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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 hight 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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