

Dear Newmarket Council,

I want to add my voice in support of bicycle lanes on Clearmeadow Boulevard and William Roe Boulevard as they are part of the town's Active Transportation Implementation Plan.

Although I am not a resident of Newmarket, I do cycle in Newmarket. I work in Newmarket and bicycle commute almost every day of the year – rain, shine, or snow. My co-workers ask me about cycling. Some say they have tried cycling but they did not feel safe. I cannot disagree with them. There is a lack of safe bicycle routes in Newmarket and I am often concerned for my own safety during my commute.

I empathize with the residents of Clearmeadow and William Roe who have enjoyed the current situation for many years and wish it to remain unchanged. However, we must also consider the residents who will be living in the community in 5, 10 and 15 years from now. Change is already coming to our area. More and more houses are being built. More and more cars are being added to our streets. We must take steps to encourage environmentally friendly alternatives to driving to make our communities cleaner, greener, and sustainable.

Please support the bicycle lanes on Clearmeadow and William Roe Boulevards as part of the town's Active Transportation Implementation Plan. Make safe cycling a priority.

Thank you for your consideration,

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