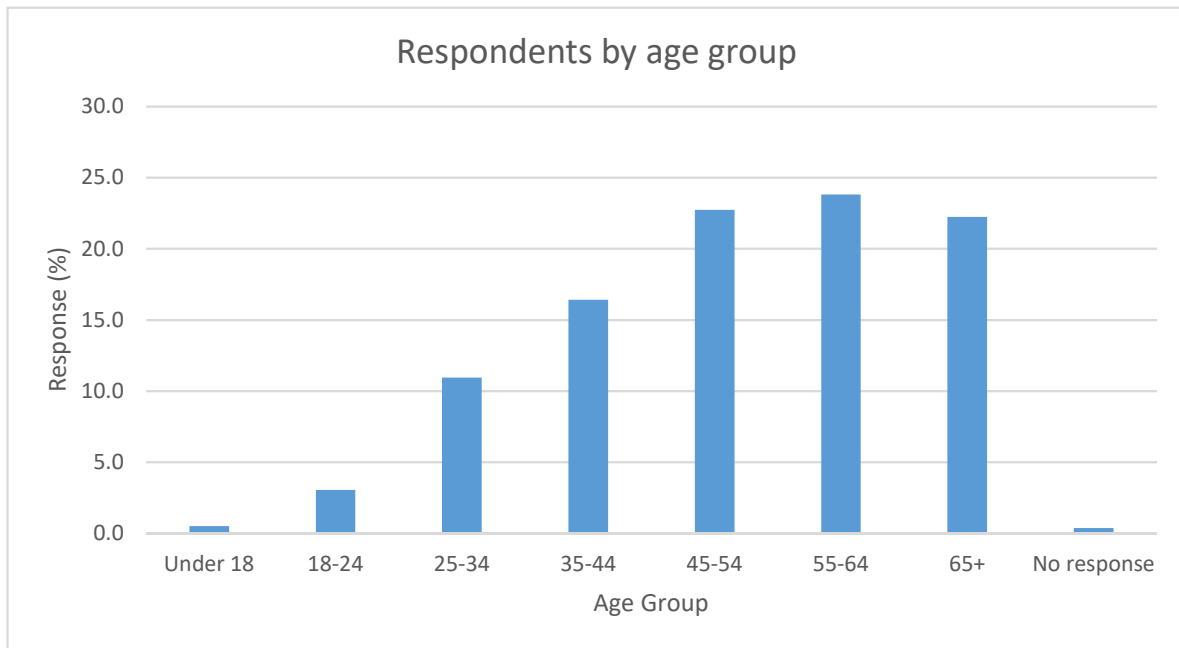


823 respondents

Demographics of respondents

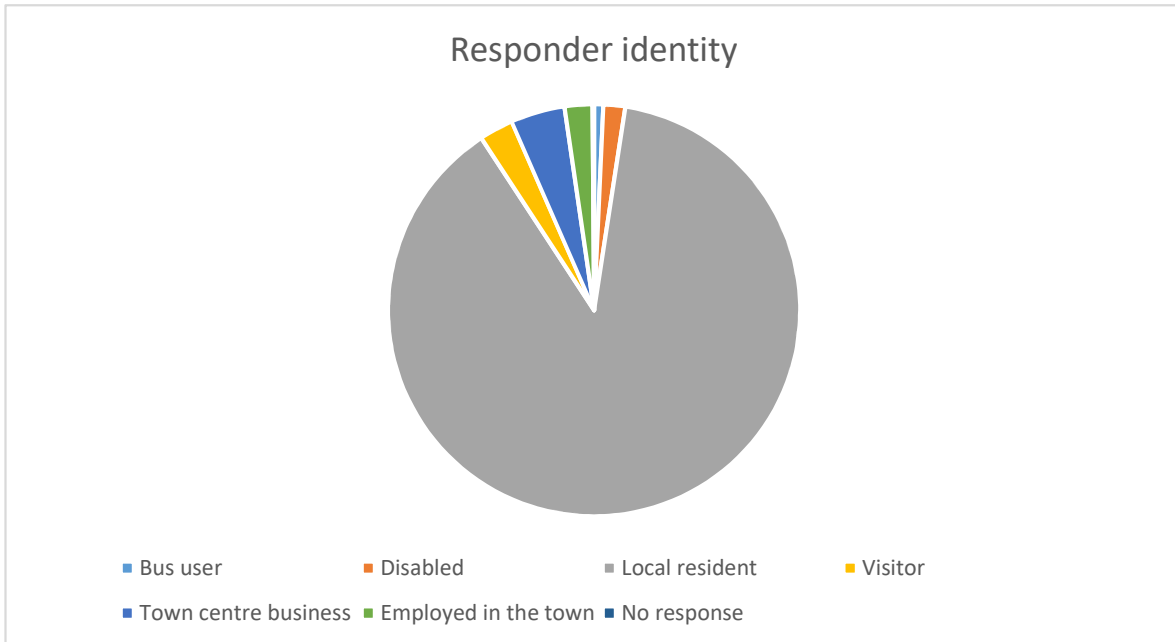
1. What is your age group?

Under 18	0 %
18-24	3 %
25-34	11 %
35-44	16 %
45-54	23 %
55-64	24 %
65+	22 %
No response	0 %



2. Are you responding to the questions in this survey as one of the following?

A bus user	1 %
A disabled person	2 %
A Local resident	88 %
A visitor	3 %
As a town centre business	4 %
Employed in the town	2 %
No response	0 %

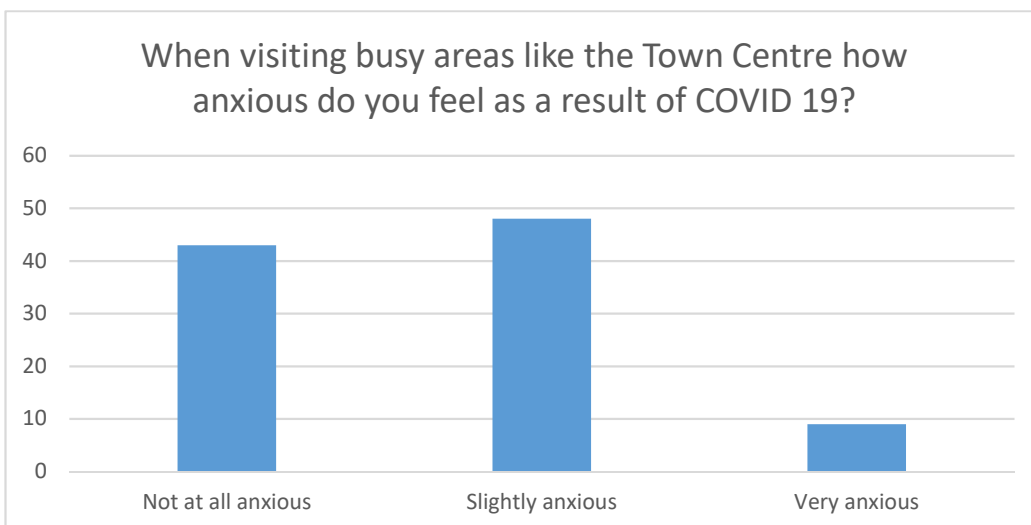


How do the respondents feel:

When asked the following questions:

3. When visiting busy areas like the Town Centre how anxious do you feel as a result of COVID 19?

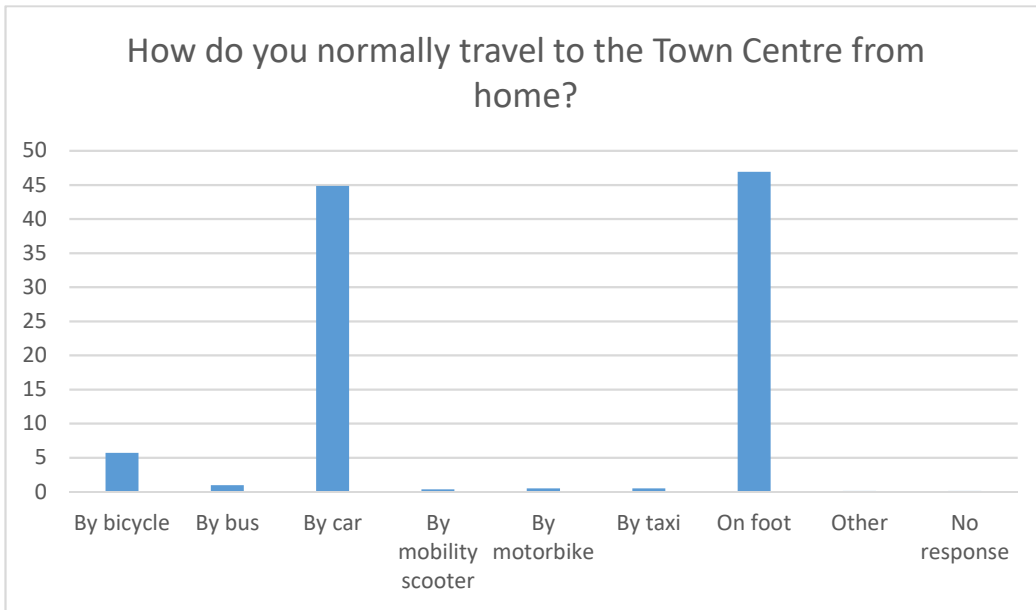
Not at all anxious	43 %
Slightly anxious	48 %
Very anxious	9 %



57% feel slightly anxious or very anxious.

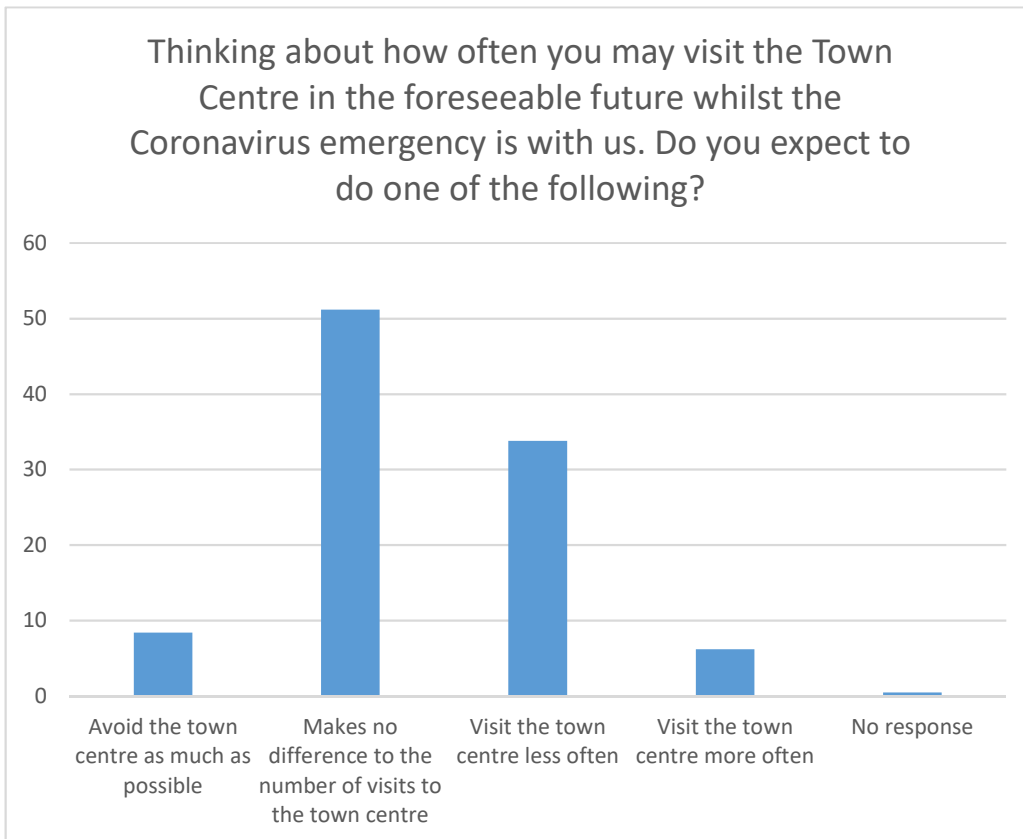
4. How do you normally travel to the Town Centre from home?

By bicycle	6 %
By bus	1 %
By car	45 %
By mobility scooter	0 %
By motorbike	0 %
By taxi	0 %
On foot	47 %
Other	0 %
No response	0 %



5. Thinking about how often you may visit the Town Centre in the foreseeable future whilst the Coronavirus emergency is with us. Do you expect to do one of the following?

Avoid the town centre as much as possible	8 %
Makes no difference to the number of visits to the town centre	51 %
Visit the town centre less often	34 %
Visit the town centre more often	6 %
No response	0 %



The next questions focus on the Temporary scheme implemented at the western end of the market.

6. Do the changes increase the opportunities for safe access and social distancing?'

Don't know	9 %
No	28 %
Other (please specify)	6 %
Yes	56 %
No response	0 %

7. Are you more likely to visit this area of the Town Centre as a result of the changes?

Don't know	5 %
No/makes no difference	48 %
Yes	47 %
No response	0 %

8. For those that are anxious when asked: Are you more likely to visit this area of the Town Centre as a result of the changes?

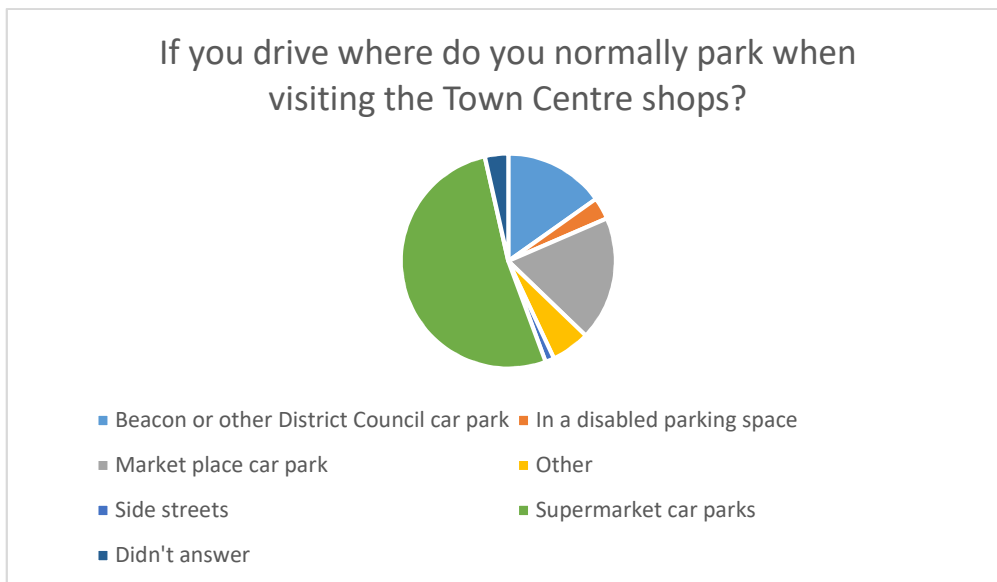
66% are more likely to visit this part of the town as a result of the changes

9. Does the move of the taxi rank cause any difficulties for you?

Don't know	4 %
No	84 %
Yes	11 %
Didn't answer	0 %

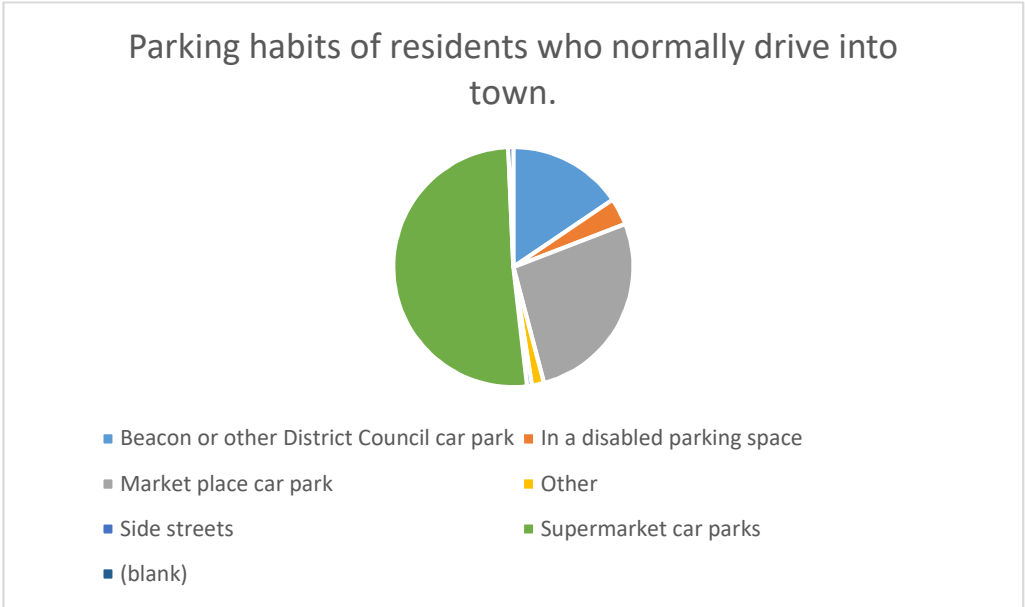
10. If you drive where do you normally park when visiting the Town Centre shops?

Beacon or other District Council car park	15 %
In a disabled parking space	3 %
Market place car park	19 %
Other	6 %
Side streets	1 %
Supermarket car parks	52 %
Didn't answer	4 %



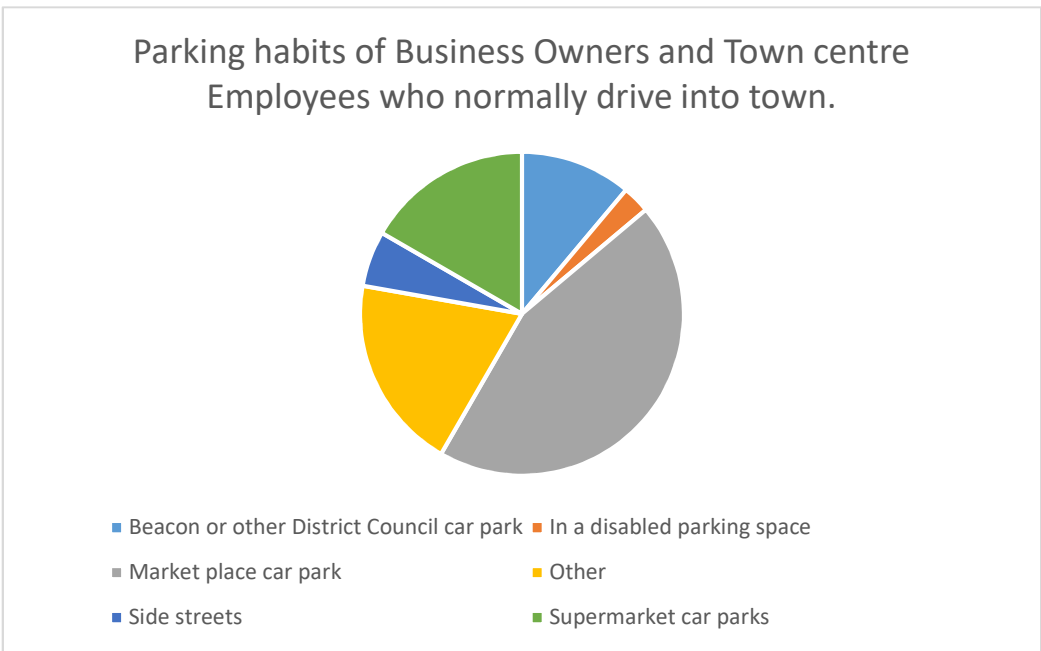
Parking habits of residents who normally drive into town.

Beacon or other District Council car park	16 %
In a disabled parking space	4 %
Market place car park	27 %
Other	2 %
Side streets	1 %
Supermarket car parks	51 %
(blank)	1 %



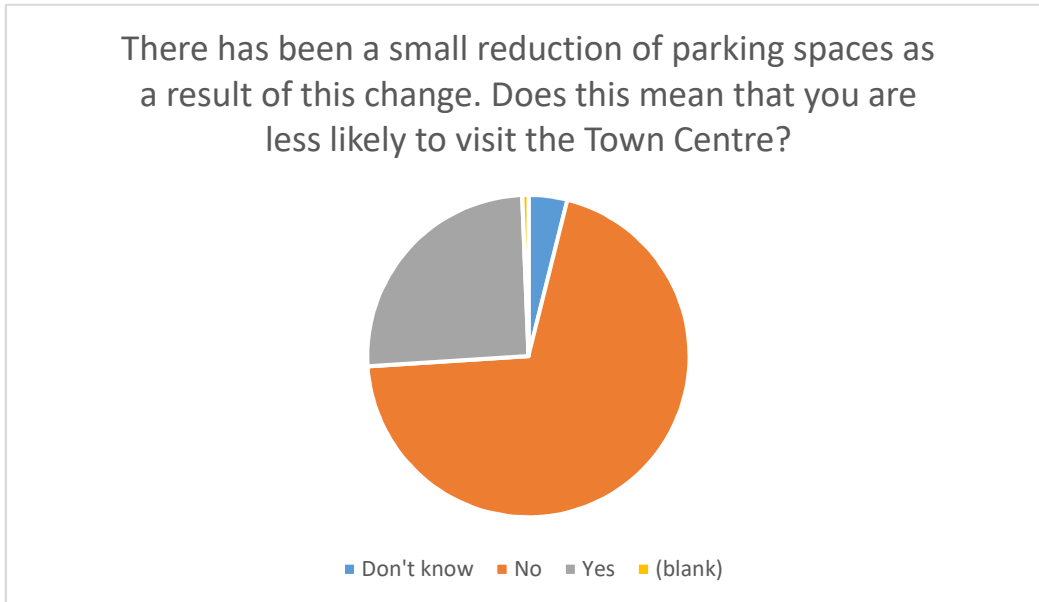
Parking habits of Business Owners and Town Centre Employees who normally drive into town.

Beacon or other District Council car park	11 %
In a disabled parking space	3 %
Market place car park	44 %
Other	19 %
Side streets	6 %
Supermarket car parks	17 %



There has been a small reduction of parking spaces as a result of this change. Does this mean that you are less likely to visit the Town Centre?

Don't know	4 %
No	70 %
Yes	25 %
(blank)	1 %



Does the reduction of parking make it more difficult for you to collect purchases from the shops in this area?

Don't know	3 %
No	66 %
Yes	30 %
(blank)	1 %

Extra provision has been made for the parking of bicycles close to this area. Does this encourage you to use a bicycle to visit the Town Centre?

Don't know	4 %
No	65 %
Yes	31 %
(blank)	1 %

The current temporary barriers may be considered to be unsightly. Would you be in favour of the Town Council spending money to improve the aesthetics of the barriers or replace them with planters?

Don't know	5 %
No	29 %
Yes	65 %
(blank)	0 %

The next set of questions focus on the proposed scheme for further temporary Pedestrianisation to assist with social distancing and making safer spaces in the Town centre. Essentially the proposal for enlarging the scheme contains several options the Council can pursue. These are to pedestrianise part of the area to the south side of the market, the north end of Newbury street or both of these areas.

Would further Pedestrianisation schemes increase the opportunities for safe access and social distancing?'

Don't know	6 %
No	39 %
Yes	55 %
(blank)	0 %

Should the proposed changes create more further outdoor space in the town centre for businesses to use?

Don't know	8 %
No	28 %
Yes	64 %
(blank)	0 %

The next set of questions focus on the area to the SOUTH of the market. Are you more likely to visit this area of the Town Centre as a result of the proposed temporary changes?

Don't know	7 %
No	51 %
Yes	41 %
(blank)	0 %

Does the proposed move of the taxi rank cause any difficulties for you?

Don't know	5 %
No	83 %
Yes	12 %
(blank)	0 %

Does the proposed changes to the bus stop location cause any difficulties for you?

Don't know	6 %
No	78 %
Yes	16 %
(blank)	0 %

Does the proposed temporary reduction of parking make it more difficult for you to collect purchases from the shops in this area?

Don't know	3 %
No	62 %
Yes	34 %
(blank)	1 %

Does the temporary Pedestrianisation of the area to the SOUTH of the market create usable space for businesses and for responsible social distanced event space to be made use of?

Don't know	14 %
No	29 %
Yes	56 %
(blank)	0 %

If the area to the SOUTH of the market was temporarily pedestrianised, as per the proposal, for the duration of the COVID pandemic it may mean the market could be moved to allow the car parking in the centre to remain open on market days. Would you like the markets moved to the newly created pedestrianised spaces and car parking to remain open?

Don't know	18 %
No	34 %
Yes	48 %
(blank)	0 %

The next set of questions focus on the north end of Newbury street (the area between Post Office lane and the market. Are you more likely to visit this area of the Town Centre as a result of the proposed temporary changes?

Don't know	8 %
No	56 %
Yes	36 %
(blank)	0 %

Would temporarily pedestrianising this part of the Town Centre create more safer spaces for social distancing?

Don't know	9 %
No	36 %
Yes	55 %

Does the temporary Pedestrianisation of the north end of Newbury street create usable space for businesses and for responsible social distanced event space to be made use of?

Don't know	13 %
No	32 %
Yes	56 %

On the Western end: On balance do think these changes achieve their objective

(Excluding the don't knows and no response. Data show to 2 significant figures)

Yes	62%	vs	No	38%
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On balance are you in favour of the temporary scheme for further Pedestrianisation and move of the taxi rank and Buses for the area to the SOUTH of the market.

(Excluding the don't knows and no response. Data show to 2 significant figures)

Yes	58%	vs	No	42%
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Are you generally in favour of the temporary Pedestrianisation of the north end of Newbury street?

(Excluding the don't knows and no response. Data show to 2 significant figures)

Yes 57% vs No 43%

Thinking about all of the proposals and current implemented scheme which items

(Excluding the don't knows and no response. Data show to 2 significant figures)

The area to the West of the Market should remain pedestrianised on a temporary basis for the duration of the COVID pandemic.	vs	Pedestrianisation of the Town centre in any form does not make safer spaces for social distancing during the COVID pandemic
63 %		37 %

The area to the SOUTH of the Market should be pedestrianised, including proposed changes to the Taxi rank and bus stops, on a temporary basis for the duration of the COVID pandemic.	vs	Pedestrianisation of the Town centre in any form does not make safer spaces for social distancing during the COVID pandemic
60 %		40 %

The North end of Newbury street should be pedestrianised on a temporary basis for the duration of the COVID pandemic.	vs	Pedestrianisation of the Town centre in any form does not make safer spaces for social distancing during the COVID pandemic
57 %		43 %

Should the Council consult by means of a survey like this one to monitor any implemented schemes?

No	4 %
Yes - in approximately 3 months time.	61 %
Yes - in approximately 6 months time	34 %
No response	0 %

Comments

The comments have been grouped into similar points where possible. There has had to be some interpretation of the comments so the comments and the number are only an indication of the thought and strength. In addition some comments have been split across multiple groups where applicable.

Comment on	Number
Consider changes in traffic flow (buses, lorries, cars, cycles and people) in and around town, majority on traffic flow around the town	140
Pedestrianisation is really and good and become permanent	119
Expand the scheme and go further (include North side, full Pedestrianisation, remove cars and parking entirely or flexible expandable schemes)	61
Review parking and enforcement	59
Effect on Health and safety	58
makes safer spaces	16
makes access unsafe	17
feel less safe around the town as a result	14
Bigger pavements and easier road crossings needed	11
Makes town socially and physically more attractive	55
Accessibility and parking for those with mobility concerns such as disabled	55
Detrimental or no tangible benefit to businesses and shops	50
Positive impact on businesses and shops	46
Comments on parking, majority asking for an increase in parking	45
Better provision for space for Taxi's and buses (mixed views on inside or outside of town)	42
Pedestrianisation in any shape or form is really awful	36
Pollution	28
would reduce town centre pollution	17
would increase pollution due to traffic and litter	8
Town centre improvements - level ground, benches canopies, planting schemes and trees	27
Town centre parking to facilitate popping in and out of town with car	25
No benefit for the cost	25
Provision for deliveries and drop off into town for businesses and charity shops	21
Consideration of businesses not in vicinity of pedestrianised areas	20
Need to consider weather in our plans	20
Better provision specifically for cycling access	16
Nothing to do with COVID	12
Lack of good shops in Wantage	11
Active management of space	11
Access for emergency services	11
Social space creation for events and games (e.g. boules, table tennis, ice rink)	9
Enforcement of social distancing and signage	9
Pedestrianisation would reduce charm of town/would make it ugly	7
Don't allow new space created to be used by businesses	4
Engage with local population about it	4

Categories with contributions of 3 or less omitted.