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**From:** Freya McSheffery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 April 2026 09:35  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** York Avenue speakers rights

Dear Sir/Madam,

Can I request speakers rights for today.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of a new property on York Avenue

I would like to raise several concerns which I believe have not been fully considered and which will significantly impact residents.

Firstly, the street is already extremely congested. Parking is a daily issue, and there are frequently no available spaces. On many occasions, I am forced to park on surrounding streets, which is particularly stressful when transporting passengers or managing daily routines. The addition of another property, and therefore additional vehicles, will further exacerbate an already difficult situation.

I am also concerned that the traffic and parking assessments provided do not accurately reflect the reality of the street. It appears that observations may have been carried out during working hours when many residents are away. However, during evenings and weekends, the street is at full capacity, with very limited room for additional vehicles.

During the recent site clearance, there was already significant disruption. Vehicles associated with the works were parked in a manner that obstructed access, at times preventing cars from passing through the street entirely. This raises serious concerns about how construction—and future occupancy—will be managed, particularly given the narrow width of the road.

There has also been an indication that future occupants may rely on bicycles rather than cars. However, there is no guarantee that this will be the case once the property is sold. It is highly likely that additional vehicles will be introduced, which will place further strain on parking and access.

In addition, a neighbouring property has recently been sold and is currently unoccupied. It is reasonable to assume that future occupants of that property will also bring at least one additional vehicle, compounding the existing pressures on the street.

The character of the street must also be considered. It is home to several elderly residents, as well as young families, including a newborn baby nearby. Increased noise, congestion, and disruption will have a direct and potentially distressing impact on these individuals.

Finally, it is concerning that planning permission has now been granted after reportedly being rejected multiple times previously. This sudden change raises questions and adds to the unease felt by residents.

Overall, this development will place further strain on an already overstretched street, negatively affecting safety, accessibility, and quality of life for those who live here.

I respectfully request that this decision be reconsidered in light of the concerns raised above.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,  
Freya McSheffery

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