

Hello Ms. Ridley and Ms. Martin,

I was given your names by Councillor Stephen Turner regarding a potential new parking bylaw on Devonshire Ave. Stephen informed us that this bylaw could be passed at the Civic Works Committee meeting on March 19 and I was hoping to bring to your attention and possibly the rest of the committee the concerns we have about this potential bylaw.

In summary, the city wants to extend the no parking zone on the north side of Devonshire Ave from Wharncliffe Road all the way to Edward Street. Currently parking is allowed on both sides of the street for the majority of Devonshire Ave. We were given the opportunity to vote regarding this change, however we were never given an initial reason as to why this parking change was proposed. Furthermore, the response rate of the vote was 54% and the "majority" did vote in favour of the change, however this majority was 57% of the votes, which doesn't seem to be a clear majority. The main reason for my continual concern is safety on the street. Devonshire Ave is one of the busier roads in the Old South neighbourhood as it is a throughway from Wharncliffe Road to Wortley area. Additionally it is flanked on the Wharncliffe end by The Beer Store and Source for Sports making it significantly busier. The proposed change of traffic only being able to park on the south side of the street would increase the speed of the vehicles, making it more dangerous for residents on this street.

Please see below for any further information and concerns that we had initially brought to Mr. Turner. I look forward to hearing from you and continue this discussion. If you have any questions at any time please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or via email.

Yours in Health,

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