

Hello,

Several residents including me had earlier reached out Kelly Broome, Councillor Ward 6 on the matter of planned bike lanes on both sides of the street. There needs to be serious rationale behind this proposal given its very low utilization vs the huge inconvenience it will cause us residents. While we are the main stakeholders' group, we were unfortunately never consulted on this issue and are strongly opposed to this whole plan for several critical reasons.

- Clearmeadow is already very narrow with sidewalks on both sides of the street. By the time these lanes are done, motorists would have less space than bikers and pedestrians.
- Bike lanes would take up a sizeable portion of the street, that too for just few months when you may have some bike traffic.
- We have lived here for almost 7 years now and regardless of what Cycle Newmarket or any other interest group or their skewed surveys and stats may tell you, Clearmeadow has never had enough bicycle traffic to warrant these special lanes. Why should the residents suffer for just a few bikes that may pass through maybe 4-5 months a year?
- Most homes have small driveways with sidewalk between driveway and curb that limits space even more.
- This is a residential street and several families with kids have also been biking here for years without any issue. With the convenience of street parking vehicles for a short time to let our kids play on the driveway is also something these bike lanes will take away from us.
- Street parking convenience was one of the major factors that most homeowners considered when buying on Clearmeadow.
- This street does not cross any by-lanes or other streets for most part and the one side street parking we have is absolutely necessary for all our needs including guest parking, service vehicles, street parking for snow removal etc.

To date around 280 residents have also signed this online petition against these bike lanes which is totally unacceptable to us. You should also read some of their comments.

<https://www.change.org/p/town-of-newmarket-say-no-to-bike-lanes-on-clearmeadow>

Is the Town really going to penalize its taxpayers by taking away even these little conveniences we've had? If executed, this change will not only severely inconvenience residents but will also compel several families to consider moving out of this neighbourhood.

We all hope that sense will prevail end of the day and the Town would pay heed to residents and tax payers before pressure groups by putting this plan back on the shelf where it belongs.

Thank you,

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