



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN CENTRE

ACCESS & SAFETY ISSUES

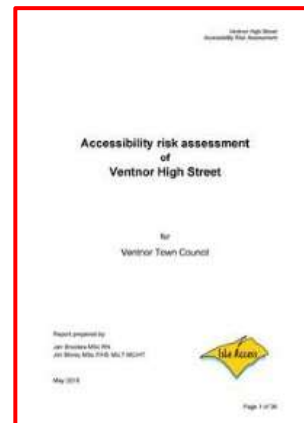
RISK ASSESSMENT: ISLE ACCESS

1) INTRODUCTION

The Accessibility Risk Assessment of the Town Centre by Isle Access identified the following risks, dangers and discouragements.

2) PAVEMENTS

- ✗ For people with mobility problems or other access needs, the elderly and parents with buggies, the width of a footway is important. The north side throughout the High Street measures 1370 mm (very narrow). The south side footway measures 1960 mm (allowing two wheelchairs to pass or buggies to turn).
- ✗ North side footway impassable at the bus stop when buses load and unload.
- ✗ Numerous trip hazards throughout the High Street and Pier Street: Gullies, weather drains, grates, service hatches, bollards, bins, broken paving.



3) BUSES

- ✗ Bus stop next to Boots is on a bend preventing buses aligning parallel to the footway; introduce dangers for disabled and vulnerable adults embarking and alighting; and too, damage bus door ramps for those using wheelchairs and mobility scooters, the elderly and those with visual impairments.
- ✗ People getting to and from that bus stop attempt to cross the road dodging cars, vans, buses and trucks (i.e. highly dangerous and unsafe).

4) CROSSING POINTS

- ✗ In the highly-trafficked area of Ventnor, accessible and safe and usable crossing points are essential.
- ✗ There are none throughout the High Street except at the traffic lights.
- ✗ For people with mobility problems or other access needs, the provision of appropriate, safe, usable and accessible crossing facilities is essential.

5) ON-STREET PARKING

- ✗ Traffic congestion often experienced especially when vehicles are reversing into spaces.
- ✗ Only 12 spaces, and often not used by people with disabilities (i.e. not enough rear space).
- ✗ Vehicles parked often interfere with buses and retail businesses loading and unloading.
- ✗ Passengers alighting onto the north side footway and opening of passenger vehicle doors interfere with people and pushchairs travelling the narrow north side footway.
- ✗ Drivers opening doors into flowing traffic.
- ✗ No designated 'blue badge' (disabled) parking bays.