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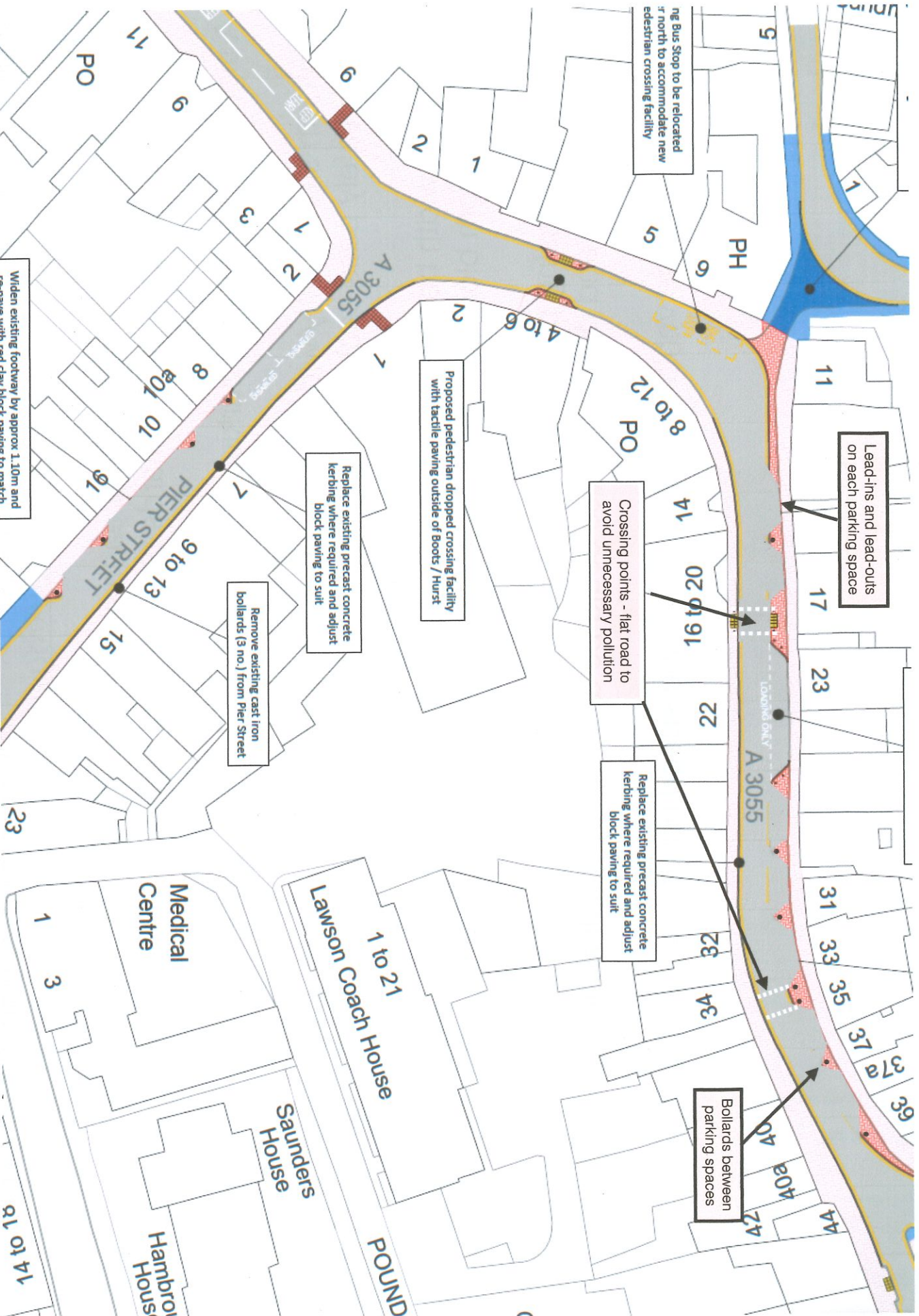
I don't consider it necessary, or a good idea for shop owners, to remove all the parking spaces. The modified plan I have provided overcomes many of the Town Council's concerns. Doors from parked cars intruding into road and pavement happens everywhere. People deal with it. Introducing free parking / short stay to the Central car park will create chaos unless it is converted to a drive-through configuration. Imagine the congestion caused by turning vehicles at the west end of the car park frequently. Please see my additional notes on the reverse side of my modified plan.

Mike Cankroger

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# Mike Gaukroger's proposal



## Mike Gaukroger's proposal

Features lead-in and lead outs at each end of parking spaces to allow entry and exit without holding up traffic. Bollards between parking spaces prevent misuse

A significant number of parking places retained

Footpath significantly widened between parking spaces allowing wheelchairs, buggies etc. to safely pass each other on north pavement

Increased width between parking spaces prevents rubbish bags, bins etc. on the pavement from blocking the footpath if they are sensibly placed in widened areas

Additional crossing points could be created between parking spaces with high visibility for pedestrians and drivers. These could be denoted by small dotted white lines

No ramps to cause vehicles to slow down and speed up - creating unnecessary pollution





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As a pedestrian I feel this proposed plan will improve the experience of walking around the town without making major changes

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The most important thing for me is to make High St and Pier St. more attractive to pedestrians ie deal with the traffic problems caused by parked cars. So any scheme that stops parking ~~in~~ <sup>short term</sup> in those places is good. The ~~extra~~ free parking in the Central Car Park with improvements in the pavements / ~~between~~ crossing at foot of Spring Hill would be good. Traffic calming in Albert Street would help safety of crossing at Pier St. junction. There is no need for two lanes at that junction (shown on plan).

The entire town should have 20mph limit. There should be more raised crossings to slow traffic. You need loading bays on High St & Pier St. Planters are good for preventing cars on pavements. Better car park signs with distance (ie not v. far)

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why remove bollards from Pier Street ?

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- ① I am totally against removing parking from Ventnor Town. Our town is still viable (just) and taking away the casual parking would help to kill it.
- ② I am very much in favour of a crossing halfway along the high street, with a dropped kerb.
- ③ On the part (around the area of the Diabetes shop) where the road and the pavement tip towards each other, I have always felt this to be dangerous. (could the road and pavement in this area be levelled off?)
- ④ What is the point of removing the bollards from Pier St? Pier Street seems fine as it is, no changes needed at all.

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Like the idea of loos in central car park, Maybe more bus stop too.

Agree - need to improve for pedestrians for crossing safely from Beate to Hursts.

Don't want to lose parking spaces on High St. So useful for shops, Post Office etc & think it ~~will~~ would kill the shops.

Pavements could be a lot wider. Ventnor is so steep - roads not designed for large vehicles. Ban them! Coaches ruin our roads but don't seem to help local businesses.

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I think the proposals submitted could be positive for the town center.

I'm concerned that there is much resistance to any changes particularly from business owners. As things are, I find the pollution from traffic a real concern, particularly in hot summer weather months when traffic backs up waiting for people to reverse into 1/2 hr free parking. Buses/coaches also a problem.

I do feel strongly that improving the high st. environment would encourage people who ~~stay~~ stop in Ventnor to browse & possibly spend more money in the town.

I'd like to see a move toward a café society with more plants - outside spaces and much much cleaner streets. How about an early morning fire hose!!

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Thank you for this!



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- ① Removing parking in High Street is excellent.
- ② It is good that there is a loading/unloading space for local shopkeepers on the high street (outside RSPCA) as long as it is not used for parking!
- ③ Some sort of resident's parking (reduced or annual charge) in local town car park?
- ④ Wider pavements in High St & Pier St would be a huge improvement for pedestrians.

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Keeping Tulse Hill open would be beneficial

Both sides of High Street are dangerous to pedestrians walking close to kerbs - surprising no one has been seriously injured

Whilst approving wider pavements - sufficient loading bays are important - time restricted maybe

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Do not remove car parking spaces in the High Street, if people cannot park to access shops, they will not be shop equals empty shops a dying town. <sup>briefly</sup> for a small shop.

I lived near a cathedral city approx 5 years ago, they pedestrianised, stopped parking near shops.

Empty shops, small businesses went first, big good quality shops did not appear. It killed the city.

But stop good access for all people to chemist, post office etc. not far to walk, don't move.

Car parking - in central car park, disabled people may find it difficult due to distance to access shops.

Outside Ventnor Arts, pavement maybe widen stop illegal parking, help the buses.

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As someone living in the town centre and living with disabilities we would find a lack of parking space outside our home (when we can get it!) really hard, we are currently waiting for a blue badge and would find parking in one of the car parks a big problem at times. Another comment I would like to make is that if the council want to make the town accessible to people with disabilities it needs to think about accessible and changing room toilets, the fact that a lot of shops have steps into them and heavy doors making them inaccessible and don't have inside spaces and toilets that are accessible to people with in wheelchairs and motorbility scooters.

In some ways the proposals are a good idea but parking issues are for people with disabilities are more than rear opening space for cars with wheelchairs to get in and out, a lot of people with disabilities will be affected by not being able to access parking spaces in the high street.

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SAYING A GOOD PLAN BUT THE  
NEED FOR MORE DISABLED IS  
AFFORDABILITY  
DOUBLE DECK CENTRAL CAR PARK  
WITH A GABLE BRIDGE TYPE SECOND  
FLOOR - O.

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The key to this scheme is gaining control of Central Car park! Also improving access to the Co-op car park with a walkway. The loss of the High Street spaces can then be mitigated by using 12 spaces as free 30 min Short Stay spaces. (The £1 charge after 6pm is also a big negative factor.)

Once the above is achieved, people would be more likely to support the changes to the High Street. I don't believe Pier Street is such a priority - could gain a space there and in the High Street by getting rid of "taxi ranks" which aren't required there. Improvement of the pavements is

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I  
support the aspirations of  
the council.





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I agree fully with <sup>all</sup> these proposals to make Ventnor town centre a safer place for pedestrians and for vehicles. The idea to remove parking spaces in the High Street and make short-stay spaces available in the Central Car Park is a very good idea, enabling the widening of the north pavement. If spaces are available in the car park, this may pacify local shops and businesses. I find it very uncomfortable trying to walk quickly along the narrow pavements when they are crowded, and often have to walk in the road. You are right to say that the pavements are so narrow that pedestrians are at risk from large vehicles having to squeeze through when wide vehicles are using the parking bays. I know someone who was badly injured by a vehicle with something protruding from it. And sometimes vehicles have to mount the pavement to get through, endangering people on the pavement and emerging from shops and cafés.

Crossing the <sup>High Street</sup> road is dangerous because of the bends. You cannot see far ahead if you cross from the Diabetes charity shop to the north pavement, ~~because~~ for example.

And even those of us who are not disabled could trip over kerbs while concentrating on getting across the road in time. <sup>so drop pavements are a necessity.</sup>

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As far as buses, I wonder if it is necessary for them to travel all around the town centre to stop at Boots. Couldn't the Central Car Park be used as the main stop if it was widened? Buses have put road signs trying to negotiate the bend at Boots and they have difficulty

PRO

Squeezing ~~#~~ past parked vehicles in Victoria Street  
and in the High Street; sometimes having to mount the  
pavement.





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Well done Town Council for trying to improve the town for the good of everyone. What a shame you were not able to pedestrianise the high street and also the sea front.

The pavements are far too narrow and all the time people have to step into the road to pass people talking / push chairs / wheel chairs etc. Good solution for lost car spaces, creating concessionary spaces in the car park - PERFECT why local shop traders are opposed is puzzling! It would enhance their shop fronts, cafes (which there are numerous) ~~they~~ could have the possibilities of putting out chairs / tables = as long as not obstructing the pavement - So much more pleasant

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in this day & age when we need to be  
more environmentally friendly (ie don't clog up  
the high street with cars) & accessibility  
for ALL -





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FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF PROPOSALS !

- (no extra TAXI ranks required in High Street)
- agree with all else (partic. free 30-60 min. parking in Centre for daily

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Alpine Road resident





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- definite need for toilets, with Disabled access
- very concerned at the damaging effect of having so many 30-minute casual-parking spaces - this is how most people shop in Ventnor
- certainly no need for all the proposed taxi spaces
- proposed scheme addressed a number of non-problems → the real problems are
  - not enough toilets
  - need to encourage, not discourage, passing trade

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Just do it !

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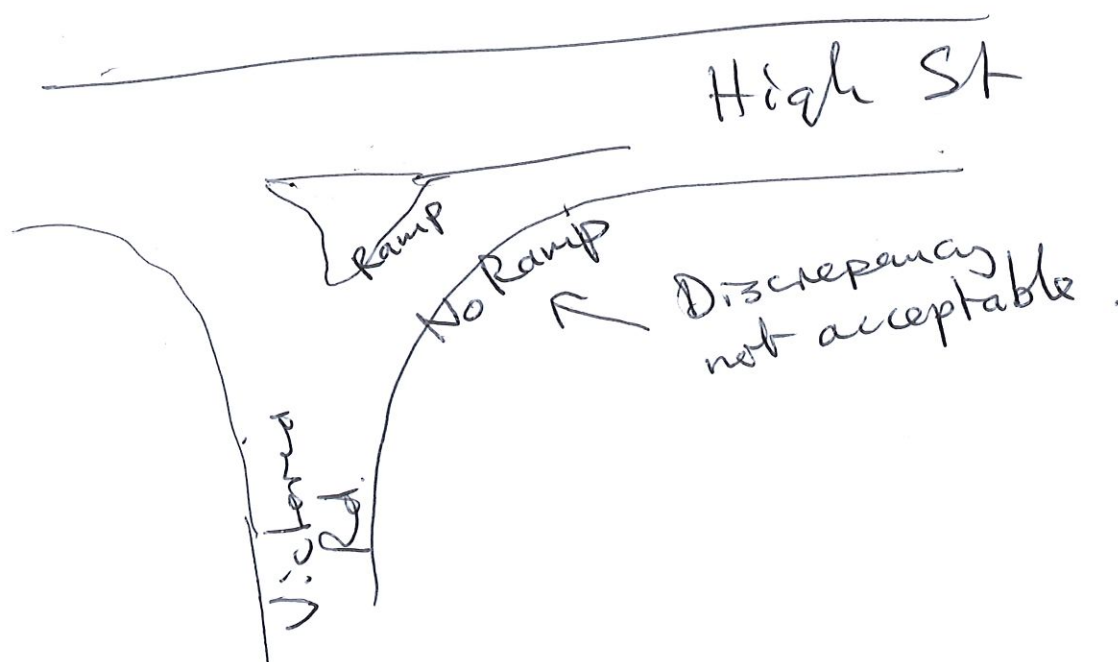
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Junction of High St and Victoria Rd.  
There is a problem as below:—



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We like the central car park toilets idea as Marlborough Road loos are so inaccessible. Will they be kept? They are convenient for the non-disabled.  
(in disabled terms.)

Pollution levels are so high at present that this <sup>proposal</sup> would help, we feel.  
It is the lack of 'quick' parking that would be missed - but people would adapt.

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Where will disabled people park in order to access the High Street? central car park is too far away.

central car park is often full especially in summer. How will an extra 12 spaces be added?

Will central car park still be 'pay'. At £1.50 minimum, when all I want to do is dash into the newsagent to buy a paper, I generally give central car park a miss if I can't park in the High Street and purchase my paper when shopping in Shanklin or Newport. If no High St. parking, there must be at least 30 mins. free parking in the car park

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I think the safety factor is very important - I am worried regarding the parking but if there is definitely going to be extra parking available I agree with the improvements.

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Main concern re parking arrangements is for the disabled who don't have motorised wheelchairs/scooters. The criteria for a blue badge is ~~an~~ regarding walking that person is unable to walk 50yds. These people by having to park in central car park would be unable to get to Boots, newsagents, butcher, pet shop. I would suggest it would be helpful for ~~an~~ disabled and non-disabled to be allowed 1 hour free parking in central car park. This would encourage people to come to Ventnor and the able bodied to take some healthy exercise.

To investigate the possibility of re-opening the ~~cut~~ through, ~~if~~ under the arch, between High Street and Pound Lane <sup>central</sup> ~~manage~~ hedge at edge of car park and improve aspect.

To arrange for town centre to be kept clear, especially the removal pigeon excrement. Also someone mentioned broken glass from a damaged car remained all over the pavement outside the Resc for at least two days. However not sure whose responsibility that is.

~~could~~ could the decorative lighting be fixed at the corner of Victoria Street where cable is hanging and check made to ensure all bulbs working PTO

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Could shops and cafes be asked not to put out  
billboards/A-frames as these are hazardous for partially  
sighted and blind. Also caused a problem for those  
who have to steer 'walkers' etc round them



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## Bomchurch



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PLUS

\* In principle a very positive plan.

MINUS \* Parking charges - even in car parks - affect all towns nationally. Hence the popularity of out of town shopping centres. 12 subsidised places are not enough. 1 hour free parking should be extended. Certainly pay beyond that time.

\*\*\* A proper survey would have noted the number of people who are "dropped off" and picked up in town - usually in front of Boots or the bus bays.

A positive addition to this plan would be the provision of dropping off / pick up points - possibly as a shared provision with taxi ranks which are empty most of the day.

xx Movement of the bus stop further out of town will affect the group of people who have limited ability - as opposed to just mobility scooter users.

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This has not been advertised well enough. Local notice boards should have been used - and possibly for the sake of £30-£50 a large banner could have been put up in the car park etc.





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## St Lawrence



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Absolutely has to happen!

Well thought through presentation and most, if not all, factors considered and incorporated into proposals for improvement.

Very disability orientated, but has to consider all of the population here in Ventnor! We hate it as it is!

VTC proposals, if they stay strong will make Ventnor safer, which is the most important factor.

Watch this space carefully.

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Very comprehensive presentation.  
The key is people's health, safety & welfare  
which is supported by key legislation.  
So change needs to happen on VTC.  
Opens itself to litigation which could be  
very damaging.  
Currently it's an accident waiting to happen.  
Final Point double decker buses are crazy.  
Limit the access to heavy overlaid  
vehicles.  
Change is much needed.

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I think this is long overdue for ventnor town centre. That area of High Street is extremely hazardous to walk along - when a lorry or double decker bus comes through, it is very intimidating - really there is not enough room for the bus - I don't know how the wheels of the bus manage to stay off the pavement!

The proposals regarding the 1hr parking is a great idea - I would definitely take advantage of that.

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## Upper Ventnor



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- 1) To Kill shopping stop parking
- 2) How do shops have supplies delivered?
- 3) The council does not own Central Car Park, has tried for 5 years & failed
- 4) if motorcyles space removed then disabled could move up, & have spaces.  
A bollard would stop blue badge holders using space outside 'old bank' & buses could easily pass.
- 5) A 20 mph limit would make opening car doors and crossing less problematical.
- 6) Cars parking slow down traffic which does not happen on a "clear run."

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- agree we need more crossing points.
- agree on Tulse Hill closure of entry onto High Street.
- Taxi rank outside Central car park should be retained as free to use public parking spaces.
- free to park 30 mins in ALL Ventnor car Parks to encourage shoppers to use local shops instead of going to other towns.
- taking All free parking spaces from lower High Street will make life very difficult for local traders who pay business rates which support Town Council and our ~~local~~ community.
- Buses now are far too large for Ventnor and our Island roads in general.

Your response will be anonymous but it would be very helpful if you would tick one of the boxes below to indicate the area of the town in which you live.

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# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

RESIDENT COMMENTS

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Non-specific

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RESIDENT COMMENTS

Please use this sheet to record your comments on the current proposals for improvements to the Town Centre.

Would be better to Resurface  
Leeson Rd than spend money on  
this project.

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## TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

## RESIDENT COMMENTS

Please use this sheet to record your comments on the current proposals for improvements to the Town Centre.

Apart from not enough disabled parking in the actual center of town - the plan is good. Disabled parking is very important in Ventnor centre as most elderly & disabled people can not walk from the car park with bags of heavy shopping. We live in the Ventnor area & like to spend our money in the local shops.

Thank you

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## TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

## RESIDENT COMMENTS

Please use this sheet to record your comments on the current proposals for improvements to the Town Centre.

Reduce the speed limit to 20mph. throughout the town area.

More disabled bays.

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