

Dear Council,

We are writing to you today to oppose the bike lanes on Clearmeadow Boulevard.

We have been residents of Newmarket for over 25 years and we live on Clearmeadow Blvd.

We don't feel it is necessary to build a bike lane on this street. It will prevent residents like us and others from parking on the road, which at times is necessary. My husband and I have elderly parents and if they stop by for a visit they would have to park at the Rexall Plaza and walk. This would be the same for friends. That is ridiculous. If we need to have our car out of the garage for spring cleaning we cannot park it on the road.

We pay property taxes and we should have the option of parking on the street if we need to, just like every other Newmarket resident.

We have copied part of an article that was on the Newmarket Today website on January 23, 2021 explaining there will be a multi-use path being built on Mulock Drive, which is the street just south of Clearmeadow. That is a great idea, it will connect to the recently purchased Mulock Farm estate as well as Fairy Lake.

I don't see why we need both.

Partial from Article Newmarket Today, Jan 23, 2021.

“Early work begins for multi-use path along Newmarket's Mulock Drive

The path will run the entire length of the roadway, creating an east-west link across town; construction could begin in early 2022

The Town of Newmarket and York Region are planning to build a new multi-use path that will serve as a major east-west link across town.

The town has begun a feasibility study for a pathway that would run the entire length of Mulock Drive.

It would also connect destinations such as Newmarket High School, Magna Centre and fields, the future Mulock GO station, Newmarket Town Offices, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, the Yonge Street corridor, and Mulock Farm Property.

It would also serve as a link between existing walking path and bike lane systems, such as the Harry Walker Parkway on-road bicycle lanes, the Holland River trail and Yonge Street cycle tracks.”

Thank you for your consideration.

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