



York Civic Trust

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York's Heroes

York's Lockdown Heroes

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# Let's back York

A devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire could unlock significant investment of up to £2.4bn over 30 years. This would boost our local economy, help create jobs and transform public spaces, at a time when we are still recovering from the pandemic.

However to get any devolution deal, the government has also announced its intention to reorganise some Local Government boundaries, particularly the two-tier (County and District) structure in other parts of North Yorkshire.

**As the only existing single-tier unitary authority in York and North Yorkshire, no change is required for York** and it is for our neighbouring councils to agree which unitary model is best for them, their residents and businesses.

## Our size is our strength

York is among the best places to live in the UK, renowned for community spirit and driving innovation inside and outside our historic city walls.

You told us in the Talk York Consultation in 2019, which heard from over 5,000 people, that one of our key strengths is our size. The feedback confirmed that York has all the benefits of city living - access to culture, transport connections, educational and business opportunities and vibrant communities - whilst remaining very much on a community scale.

York is a compact, walkable, cyclable, liveable and welcoming city. With millions of visitors a year and a population of over 210k, it still feels intimate and personal. This personal interaction creates a strong sense of community, which in turn creates strong social awareness. **We are a city that cares.**

At just 34km<sup>2</sup>, the built up urban area of York is much smaller than regional centres like Leeds (487 km<sup>2</sup>) or Greater Manchester (630 km<sup>2</sup>) or even comparable heritage cities such as Norwich (62km<sup>2</sup>) or Cambridge (42 km<sup>2</sup>). Yet, nestled in the Vale of York at the site where two rivers meet, we have been a stronghold, a trading centre and more recently, residents have led the charge to protect our size through the consultation to develop our Local Plan.

You are an invaluable part of what makes York so special. It is our size, our history and the people of York that make us who we are today.

For more information about our strengths please visit: [www.york.gov.uk/backyork](http://www.york.gov.uk/backyork)

Let's back York – share what you think makes York so special with #Let'sbackYork

## The council

With 210k residents, City of York Council is the median average size of a unitary authority in England. As a mid-sized unitary, York already provides value for money, since York's taxpayers pay significantly less than in neighbouring districts. The cost of running services in York are lower too.

Our council tax level is the 7th lowest of any unitary in England, and significantly lower than neighbouring councils.



## Why would changing boundaries matter?

Changing unitary authority boundaries is important to all residents and businesses in York. Any change would mean resources are stretched over a wider geographic area with less emphasis on retaining and building on our unique character.

### Cost

In any merger, York's residents will pay increased council tax to subsidise the more expensive service delivery in more rural areas.

### Geography

There are two very distinct geographies in the county of North Yorkshire - largely urban York, and largely rural and coastal in surrounding districts – both with very different needs. York has pockets of large inequalities. Increasing York's footprint to cover distinctly different areas will reduce the focus on the key challenges for our own unique areas, reducing our support for local community needs.

### Economy

At this critical time, the city needs stability not disruption to local services and partnerships. City of York Council is proud of the relationships built with the local businesses in the city and we are determined to continue supporting our distinctive local business community in adapting to the economic landscape post Covid-19. It is crucial that these relationships are not diluted through the inclusion of rural and coastal economies which do not match with York's unique economic characteristics.

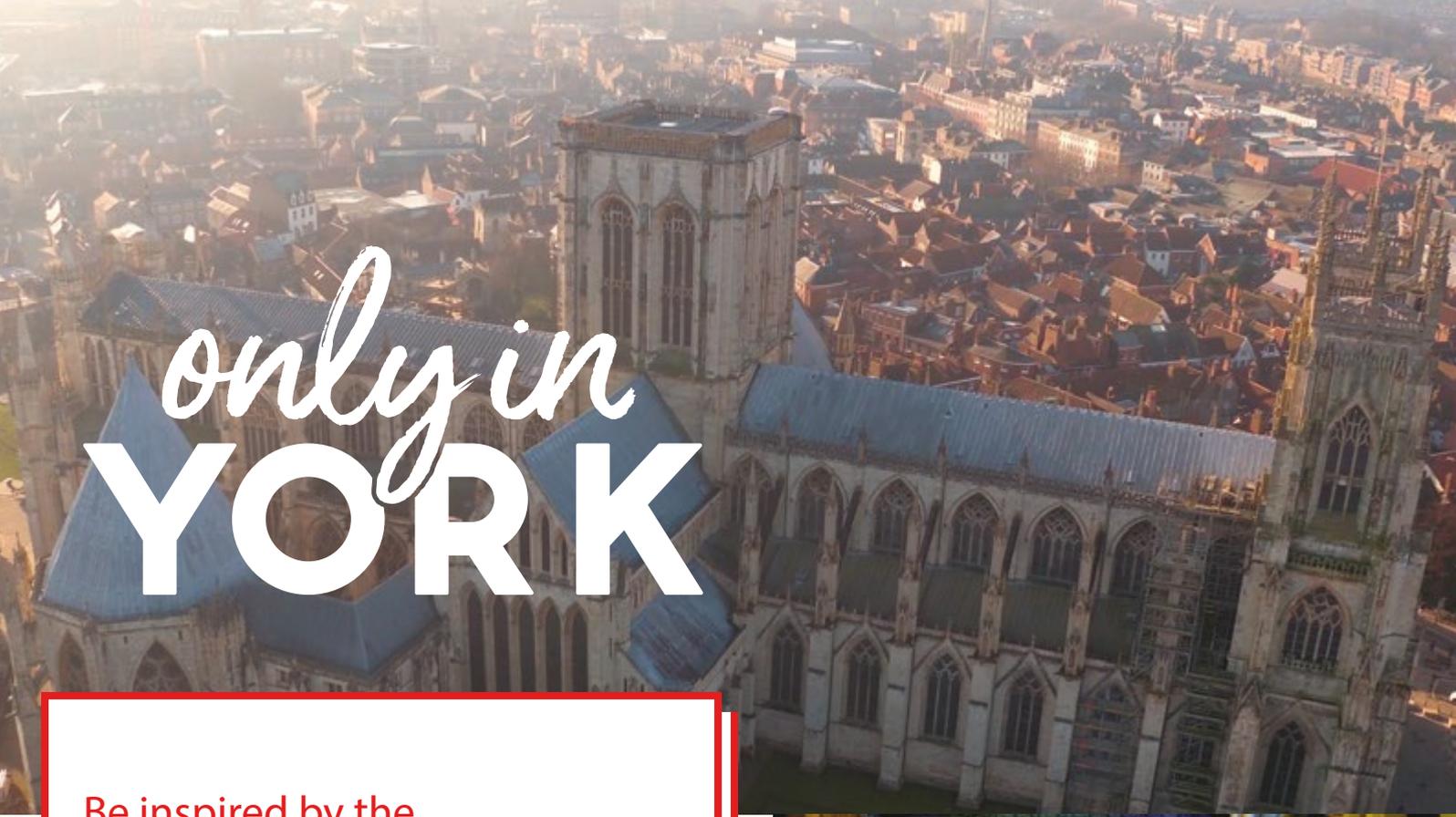


## Let's back York – tell us what you think

Tell us what you think via Our Big Conversation, either online at [www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](http://www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation), or via a pull-out pre-paid survey in this issue of Our City. We will feedback the views of York's residents and businesses in any submission to the government.

In the meantime, we will continue to lobby regional and national partners to secure greater investment in our city, whilst pushing our Back York campaign ([www.york.gov.uk/BackYork](http://www.york.gov.uk/BackYork)).

Looking forward, we will continue to consult with residents, businesses and communities as devolution proposals progress for our region.



# only in YORK

Be inspired by the  
#Onlyinyork experiences  
on your doorstep

Now is the time to re-connect with York and explore the wide range of unique and special #OnlyinYork experiences on offer. You may feel that you know the city but with so many hidden gems there is no better time to rediscover your city and visit some old favourites.



## CELEBRATE YORK'S HERITAGE & CULTURE

York is a city that's been home to inspirational characters from chocolatiers to railway pioneers, to creative artists, who all played their part in shaping the world we live in today. Learn more about these feats, and discover the amazing heritage and culture on your doorstep, by visiting one of the many world-class museums and attractions. Experience their achievements for yourself, and become part of the #OnlyinYork story.

## taste of YORK

Throughout the month of September, we will be showcasing a mouth-watering mix of local flavours in celebration of York's thriving food scene. Look out for the

Taste of York event run by York Food Festival from 25 – 27 September. More details coming soon! What are you waiting for... now is the time to taste your way around the city, from fine dining to street food, craft beer and gin to afternoon tea, there really is something for everyone. Let your taste buds shape your #OnlyinYork experience.

## SHOPPING *experiences*

York is home to a strong independent scene where you can really get to the heart of the city and feel right at home. With over 200 shops full of local produce and craft from local makers, support your local businesses by exploring the city's independent strongholds including Fossgate and Bishopthorpe Road, to name a few. With a shopping experience that is so uniquely York, it'll be hard to beat an #OnlyinYork retail therapy experience.



### Enjoying York responsibly

While some things may have changed, you can still feel at home and enjoy the unique #OnlyinYork experiences that await you. And if you're looking for a quieter time to explore and take advantage of all the city has to offer, before 11 am on weekdays provides the perfect opportunity. We'd ask that you please observe social distancing to allow yourself and others to enjoy the city responsibly. We recommend planning ahead, as some attractions, restaurants and services may require pre-booking. Go to [visityork.org](https://visityork.org) or the website of the business you intend to visit to get the latest information.

### Get the latest Visit York resident updates

Sign up to the '7 Days in York' resident e-newsletter and get the latest updates on events and things to do. Go online at [visityork.org/whats-on/7-days](https://visityork.org/whats-on/7-days)

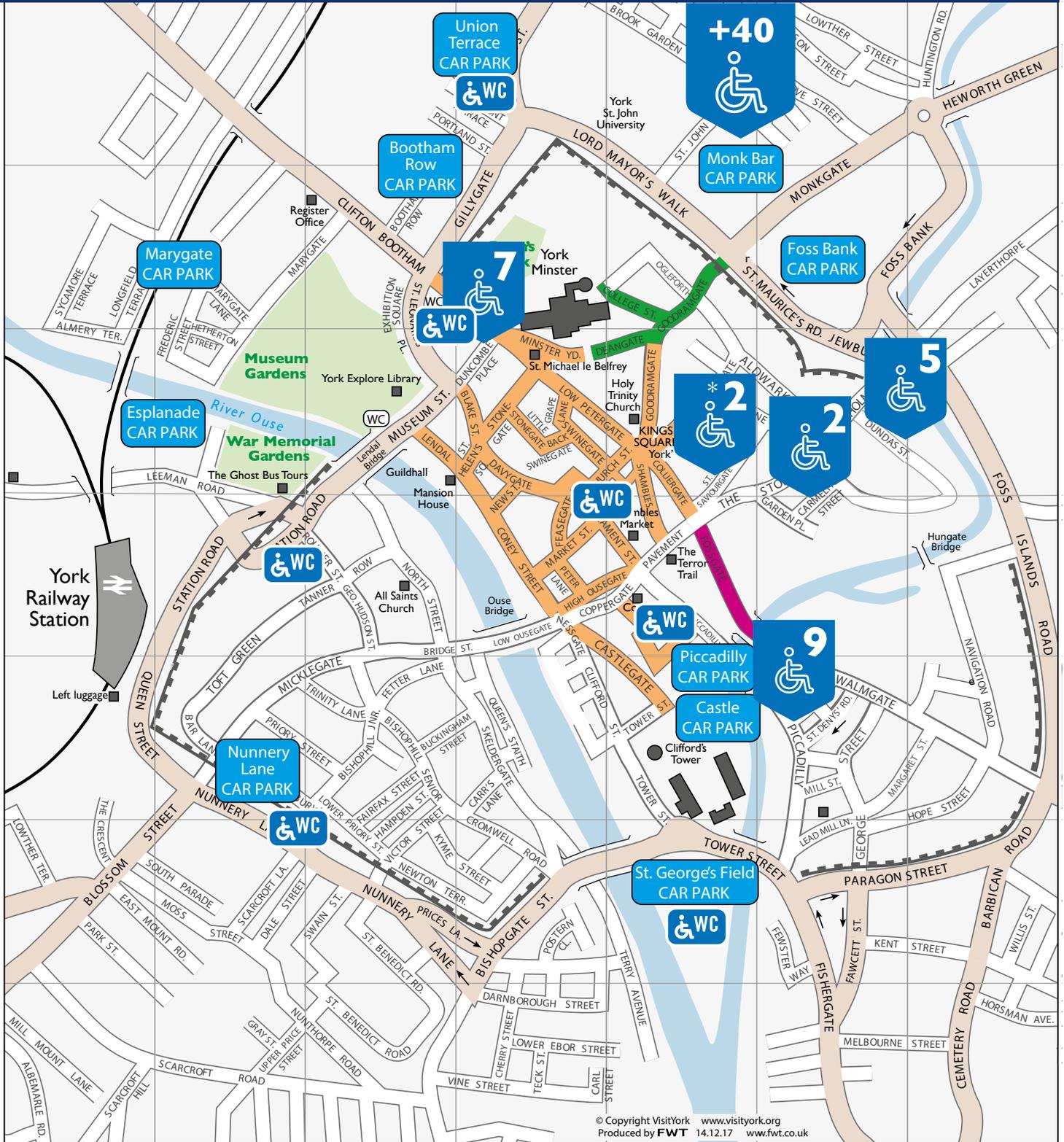


### Our latest video:

Only in York, A Place to Fill Your Head with Inspiration



# Changes For Blue Badge holders



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- Number of additional spaces at Monk Bar
- Additional spaces at St Saviourgate
- Additional spaces at Duncombe Place
- Additional spaces at Dundas Street
- Permanent spaces at Piccadilly
- Footstreets. We are constantly reviewing the footstreets throughout the COVID-19 recovery period and these may change. View the latest footstreets locations at [www.york.gov.uk/footstreets](http://www.york.gov.uk/footstreets)
- No motorised vehicles, except for access & loading ban 10.30am to 8pm
- No motorised vehicles, except for access & loading ban (except loading bays) 10.30am to 8pm
- Disabled access toilet accessible with RADAR key



## Understanding the impact of increased pedestrianisation on disabled people

We have extended the number of pedestrianised areas - known as the footstreets - in the city centre to allow social distancing and to help support York's economy. We have also extended the time that vehicles cannot enter these areas. Restrictions are now in place from 10:30am until 8pm.

We have had to move quickly to support our local businesses, and as a result, we were not able to consult beforehand. However, we understand how important these changes are and we want to find out how blue badge holders, and other people who need to access the city centre, have been affected.

Please join the conversation so we can make improvements.

This information and survey is just one way we are engaging with disabled people in York about the ongoing extension of the city's pedestrianised footstreets.

We are consulting with a number of disability and advocacy groups in York about the changes. We are also responding to every individual who has contacted us about the changes and we aim to reach as many people as possible over the next few weeks.

### Who should join the conversation?

We want to hear from all disabled people, whether they use a blue badge or not. We also welcome the views of any other residents who may not consider themselves disabled but feel the footstreets extension has affected their ability to access the city centre.

We want to consider ways in which we can best cater for everyone's needs as well as improving safety and accessibility.

If you have internet access, you can find out more and fill in this form at [www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](http://www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation).

If you do not have access to the internet, you can simply fill out the survey on the following pages and return to us freepost by Monday 28 September to:

**FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ  
Business Intelligence (49)**

**City of York Council  
West Offices  
Station Rise  
York  
YO1 6GA**

The information you give us will be used in two ways:

1. To improve the alternative access arrangements as described on the following pages.
2. To give the council's highest decision-making body, the Executive, a full understanding of the impact of the footstreets extension and provide options to increase accessibility to the city centre if the extension continues. The Executive makes its decision in public, with residents invited to join the meeting as public speakers.

Any permanent changes would have to go through a further statutory consultation.

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news and for more details about how to get involved please follow the council's social media accounts.

You can also register for e-mail updates at: [www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates](http://www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates)

## Why are we asking you now?

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on people's health and livelihoods forced councils across the UK to take swift action.

Our priority has been limiting the spread of the virus and supporting residents most at risk from the virus and the impact of lockdown while doing everything we can to protect livelihoods. This is set out in our Economic Recovery – Transport and Place Strategy.

We had to act quickly and in line with government guidance which often arrived at short notice. Consequently, we knew that some of the solutions would not be perfect and would need refining.

We planned engagement work to run alongside the changes to help us make improvements.

This is one of your opportunities to join that conversation and help us make sure the city centre remains accessible to you and other disabled people.

## The changes we have made

With 30% of York's jobs based in the city centre, we had to create space to allow people to safely return whilst socially distancing. Extending the size and time of the pedestrianised footstreets created that space, while allowing shops to use pavements and outdoor spaces.

## The changes

We extended pedestrianised footstreets, which are marked in orange on the map, to the following:

- Blake Street
- Church Street
- Colliergate
- Fossgate
- Goodramgate (between Deangate and King's Square)
- Castlegate
- King's Square
- Lendal
- St Helen's Square

At the same time, we extended the footstreets time into the evening. This means vehicles are not allowed to access or park on footstreets, including deliveries, **between 10.30am and 8pm, seven days a week.**

We understood that this would impact on some businesses, disabled people and residents living in the city centre.

As there was no time to consult, we drew on feedback from previous consultation and put some alternative arrangements in place.

These include:

- 1.** 40 temporary dedicated disabled parking bays at Monk Bar car park. This was chosen because previous consultations suggested blue badge holders preferred the open car parks to multi-storeys. The height restriction has also been removed.
- 2.** A free taxi shuttle service, run by licensed York Hackney Carriages to drop off and collect from the edge of the footstreets at Barnitts on St Andrewgate. The taxi service will continue until at least the end of September. It will be reviewed based on its popularity and the availability of alternative parking.
- 3.** Temporary disabled parking bays on the edge of the footstreet areas at Duncombe Place, St Saviourgate, Dundas Street and Carmelite Street.
- 4.** Working with Shopmobility to ensure they reopened at the same time as the changes were introduced.

Free Blue Badge parking is still available in every council car park, in resident parking zones, on double yellow lines and in the new bays along Piccadilly introduced in early 2020.

The results of this survey will be used by councillors and council officers to influence their decisions and will be available on York Open Data.

Our survey asks for some personal information which you may choose not to give. We do not publish or share any information which can identify you.

Please read our privacy notice at

[www.york.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.york.gov.uk/privacy) to find out more about how we protect your personal information.

## About you

Please provide your full home post code

This helps us identify themes in specific wards and will not be used to identify you.

Are you a blue badge holder?

Yes  No

Your age: (please select the appropriate range)

Prefer not to say  Under 16  16-24  25-39  40-55  56-59  60-64  65+

Do you consider yourself disabled? If yes, how would you describe your disability (tick as many as apply):

Yes  No  Physical  Sensory  Mental health condition  Learning disability  Other

## You and the city centre

Which transport do you usually use? (tick all that apply)  Car  Adapted vehicle  Bus  Park and Ride

Mobility scooter  Bicycle/tricycle  Other, please state

When do you usually visit the city centre?

Day (tick as many as appropriate)  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

Time  AM  PM  Evening  No pattern

Working hours

What do you do in the city centre?

Work  Shopping  Access services (for example the bank, post office)  Leisure – daytime  Leisure – evening

Socialising  Attend events  Other (please state)

Is there anything you would like to do but currently cannot do?

Work  Shopping  Access services (for example the bank, post office)  Leisure – daytime  Leisure – evening

Socialising  Attend events  Other (please state)

Please tell us what is stopping you

## How the footstreets extension has affected you

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Extra room to allow social distancing increases my safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Fewer vehicles on pedestrianised streets increases my safety	<input type="radio"/>				
There is adequate parking to allow me to access the city centre	<input type="radio"/>				
There is parking close enough to allow me to access the city centre	<input type="radio"/>				
There are drop-off points that allow me to access the city centre	<input type="radio"/>				
The taxi shuttle service from Monk Gate to St Andrewgate is useful	<input type="radio"/>				

Further Comments

**Have you visited the city centre since the extension of the footstreets?**

- Yes, frequently  Occasionally  Just once  Never

**How has the footstreet extensions affected how often you visit the city centre?**

- Made much less likely  less likely  no different  more likely  much more likely

**If you haven't or no longer intend to visit the city centre, what are the reasons**

- I am concerned about catching coronavirus
- York city centre is too busy
- I can no longer park where I need to
- I don't know enough about the alternative parking arrangements
- Other considerations (please tell us)

**What are the most important things you need to know or consider when you are planning a visit to the city centre?**

- Good quality information on websites
- Accessible toilet provision
- Seating / rest points
- Quality of footways
- Signage / wayfinding
- Distance from parking/drop-off point to destination
- Other considerations (please tell us)

**How far can you walk, taking into account any aids you use?**

- less than 20 metres  between 20 and 50 metres  between 50 and 200 metres  200 metres or more  it varies

**Which of the available alternatives are accessible to you?**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 40 spaces at Monk Gate and shuttle taxi service       | <input type="radio"/> Council car parks       |
| <input type="radio"/> Disabled parking on Piccadilly (installed early 2020) | <input type="radio"/> Shopmobility services   |
| <input type="radio"/> Dedicated blue badge bays at Duncombe Place           | <input type="radio"/> Residents parking zones |
| <input type="radio"/> Dedicated blue badge bays at St Saviourgate           | <input type="radio"/> Bus service             |
| <input type="radio"/> Dedicated blue badge parking at Dundas Street         | <input type="radio"/> Park and Ride           |
| <input type="radio"/> Dedicated blue badge parking at Carmelite Street      |   |

- Other considerations (please tell us)

**If you do not feel that any of the above replace the lost parking spaces, please tell us why**

**Is there anything else you think would improve access to the city centre for blue badge holders?**

Please add further comments on a separate sheet if required and return to the freepost address.



# More local powers for York

## How you can join the conversation on devolution

On pages 2 and 3, we explain our position on devolution and the government's plan to give more power and funding to local areas.

We welcome any move which will bring more funding and power to a local authority and allow us to provide better services and support our communities to thrive.

**But we do not feel that York residents would benefit from a merger with other parts of North Yorkshire.**

We have made it clear that we do not wish to be merged with other authorities, but need to make sure partners and residents understand any proposals and have the chance to comment.

We really want to know if you agree with our approach, and with the things we're asking the government to include as part of any devolution deal.

If you have internet access, you can find out more and fill in this form at **[www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](http://www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation)**.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can simply fill in the survey on page 8 and return it by freepost to:

**FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ Business Intelligence (49)**  
**City of York Council**  
**West Offices**  
**Station Rise**  
**York**  
**YO1 6GA**

Please keep following local media or council's social media accounts for more details of how to get involved.

The results of this survey will be used by councillors and council officers to influence their decisions and will be included in Ward Profiles and will be available on York Open Data.

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## Questions

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Services in York would be improved by your council covering a larger geographical area	<input type="radio"/>				
I would be willing to pay more council tax to support a council covering a larger area	<input type="radio"/>				

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following priorities we've identified for York as part of any devolution deal:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Investment in York's transport infrastructure, like Haxby station	<input type="radio"/>				
Investment in low-carbon technologies	<input type="radio"/>				
More affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>				
Funding to boost tourism	<input type="radio"/>				
Investment in major schemes like York Central	<input type="radio"/>				

How far would you support York sharing delivery of services or roles with other councils in North Yorkshire?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Children's services / schools	<input type="radio"/>				
Adult social care	<input type="radio"/>				
Council housing services	<input type="radio"/>				
Local planning policies (for example, the % of homes built which are affordable, protecting the green belt and where houses should be built in York)	<input type="radio"/>				
Economic policy and business support (including what jobs and sectors we attract to York)	<input type="radio"/>				
Transport planning	<input type="radio"/>				
Public health	<input type="radio"/>				
Regeneration projects	<input type="radio"/>				
Responding to the climate emergency	<input type="radio"/>				
Senior management teams (the most senior officers, like directors)	<input type="radio"/>				
'Back office' roles like Human Resources, communications & administration	<input type="radio"/>				

The role of Parish and Town Councils will be discussed as part of devolution. How far do you agree that these councils play a larger part in shaping the places they cover?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	<input type="radio"/>				

If there are no Parish or Town Councils in your area, to what extent would you like to see one created?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	<input type="radio"/>				

# Stay safe outdoors

## Free parking with RingGo in September

Sign up to RingGo and receive one free hour of daytime parking throughout September.

The free parking is available for all users of the Ringo Parking App if they park after 10.00am, seven days a week.

The scheme has been introduced to encourage people to support businesses and residents by shopping locally. If everybody spent just £5 in a local shop it would add £1m to our local economy.

The free parking period is available up until 6.00pm (8.00pm at Foss Bank car park), so a booking can be made by phone up to 5.00pm (7.00pm at Foss Bank car park).

You only need the account, so don't need to enter any card details to get the free parking. To get your free hour you must only book one hour and then extend your stay to pay for any additional time period.

You can park for free with RingGo in:

- Bootham Row car park
- Foss Bank car park
- Monk Bar car park
- Nunnery Lane car park
- St George's Field car park
- Union Terrace car park



Please observe social distancing

Let's be safe

For touch free parking please use RingGo

Use the RingGo App and pay by credit or debit card

Or call 01904 360002

Users of this service might pay a small convenience charge

No need to display a ticket

For tariffs, VAT receipts, business parking etc. please see [RingGo.co.uk](http://RingGo.co.uk)

See nearby signs for location code

RingGo

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YORK

The RingGo pay by phone service lets you pay for parking using your credit or debit card details via your phone or another electronic device, rather than using cash or a card at a machine.

If you pay using RingGo, you will also save money on the standard hourly rate when parking compared to the cost at the pay and display machine.

In addition you can also purchase a weekly parking permit for a further discounted price of £65.50 (+75p service charge).

For more information about discounted rates, contact RingGo on **01904 360002** or visit their website at [www.ringgo.co.uk](http://www.ringgo.co.uk) or visit [www.york.gov.uk/parking](http://www.york.gov.uk/parking)

## New low traffic trial begins

A low traffic neighbourhood trial began on 2 September on The Groves after two years of resident consultations.

Local people have called for better air quality, less frequent and slower traffic and the chance to build on the existing sense of community, all of which support our priorities to reduce traffic in residential areas and help maintain social distancing.

The trial forms part of a local regeneration project and those who usually drive through the area are encouraged to plan an alternative route or where possible cycle or walk for local journeys.

All through routes in the Groves area between Haxby Road/Clarence Street and Huntington Road/Monkgate will be closed to through traffic. Alternative routes are via the main roads surrounding the estate including Lord Mayors Walk and Haileys Terrace.

Residents will be able to observe the new measures, reflect on how they are working and pass on their comments for review by emailing us at [thegrovestrial@york.gov.uk](mailto:thegrovestrial@york.gov.uk)

For more details on the proposals, please visit:

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

## More money to boost fitness

We have asked the government for £850,000 of funding to help maintain the growth in walking and cycling seen across the city during lockdown. This would be the second phase of funding from the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund, designed to support walking and cycling as a long-term method of commuting, after we were awarded £193,000 in June.

The funding could introduce more cycling and walking links across the city – including outside schools. Find out more by searching 'cycling and walking' at [www.york.gov.uk](http://www.york.gov.uk)

# Protect yourself and those around you

## Follow our steps to safety

These are truly unprecedented times and we want to thank you and your family for everything you have done.

You have stayed home, looked after your children, adapted to the 'new normal' of social distancing and worn face coverings as our businesses reopened.

Whilst case numbers, at the time of going to print, are low in the city when compared to the national and regional average, we want it to stay that way. We are asking you to keep going and follow our safety steps so we can continue to support our local businesses and people can live, work, learn, play, shop and visit the city with confidence.



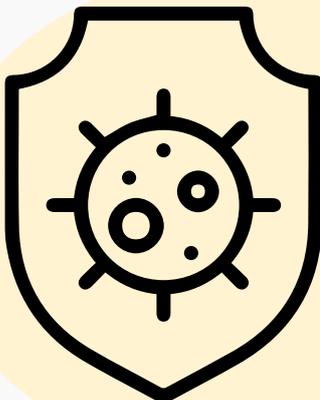
### 1. Protect ourselves and each other

- Respect social distancing and remember 2m is best
- Wash your hands regularly for more than 20 seconds
- Wearing a face covering can help stop the spread

### 2. Stay alert

Be aware of the symptoms

- A high temperature
- A dry, continuous cough
- Loss of or change in sense of taste and smell



### 3. Act

If you have symptoms, please stay home and get tested. Anyone can get a test and they are free of charge. Call **119** or visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to book a test.

## Who can I socialise with?

We know how important it is to see friends and family and support local businesses by eating out or shopping.

You can:

- See your friends and family indoors or outdoors. You shouldn't socialise in groups of more than two households at a time indoors- this includes when dining out or going to the pub.
- Socialise with friends outdoors in groups of up to six people (if from different households). Two households can meet together in larger numbers.
- Stay overnight away from your home with members of one other household.

Please do remember to practise social distancing, wash your hands and wear a face covering in spaces you can't socially distance to protect you and your friends and family. If you have symptoms you must stay at home and get tested.

## Is coronavirus really that serious?

Coronavirus is a contagious virus which has spread across the world and sadly many have died as a result.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long term conditions such as diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

For some, coronavirus only has mild symptoms but in other fit and healthy people it has had lasting impacts, such as fatigue and other health problems.

We are still learning about the virus so why take the risk? Practising social distancing, washing hands and face coverings remain our best defence against the virus, let's look after ourselves and each other whilst supporting our local businesses.

## Why should I wear a face covering?

Face coverings are proven to stop the spread of coronavirus. You may not know you have the virus but simple things such as talking or shouting can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

It isn't natural for us to wear a face covering but something so simple really can save lives.

Whilst they are mandatory in many indoor spaces and on public transport, we advise that you should wear them in any public space in which you can't easily socially distance.

Please remember though that many people are exempt due to medical conditions. Please respect them.

For those who are exempt, cards illustrating this can be downloaded from [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) to help you.

## Protect yourself with a flu jab

This year it is more important than ever that we protect ourselves and each other by getting a flu jab.

We are rolling out a vaccination programme across the city from September. We will start by vaccinating those most at risk, including our health and social care workers, those with long term health conditions and young children before rolling out vaccines to the wider population.

Those most at risk will be contacted by their GP. Please book an appointment when you get your letter.

Please look out for the latest advice. We are working hard to make it easier than ever before to get a flu jab with all COVID secure precautions in place to keep you and your colleagues safe.

All the information can be found at [www.york.gov.uk/flu](http://www.york.gov.uk/flu)

## A guide to what's on in York

Keep up to date with the latest events by visiting: [www.visit-york.org/whats-on](http://www.visit-york.org/whats-on)



25 - 27  
SEPT

## taste of YORK

### YORK FOOD & DRINK EVENT

Plans are being developed by York Food Festival for a covid-safe event, which include a food factory for hands-on cookery sessions, demonstrations from York's best chefs and a city food trail to explore York through its food and sample local produce.

[www.yorkfoodfestival.com](http://www.yorkfoodfestival.com)

### SONGS UNDER THE SKIES NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EARLY MUSIC

2 - 17  
SEPT

The National Centre for Early Music in association with Music Venues Alliance is holding a series of open-air acoustic concerts this September, marking a long-awaited return to its home.

[www.tickets.ncem.co.uk](http://www.tickets.ncem.co.uk)

### Indie & iTravel York present YORK WALKING FESTIVAL AND INDIE YORK TREASURE HUNT

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