Consultation on restoring Blue Badge access to York city centre.

City of York Council is consulting on reversing the previous decisions which removed access to York city centre for Blue Badge holders.

Consultation will be based over **two-phases** so we can hear your views on how we can achieve this.

# Consultation Phase 1

This is your invitation to take part in the first phase of consultation on the five principles that, if approved, will help shape an Executive report in October 2023.

# Consultation Phase 2

This report will outline the next steps, and a more detailed second phase of consultation on how to achieve this will follow soon after.

# Completing the questionnaire

You can complete and return to us in a number of ways:

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| Complete this form online | Please visit:[www.york.gov.uk/BlueBadgeConsultation](http://www.york.gov.uk/BlueBadgeConsultation) |
| Or use this QR code: | Use the camera on your smart device to scan the QR code which will take you to the questionnaire | A qr code on a white background  Description automatically generated |
| Scan and email | Please complete, scan and email it to: restoring.BBaccess@york.gov.uk |
| Visit and complete | Drop into any Explore library or West Offices where we can help you to complete the form. |
| Drop off | Hand in the completed form at any Explore library or at West Offices. |
| Request to return by post | Contact our Customer Services; **01904 551550** to request a freepost return envelope. |

# Consultation closing date

The first phase of the consultation will close on **18th September 2023.**

# What we will do with your responses

Your completed consultation form will be separated from any correspondence and related contact details to ensure anonymity.

All responses will be collated to inform a decision at the Council Executive meeting in October 2023.

# Privacy Notice

You can review the privacy notice here:

[www.york.gov.uk/BlueBadgeConsultation](http://www.york.gov.uk/BlueBadgeConsultation)

## Your rights

To find out about your rights under data protection law, you can go to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO): <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

You can also find information about your rights at <https://www.york.gov.uk/privacy>

If you have any questions about this privacy notice, want to exercise your rights, or if you have a complaint about how your information has been used, please contact us at information.governance@york.gov.uk or on 01904 554145 or write to: Data Protection Officer, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO1 6GA.

## Withdrawing Consent

We are using the information you give us with your consent. You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us:

**Email**: restoring.BBaccess@york.gov.uk

**Telephone:** 01904 551550

**In person**: West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

Questionnaire v1.5

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to us using any of the methods provided in the letter.

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| Principle 1: Return to previous access |
| This principle aims, subject to full consultation, to revert to the blue badge accessibility measures that were in place before the Council's decision of November 2021. |
| Answer |  Agree |  |  Disagree |  |  Don’t know |  |
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| Principle 2: City centre events |
| Some events, as prior to the November 2021 decision, may require blue badge access to be suspended at times (for example during the Christmas Markets). |
| Answer |  Agree |  |  Disagree |  |  Don’t know |  |
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| Principle 3: Recognising Security Risks |
| In light of any security risk intelligence, the Police will have the power to lock down all access to the City Centre under an Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order, a counter-terrorism measure under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. |
| Answer |  Agree |  |  Disagree |  |  Don’t know |  |
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| Principle 4: Finding solutions |
| If the Council Executive agrees to restore blue badge access through the new hostile vehicle barriers, then the council will work with Blue Badge holders on the detailed ways to achieve this. |
| Answer |  Agree |  |  Disagree |  |  Don’t know |  |
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| Principle 5: Longer term improvements |
| The Council is committed to considering and implementing longer-term improvements to accessibility in the city, taking into consideration the needs and opinions of the community on an ongoing basis, including in the development of its Transport Strategy. |
| Answer |  Agree |  |  Disagree |  |  Don’t know |  |

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| Do you have any comments on the principles? |
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| Are you a blue badge holder or a carer of someone who has one? |
| Answer |  Yes |  |  No |  |  Carer of someone |  |

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| Please confirm whether you are responding as: |
| a disabled resident |  |
| a member of a disability advocacy group |  |
| a public transport provider |  |
| a community organisation |  |
| a local business |  |
| an elected member |  |
| none of the above |  |
| prefer not to say |  |

If you require this questionnaire in an alternative format, please email: cycaccessteam@york.gov.uk or call: 01904 551550.