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Subject: Clearmeadow Boulevard Bike Lanes

Hi there,

I currently reside on Clearmeadow Boulevard and I would like to voice my approval for the future bike lane installation on this street. I think this is a wonderful way for Newmarket to be more environmentally friendly and a great way to encourage methods of transportation other than the use of cars. I think Newmarket can be too car dependent and it's time to change that. I also think these bike lanes will make the road safer for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. I have witnessed several instances of street parking on Clearmeadow making a potentially dangerous situation for children getting off school buses due to the lack of visibility this parking causes for passing motorists. I think bike lanes are more beneficial for the community than street parking.

There is currently misinformation being spread in the community via flyer stating that these bike lanes will lower property values when in actuality bike lanes can either increase or have no impact on property values (see: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/biking-lanes-business-health-1.5165954>) . I think it's important for city officials to combat these false narratives by informing residents of the multiple benefits bike lanes can provide.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail,
Anna Malinowski