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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 it's 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 howeverI 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.