

# York

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Hospitality, Gardens, Tourism, Local businesses

- 1) Please introduce free 1 hour parking for residents only, in York, to support small & inner city local businesses for those of us who just need to pop in to do quick visits ie pop to the barbers for a hair cut or a quick top up shop.
- 2) Introduce free parking in York, again for York residents only, after 6pm on weekdays only (Monday thru to Thursday), so we can support local businesses, pubs, restaurants etc thru the week and this will leave weekends free for Tourists, but will drive footfall back into Town centre and encourage businesses to buy up or lease the empty shops!
- 3) If a tourist tax is to be implemented then dedicate 50% of the tax (circa £25m) back to businesses as grants, so as to help survive and encourage new start ups within the city.
- 4) Utilise a tourist tax by offering York residents hospitality discounts / vouchers to be used in the city from Monday's to Thursday, in establishments that sign up to this reward scheme and help them thrive thru the quieter trading period's. They could exchange redeemed vouchers from this fund.
- 5) Yorks inner city green spaces, flower beds, city walls are shambolic and mostly unkept and an embarrassment to tourists who come here. Harrogate is the gold standard in maintaining green spaces and suggest we copy their model. Let's use a tourist tax to employ a full time team of professional gardeners, to help maintain and plant up all the islands, flower beds, green spaces within the outer ring road and especially for this routes into the city that have heavy traffic flow from tourists. Put pride back into York and make our gardens, green spaces, flower beds a truly magnificent sight so that it encourages more tourists!
- 6) In Parliament Street and Coney Street - Could we hang art work / street installations across the buildings, on wires like they do in Copper gate with the umbrellas. Other world wide city's have similar installations like Tinsell or possibly use Lazer light show on evenings to make these two

main streets a spectacle and encourage footfall. Again look to use the tourist tax if monies are not available from existing budgets.

5) In recognition of our proud country and all parts of the UK, could we recognise the importance of celebrating each of the 4 x countries special days ie St Davids, St George, St Patrick's Day & St Andrew by flying the flags within York, from Government buildings and on flag poles attached to buildings down Parliament St and Coney St and other main thorough fairs. This would encourage people to celebrate our special days respectfully, remove the need to fly flags from lamp posts and bring colour to the city centre.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*