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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

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