

Hello Councillor Broome,

I am a resident of Clearmeadow Blvd Newmarket who recently received a letter from the Town regarding planned bike lanes on both sides of the street. Not sure how this project was evaluated and decided as a must-have, but the real stakeholders - us residents of Clearmeadow Blvd - were never consulted.

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 about a third of the street for few months when you may have some bike traffic.

While bike lanes may be a safety feature, there needs to be serious rationale behind this decision given the huge inconvenience it will cause residents. Aside from several other concerns, is it fair for the residents to suffer with all of the parking gone - for guests, service vehicles, snow removal etc? Just for a few bikes that pass through maybe 4 months a year? This is absolutely unacceptable.

I'm not the only resident who has an issue with this. In case you haven't already, please have a look at this petition signed by 120 residents (and counting) affected by this proposal.

We all hope you will seriously consider our concerns and good sense will prevail so we can avoid unnecessary stress and inconvenience during these already difficult times.

Thank you,

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