit report include "physical barriers", as well as other barriers (sensory and intellectual). I see the proposed removal the present parking spaces e.g. Blake Street, Castlegate , Church Street plus those others mentioned in figures 1&2 as presenting me and many others with physical barriers. The distance to the city centre from the car and then back again. I suggest that you read what areas are inspected during an Access Audit before continuing with these proposals ( Equality Act 2010.), I await your considered response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Thank you for your comment on the proposals and how they do and will affect your use of the city centre.                                                                                                                                   |
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You have chosen to stop me doing the things the badge was created for. I have a Motability car paid for from my Personal Independence Payment which in the words of Wikipedia permits "Things that were once difficult to do, such as getting to work, going shopping, doing volunteer work, visiting friends, getting to the doctor, going swimming, giving a family member a lift, or enjoying a driving holiday, became easier. For some, enhanced opportunities for further education and profitable full-time employment became a reality for the first time." Again, you have chosen to disable me. You have also chosen to ignore the fact that the Blue badge holder in a Motability car has been provided with something that is more than a mobility aid (which you've ignored in the first place) but permits me independence, provides physical and mental shelter from actual or perceived threats (and the weather), allows me to store shopping (difficult to carry things in a wheelchair) and primarily manage my own life. I was born in York, have been a wheelchair user for over FIFTY years, and we are York residents, and until the street closures in June 2020 visited the centre of York to go to shops and businesses including our bank the Nationwide Building Society, Skipton Building Society, Lloyds Bank, Barnitts and City Screen which (amongst others) are now unavailable to me. Having been a wheelchair user for over FIFTY years with a degenerative condition my upper limbs are now worn to the extent that I am unable to push the distances you expect, with the result that I have completely lost my independence. My husband has arthritis of the spine (amongst other things) and pain and exhaustion prevents him making up for my increasing fragility, not that he should need to, nor under the

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| <p>when we would like to support the small shops and businesses in the centre of York and I am sure they need our business. For the reasons above I strongly object to the new proposals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>Thank you for copy of the document regarding revision of Blue Badge Holders access to our City Centre. I Strongly totally support the request that present restrictions are revoked as soon as possible. As a Badge holder because I have mobility problems. I have not been able to go into town, even for essential purposes. Presently parking on Dumcombe Place is impossible due to food delivery cars blocking spaces. We need to go the marked spaces, why are no checks made on these vehicles. Why can York Blue Badge Holders have a green card, because we pay community charge but are not allowed in town to access Doctors, Solicitors or Banks and Building Societies. When one does not have a computer it is essential we are able to access offices in York City Centre</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Thank you for your comments on the matter and information on how the proposal are affect your use of the city centre.</p>                                                                                                                  |

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| <p>I am writing in response to your letter regarding changes to parking for Blue Badge holders. First of all I must say I was appalled to hear of your treatment of a member who is a Blue Badge holder. This was disgusting discrimination and an insult to all Badge holders in the city. It begs the question do you really want our views or is this just an exercise you have to go through. Perhaps even more would you not want us to hear yours. All this suggests 'done deal' and it is the third time I have experience of this behaviour from the City Council. As a visually impaired person I have not been able to cope with all your so called 'temporary arrangements' and have found other more disabled friendly places to shop. If your temporary becomes permanent, so will my shopping elsewhere. This is yet another example of pleasing the tourists and visitors to York but the quality of life for residents doesn't count. The past year should have shown you the folly of York's economy depending on tourism but it seems you don't want to know.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how it will affect your use of the city centre.</p>                      |
| <p>I would like to object to the Council making the Blue Badge restrictions permanent. I can not walk very far without being in extreme pain. Walking from the outskirts of the city would be hard enough but with shopping bags as well is nigh impossible. I could off load my bags to the car if needed, this does now not happen. I feel very sad. I have not been able to shop in York since the beginning of the parking restrictions. I feel very isolated and that is made worse by not being able to access the city. I also feel as though tourists interest come before mine and I pay council tax! The disabled parking places you want to put in place are just of no use to disabled people who do not use a wheel chair. I could access most of the shops and amenities I needed by parking outside or very near to them eg Goodramgate, Blake St and Castle Street. Please reconsider the proposal</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how the proposal affect your use of the city centre.</p>                 |
| <p>I am a York resident, and during the pandemic have not visited the city centre. However, being unable to park right in the centre of the city is key to my visiting there. When the system was still in place, I had a green badge, allowing me access to the footstreets. I am a wheelchair user, and an assistance dog user. I also have 3 children, the eldest of whom is 8 and the youngest 3. I have 2 days to work this. I can use my wheelchair buggy. This and my chair are almost 3 metres long. I cannot ascend or descend a kerb, and with the dog am almost 1.5 m wide. I am sure you can imagine the difficulty. My other option is to have my toddler on my knee. This means I must move slowly and struggle with crossing points as the knobs for visually impaired people are problematic. My 3 year old is heavy. Even to access some of the places I would like to from the proposed new bays, assuming I could find space, does not work. I drive a small minibus which is difficult to park at the best of times. I wish you to know that the proposed changes will make my access to the city centre more difficult and more complicated. I have until recently parked on St Sampsons Square. I can't use public transport. These changes will mean I am unlikely to visit the city</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposals and information on how the changes will affect your ability to access the city centre.</p> |

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I do not support the proposals and object to them for the following reasons. The proposals will mean I will be unable to access large areas of the city and this will greatly affect my quality of life and my physical, emotional and mental health. The 9 parking street you propose removing will substantially curtail my access to the city centre. The suggested replacement street, while welcome have insufficient parking spaces for the large number of disabled residents trying to park in York city Centre and do not provide as close access. Duncombe Place will be used by out of town disabled visitors to the Dean Court Hotel and the Minster leaving insufficient parking there for disabled York residents. I have tried parking in those replacement streets during the pandemic and found them insufficient in number, often having to return home without finding a parking space. Considering the large numbers of disabled residents and disabled visitors and tourists the on street parking is insufficient in number. I find multi-storey car parks very difficult to use, the shopmobility car park is difficult to manoeuvre on exit. The loss of the central castle car park will be a great hardship. Replaced by a multi-storey car park much further away and making access to the city centre impossible for myself and many others. I wish to retain my independence as long as possible, therefore it is sad to think I would no longer be able to visit the food shops (Marks & Spencer particularly), shops, cafes, restaurants, banks, bookshops, post office and independent film cinema, i used to very much enjoy going to. These decisions will have a devastatingly negative effect on my life. The decisions you are making now will curtail my freedom and life choices for the rest of my life. I hope and trust that you will give consideration to the points to which I have drawn your attention. I feel that it is a basic human right to have access to the city one lives in. I hope you can put yourselves in the position of disabled residents in York, and disabled visitors and tourists and realise that if you were in their position (or became disabled later in your life) that you also would wish to retain access to your city centre.

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| <p>I am writing to register my objection to York City Council's application to make the changes to Blue Badge exemption permanent, as proposed in the CITY OF YORK COUNCIL NOTICE OF PROPOSALS THE YORK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO14/101) ORDER 2021. I live 10 miles from York and I used to visit the city centre regularly for shopping, entertainment and socialising with family and friends. As a Blue Badge holder, I used to be able to park close enough to the venue that I was visiting to make it accessible to me. The changes made as part of the measures put in place for Covid-19 mean that I, and many other disabled people, am no longer able to visit the city centre as I cannot park close enough to where I want to go. As such, I have not visited the city centre since March 2020. I use crutches to aid my walking and become short of breath when walking short distances. The alternatives put forward by York City Council rule out parking close enough to shops and restaurants to enable access. The condition that I have developed 4 years ago and severely reduced my mobility. I was provided with a Blue Badge by the national scheme to allow me to park close to places I needed to be and getting it was a lifeline in enabling me to return to visiting places that had become inaccessible. As well as many disabled people being unable to visit the city centre, many of those that do find it difficult or impossible to manoeuvre around the obstacles resulting from the many pavement cafes in the city centre. I believe that York City Council have ignored responses to their own consultations with Blue Badge holders and have not taken into account the equal rights of disabled people and the wide range of disabilities for which a Blue Badge is provided. The streets where they are increasing Blue Badge parking options are too far from the centre of York, leaving many destinations out of reach. As a result of these road closures, I consider that City of York Council have disadvantaged me and my family under the terms of the PSED (Equality Act 2010) and the implementation of these changes should be stopped immediately.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how these proposals will affect your use of the city centre.</p> |
| <p>I am a blue badge holder in York. I haven't been into York city centre to shop since the start of the pandemic. When restrictions were lifted I have had to shop around the outskirts ( monk's cross, vanguard, Clifton moor ...or online) where I know I will be able to park near the shop in a blue badge bay as I would be in excruciating pain if I had to walk any distance through town to reach a shop I was aiming for with current parking restrictions for blue badge holders. Please reconsider, as a York resident I would love to be able to shop in my own town..</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how it will affect your use of the city centre.</p>              |

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| <p>On behalf of my wife and fellow Blue Badge recipients I strongly object against the City of York Council proposal. Whilst disabled parking spaces are to be located on the periphery of the city centre. This action will cause stress and anxiety as well removing the principles of Blue Badge. It would not be unreasonable for decision makers to put themselves in the place of a Disabled Person to fully appreciate the situation of the planned proposal. The withdrawal of disabled parking to the city centre is not only in conflict with CYC Human Rights but also an infringement of national policy. It will not only affect our residents but visitors to our city. The principle of Blue Badge provisions is to assist disabled users with mobility. Currently disabled parking provisions in streets has a cut off time of 10:30am. Ideally, we need to review this in line with our older population.</p> <p>Trust the Council will reconsider their proposal and prevent an overall ban to the city centre.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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I could start off with the templated letter I have been advised to put my name to. My guess is that you will have had a lot of these and not read the most important bit which is my own personal opinion, view and experience of living with someone with a disability that severely affects their mobility. After that, I will include the template that you have most likely seen many times to date of late: I wish the following views to be taken into account with regard to the proposed CITY OF YORK COUNCIL NOTICE OF PROPOSALS THE YORK TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO 14/101 ORDER 2021, Notice ID: BRA2137240, Notice effective from 9th July 2021 to 8th August 2021. From what I can see of the change in blue badge parking to date and the proposed further changes, the plans are nothing short of an outrage and hugely discriminating to the disabled which includes my partner (Secondary Progressive MS). My partner cannot walk more than 40 metres or so before she is exhausted meaning for her to retain her independence (go into York to get her hair cut, socialise etc), she needs good access that gets her close enough to wherever she needs to be to walk the remainder. The tightening of access so far has meant there are certain areas she can no longer get to, you've effectively cut off parts of the city to her and the new plans will further do this. I can't even drop her off myself nearby as I would also not be allowed as a motorist within the city which York aims to eliminate. The idea of sharing loading bays with the disabled is also ill thought through and unfair. Why should a disabled person feel the anxiety and jeopardy of worrying if they are going to get a space or not because a van might be there stopping them being able to park? I understand that many of the people using these loading bays are Deliveroo drivers and the like simply hanging around waiting to collect a takeaway order. People continue to park in disabled bays at shops, supermarkets etc because they are lazy and don't care and that's with the spots being designated - Now someone thinks sharing spots will work? Who is coming up with these ideas? Since when did York become so anti-disabled? When did York start treating the disabled as second class or even third class citizens? I cannot fathom how these ideas have even gotten off the ground - Either through outright ignorance to the needs of the disabled or a wilful, nasty and deliberate attempt to sweep those with disabilities under the carpet. How this hasn't gone national yet I am unsure. It is getting to the point where my partner and I no longer wish to be residents of York and considering moving to another city as the council is hellbent on prioritising other things at the expense of the disabled such as "increase security against the threat of vehicles used in terrorist attacks"! As a local employer, I am also aghast - We want to promote equal opportunity and rights, we want to attract the best talent, but you make it harder for my business and other businesses to do that when you continue to remove the ability for disabled people to access the city. Since when did York become so mean? I might be wrong but I don't believe any disabled people whose mobility is affected is part of the decision making process, you even ejected to disabled council

Thank you for your comments and information on how the proposals affect your day to day life. We are aware of the issue with the delivery drivers and the council civil enforcement officers are trying to enforce the restrictions as best as possible. The delay on the advertisement of the restriction was due certain legal requirements were required to be met prior to the advertisement.

members from having a voice and input on this! - I would go so far as to say from the decisions being made, that no one involved has any connection (either themselves or close family) to disabled people because if they did, they wouldn't be so tone deaf and narrow minded in the decision making. I firmly object to what York City Council has done to date in regards to disabled access and what they are planning on doing. In addition to the above, I further object on the following reasons: The proposals have been shown, by the council's own survey, to be discriminating against Blue Badge holders: 78% of people who are Blue Badge holders disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "There is parking close enough to allow me access to the city centre" (York Open Data). Making the changes permanent, in light of this, means the council is knowingly making a discriminatory decision. As a result of these closures, I consider City of York Council to have disadvantaged disabled people under the terms of the PSED (Equality Act 2010) and you should stop implementation immediately. Despite claiming to have consulted Blue Badge holders the Council has chosen to ignore the responses that have been made. The streets on the outskirts of the footstreets are too far from the centre of York, leaving many destinations, including key services such as accessible toilets out of reach. This is a breach of human rights and s.149 (the public sector equality duty) of the Equality Act 2010. In addition I would like to complain about the time lapse between the decision (22nd June), apparent publication 9th July, and notifying Blue Badge holders of the TRO publication (16th July).

I am submitting my opposition to you, the council, regarding the removal of blue badge holders being allowed to park in the city centre. **MY CONDITIONS - FIBROMYALGIA AND CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME** - (a brief description) This is a condition of chronic, unrelenting and constant pain, which affects every part of my body, with cramps, muscle spasms, skeletal weakness, causing tiredness, and enhancement of symptom's with every step I take, literally. These are highly complex conditions, that impact massively on my daily life, you never can predict how you will be from one day to the next, my mobility is poor, and I rely on walking aids. **ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION** - These conditions also affect my daily life, they work hand in hand with my fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue. I also have diabetes. All of these conditions mean I have to take a multitude of medications to help me get from morning through to bed time, and those medications bring with them side effects, specifically toilet needs'. Window's of opportunity to go in to the city centre are far and few between. My conditions', symptoms' and medications all have to be just so, in harmony, it is only when that happens', that a judgement can be made to have a short trip in to town, short meaning a couple of hour's, with a friend/carer to support and assist me. The desire and want, for me to go in to the city is 'pencilled' on the calendar, occasionally I make it, but mostly it doesn't happen. I would say, probably 6 to 8 times a year, at most this will happen. Before the changes made due to covid, my trip to town would be

Thank you for your comments on the proposal and information on how the proposal will affect not only your use of the city centre but also your physical and mental health .

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| <p>driving into Goodramgate, parking outside Boyes to purchase myself underwear. I would then drive down to kings square, park there, and go to the cafe on the market for a coffee, shambles side, with my friend/carer. Another time I may need to go in to my building society in Feasegate, parking in st. samsons square, then having a coffee at the Silver street side of the market. The pub opposite Boyes has a toilet, the shambles side of the market is opposite a pub/bar where I can access a toilet, and the coffee place on Silver street has the public toilet opposite. One other venture in to town is at christmas for a hot chocolate at the tent on parliament street, they have their own toilets. These trips afford me a little independence, enjoyment and social inclusion, a few times a year, the toilets afford me some assurance of dignity whilst out. My car is my legs, and my blue badge allows me to park where I need to, to do what I need to, in the time frame I have. Buses' are not a viable option for me, because of my physical and mental health needs, the scooter/wheelchair scheme is not a viable option for me, because of my physical and mental health needs. As a disabled citizen of York, the city I grew up in, the plans' the council are making, I feel, are discriminating people such as I that use walking aids', that just need to be extremely close to where they need to be, instead of enabling me, and others', you are actually disabling us, by suggesting the use of wheelchairs' and scooters', not taking into consideration medications that have side effects that mean a need for a toilet quickly when out, and I feel ostracised and socially excluded from the city centre, and this is greatly unfair. It may only be half a dozen times, for a couple of hours a year that I could manage this, at most, it means so much to me to at least be afforded an equal opportunity to access the city centre, when able. Who ever reads this, consider for a moment, how you would feel in my shoes'.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>My husband and I, want to object to your proposals to make the changes to blue badge parking (or the lack of it) a permanent arrangement. We have objected by a complaint directly to our MP and our local councillor and have completed the questionnaires you sent out but apparently to no avail so far, despite many people also objecting. I can see that in answer to people telling you the alternative parking spaces are too far from the city centre you simply say 'thank you for your comment' which clearly does not address the problem. We believe this was never intended to be a temporary arrangement for COVID safety and that COVID has been used as an excuse for what you had every intention of doing already because you are trying to achieve a 'cafe culture' as they have abroad. It is ironic because when I was in Barcelona, it was very clear that they do everything they can to help disabled people to access the whole city. The proof it wasn't meant to be temporary is Castlegate where cafes extended into the street many months ago which would not have happened if the arrangement was temporary. We believe that you are in breach of equal and human rights for disabled people and my husband has been directly affected in the following ways. We used to park on Blake Street so we could go to Betty's or another cafe close by. This was a treat my husband really enjoyed as did I. Unfortunately, he can only walk about 40 yards if that before he needs to rest. He can then carry on a little way but not far because he has had bypass operations on both legs, he has severe angina and COPD having worked in coal mines for 26 years. It is over a</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Thank you for your comments on the proposals and information on how they have affected your husbands use of the city and his mental health. The increase In pavement cafes is not due to the Council wish for a cafe culture. The legislation required to apply and approve a pavement cafe was changed by government and this has made the application process easier and quicker, which has led to an increase in applications.</p> |

year since he has been able to access the city centre and it has had a very detrimental effect on his mental health and he is stuck in the house much more than he used to be and gets depressed as a result. If he feels well enough he drives us to Wetherby where town centre parking is very disabled friendly. However, he doesn't always feel up to driving that far and I can't drive so he has to stay home. He also needs to be able to get to Specsavers sometimes and used to park on Castlegate. As that is no longer an option he ended up having a major angina attack through having to walk from the Castle car park despite taking his time. Once again, I can't take him as I don't drive and we don't have anyone we can ask. In mitigation you are proposing alternative parking on Carmelite Street, Dundas Street, St Saviourgate and St Andrewgate. These are all too far for him to walk into town so are no help at all. You have also mentioned Duncombe Place outside the hotel but we could already park there so that is not additional alternative blue badge parking is it? The other parking spots across the road only replace 3 parking spots and they are still quite a distance away from Betty's. Clearly, other council car parks are also too far away. I think you need to understand that this issue is not about parking as such, it is about distance from city centre facilities and the inability of disabled people to access them. You say that you want to fully understand. It's perfectly simple. Many disabled people can only walk very short distances so parking spaces outside the centre are useless to them and do not mitigate what we have lost even remotely so the proposals are a severe infringement on disability rights and equality. To put it into some kind of context, perhaps you should look at the number of blue badges currently issued by City of York Council then look at the number of parking spaces you have taken away and then you should be able to see that the new proposals and their location are completely insufficient and why your response to our objections is so very inadequate and why it does not begin to make up for the parking we have lost. In addition to the above reasons for our objections, you are affecting businesses in York in a detrimental manner as they are losing a lot of custom both from disabled residents and also, disabled visitors who will probably be reluctant to return when they realise they can't access where they want to go. We would also be interested to know how much it is costing York residents to pay for the people in charge of all the barricades you have put in place. A substantial amount obviously. Please reconsider these proposals and open York City Centre to ALL residents, not just able bodied ones.

I write to give my opinion on the changes as detailed in the letter I received on 15th July 2021, dated 9th July 2021. Firstly, Whilst I am not completely opposed to removing some traffic from the town centre, I do believe you have completely underestimated the needs of those who hold Blue Badges or simply underestimated the number of people who hold one. There is absolutely no doubt that we have lost many more parking spaces than you are proposing to give us as I will detail as follows. From the junction of Monkgate/Goodramgate around into King's Square and down to Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate, we have lost a minimum of twenty-five parking spaces. BlakeStreet, St Helen's and Lendal gave us another minimum of fifteen spaces. Before 10:30 and after 17:00 we also had the entirety of the road from Blake Street to Parliament Street, as well as High Petergate which also gave us another approximately thirty-five spaces. The parking spaces at the top of Goodramgate, in King's Square and down towards Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate were a lifeline to those of us in wheelchairs but more especially to those who were unable to walk far and losing those has meant that those unable to walk far, now have to walk more than twice as far, irrespective of where they may be able to park. Additionally, all of us need a smaller distance as we are generally not able to cross the city, do all of our shopping in one attempt and then return to the vehicle. Please remember that as Blue Badge Holders, we often do not have the use of two hands to carry things and those of us with walkers requiring two hands or wheelchair users like myself have limited space in which to place/carry shopping. We are not capable of carrying multiple bags or bulky shopping from store to store as your more able-bodied patrons may be. For us, it is often the case that we must return to our vehicle multiple times or visit the town centre on multiple days. The latter is often not a possibility due to the illnesses which make us eligible for the Blue Badge. The former, means our shopping takes a considerable amount of time, more than for those of your able-bodied patrons and brings me to my second point. I decided that in order to accurately respond to your letter, I needed to test your proposed parking places and legislation relating to these. Unfortunately, once again, you underestimated the needs of Blue Badge Holders. Not only are the parking spaces further away from where we wish to shop but you now limit us to three hours parking. If I might ask, did you make these assessments by asking Blue Badge Holders to go into town, do their shopping in full as they normally would have done previously or, as I suspect, someone, not a Blue Badge Holder decided that since we are now only allowed three hours in the supermarket car parks we could manage shopping in town in the same time limit. This suspicion is based upon your treatment of two Local Councillors who are also Blue Badge Holders. You tried to have them refused entry into the meeting on June 22nd 2021 on the discriminatory basis that they were Blue Badge Holders. If this is how you treat Local Councillors, it bodes very poorly for we residents holding Blue Badges. For the above reason, I doubt you will take any notice of any objections and simply do what you wish to do and not balance the needs of residents and visitors to York, as you have always done. I have, however, Copied Rachael Maskell into this email in the hopes that should you do exactly as I predict, she will take this matter to Parliament when it reopens after the Summer and make legislative changes from there which will more successfully balance the needs of residents and businesses. In your letter you only mention "balancing the needs of

Thank you for your comments on the proposals and how they have affected your use of the city centre since the temporary restrictions. The three hour limit on the bays is the same as the limit on parking on double yellow lines with a blue badge.

businesses and city centre residents." This merely shows your contempt for residents who do not live in the "city centre" and looks as though you simply do not care about those residents. Finally, you make the excited and ludicrous claim that the disabled could use the buses in York to get in and out of town. Unfortunately, the same problems remain. The distance from bus stops to the shops, the amount of inclining streets in town, the amount a person could carry if using a walking stick, walker or wheelchair are all prevalent issues, however we get into and out of town. Additional problems relating to public transport include a lack of space, other passengers refusing to move further down the bus or stand so that those who need a seat may sit and pushchairs blocking the single wheelchair space which is very difficult to get into if the bus is crowded. When I am forced to use public transport, I often manage to bump into people or run over the shopping whilst attempting to squeeze into the wheelchair space. Some of those I have bumped into in my wheelchair have complained to the driver that I have hurt them and on one occasion insisted that I had deliberately done so. The driver, of course, did nothing as there was little he could do except order me off the bus and then I would have raised the discrimination card. I have had to watch three or more buses drive past me at bus stops simply because the bus was full or there was a pushchair in the wheelchair space. Until this problem is dealt with, those holding Blue Badges will not be able to feel they can take public transport anywhere. So, I have a counter proposal for you. Return Goodramgate and King's Square to us with unlimited parking time. Additionally, Duncombe Place could be a good option in lieu of Blake Street but all parking spaces must have unlimited parking times for Blue Badge Holders. Limiting us to three hours is simply telling us you do not actually want us to visit the town centre and I have not done so since you put the changes in place and introduced your most ridiculous scheme ever, the taxi service from Monkgate Carpark to St Andrewgate. Please do NOT bring that or anything similar back . I doubt you will have read thus far but on the slim chance that you have, I would like to think that you could find a way to achieve the balance you say you want whilst not discriminating against the Blue Badge Holders of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.