

I am writing to register my **strong objection** to the approved parking bay proposed directly outside my home at **York Road, Oxford**. This proposal represents a clear deterioration in safety, access, health, and residential amenity, and it introduces serious problems in a location where **no such issues currently exist**.

Safety and Access

The proposed parking bay would be positioned immediately outside my front door, creating a high risk of obstruction to my household entrance. This would fundamentally change my ability to safely enter and leave my home on a daily basis. Even short-term obstruction would cause significant difficulty for residents, visitors, deliveries, and most critically emergency access. York Road is a narrow residential street. At present, the street functions without blocking entrances or creating conflict between parked vehicles and residents. Formalising a parking bay at this specific location would intensify congestion, reduce visibility, and significantly increase the risk of accidents involving pedestrians and passing vehicles.

Disproportionate Impact on Residents

The proposal would not merely inconvenience one household; it would negatively affect **at least three neighbouring properties**, concentrating the impact of this scheme on a small number of residents who are currently unaffected. This creates a clear issue of fairness and proportionality. A scheme intended to manage parking should not do so by transferring risk and disruption onto a limited number of homes.

Health and Residential Amenity

Locating a parking bay directly outside a residential entrance raises serious health concerns. Increased exposure to vehicle fumes, idling engines, and noise directly outside my front door would significantly harm the quality of the living environment. This is incompatible with the principles of healthy streets and the duty to protect residential wellbeing.

Conflict with Transport and Environmental Objectives

It is difficult to reconcile this proposal with wider transport policies aimed at reducing car dominance, improving air quality, and promoting safer residential streets. Increasing formal parking provision in a constrained residential location directly undermines these objectives and sends a contradictory message to residents.

Absence of Justification

Most importantly, there is **no existing problem at this location that warrants intervention**. The current parking arrangement operates without blocking entrances, causing safety concerns, or generating complaints. Introducing a parking bay here would not resolve an issue it would **create one**.

Conclusion

This proposal would:

- Compromise **safety and access**,
- Harm **health and residential amenity**,
- Disproportionately affect **multiple households**,
- Conflict with stated **transport and environmental policies**,
- Introduce problems where **none currently exist**

For these reasons, I respectfully but firmly request that the decision to approve the parking bay outside **York Road** be **reconsidered** and that the existing arrangement be retained.

Yours sincerely,
Resident, York Road