

CITY OF YORK LOCAL PLAN PHASE 3 HEARINGS

RESPONSE TO INSPECTORS' MIQs

FROM HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE 2022

Matter 3 – Student Housing

3.2 Is the general approach of the Plan to student housing justified?

The presence of increasing numbers of halls of residence within Heslington Parish in addition to HMOs has a negative impact on long term residents. Inhabitants of HMOs are rarely invested in the local community and the properties can become unkempt. HMOs take away from affordable housing for local people who wish to settle in the area where their families are. It is appropriate for CYC to limit the proportion and the density of HMOs in an area.

The night-time transit of groups of students between Heslington Village and the Night Bus, causes misery for residents on their route. Nights are frequently disturbed by noise. Students on their way out for a night in York can be rowdy. Students returning at 35 minute intervals throughout the night from the buses can disturb residents even if they are not being particularly rowdy. As well as noise, they can leave a trail of litter and worse, and on occasion have damaged property in transit to their halls of residence. Often the behaviour crosses the bounds into serious anti-social behaviour, as has been regularly and frequently report to UoY.

Any university expansion is bound to exacerbate an already difficult situation. We would like to see UoY required to take a more proactive role in preventing ASB in Heslington Village as part of planning constraints.