



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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DESTINATION VENTNOR

EMAIL RESPONSES

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In the widely circulated document *Destination Ventnor* the Town Council explored the possibilities for the pedestrianisation of the High Street.

Residents were invited to respond to it either through our web site's *Contact Form* or by replying to our *Residents' Forum*.

A total of 90 responses were received and copies of all of them are reproduced in this file. Individual details of the responders have been redacted.

A copy of *Destination Ventnor* is available by clicking [this link](#).

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** "Destination Ventnor"  
**Date:** 09 May 2018 07:46:47

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I feel the pedestrianisation of Ventnor as suggested in the Destination Ventnor leaflet could be a good move.

However I also feel it essential that CCTV be set up around the town as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour since pedestrianisation, whilst attracting locals and holiday makers to congregate and socialise will inevitably attract the gathering of anti-social types particularly outside of hours.

Perhaps the decent quiet residents [REDACTED] who live in the flats above the high street should have the final say.?

....just my thoughts.

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [David Bartlett](#)  
Subject: <Proposed Pedestrianisation>  
Date: 03 May 2018 16:44:50

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Hi

The days of the Island being a major tourist attraction are long gone and Ventnor is destined to be a backwater town . **Nothing** can change that.

We had our chances to become more of an Island attraction but the Council sold off the Botanic Gardens which is now a sorry reflection on what it was or could have been and no doubt will eventually become more housing development.

The Ventnor Marina became the Ventnor Haven benefiting Blake and Strevens and now costing taxpayers around £170 k a year.to maintain. So instead of a real attraction we have nothing.

The only decent public toilet in the town was sold to become housing - now that was a really clever thing to do!

As a regeneration issue the Ventnor TC should firstly get the roads into Ventnor made into something approaching a modern roads rather than a cart tracks and should be pressing Island Roads and the IWCC into action.

Invest in a town **level** public toilet ( Shanklin is a good example ) .

Ensure that the Town is attractive and safe.

The owner of the tumbledown block of flats at the junction of Madeira Road should be forced into putting right the decades of neglect that have caused the building to be surrounded by scaffold and a 3 way traffic light system affecting the main road.

My comments on the "**plan**" for pedestrianization is that it is a waste of time and will cause traffic chaos. Where does the Westbound traffic go when it goes to the Esplanade surely not Bath Road ?? ! Or is this a point where some of the "synchronised traffic lights " are placed so they can go up Pier St . "Synchronised traffic lights" now there is a disaster waiting to happen which will certainly put visitors and locals off !!! Has no one thought this through.

By the way it is Albert Street **not** Albert Road and Spring Hill **not** Steep Hill !

If you want to pedestrianize anything then why not the Esplanade itself - that would make far more sense and would make the seafront more of an attraction - that is if the Ventnor Pong caused by the Haven is not pervading the area.

Yours

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor  
**Date:** 31 May 2018 17:26:46

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[REDACTED]  
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I consider this proposal is totally flawed.

1. Lorries supplying both the Coop and Tesco for example would be unable to turn through the convoluted one way system in your map – not sustainable.
2. If you remove the on-street parking in the main street and surrounds, every visitor or resident will have to use the car park. At any time other than very quiet, the car park will be full, thus deterring all these people coming to any of the shops or cafe/restaurants directly harming them!
3. Ventnor is a lovely Victorian town with many listed buildings. They cannot be demolished to make your road scheme work. This is not an expanding south coast resort or a new town with lots of hinterland flat parking provided. Please do not waste local taxpayers' money with any more of this proposal.
4. The high street is quite shady even in sunny weather, not very conducive for putting tables outside anyway. A proposal to reduce business rates would be far more productive for all Ventnor businesses.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** consultation  
**Date:** 07 May 2018 18:37:03

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I do not support the proposed plans.

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**Subject:** Destination Ventnor Consultation response  
**Date:** 15 May 2018 13:45:57  
**Attachments:** [20180515-Destination Ventnor Consultation .pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.txt](#)

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Good afternoon David,

Please see attached my response to the consultation.

I've taken the liberty of copying it to the three Town Councillors representing my ward, but have no objection to you sharing it amongst the other members of the Town Council as you see fit.

Best wishes,





15th May 2018

Ventnor Town Council  
[townclerk@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:townclerk@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk)



### **“DESTINATION VENTNOR” CONSULTATION**

Thank you to Ventnor Town Council for engaging with the local community about the possibilities for regeneration of Ventnor town centre.

I should start by stating that I currently do not have strong feelings either way about the possibility of pedestrianisation of the High Street, but should also make known my dismay at the heated and ill-informed campaign by a minority of the population against any discussion. This has led to rather ugly campaign posters blighting the windows of High Street shops. By opposing even consideration of progress, the town is doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past.

As a year-round resident of the town, I have very different needs from holiday-home owners and tourists. The information leaflet seems to place very little emphasis on the potential benefits for residents and I would therefore ask what measurable benefit residents should expect? A “refreshed sense of belonging, civic identity and pride” is far too a subjective measure to warrant the spending of large sums of public money.

I visit the High Street, at least a couple of times each week. However I use very few of the shops. I regularly visit the Co-op Foodstore and Boots the Chemist. I occasionally use Hursts and the excellent Turkish barber shop. Other than that, Ventnor (or any other High Street) has very little to offer me. I do the majority of my discretionary spending online and do not miss the opportunity of town centre shopping. It is my view that the days of visiting town centres for a shopping experience will very soon be consigned to the history books and any attempt to halt this inevitable evolution of our retail habits is akin to rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic.

Where I do see possibility for significant improvement of Ventnor for both residents and visitors through pedestrianisation is in the hospitality arena. The range of bars and restaurants in Ventnor is already exciting and if some of the empty shops could be turned in to further establishments offering food and drink, with casual outside eating areas, Ventnor could quite possibly become a significant draw for foodies from both the Island and further afield.

There is of course a huge disincentive to eating and drinking in Ventnor and it is one that has already discouraged me from visiting the town centre to spend my leisure time. That is the number of smokers standing around blocking pavements and filling the air with smoke and the streets with discarded cigarette ends. For non-smokers and health-conscious families, this makes the town an extremely unappealing offer. I certainly will not use any establishment that forces me to run through plumes of toxic smoke to gain entry!

As our town crest features Hygeia, the mythological goddess of health, cleanliness and hygiene, perhaps our town could strive to become the first on the Island to feature a smoke-free pedestrianised area where healthy families meet to enjoy locally produced wholefood and enjoy a healthy social life, free from the well known risks of breathing secondhand smoke? It would be a bold move, but one that would bring Ventnor international recognition and a move I could throw my support behind.

I trust the Town Council will consider my points and offer a response to them?

With best wishes,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor Proposals  
**Date:** 07 May 2018 19:17 [REDACTED]  
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Please find attached our thoughts on the pedestrianisation proposals.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

## Questions re pedestrianisation of High Street

If plan is per illustrated map:

1. We assume Steep Hill is Spring Hill
2. Where are proposed bus stops for buses to Newport and Ryde  
If to be adjacent to central car park this would make life very difficult for elderly and disabled who now manage to get to post office, pet shop, chemist and Co-op, but would find it difficult to carry shopping further than Boots bus stop
3. In a similar vein people from park avenue which includes elderly residents from Byrnhill Grove can catch the bus into the Town centre but there seems to be no way the can catch a bus back home. The number 6 would presumably return to Newport via Spring Hill, Mitchell Avenue, Ocean View road, Gills Cliff Road and on to Whitwell  
  
Public transport would not be available to take people to the Park, or any where near the Botanic Gardens.
4. Assuming the central car park will be the first car park to fill up how do drivers approaching the town from Ryde, Shanklin, area reach the car parking in the Town.
5. If they would need to go up Spring Hill would it be possible for them to approach the town centre via Marlborough Road to the Grove and up into Alpine Road.
6. If two-way traffic were to be permitted in Albert Street The on-street parking would have be abandoned; thus filling up the already full car parks and precluding the disabled from reaching the Doctors surgery.
7. If it is to be one-way traffic down Shore Hill (The Cascade) to the Eastern Esplanade car park, paddling pool, café, fish shop etc. how are they to get back up.  
  
If the pedestrianisation has not commenced before Esplanade Road, please bear in mind that this is a very dangerous road to exit at its junction with Belgrave Road.
8. How can the existing car parking be increased without pulling down buildings?
9. Before there can be a pedestrianised area with seating for cafes the Pidgeon problem will have to be addressed.

If option one is per the written description -comments 1,2,3,6,7,8 & 9 remain.

We would further like to sum up that the complicated access road system and extra traffic lights are more likely to discourage people from coming to Ventnor than encourage them to come for a small area of pedestrianisation.

All this effort for when we have visitors; only a few months of the year.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor  
**Date:** 13 May 2018 11:56:08

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Dear Sir

Thank you for the leaflet entitled "Destination Ventnor" which made interesting reading but we are against the idea for the pedestrianisation of the High Street for the following reasons.

The maps showing the flow of traffic seems to be only fit for cars to proceed along the roads shown with no thought for buses and all the other large vehicles that come in to Ventnor.

The High Street hardly gets any sunshine which is not conducive to eating outside.

The amount of money spent on consultation could be better spent on keeping the High Street clear of rubbish and "pigeon poo".

On a positive note the seating area by the main car park and Spring Hill Gardens (when they have been replanted) could be promoted more.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Cc:** [Brian Lucas](#); [Jim Toogood](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor  
**Date:** 04 May 2018 15:39:09  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Sirs

Having read the Destination Ventnor leaflet we are writing both to protest at the deliberately and blatantly misleading description of the proposals that it contains and to register our objections to the proposed scheme.

Clearly the diagram was drawn by someone who had never visited Ventnor. The location of Church Street is wrong, Tulse Hill is indicated, but un-named, as the start of the zone, Pier Street south of Albert Road cannot be one way, Spring Hill is mis-named, etc.. The western end of Dudley Road is an 'S' bend that includes a significant width reduction and any commercial or public service vehicle that managed to traverse it would require the full width of Albert Street to make a left turn that can only be followed by another left turn down to the Esplanade from which there is no return. A right turn for such a vehicle is impossible given that Albert Street is at its narrowest immediately east of Pound Lane.

Pound Lane is at best an alley way with direct property access onto the carriageway and inadequate, or non-existent, footpaths in a number of areas. Again the width of the carriageways prohibits a left turn into Market Street for large vehicles. Necessarily restricting access to some streets for some vehicles, together with additional traffic signals would create a 'signage forest' in the town which would be detrimental to it as a 'destination'.

Our main objection to the proposed scheme is that the car-free zone only includes 30 business premises that may, or in many cases will not, 'benefit' from being located within the zone. The remainder of the High Street, Pier Street, Albert Street, Victoria Street, Spring Hill and Dudley Road currently serve more than 65 business premises all of which will suffer from, the loss of on-street parking, additional traffic and significantly more restricted access than they currently enjoy.

**The proposal creates a car-free zone for a minority of commercial premises at the expense of vastly increasing traffic flows along primarily residential roads, Pound Lane, Albert Street & Dudley Road.**

The area considered by the proposed scheme is far too limited. If both Church Street, and the unmentioned Hambrough Road, are one way from the west into town the position for local residents to the west is totally unacceptable. Does the VTC really think that requiring traffic accessing adjacent local roads, Alpine Road, Park Avenue, Belgrave Road, Castle Road, etc., and major businesses and employers like the Royal Hotel, to take a route up Spring Hill, along Mitchell Avenue and Ocean View Road then down Zig Zag Road, is in anyway reasonable. Of course those heading slightly further west towards St. Lawrence could use Castle Road but this is already suffering increased traffic and use by buses and coaches due to the long term closure of Undercliff Drive, a situation that the VTC totally ignores.

We respectfully suggest that the VTC gives no further consideration to this unworkable, retrograde, disruptive and unpopular scheme and looks to gain the support of the community with positive changes that benefit both the whole Town and its occupants.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor  
**Date:** 04 May 2018 12:35:50

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Register my vote, as a yes to the pedestrianization of Ventnor.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Destination Ventnor  
**Date:** 04 May 2018 08:49:42

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Dear Sir

We have been discussing this idea as a family that have lived here for 14 years and enjoy living in such a pleasant place and friendly community. We feel that the pedestrianisation of the high street may well be beneficial for the reasons that have been given. What we would suggest however, is that the council could test their convictions by making the high street a weekend car free zone, say from 6pm Friday to midnight Sunday evening, this would be infinitely cheaper than ripping everything else on an untried theory. If after a year try out it is clear that more people visit then go ahead and pedestrianise permanently.

Obviously there would be costs incurred, and putting up temporary barriers but I would think still so much cheaper in the short term. I think we could get a good marketing campaign going for making Ventnor a car free, care free weekend paradise destination.

Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Pedestrianisation comment in favour  
**Date:** 11 May 2018 12:31:58

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On Thursday, 10 May 2018, 22:55 [REDACTED]:

Dear David,

Enjoyed the meeting at St Lawrence the other evening concerning the idea of pedestrianisation in Ventnor High Street.

When in town yesterday I took the attached photo as it occurred to me that the Boots bus stop area on the High St. could form a perfect Plaza or town square for pedestrianisation adjoining the rest of the High Street traffic free area. I wasn't clear whether this part of the High Street is within the intended zone.

As you can see in the photo taken at 1pm the area captures a lot of sunshine, whereas the rest of the high street is more shaded.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Cc:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 17:13:53

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the future of Ventnor. Perhaps some of these topics will be handled tonight at Trinity Church Hall?

In principle investment to enhance the visitor and shopping experience would be a benefit. However there are concerns that would need to be addressed, and while studies for pedestrianisation seem positive to avoid classic mistakes, the solution discussed & implemented would need to be specific to and suitable for Ventnor.

**Specifically Traffic flow, Transport and Parking.**

1) A number of shop owners are concerned that access for 'regulars' and locals to the high street may be reduced by:

- the removal the the number of free parking spaces (currently 30 mins) It should be remembered that Tourists and visitors are seasonal. The chance parking/ 30 minute free spaces on the High Street are in great demand and allow for a daily visit to pick up provisions etc. Locals would be discouraged if these spaces are removed.
- Are more spaces to be removed to facilitate bus access and two way traffic?

How does the council plan to address this concern? Is there to be a provision for more parking - if so where, and would an initial free 30 mins in the existing car parks be offered. How could this be guaranteed to not be removed at a later date?

2) Traffic flow - How will the diagram for traffic flow reversing the flow on Albert and making Dudley Road the access into town work, without removing more parking?

- Is Victoria Street expected to be two way (or how does traffic access town) and will this remove more parking?
- Is Dudley and Pound lane wide enough for the proposed plan
- How will transport links and bus access be handled?
- What is the solution for disabled parking?

**Other**

3) The leaflet distributed is limited to discussion about the car free zone on the High Street; is the Esplanade also being considered?

4) This document lays out areas that should be addressed

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/pedestrianised-towns-say-we-want-cars-1122452.html>

How will the soulless night time of a traffic free town be handled - perhaps allow traffic after 6pm?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** High St etc  
**Date:** 15 May 2018 13:40:11

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Hello

My thoughts on the future of Ventnor Town Ctr are, I certainly think something needs doing to try and save the town centre. Whether the proposed making the High St car free is the solution, who knows? Has thought been given to making Pier St car free? Guess that would be even harder to try and implement. Has thought been given to widening the pavements, and making the road narrower, therefore doing away with the 'free parking spaces'? This has been done quite successfully recently in Romsey, Hampshire.

To attract more businesses/high end shops, something needs to happen in Ventnor, I'm afraid. It is such a lovely town, quite different in its own way, unique, which is perhaps what the council need to use to promote the town, and attract more people in, it's USP.

I thought the idea of making the esplanade traffic free a terrific idea, surely that would be fairly easy to do, as at each end there is a large car park, and then people just park and walk to the beach. Cafes, restaurants having tables outside, making a great atmosphere!

Both of the above schemes could just be seasonal, say April to October.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [David Bartlett](#)  
Subject: High Street Pedestrianisation  
Date: 30 April 2018 15:09:24

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Whilst it is important to be open to ideas to rejuvenate our town, this seems to fail on a number of counts:

1 If the aim is to encourage a "cafe" ambience it does not address the issue that the proposed area receives very little sunlight even in the summer and is quite chilly. The four storey structures on either side of a narrow road contribute to even the lightest of winds becoming quite brisk and uncomfortable. It is unlikely that your planned target population would even consider sitting out even on the very few days of the year when you wouldn't need overcoats and blankets. The sunshades are quite fanciful. Residents and tourists are more than happy to frequent the current indoor provision. We have a lovely sunny south facing Esplanade which fulfills the need for a cafe culture and is a successful venue. These proposals would be to its detriment in directing trade away from the town.

2 The structure of the narrow town streets make the suggested traffic schemes totally unworkable for coaches and lorries. Unfortunately your options do not show the roads to scale! Is there an intention to ban these vehicles? Try getting a coach or lorry out of the junction of Dudley Road and Albert Street.

3 Is it really the intention that traffic from Shanklin and Sandown will be directed up Spring Hill and away from the town. I'm not sure even the attractions of the Esplanade are sufficiently attractive to make it worth while to travel along Mitchell Avenue and then back into town running the dodgy gauntlet of Gill's Cliff Road and Church Street. Has anyone making these proposals tried to travel along Gill's Cliff recently? It relies totally on the courtesy of drivers to give way every few yards. Island drivers on the whole are tolerant. That all changes in the school holidays! Mainland drivers tend to be far less considerate, focused on time constraints. There are some double yellow lines, would parking be totally banned in Gill's Cliff Road to allow for increased traffic flow?

4 What happens to the disabled parking provision outside both doctors surgeries if Albert Street becomes two way and still needs to accommodate lorries and coaches?

5 The traffic problems associated with either option will lead to increased levels of pollution. There are currently very few hold ups in the proposed pedestrian area and traffic and pedestrians co-exist comfortably. If these proposals are adopted the town centre will quickly deteriorate along with the businesses.

On this occasion these proposals are sadly impracticable.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Jason Mack](#)  
**Cc:** [David Bartlett](#); [Alison Killick](#)  
**Subject:** Improving our town  
**Date:** 12 May 2018 11:22:55  
**Attachments:** [AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR TOWN COUNCIL.doc](#)

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After attending the recent meeting on pedestrianisation in St Catherine's Church I would like to express my views set out in the attached letter.  
Thank you all for the time and effort that you put in trying to get things right for all of us!

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## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR TOWN COUNCIL

I'm so sorry that your idea for pedestrianising the high street has met with such aggressive opposition. I have to agree though, it is not practical for the layout of Ventnor.

So - rather than spend a considerable amount of money on this why not spend it smartening up our town?

Encourage Landlords and owners of the shops and flats above to paint and decorate giving grants if necessary to make this happen. Who remembers Ballamory with its coloured houses and shops? Well perhaps not that much colour but some would be good.

Put up pigeon guarding everywhere and eliminate this pest.

Buy the ex Fogg's, ex Mexican restaurant and turn it back into the pink tearooms! It could be council owned and council run employing local people and serving nothing more complicated than ham sandwiches and scones with cream and jam. Festoon it with window boxes and baskets, all provided and cared for by locals and make it the feature of our town that it used to be.

Take action on the ex coach and bus garage in Pier Street. Surely the owner could be approached and persuaded to clean it up, or let us do it. If the time is not right for its development, it could be boarded up with painted boards showing the best of the Island and Ventnor in particular.

The money for all these projects could surely be taken from the budget set aside for the pedestrianisation.

Let's make our town a more attractive place to encourage traders to come in and take up the few empty shops we have.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting  
**Date:** 16 May 2018 09:25:10

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Hi David

just a quick mail to say that, whilst I oppose pedestrianisation, I would like to completely disassociate myself from the disrespectful, self serving, simpletons who attended the meeting last night.

How you and Jason put up with it I don't know!

For me the start of a regeneration project would be - Open the Undercliff ( probably never happen ), one hour free parking in our car parks, some big American style 'welcome to Ventnor' signs at strategic entry points, pretty the town up with some trees and nice street furniture and maybe some window decals on empty shops.

We could brick up the Haven to pay for it ;)

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [David Bartlett](#); [Alison Killick](#)  
Subject: My Response to leaflet "Destination Ventnor"  
Date: 11 May 2018 21:56:55

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Dear VTC,

Whilst I can understand the need for the Town Council to improve the High Street, unfortunately there has and continues to be a slow demise of the High Street the length and breadth of the country, so I don't think this is peculiar to Ventnor. We all know that the Internet plays a large part in this with more and more people shopping online. The supermarkets also play a big role.

The 'Destination Ventnor' leaflet, which I have read, is an interesting thought. I don't know that the residents would like Ventnor High Street to be like Gibraltar High Street, besides, the two are completely different, how can you possibly compare them, the same can be said for Cowes.

I do not feel that pedestrianizing the High Street would increase the footfall to Ventnor, although it may make the High Street look better. As with pollution from car exhausts, in my opinion you would need to take the pedestrianization further than just the High Street to have any real effect on pollution levels. The plans for the direction of the traffic needs more consideration.

Ventnor, in my opinion, has an attraction all of it's own, without the shopping! If you want shopping you can go to Newport for that. Ventnor has a landscape and scenery that attracts thousands of visitors each year. People come here for the tranquility and beauty Ventnor offers.

Unfortunately for Ventnor, there were four destinations I can think of which would have attracted people here today in their droves had they still been here. The railway, The Pier, The National Hospital for diseases of the Chest, (now Ventnor Botanic Gardens) & Steephill Castle, sadly they have all gone.

Maybe the Town Council could ask the residents of Ventnor how they think the town could be improved. I for one have a number of ideas, and pedestrianization of the High Street is not on my list.

There are other areas in Ventnor which need urgent attention rather than focusing on the pedestrianization of Ventnor High Street. A number of derelict sites can be found around Ventnor town, which need addressing, not to mention the main road into the town and the appalling state of Trinity Road. These sites really do make a bad first impression of Ventnor.

A few sites come immediately to mind in the vicinity of the Town Centre;

The Ventnor Brewery site

The plot of land opposite Madeira Road

The land adjacent to St Boniface Road, same plot as above, people have been fly tipping here

The building on the corner of Madeira Road, dangerously unstable and about to fall down by the looks of it.

The Old Bus Station

The plot of land behind what was 'Philleas Foggs' restaurant, just abandoned

It maybe that in the distant future Ventnor will be ready for a pedestrianized area, although I wouldn't choose the High Street for this, it is cold and the sun does not shine there for very long during the day, if at all. This may have been a deliberate building plan by the Victorians as there wasn't refrigeration back then, who knows!

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Cc:** [Brian Lucas](#); [Stewart Blackmore](#); [Billy Hill](#); [Leigh Geddes](#); [Stewart Blackmore](#); [Jason Mack](#); [Dave Logan](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Pedestrian area in Ventnor  
**Date:** 23 April 2018 20:08:33

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Dear Town Councillors

As a Ventnor resident I would like some further information regarding the proposal to Pedestrianise Ventnor High Street and each of your opinions on this scheme? I will consider these responses and hope to attend any future meetings as well as take these views into account if we get a further Local Election as you do represent the whole of Ventnor and not just the residents in the town centre?

I and other friends and family signed a petition in the town to opposing this however I have seen nothing more regarding this matter. I have not received any literature regarding any further meetings or consultations or details of your plans and suspect this may be the case for most residents not living in the immediate vicinity.

I have today searched the internet and found a series of slides which I feel are quite biased in favour of the development however I am unable to find the whether this scheme has come from proposals from the Local Authority or the Town council and certain interested residents or from a combination of all parties I have just mentioned. Perhaps you would be able to clarify the source of the scheme? I am also unable to locate the exact details of the scheme and how this is to be funded. Please can you clarify these points and provide a link to material other than the slides that I located?

Please can you also provide me with details of any past and future meetings and how and when these have been publicised? If details have been distributed by post or by hand please can you send details of the number of letters printed and posted by royal mail and in person and provide full details of how you have consulted so far and how you intend to in the future?

As you will appreciate with the limited information available and the bias which I feel there is in your slides I am extremely concerned.

My views on the scheme are that

1. It has the potential to drive both local residents and tourists out of town
2. The impact will not just be on the small business but also the supermarkets that some of the less mobile or non drivers use
3. Those residents living away from the town, for instance in the East polling district and far West will think twice about a trip to visit local shops. Shanklin is definitely seeming more accessible which is a shame for the local shops and businesses
4. There seems little possibility of creating a thriving tree lined boulevard in the building enclosed high street as suggested in the benefits of pedestrianisation and do the residents want people eating and drinking on tables and chairs in the

street. Recipe for disaster in Ventnor?

5. There will be an impact on the already limited parking for attending Doctor and GP appointments or visiting the shops.
6. This will not benefit the less able as unless they live in the immediate area the bus stops at Town hall, Central Car park and the Old Rex Cinema are not within easy walking distance.
7. This is not going to increase the footfall in the town and people will not be encouraged by your publicity/slides to seek a café culture outside the charity shops in the town

Perhaps you could explain the organised cultural events that you plan to hold as some events actually drive people away from the Town.

I can not support something which I feel has not been properly consulted upon, seems shrouded in secrecy and appears to take into account the needs of only a small minority of residents and businesses.

Ventnor is quirky and beautiful and you do not need to close the main route for accessing the shops and businesses to improve trade. Keep the quality shops and limit the charity shops. Talk to businesses starting up - do I not remember small business being encouraged to take space in Salisbury gardens. What has happened with that and how is that helping to reduce our Council tax which due to the parish precept is one of the highest on the Island.

I look forward to your replies, and details of any future meetings. I appreciate you may feel my points are biased as well but with the limited information and no consultation reaching my door I have felt compelled to seek some answers.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street  
**Date:** 21 May 2018 13:02:27

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Sir,

I would like to thank the Mayor and his team for meeting with the residents of Ventnor at the recent sessions, they were most useful and I am sure that we all appreciated the chance to understand the town council's vision for Ventnor and to have our comments heard.

While we do not agree with the detail of the plan as advance we do think something needs to be done to revive the town, and the Town Council's plan has certainly got the debate going.

For us it is about encouraging people into the town, and while they are here, spend money accordingly. Key to me is access. Whether we like it or not most people are going to drive and the car (and their passengers) should be encouraged not shunned.

Therefore, make parking free, in all the car parks. Parking at £1.50, for the shortest period hardly encourages anyone to 'pop into Tescos (and other shops)', may as well drive a bit further to Morrisons that has everything under one roof and doesn't charge.

Free parking for longer periods while the occupants enjoy the town will surely encourage people to make the extended trip to the south of the island. By making parking free Ventnor will have a USP, over the £5 to stop for any reasonable period elsewhere on the island.

Of course that direct parking revenue will be lost to the town, though we will also lose the cost of collecting the money, but I believe that the money spent elsewhere will more than make up for this.

Developing this thought further, what can be done to encourage coaches into or at least to the outskirts of the town?

The hilly layout of the town does not help, but each coach with 50 people would equate to a lot of spend in the town. A coach park with easy access to the front? Perhaps similar to schemes used in Cornish villages with similar challenges to access?

We welcome this chance to contribute and look forward to hearing more as the thought process develops.

Thank-you and regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianisation of Ventnor  
**Date:** 06 May 2018 10:14:02

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Dear Ventnor Town Council

We have looked carefully at the above proposal and cannot see any merit in developing this idea further and believe this is a waste of Ventnor Town Council's limited resources to spend further time considering this proposal. On the face of it, pedestrianisation of part of Ventnor High Street sounds attractive but we are not convinced about the benefits of the scheme for the wider population of Ventnor. In particular "health improvements for those actually living and working in the High Street" is highlighted but what about the residents of Dudley Road and Pound Lane who will see increased traffic flows, noise and pollution on roads that were designed for light traffic? Pedestrianisation in Cowes and Ryde, we are told is beneficial, but they already had road infrastructures to provide alternative traffic flows through the towns. We are also not at all convinced that this scheme alone will bring the stated benefits. The cost of such a scheme will be extremely expensive given the required road changes and in the final analysis will be a total waste of taxpayer's money.

We would rather Ventnor Town Council builds on its good works by considering other ways to regenerate and further improve Ventnor Town. It is a shame that your return slip did not give the opportunity to comment on the scheme or invite suggestions and ideas how best to improve Ventnor town and surrounding areas.

Here are our thoughts:

- Pressure must be increased on the householder to refurbish the property on the Madeira/Trinity Road junction. This has gone on far too long!
- The vacant land, once Millmore's garage, is an absolute disgrace. Something should be done to develop this or generally tidy up the land. It is now being used as a dump and car park.

Both the above give a very poor first impression of Ventnor when entering the town. We thought we were living in a Conservation area.

- There are some lovely established and new shops in Ventnor but some are still vacant. Is there any merit of working with the owners to develop a collaborative approach to lease the shops. Are there any funds for start up businesses that VTC can tap into to make opening a business attractive in Ventnor? Is there a theme for Ventnor to be exploited to attract investment?
- Stop parking on the High Street now as indicated in your proposal [apart from loading and unloading].
- VTC to explore whether there is funding for grants to pump prime the external refurbishment of building in Ventnor [in particular flats above shops and on roads leading to the town]?

- CCTV for Ventnor.
- Adopt Stephan Voigt's ideas to manage Ventnor pigeons. His proposal is excellent.
- Provide more parking in Ventnor seafront with additional revenue. Extend both car parks [and knock down the dangerous Skate Park and replace with parking bays] or make the Skate Park safe and less unattractive.
- Introduce residents parking permits. Allow residents to park in Dudley Road car park to alleviate the chronic shortage of parking spaces that already exist. Consider other possible parking areas for residents.
- More rubbish bins and do something real to eradicate dog mess.
- Pressure on Island Roads to get on with refurbishing our local roads and to not keep putting the work off. Replace street signs where appropriate.

I hope our comments are seen as constructive and helpful.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianisation Proposal  
**Date:** 12 May 2018 16:47:39

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Destination Ventnor

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to your proposals, my partner and I have owned a house in [REDACTED] for the past 14 years-when not in Ventnor which we visit about once a month our main home is in London so we bring a slightly different perspective to the proposal.

In general we approve of the idea of pedestrian streets and like them in other UK cities that we are familiar with like Deal, Chichester, Winchester etc and certainly it would bring all the benefits that have been listed in the flyer. We feel that generally a pedestrian Ventnor High Street would encourage people to linger over their shopping and not just dip in and out as at present, it would encourage more social interaction and be more welcoming and pleasant for people with small children and older and less able people which Ventnor has its fair share of.

The removal of the few parking spaces we are sure can be made up for by encouraging bike riding and even a mini bus running between the outlying parking areas and the town centre. Evidence shows that once an area is pedestrianised it stays that way with strong support and the traffic just goes elsewhere and users adjust.

A Further Alternative

However one last point a neighbour of ours in Mitchell Avenue is mobility impaired and relies on the number 3 bus to get him back and forward to the heart of the shops in the High Street, he has a car but prefers to use the bus locally-we discussed this and came to the conclusion that for him and people like him the removal of the parking spaces in the High Street and widening of the pavements on both sides so that a single bus lane remains for essential traffic like service and emergency vehicles. This would create some of the desired ambience and at the same time encourage more people to use the local bus for local trips.

Hope this is useful

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pedestrianisation  
**Date:** 02 May 2018 10:01:42

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Dear sir or madam

I wholeheartedly support BOTH the proposed schemes for pedestrianisation of the High Street and The Esplanade.

I use the High Street regularly and the Esplanade every day. I am particularly concerned about both areas on safety grounds, but also for aesthetic improvement of our lovely holiday destination; the improvements are long overdue.

We got Brexit wrong, make sure we get THIS right!

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianisation  
**Date:** 14 May 2018 19:47:12

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Hi,

I attended your consultation meeting in St. Lawrence last week and did contribute a little to the discussion but have recently had some more thoughts and would like to share them with you.

I am I think in a minority as I am in favour of pedestrianisation but like everyone else I don't think the traffic problem can be easily sorted.

I think the only way forward is to discourage people from bringing their cars into Ventnor by providing alternatives.

1. Make sea front parking much more expensive.
2. Make town parking slightly less expensive.
3. All residence who live in the po38 area should be able to buy parking permits to be used in all town car parks.
- 4 Provide a series of out of town park and ride areas that are free, serviced by minibuses and land trains which would go around the town and to the seafront. Making it cheaper for families to stay all day.
5. Suggested P&R areas : make arrangements with Botanical Gardens, Rugby club, schools for holidays and weekends, compulsory purchase the area of contaminated ground on Trinity Rd, extend the existing Cp at the Smugglers corner on Leeson Rd.

My feeling is that this is an opportunity to make Ventnor the greenest town on the Island and advertise it as such therefore making it Destination Ventnor !

Regards

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianise Ventnor High Street  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 09:10:30

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Dear Sir,

**NO, NO, NO** to the above.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrianise Ventnor High Street  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 09:36:44

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Dear Town Clerk,

NO to this idea.

Would the Town Council stop spending Ventnor residents precept on this preposterous scheme. Ventnor has the fourth highest precept on the Island, the Town Council cannot afford to be spending our money so unwisely.

With rounded figures:	2018-2019 Precept
Ryde population of 24,000	£923,000
Sandown. 12,000.	£429,000
Newport. 24,000.	£364,000
Ventnor. 6,000.	£323,000

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street.  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 13:39:44

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I do NOT support the Town Council in continuing with this project.

My answer is therefore - NO

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 11 May 2018 10:45:08  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Hi,

I think with regard to pedestrianisation, it is always good looking at how we can improve Ventnor and it is nice that people have given time to looking at, I think due to the amount of parking that will be lost it isn't worthwhile as people like to just be able to pull up at the shops if they can to buy a quick something. I think to keep the town going we need to every now and then reinforce the message of use it or lose it. Have free parking times. Like do a Free Friday, or a daily free time like nil at noon or Something catchy for people to remember or just in the lower town carpark. Encourage shops to open on a Sunday from May onwards and school hols and close 1 day in the week.

Thank you for emailing me on the subject.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 17:13:58  
**Attachments:** [Destination Ventnor 10th May.pdf](#)

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David, I have you can open this one.

Ann

With Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Destination Ventnor

Dear Ventnor Town Council,

As I will be unable to attend the residents consultation meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> May I still would like to take the opportunity to have my say via this email.

The plan to pedestrianise Ventnor Town Centre does seem a way forward, given the evidence you have presented, to revitalise the town. I am, however, concerned about the options you have presented and have listed my concerns below:

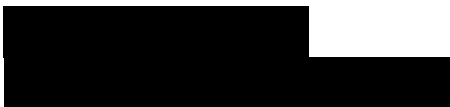
- There is no mention of bus routes. How will the routes change, and where will the bus stops be?
- I have assumed Victoria Street is two way between the High Street and Albert Street and one way from Albert Street to Dudley Road. However, the diagram suggests that Victoria Street is one way from Albert Street to the High Street. If the text in option #1 is correct this route will lead nearly all of the traffic entering east of Ventnor directly down Dudley Road. I have two concerns. 'Ingrams' have large trucks that stop in the road to unload deliveries. At these times there is limited space for cars to pass, heavy goods vehicles and coaches have to mount the pavement to pass. At the back of Alexandra Gardens, brick sheds were built at the time the houses were built back in the mid 1800s and the pavement was laid partially over the top of the sheds. My first concern is with the increase of heavy traffic down Dudley Road, will the pavements bear the weight? Secondly, at the end of Dudley Road, where it meets Albert Street, the turning left is a tight corner. Often trucks have to manoeuvre slowly backwards and forwards to get round. If they need to deliver to the Esplanade two very awkward corners will need to be negotiated. This could hold up traffic regularly causing jams, increasing noise and raising levels of pollution. Traffic for the sea front will be tempted to cut through Alexandra Gardens to avoid any hold ups. This is a great concern to me and other residents in the road. The road is totally unsuitable to take additional traffic. It is a narrow, private road. Occasionally cars and vans cut through now using Alexandra Gardens as a short cut to the East Cliff car park or the Esplanade, always using the pavement and often at speed. This practice will increase and would be a serious safety concern for pedestrians and property.

- Residents of Hambrough Road, hotel visitors and deliveries will be directed down to the Esplanade and up Bath road to exit the town. An easier route for them would be to cut through Alexandra Gardens to pick up the one way system. As mentioned above, this is causing concern. Could a possible solution be if Hambrough road was changed to one way moving in the opposite direction i.e. up towards Church Street? Church Street would need to be two way only from the top of Hambrough road to allow for access out of town or to Belgrave road. Visitors to Hambrough Road enter from Church Street and down Pier Street
- To accommodate visitors exiting the Winter Gardens would an easier solution be to make Pier Street two way only to where the road meets Albert Street, allowing for the traffic to exit the town without sending it down to the Esplanade and up Bath Road?

My preferred option is #2. However, in my opinion both options need a lot more work to make practicable. Pedestrianising the town may not on its own be enough to revitalise the town. I believe the town centre would become a more desirable place to visit if the town was clean and cleared of bird mess. Should the Town Councils plan go ahead not many would sit outside socialising with the risk of contamination from birds over head. Improvements could be made to the uneven pavements, pavement channel drains could be cleared and some shop keepers/freeholders could be encouraged to maintaining and tidying the exteriors of their businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 13:46:24  
**Attachments:**

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Yes, definitely in favour of pedestrianisation.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 08:28:22  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Hi David,

Put me down as in favour of pedestrianisation. As you've rightly pointed out there is a good case for it. I for one won't miss having to duck onto the road with traffic to pass other pedestrians on the crowded footpath. It's a shame Pier Street can't easily be included as well, but the road system is what it is.

I'd also very strongly support the Esplanade closure, at least between The Met and Alma Road in peak season. Too many times I've seen holidaymakers strolling across the road without really looking for traffic - and why should they expect there to be any? Much better if the road were full of tables so the eating places could increase their covers.

Good luck fighting those who fear change.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 06 May 2018 22:12:20  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
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Dear David

I will try to get to the meeting on the 11th May, but if not then I am in favour of trying the pedestrianisation scheme for the High Street.

[REDACTED].

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett - Ventnor Residents Forum](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ventnor residents" forum - town centre consultation  
**Date:** 13 May 2018 10:12:39

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Hi David

Thank you for the information regarding the future of the town centre.

I have lived in Ventnor since 2010 and love my life here. I came not knowing anyone and found the townsfolk to be friendly and welcoming and non-judgemental. Although I work full-time in Newport [REDACTED] I have also worked part time for a couple of Ventnor businesses over the few years. The first was [REDACTED]. I like to support local businesses, restaurants, greengrocers, fish from the haven etc. Being able to do this is important to me adding a special if simple dimension to life. Therefore I appreciate the hard work the retailers and business people in town undertake in order to provide us with these pleasures, especially when political, economic and social changes beyond the island are exerting pressures on us too.

As fond as I am of Ventnor town centre, the pavements are often dirty (not just because of the pigeons), some shop fronts look uncared for and shabby and there are some unsightly empty shop units too, not to mention the old bus station. There are exceptions of course... the butchers, greengrocers, The Tea House notably stand out as being quite the opposite. The through traffic makes walking through the town quite unpleasant and at times dangerous. When walking along the narrow pavements, one often has to step into the road if there is someone else pushing a pram, walking their dog, using a wheelchair etc.

I attended the meeting on Friday evening at St Catherines Church and was rather dismayed by the lack of forward vision revealed by many of the speakers. Calls of "leave it like it is" were often heard. I have signed up to the concept of pedestrianisation but accept that the routing of traffic, buses and delivery vehicles would present difficulties and some opposition. I believe Ventnor would be greatly enhanced without the heavy traffic going through the town and would hope that it would encourage a variety of new businesses to take root and help make Ventnor a destination for shopping as well as for its stunning location and beautiful beach. It would be great to see perhaps a small franchise of say Joules (there is not a lot of choice for ladies clothing in town) underpinning independent retailers...lifestyle shops (as Sarah's was), a book shop, a good delicatessen. There needs to be a variety in the offer to shoppers along with a pleasant environment to encourage them to browse and make purchases. We do have a great hospitality offer in town with a variety of good coffee/tea shops, bars, restaurants and cafes. The trick is to provide the best mix of shops to meet local demand for residents and visitors alike.

So it's not just about pedestrianisation but more about how to improve the experience of living in and around the town, and of visiting the town. And it isn't about the now, but importantly about the future. Transport will change...the introduction of electric vehicles will require charging hubs for instance. Smaller but more frequent buses perhaps. Re-route the No 3 so that it doesn't go through the town centre. Deliveries to businesses made before 0830 each morning. Reduction in parking fees to encourage people from outside town to park in car parks. No easy answers, but at least the conversation has begun and I hope there will be lots of practical and innovative ideas forthcoming as a result of the consultations.

Yours sincerely

**From:**



**Subject:**

Tonight's VTC meeting

**Date:**

12 March 2018 21:14:55

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Dear David,

I've just been watching the streaming of the VTC meeting tonight and wanted to thank you for making it available, and for the way the Council is dealing with the aggression over the regeneration proposals (aka Pedestrianisation).

You are an excellent team - thank you.

I did think of coming to the meeting tonight but I guessed there would be a vocal gang of people shouting about loss of parking spaces. I do feel intimidated by this sort of behaviour - I also hate the posters that are up all over the town. They are shouty and bullying - it is not a civilised way to discuss a proposal.

I would love to see the High Street cleared of cars, and without buses and huge lorries grinding up the street, with all the associated grime and fumes; I'd like to see the Esplanade at least partly free of parked cars, so that we could walk freely down the road and watch the waves without dodging cars or peering round parked vans.

I don't know why there is a vocal minority is so against the idea of looking at pedestrianisation - but I suspect there are vested interests involved! But I do understand that some local people are bewildered and muddled by the thought that they will have to walk up to Mitchell Avenue to catch the bus (one of the comments I have heard). Information is power - give people as much as you can so they can build a real picture of what might be proposed.

Thank you for all your work,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Ventnor Improvements.  
**Date:** 14 May 2018 21:48:08

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To the Ventnor Town Council

I am the owner of [REDACTED]

I have read your proposals about improvements for Ventnor High Street and I am delighted to say I think Option 1 will be the perfect plan. Ventnor badly needs a big upgrade and this improvement will be first class.

Yours faithfully.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Cc:** [Jason Mack](#)  
**Subject:** Ventnor Pedestrianisation  
**Date:** 08 April 2018 18:56:54

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We spoke at the last two Town Council meetings on the subject of the suggested pedestrianisation of the High Street and Esplanade. You may rest assured that our views as expressed do reflect the overwhelming views of the Ventnor Business community. We wish now to put on record our continuing and strong opposition to the principle of the pedestrianisation, albeit that full details have not been fully outlined to us. However, we do realise and appreciate the Council's drive to improve the town for visitors and residents and to that end we are keen to take part in the consultation process. We have other ideas which will boost the image and appeal of the town and are willing to put our weight behind a good scheme for everybody's benefit.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [David Bartlett](#)  
**Subject:** Vote  
**Date:** 04 May 2018 12:39:34

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Please register my vote as yes to get rid of the cars, and make better safer place for people.

[REDACTED]

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 28 May 2018 21:50:51

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ID: 1000387

DATE: 22:50:51 2018-05-28

[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I strongly support pedestrianization of the town centre. While traders are always cautious about such changes, the end result has been positive for trade in virtually every case. I would note, however, that free traffic flow is required as stop/start traffic is much worse for pollution. I would suggest that Albert Street and Pier Street are made two way and no-parking, that residents of this area get very low price residents' parking permits for Dudley Road car Park, and that an area equivalent to the withdrawn area is set aside for Residents' Permits only in that car park. Best regards

[REDACTED]



**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 22 May 2018 10:07:08

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ID: 1000386

DATE: 11:07:07 2018-05-22

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Thnk very good idea. Ventnor enjoyg resurgence so should make most. Parkg cld be tight if sucsful, would have to calculate add capac if on street tables at cafes etc. street entertairs/bands etc could add a lot. hv wkly market event - keeps town busier for tourists out of season and locals - may attract all year interest adn repop shops

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 21 May 2018 00:25:37

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ID: 1000385

DATE: 01:25:36 2018-05-21

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: My property backs onto Dudley Road in Ventnor, and the pedestrianisation plans will clog up this road, especially if coaches are allowed through. Also, the only through route from east to west seems to be Ocean View Road and Gill&#39;s Cliff Road, both of which would need roadside parking bans to avoid serious congestion. The plans are worth raising, but in my view the replacement routes are seriously inadequate.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 20 May 2018 16:47:04

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ID: 1000384

DATE: 17:47:04 2018-05-20

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I think pedestrianising the High Street is the best thing that could happen to Ventnor. I try to avoid going along there because of the traffic pollution and the danger when stepping into the road because of crowded pavements. I would certainly use the shops more if there was no traffic.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 20 May 2018 08:59:27

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ID: 1000383

DATE: 09:59:26 2018-05-20

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I live at [REDACTED] We did not receive a consultation document. I oppose the options for pedestrianisation. The traffic plans will just intensify traffic on other roads and only benefit those businesses and properties on the high street at the expense of increased fumes and noise and danger elsewhere at unwarranted expense. Why not use the money to provide easier access for walkers/ disabled through the town and down to the esplanade such as an electric vehicle which could run from the car park to the esplanade and up by palisades with stopping points en route. This would be a novelty to attract visitors and encourage more spending. The high street plan would only benefit a few cafe owners maybe. But essentially the esplanade is what would attract visitors because of the sea views and sunshine none of which are available on the high street. The council is in danger of making a big white elephant with this plan and needs to think more laterally.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 15 May 2018 16:39:12

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ID: 1000380

DATE: 17:39:11 2018-05-15

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Hi [REDACTED], unfortunately I cannot make the business owners meeting tonight regarding pedestrianisation, but I just wanted to say that I am on the pro-side of the argument if it can reduce pollution in the town, increase the air quality, and promote people staying in the town for longer (and spending more money), and good luck with the meeting! I think there may be a lot of resistance to any change, because people are scared of change and risk.

Perhaps an idea would be to trial the pedestrianisation, say during the Fringe week or similar time, so people can see what it would be like. Increasing the 'stickiness' of a town (how long people stay during a visit) definitely does increase prosperity of shops, and with empty shops etc something does need doing to increase footfall and spending.

Anyway, good luck! [REDACTED]

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 14 May 2018 12:33:53

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ID: 1000379

DATE: 13:33:52 2018-05-14

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: My wife [REDACTED] and myself wish to support the proposal for the High Street.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 12 May 2018 14:01:25

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ID: 1000377

DATE: 15:01:25 2018-05-12

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: After consulting your leaflet on the pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street, it seems fairly obvious that there would not be sufficient car parking to make the scheme work properly. I believe the Esplanade would be a much better proposition.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 11 May 2018 16:58:49

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ID: 1000376

DATE: 17:58:48 2018-05-11

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I do not support the pedestrianisation of the High Street. No one in there right mind will sit out to drink coffee there as it does not get the sun and can be a wind tunnel.

The suggested road plan is unworkable. How do you get to the doctors when you come into Ventnor via Spring Hill. What about the disabled parking at both doctors. This will not bring more people to shop in Ventnor it will bring in less.

Ventnor needs attractions to bring people in as it is not a through destination you have to deliberately decide to come off the main through roads to come to Ventnor.



**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 11 May 2018 16:33:39

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ID: 1000375

DATE: 17:33:38 2018-05-11

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Replacing on-street parking with a narrower carriageway, wider pavements with yellow-lined loading bays would reduce pollution while not affecting the essential through traffic nature of the High Street.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 11 May 2018 09:56:06

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ID: 1000374

DATE: 10:56:05 2018-05-11

NAME: B [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I'm opposed to the pedestrianisation of the Town Centre, but not the Espanade.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 16:59:50

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ID: 1000373

DATE: 17:59:49 2018-05-10

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: While I will remain open to the ideas conveyed in the Destination Ventnor leaflet, I have considerable concern that the potential upheaval, costs, and risks involved for such a small section of the town will not be offset by the benefit:

1 - From what I can see in your research, comparisons are made with far larger spaces than Ventnor, ie European cities and towns such as Cowes and Ryde, all of which have an easier alternative route for the redirected traffic. Looking at the diagrams, it would seem that the potential for an overload of traffic both along Dudley Rd, and indeed the Esplanade, are considerable.

2 - Along with this, how will short term parking or dropping off be affected especially when the main car parks become full in the peak seasons?

3 - For the 75 yards or so of positive impact, is it really worth it? We are just [REDACTED] lifting our heads in Ventnor and tipping towards a far better ambience than say 20 years ago when I first began visiting.

As Hass-Klau says in one of your research documents, it is indeed typical that local retailers are sceptical, that pedestrians are enthusiastic, and equally that the local authority is often convinced that pedestrianisation will bring about the long dreamed-of transformation of the town centre investment. No change there then! She goes on to say that the issues determining success or failure however are complicated and depend on a wide range of factors, one of which is the overall town centre strategy pursued by the local authorities.

I would like at the least to have a more detailed analysis of historic traffic flow and parking, and how Options 1 and 2 might impact both in terms of time taken and traffic load with the roads mentioned above.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 14:28:51

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ID: 1000372

DATE: 15:28:50 2018-05-10

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: we endorse fully all that has been said in the publication "Destination Ventnor."  
We also endorse the suggestions and recommendations in the two Options.  
it is indeed high time for Ventnor to have such a makeover!

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 10 May 2018 10:57:55

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ID: 1000371

DATE: 11:57:54 2018-05-10

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I agree with the proposed changes to the High St in Ventnor but have concerns regarding traffic using Pound Lane.

It is my understanding that larger vehicles e.g. buses and lorries would require to go via Pound Lane.

I would see this as an issue due to the width of the lane and properties doorways along the lane. Also the turning at the junctions I believe would cause an issue.

I have previously lived in small towns which have followed your proposal and I do believe it is a good solution to the dangers of buses etc passing the parked cars and close proximity of pedestrians.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 09 May 2018 16:31:11

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ID: 1000368

DATE: 17:31:11 2018-05-09

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I fully support your plans to pedestrianise High Street. It is too small and narrow to support the volume of modern day traffic. I was there this morning when a dustcart drove through, thoroughly unpleasant smell and noisy!!

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ID: 1000367

DATE: 16:57:10 2018-05-09

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I believe there is an information pack regarding the traffic changes to Ventnor town centre. Is it possible to receive a copy please.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 09 May 2018 14:28:54

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ID: 1000366

DATE: 15:28:54 2018-05-09

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I am a resident of [REDACTED] All this traffic disruption for barely 50 yds of pedestrianisation?  
Nearly all the studies quoted are for much larger schemes in much larger towns with viable alternate traffic routes.

All the residents of Albert & Victoria St's and Dudley Rd would suffer extra noise and pollution and loss of parking simply to swell the profits of a handful of shops. This is a worthless vanity project.



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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 09 May 2018 10:31:22

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ID: 1000365

DATE: 11:31:22 2018-05-09

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Totally opposed to the idea of pedestrian and havenâ€™t been posted a response reply card thru our door . It seems these forms were not posted thru all the residents doors

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 20:43:22

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ID: 1000364

DATE: 21:43:22 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Comments on Ventnor Town Council & Pedestrianisation

Firstly â€ in Gills Cliff many if not all of us have NOT received the leaflet, and had to go online to find out what on earth everyone was talking about. How many other roads were missed out?

â€ Who says Ventnor is dangerous? There have been no traffic accidents the air is NOT choking.

â€ Who says it is dirty. There is no graffiti etc, has the pollution been measured? The buildings do not get unduly dirty, the air does not smell or seem polluted.

â€ The traffic currently flows easily at a reasonable & safe slow speed, and any hold ups are minor and temporary. Changes to the current free flow of traffic will result in more queuing and greater pollution from static traffic.

â€ Where / how is the town becoming overwhelmed with traffic??

â€ The High Street has constant intervals when there is no traffic, so it is easy to cross the road safely, and any fumes are able to disperse before the next vehicle goes through.

â€ The short stretch of road that will be pedestrianised will have little positive pollution impact, but will have a huge negative impact of pollution and additional traffic to the rest of the town, and possibly to surrounding roads. The changed layout will push yet more traffic up Spring Hill - an already difficult road to navigate due to parked cars, and along Gills Cliff Road which is already too busy since the closure of St Lawrence Road.

â€ The biggest impact on the town was the closure of the banks â€ people and businesses have to go elsewhere to visit a bank, so take some of their trade away from Ventnor. Whist Ventnor had a bank, the bank drew more people in, as well as Ventnorians staying in town.

â€ Which town is the example that had a 300 ncrease from pedestrianisation â€ is it anything like Ventnor?

â€ None of the towns in the paper used as information were a UK Victorian seaside town â€ most are much bigger, some needed a complete overhaul. Others were not in the UK â€ How relevant could they be?

â€ Pedestrianisation is used a lot and successfully in new town layouts - Great and very understandable â€ not in a small Victorian town that cannot be adapted to a modern layout.

â€ Please note - WE (and many others) CHOSE TO MOVE TO VENTNOR BECAUSE OF WHAT IT IS â € A small bustling and characterful town, UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

â€ The report completely ignores the many successful retail businesses, and the ongoing references in various press to Ventnor being the GASTRONOMIC CAPITAL OF THE ISLAND. We have a selection of thriving cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants. Ventnor is far from dead, it just needs a few areas improved â€

o The bus station used for something useful. If you want an area for events, in addition to the green which is already occasionally used for said activities. The bus station could be developed to be useable for all weather events (as it has been).

o Accessible toilets are required â€ having a disabled toilet in an inaccessible place (and there is a step up to the entrance doors) deters people from visiting.

o The occasional bout of badly behaved youngsters will be deterred by CCTV â€ a cheaper option to a nicer environment than closing off a street.

â€ In the revised traffic flow, is the traffic to the esplanade one way? Only the smallest vehicles can navigate Bath Road, so that is just not possible.

â€ Where has the Esplanade pedestrianisation gone to? That is the more beneficial option â€ to have it in place eg April to October will provide a car free view for the bars and restaurants and eliminate the noise and disruption from passing traffic. It will provide a safer and worry free environment for families in the summer.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 20:15:03

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ID: 1000363

DATE: 21:15:03 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I am fundamentally opposed to the idea of the proposed pedestrianisation of the High Street in Ventnor and would like to make the following comments regarding the recent feature in the County Press and my main reasons for opposing the plan.

1. The Ventnor Town Council website states that "A leaflet Destination Ventnor about the consultation has been delivered to every household in the town and a copy is available by clicking this link." This is not the case as we know of no household in Gills Cliff Road who has received one.
2. Great title for the leaflet if no-one makes it their destination after Ventnor being labelled "Dirty" buy our own town councillors.
3. Great to have not only a headline on page 3 of the County Press this week but also a pointer on the front page with the same heading. What has that done for tourism and people thinking of visiting / living in Ventnor.
4. Was this a consensus of all Town Councillors or an individual. If it was an individual then they should be named and shamed.
5. Did anyone vet the article before it was put into print or was this the overall impression that the council want to convey.
6. By pedestrianising only the small stretch of High Street how is that going to alleviate the "dirty Ventnor" situation? The same amount of traffic will still be circulating the town only not down the High Street.
7. The list of towns that were used as comparisons apart from one did not reflect the size or character of Ventnor which is in effect a small Victorian seaside town.
8. There is no proof that this pedestrianisation would increase visitor numbers in fact with the new road layouts it would discourage people coming from Shanklin and beyond from actually making the effort to come into Ventnor.
9. Why has pedestrianisation of the Esplanade been removed from the agenda. Surely this is an area that would benefit from being done. It could be on a Seasonal basis like some of the parking restrictions are in town. Deliveries could be restricted up to a certain time. Families and children would have a save environment between the shops, cafes, bars and the beach. It would be a much more pleasant place to sit outside and take advantage of the view without parked cars and traffic sometimes speeding through the Esplanade.
10. The cost involved could be much better spent on CCTV throughout the town to cut down on the thefts and anti-social behaviour which is giving Ventnor a much worse reputation than being labelled as "dirty Ventnor" .
11. Any additional traffic to the already busy routes out of Ventnor via Ocean View and Gills Cliff Roads would make difficult conditions even worse. These are both narrow streets with the majority of parking being on-road making them prone to hold-ups. This would only get worse and cause more frustration and possible accidents.
12. The speed limits on both these streets are very often broken and with any increase in traffic would make them even more dangerous.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 19:47:58

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ID: 1000362

DATE: 20:47:57 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Dear Sir

Can you let me know what is happening regarding the suggestion of cutting vehicles from the sea front. I know it met some local opposition, but consider it has more merits than the suggested High Street proposal.

Yours

Alpine Road owner

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 18:05:21

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ID: 1000361

DATE: 19:05:20 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I am oppose to the proposed scheme to pedestrianise Ventnor High Street. Forcing traffic to bottle neck down onto the esplanade in order to get to the Park side of the town is ludicrous. The esplanade is not suitable for an increase in traffic flow and I feel that if you are going to pedestrianise anywhere then surely the seafront is the prime location for this. The roads that you are proposing to make then main thoroughfare for traffic are far too narrow for purpose and the little parking available to local residents would be depleted by this scheme.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 17:37:55

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ID: 1000360

DATE: 18:37:54 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Never received the documents about the pedestrianisation!

Are there going to be any bus stops around Ventnor? As I do not walk very well there will be quite a distance to walk to some places.

Difficult to get buses/lorries round some of the proposed corners.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 15:38:50

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ID: 1000359

DATE: 16:38:50 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: What plans have you for disabled people parking in Pier Street and Albert Street and if youâ€™re removing 12 to 15 car spaces in the High Street this is going to make it very difficult for people with disabilities to gain access to the shops This seems to have been overlooked as there are a lot of elderly people living in Ventnor many have different disabilities

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**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 09:44:33

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ID: 1000356

DATE: 10:44:33 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: YES to pedestrianisation of High Street desperately needed to maximise the future prospects of Ventnor & enhance what already exists. Prefer Option 1 but do have some questions. All the towns where I previously lived (Andover) have pedestrianised part of their High Street with great effect & increased footfall (Salisbury, Newbury, Winchester, Basingstoke, Southampton). Also from a safety aspect pedestrianisation needs to happen in Ventnor as it is just an accident waiting to happen. Buses ride the pavements, the chance car parking spaces obliterate any view of the shop windows, traffic builds up while some do a '23' point manoeuvre into the space! Please stand your ground and make this happen.



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**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 07 May 2018 15:35:19

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ID: 1000355

DATE: 16:35:18 2018-05-07

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: YES YOU SHOULD PEDESTRIANISE  
THE HIGH ST

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 07 May 2018 13:12:10

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ID: 1000354

DATE: 14:12:09 2018-05-07

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I wonder how much money Ventnor Town Council has wasted on producing the 'Destination Ventnor' leaflet and map for pedestrianising the High Street?! It is hugely incorrect - traffic from the east (even as nearby as Ventnor's own East Street!) will have no direct route to drive into town - and Dudley Road (unreachable anyway in your plan) is not a viable solution for westbound traffic even if they could reach it, being a narrow residential road with no possible access to Albert Street for large-size traffic such as lorries, coaches, etc. The thought of making Albert Street two-way ignores the fact there are two doctors' surgeries and the Pharmacy in Albert Street, so parking for patients (disabled or not) is essential in Albert Street. Do we assume there will still be disabled parking in Pier Street (albeit facing in the other direction from the present set-up)? - Though to get to Pier Street I'd have to drive westward from the east end of town, along St Boniface Road and uphill past the Bowling Green to ZigZag Road (a complicated set-up) in order to approach Ventnor town from the west. Finally, where do all the incoming cars park? The present main car park is full more often than not. There will be no visitors (or locals) from the east end of town if this plan goes ahead. The cost doesn't bear thinking about . . . likewise the cost of the poorly thought-out leaflet. And I'm not sure if this has been delivered to everyone, e.g. houses in Spring Hill (incorrectly marked on your map as Steep Hill) so these residents may be unaware that their roadside parking rights may be under threat). Where else would they park, I wonder?! Mr. Lee Morris, in his letter published in the County Press, is absolutely right in his censure of your plans. Please ditch them now before any more time and money are wasted.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 06 May 2018 10:52:37

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ID: 1000353

DATE: 11:52:37 2018-05-06

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: The pedestrianisation of the high street is an idea worth looking into. However if it is hoped that the transformation will include people sitting out enjoying coffee and food as shown in the image I think it highly unlikely, there is no sunshine on the street at any time of day. The Esplanade on the other hand is basked in south facing sun. There are car parks at either end and cafes and restaurants would jump at the chance to spread outside. Children could cross over in safety to the shops and this area would attract more people to the town. In any other seaside town this would have been done years ago, it could be done immediately at very little cost, perhaps with a 10.00am - 6.00pm restriction daily.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 05 May 2018 11:38:40

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ID: 1000352

DATE: 12:38:39 2018-05-05

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I would very much object to these proposals. The town is too small to accommodate pedestrianisation. Although I do not possess a car I can see either proposal leading to chaos.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 04 May 2018 10:22:24

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ID: 1000350

DATE: 11:22:23 2018-05-04

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I have lived in Ventnor for two years, moving from the mainland. In my opinion the entire island needs more pedestrian areas, especially Ventnor. I love Ventnor but I hate the traffic including buses and large vehicles squeezing up the high street, when the town is busy there just isn't room for pedestrians. On the mainland pedestrianisation is the norm and business's have thrived where it has been done. If I didn't live here I would not dream of shopping in a town centre that allowed cars to drive through it. Those complaining about not being able to stop on their way through will ultimately park up and walk, after all where else are they going to drive to to park outside a shop... Shanklin??

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 19:37:04

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ID: 1000348

DATE: 20:37:03 2018-05-03

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I support Ventnor Town Council in continuing with investigating options and making consultations for the pedestrianisation of part of the High Street and possibly The Esplanade. I wish you well in these endeavours.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 08 May 2018 10:49:54

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ID: 1000357

DATE: 11:49:54 2018-05-08

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I support the pedestrianisation of the High Street, now I've seen your leaflet. You need to persuade all the people with shops they are not going to be worse off.

I would also like to see a proposal for pedestrianizing the esplanade - it would make it much more child friendly.

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**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 18:34:20

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ID: 1000347

DATE: 19:34:19 2018-05-03

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Case studies show that pedestrianisation gets rid of the small traders in favour of the multinational where the money goes to one person. Traders are worried sick with Council proposals that are generally poorly thought out, and usually a complete fast and waste of ratepayers time and money. PROPOSALS NOT SUPPORTED



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**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 11:56:26

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ID: 1000346

DATE: 12:56:26 2018-05-03

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I support the Town Council in continuing with the pedestrianisation consultation.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 02 May 2018 19:30:47

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ID: 1000345

DATE: 20:30:46 2018-05-02

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I am against the Town Council continuing with the pedestrianising project.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 02 May 2018 16:59:09

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ID: 1000344

DATE: 17:59:09 2018-05-02

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: unthought through nonsense that will kill Ventnor. Absolute disgrace.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 02 May 2018 15:03:32

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ID: 1000343

DATE: 16:03:31 2018-05-02

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I couldn't be opposed more to this idea if I tried. The proposed pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street although a good idea on paper is in reality not suitable for a town with Ventnor's layout. The options laid out in the leaflet might look like they would work on a map but in reality the creation of yet more traffic lights and the diversion of traffic down roads that are unsuitable for high volumes of vehicles i.e. Dudley Rd which would be completely unsuitable for large vehicles such as buses and lorries due to its narrowness (especially at the junction with Albert Rd.), would serve to cause increased traffic congestion throughout the town, increase air pollution (a factor you have stated would be improved if such pedestrianisation was put into place), and divert traffic through residential areas increasing the probability of an accident. Furthermore the diversion of eastbound traffic down the esplanade is equally a poor idea, this road is not only narrow but also steep with sharp hair pin bends, and single laned, again completely unrealistic for facilitating the movement of high volumes of traffic passing through the town especially during summer when the esplanade and town is busy with tourists looking to park etc. I appreciate the efforts to regenerate and the local area and I'd welcome any other proposals designed to limit pollution and rejuvenate the town centre however I feel the damage done by this proposal would have the exact opposite effect, creating a congested and difficult to access town and thus impacting local business. I also feel this is an opinion shared by many residents of Ventnor who do not wish to see poor planning ruin our town.

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**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 02 May 2018 10:03:51

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ID: 1000342

DATE: 11:03:50 2018-05-02

NAME: [REDACTED]

I wholeheartedly support BOTH the proposed schemes for pedestrianisation of the High Street and The Esplanade.

I use the High Street regularly and the Esplanade every day. I am particularly concerned about both areas on safety grounds, but also for aesthetic improvement of our lovely holiday destination; the improvements are long overdue.

We got Brexit wrong, make sure we get THIS right!

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 01 May 2018 19:42:32

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ID: 1000341

DATE: 20:42:32 2018-05-01

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: We would like to say that we do not agree with the proposed pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street. We feel it is an ill conceived plan and would cause more chaos than already exists - if you want to do anything to help Ventnor - reduce the car parking charges and bring back the free Thursday parking.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 01 May 2018 16:40:19

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ID: 1000339

DATE: 17:40:19 2018-05-01

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Re: Pedestrianisation of Ventnor High Street, we support this proposal, provided access to the main car park in the high street is still easily reached and exited without extensive detours

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 01 May 2018 15:34:39

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ID: 1000338

DATE: 16:34:39 2018-05-01

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I strongly appose this scheme or any other to pedestrianise our town. I think whoever thought up this scheme and looking at the picture of how it might look is living in fantasy land .Our lovely town is not Cowes ,Ryde or Gibraltar see sense and leave things be .  
[REDACTED]



**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 01 May 2018 14:04:43

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ID: 1000337

DATE: 15:04:42 2018-05-01

NAME: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE:

MESSAGE: re -pedestrianisation

Whilst I appreciate all the work that has been done and the informative leaflet I cannot see how this would work . Particularly there is no mention of buses .The regular bus service is great for the town . The buses are often quite full of tourists and if we move the service away from the main centre it will be really detrimental to the town

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**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 01 May 2018 13:54:58

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ID: 1000336

DATE: 14:54:57 2018-05-01

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: Hello,

Car free zones are wonderful but your proposed high st. scheme looks ridiculous. For the sake of a few meters of pedestrianisation there will be an overall increase in pollution not to mention various other serious unaddressed problems: east/west flow, where? - through Hamboro Rd.?! Buses/coaches?? Spring Hill traffic increase, + many more. Not having solutions before making a proposal doesn't inspire confidence. The esplanade proposal at least has some logic if car access & parking was allowed for disabled. Cost is a another factor that hasn't been mentioned. Wouldn't a a proper community bus service be more productive in reducing car use?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 30 April 2018 19:56:47

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ID: 1000335

DATE: 20:56:46 2018-04-30

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: High Street is a noisy, polluted and, at times, dangerous place to shop. Do nothing is not an option. There are some first class businesses here that would benefit from the exposure that a more people friendly environment would generate.

**From:** website@ventnortc.org  
**To:** [townclerk@ventnortc.org](mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org)  
**Subject:** Website Message  
**Date:** 30 April 2018 13:24:18

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ID: 1000332

DATE: 14:24:18 2018-04-30

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: If ventnor was tidied up ie buildings painted Milmores garage sorted out the old brewery the bus station the pidgeon problem to name but a few things the roads resurfaced around the town then it may be possible but i DO NOT support pedestrianisation of the town but I would along the esplanade

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ID: 1000331

DATE: 11:47:45 2018-04-30

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I would welcome the pedestrianisation of the High Street as it is now an uncomfortable and possibly unsafe environment for those on foot and in their businesses. According to the published traffic options, how would one drive through from east to west without going down to the Esplanade, up Bath Road and west along Belgrave Road? Presumably up Spring Hill to Mitchell Ave, Ocean View Road, Upper Gills Cliff to Whitwell Road and down the St Lawrence Shute. Or, up Steephill, left up Grove Road, left on to Ocean View? I would have thought the 2 way option on Albert Street would be preferable to those residents on Dudley Road, but more traffic using Dudley road might mean Dudley Road car park would be more profitable.

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ID: 1000330

DATE: 21:15:15 2018-04-29

NAME: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I have followed the link for Ventnor Consultation but this only offers a download of the Destination Ventnor document already delivered. As the document constantly references 'evidence from other Places', unnamed Case Studies, and examples without confirming the research materials used I was interested to read that these would be made available. But I am unable to access them.

I strongly feel that the publication is deliberately academically lazy as makes a number of sweeping statements without providing research evidence that one could review.

For example I am aware that a number of areas around the country have not found pedestrian areas the success they envisioned, increases in Anti Social Behaviour, were seen, and they have had to refinance to return the area to its previous state. Those which have had success are usually, but not always, larger city areas .

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ID: 1000328

DATE: 19:40:33 2018-04-29

NAME: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I support the thinking behind the council's strategy for Ventnor and would like to see the pedestrianisation proposals worked up into a potential scheme. There is however more work to do on the practical implications.

A significant handicap for the High Street scheme is the lack of sunlight in the proposed pedestrianised section, owing to its alignment, width, and tall buildings. The whole scheme sinks or swims on the pedestrianised environment being attractive. Leaving aside the practical issues, Pier Street is much better aligned (as is of course the Esplanade).

As a proposal it should be developed as an integrated package of improvements to the Town Centre (or Esplanade), looking also at signage, lighting, trees, paving, parking, on-street trading, cultural events etc. Whilst increasing the cost, the scheme is unlikely to succeed or benefit the town if progressed as a traffic scheme alone.

On traffic flow, hard data on current vehicle movements would be helpful to better model any alternative. Westbound travel looks awkward in the current proposal; reviewing the one/two-way status of Victoria Road and Pier Street might be the only way to make it work, if also raising other potential issues.

There will clearly be traffic implications over a wider area. For example the current one-way of Hambrough Road makes sense given the current clockwise town centre flow, but might better be reversed under your proposed scheme, particularly if Pier Street south of Albert Road is made one-way as your map suggests? Further, displaced traffic will clearly seek other routes such as Mitchell Avenue, or even the Esplanade, and therefore knock on to the wider town; a practical route (for a large coach) for such journeys as Shanklin to Botanic Garden needs to be confirmed, and signposting across the town reviewed accordingly.

A comprehensive review of parking provision and tariffs is needed. The Central car park would be better as a short-term shoppers' car park, ideally with a short period of free parking, which would help in selling the scheme. Badging Central as a 'long-term car park' makes no sense (even now). Indeed its tariff should discourage or even prevent long-term parking, which would be better displaced to other car parks with tariffs designed to accommodate long-stay visitors with less attractive options for shorter stays. Clearer signposting is then needed to direct people to short- and long-term parking when they arrive in town.

Good luck!

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ID: 1000388

DATE: 13:34:08 2018-05-31

NAME: [REDACTED]

MESSAGE: I did not receive a copy through the post - inefficiency. I object to this proposal. Town Council increased rates by 13.5 his year. Don't waste money on vanity projects. Leaflet is unbalanced - biased in favour of 'yes'. It would condemn local residents to never getting to manage to park free to visit a shop. Pay car park will get full, putting off people shopping locally. The roads around Ventnor not designed for this concept eg corner beside Lloyds Chemists.