

## Important information

### Tour de France; Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July 2014

#### Parking, road closures and access

**Will I be able to park outside my property during the race?** No vehicles will be permitted to park on the race route. You will need to move any vehicles from 7pm the night before the race (depending on which stage affects your property). The road will close to prepare it for the race, for the Tour's promotional caravan (made up of around 150 sponsors' vehicles) which arrives approximately two hours before the race, for the race itself and then the safe dispersal of spectators.

In Harrogate town, parking will not be permitted on the race route or other routes associated with the event between 11pm on Friday 4 July until 10pm on Saturday 5 July.

Please note that it is your responsibility to find a suitable alternative location to leave your vehicle. **Any vehicles left parked on the race route will be removed.** Full details of the parking suspensions are available at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/tdfroadclosures](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/tdfroadclosures)

**How can I find out more about road closures?** All the latest information about the anticipated timings of closures, traffic management, and diversion routes, is on North Yorkshire County Council's website. There is also local information on the district council websites.

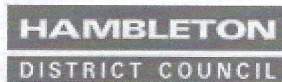
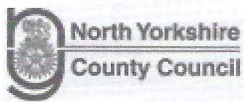
**How is the council allowed to close the road and stop me parking outside my property?** Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 16A the council has powers to prohibit or restrict access on roads in connection with certain events, such as sporting or social/entertainment events.

**Are there special access arrangements for businesses?** There will be no special access for business customers and deliveries, where roads are closed. Businesses need to make alternative arrangements where necessary to ensure that they have adequate supplies in advance of the race weekend. Please note that there will be no special access for staff travelling to work where roads are closed. If your staff need to travel, remind them to allow additional time for their journey.

#### Travelling around

**What if I need to use my car during the race period?** If you plan to travel over the Tour de France weekend, please ensure you have parked your vehicle in an area where you can access the remaining open road network. Please note that no vehicles will be allowed to drive on or across the race route after the road closures are put in place; please make sure anyone intending to visit you knows this.

**How will I travel around over the weekend?** The predicted number of spectators (up to one million over the weekend) means travel will be difficult. Please avoid travelling unless it is absolutely necessary. Where roads are closed, normal access will not be possible and any diversions are expected to be extremely busy.



**Can I cycle or walk the route?** Yes. The intention is that cyclists and pedestrians will be able to access the closed roads up until the route is handed over to the race organisers. This will be approximately 30 minutes before the arrival of the Tour's promotional caravan, approximately two hours before the race.

### **Services affected**

A small number of council services will be affected by the race. This will include closures (or partial and early closures) of some libraries and schools, along with some impact on waste and recycling services. Council websites will be able to provide up to date information.

**I receive home care services. Will my care provider be able to get to me?** North Yorkshire County Council has detailed plans for managing services during the event and is working with care providers to ensure that changes to visiting arrangements will be kept to a minimum. The specific arrangements for your individual support during the weekend of the event will be discussed with you by your provider to ensure that you are clear about how any changes will affect you. During the course of the weekend, if you have any concerns regarding your care or support arrangements, you should contact your own provider in the first instance. The council's contact centre will also be open over that weekend – contact details are below.

If you usually provide regular care services for a relative, friend or client and are concerned that you will not be able to travel to visit them please contact the council's Customer Service Centre for help and advice.

**What about emergency and essential services during the race period?** Access for emergency services will be maintained and the councils are working closely with partners to ensure that access for essential services (critical health care or veterinary emergencies) is maintained to communities along the route over the race weekend. **Non-essential services may be delayed or suspended over the race period, so please extend a helping hand to elderly or vulnerable people in your community.**

### **Watching the Race**

You do not need to buy a ticket to stand on the roadside and watch the race. You may wish to watch on an open stretch of road or stand on one of the climbs. Please view the race from a safe location and please follow the countryside code if you're watching it in the Dales. There is lots of spectator information on [www.letouryorkshire.com/spectator-guide](http://www.letouryorkshire.com/spectator-guide)

### **Further information**

More information about road closures, public transport arrangements, spectator hubs, location of car parks, campsites and events are on North Yorkshire County Council's website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour). There is local information on the district and borough councils' websites. You can also contact NYCC's Customer Service Centre 0845 8727374 email: [customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk) The Customer Service Centre will be open between 6am and 6pm on the Saturday and 8am to 3pm on the Sunday of the Tour weekend.

Additional information will be published on [www.letouryorkshire.com](http://www.letouryorkshire.com)



Dear Occupier

**Important information: Tour de France, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2014**

We are writing to you because there will be significant disruption to traffic movements in certain parts of North Yorkshire over one weekend this summer.

On Saturday 5 July and Sunday 6 July, Yorkshire will host the start of the Tour de France. Known as the Grand Départ, it is the official start of the world's greatest cycle race and it promises to be an unforgettable occasion. The route will be:

**5<sup>th</sup> July – Stage One:** Leeds travelling out to Otley; entering North Yorkshire in Craven; moving on to Skipton, the Yorkshire Dales and down through Richmondshire; ending in Harrogate.

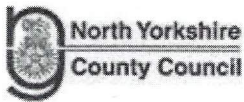
**6<sup>th</sup> July – Stage Two:** York travelling to Knaresborough, Starbeck and Harrogate; travelling on to Bolton Abbey; finishing in Sheffield.

Roads used for the race, as well as roads around the race, will be closed and your property is either situated on the route, or is on a road that only has access via the route. To ensure you remember the Grand Départ for all the right reasons, we need to help you plan for vehicles being unable to use closed roads during the event.

**For a significant period of time (minimum of eight hours, but in many areas most of the day), over the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the road which gives access to your property will be closed** to allow preparation of the race route, the handover to the Tour de France organisers, access for the publicity caravan, the race itself, the removal of race infrastructure, and the safe dispersal of spectators.

This will mean that you will have no vehicular access to your home or business. Access for emergency services will be maintained. To find more information about your road, including indicative timings of road closures, please visit North Yorkshire County Council's website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/tdfroadclosures](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/tdfroadclosures)

Road closures and temporary traffic management will also be used on other roads leading to the race route to ensure the safe movement of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to spectator points along the route.



We are expecting roads throughout North Yorkshire to be very busy and would advise anyone travelling to leave extra time for their journey. If you run a business from your property please note that there will be no special access for deliveries or staff.

**In addition, no vehicles are permitted to park on the race route and you will need to move your vehicle(s) from 7pm the night before the race goes past your property until the race has passed and the road is re-opened.**

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There is a lot more information about the arrangements for the Tour online and you can keep up to date with the latest news on Twitter - follow **#tourNY**.

The Grand Départ is going to be a massive event and will certainly put North Yorkshire on the world stage. We hope that, with some forward planning, disruption will be kept to a minimum. There will, however, inevitably be some inconvenience over the race weekend but I hope that you will still be able to enjoy the event and make the most of this unique experience.

Yours faithfully

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**Craven District Council**, 01756 700600, [tourdefrance@cravendc.gov.uk](mailto:tourdefrance@cravendc.gov.uk) [www.craven.gov.uk](http://www.craven.gov.uk)

**Hambleton District Council**, 01609 779977,  
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**Harrogate Borough Council**, 01423 500600, [tdf@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:tdf@harrogate.gov.uk), [www.harrogate.gov.uk](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk) and  
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