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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 passed 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

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