

Attention: Civic Works Committee

This email is in response to the proposal to convert Bruce Street and Elmwood Avenue from one-way to two-way streets.

We have lived on Elmwood Avenue for the past thirteen years. Converting Elmwood Avenue to a two-way street will in our opinion cause more problems for the private residents' Churches and Daycare Centres and in no way improve the flow of traffic. It is already difficult to access the street from private driveway because there is a constant flow of traffic going (illegally) both ways already. It is not unusual to find vehicles and cyclists as well as motorized wheelchairs heading east on Elmwood Avenue. The only reason that there are not more casualties is that the width and one-way status of Elmwood Avenue allows the motorist, cyclist, etc heading in the correct direction the ability to get out of the way of the oncoming traffic.

The intersection at Wharncliffe Road and Elmwood Avenue is already a extremely busy location. Making Elmwood Avenue accessible from Wharncliffe will increase the risk to pedestrians crossing at the intersection having to contend with traffic coming from all directions.

Both Bruce Street and Elmwood Avenue provide a type of ring-road for Wortley Village and should be left as the status quo.

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