

Important traffic plan update: Access to D Car Park

As previously circulated, the traffic management arrangements for this season needed to be revised to ensure cars are not passing Kidney Island (the section of road outside the Sir Henry Cecil Gates) due to the amount of pedestrian foot traffic arriving and leaving the racecourse enclosures at entry and exit. Therefore we have had to close the car access linking Campleshon Road (the D Car Park Road) and Knavesmire Road (the A Car Park Road). Additionally, the adjacent residential areas of South Bank (to the north of D car park) and the Chocolate Works, are isolated from raceday traffic. As with any new traffic management system, this takes time to bed in and apologies if you were unduly delayed in your arrival or exit at Dante.

To remind you of what that the plan looks like, please see the plans below. A key change for Annual Badgeholders is that a short section of Campleshon/Knavesmire Road, at the junction with Racecourse Road known as Kidney Island, will be closed to general traffic (it remains open to shuttle and service buses, cyclists and pedestrians), starting at 10am, ending at approximately 8pm (variable by size of raceday crowd). The below map indicates the position of the closure.

To stress, Car Park D can only be approached from Bishopthorpe Road via Campleshon Road. If you are arriving from the west of York, you may wish to consider choosing to park in Car Park A, which is free and with easy access off Tadcaster Road then Knavesmire Road. Entry of foot is then via the fabulous Sir Henry Cecil Gates and past the Frankel statue and which puts you directly by the Annual Badgeholders Lawn. For those with reduced mobility, the golf buggy operates from Car Park A in the same manner as from Car Park D.

As part of the plan, there is protected access for our neighbours in the residential areas of South Bank and The Chocolate Works to help ensure the daily lives of our local community is not unduly impacted by racedays. That does require a check of D Car Park and Resident Access Passes on windscreens as vehicles turn into Campleshon Road. We continue to work on making this as frictionless as possible, so thank you for making a special effort to display your D Car Park label prominently on your windscreen.

As previously, you will continue to be able to park a vehicle that is staying for the raceday in Car Park D. However, to make the traffic plan work there is no drop off facility or access for Ubers or private hire to D Car Park.

As part of the traffic management plan and to remove people getting into and out of vehicles on the highway, the pre-existing Hackney Carriage Taxi rank has been moved from Campleshon Road into the north of Car Park D. If you wish to get a Hackney Carriage Taxi from the station this is where you will be dropped off; at the end of the raceday, this is where the queue for the Hackey Carriage Taxis will form.

Uber, private hire and chauffeur cars are not allowed to drop off in D Car Park – with the existing road network this simply causes further delay to all road users. Drop off for Uber, private hire and chauffeur cars is in either A Car Park or in C Car Park as indicated below where we have dedicated drop off and pick up zones. These vehicles will be able to drop off into Car Parks A or C, depending on direction of arrival; both are a short walk to either the Marble Entrance entry gate or Sir Henry Cecil Gate.

We have worked closely with Uber to geomark the vicinity of the racecourse and this is the only two places your Uber driver should be able to drop off and pick up. Your D car park label is not transferable and is for *parking* for the day in D car park – waving it in your hand while in an Uber will not get you into D car park.

Exit from Car Park D will be by right turn only, back to Bishopthorpe Road where you can turn left for the City or right for the A64.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to meet those objectives. We will all continue to monitor and learn. As ever, the advice remains to leave plenty of time for your journey and do stay for a while after the last race while the traffic associated with any sporting event takes time to subside.

