

As a homeowners at the corner of Clearmeadow Blvd. & Carruthers Ave. We wish to submit to you our objections to the installation of bike lanes on the North & South sides of this thoroughfare.

There are in total 154 homes that need access to parking for guests & family visitors on this street. Of these ,55 have driveway parking limited to two vehicles as the subdivision plan permits. Corner homes like ours have driveway limits of two vehicles.

If the bike lanes are installed , then the town is considering the needs of a few cyclists rather than the needs of all the tax paying residents on this street. Cyclists would reasonably use the lanes for three seasons each year ,whereas we are not limited to visitors for three seasons only. . If these visitors requiring car park spaces are forced by the town

to park on adjacent side streets, you create traffic congestion as there are limited spaces available. Driveways , hydrants etc clearly limit the road space for cars. Your bike lanes in fact impose a transportation burden on the elderly, & the disabled as they would be forced to walk to visit family & friends.

In addition, on this street we have busses, Route 57A busses travel East & West up to 11:30pm with several bus stops on Clearmeadow. We also have school busses for students at Clearmeadow Public School & St. Nicholas Catholic School as well as stops for students at Sacred Heart Secondary School.

This traffic will be impacted by lanes that have been narrowed to accommodate cyclists who ride for recreation or personal exercise. There are trails available to these riders, but the cars & busses need the street. Another important consideration involves Whipper Billy Watson Park. There is limited parking for athletes & visitors at the baseball facility .

The overflow parks on Clearmeadow North side between Clearmeadow & Bathurst St. The bike lanes would prevent this parking opportunity. Your position is suggesting that cyclists have a greater right to use the street than baseball players do & these players have a league, a schedule for their games whereas cyclists pick & choose when they ride

without any pre arranged times. Why does their athletic pursuit have priority when they are able to ride on any trail or pavement, while the baseball players & fans have limits on the facilities available to them?

We have hundreds of signatures on a petition saying No to bike lanes & we pay in some cases in excess of \$5000.00 taxes per year to the town. The needs of 154 households are impacted 365 days a year,. Cyclists will argue they want to protect the environment with clean energy exercise. That is fair & reasonable ,but it should not take priority so

that a neighbourhood is compromised. The town has paved paths & trails in green spaces for cyclists to use . Please do not narrow our street that serves homes, Newmarket transit, & schools.

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