



Councillor Martin Wrigley
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Dear Councillor Wrigley

RE: Queen Street, Newton Abbot – Pedestrian Enhancement Scheme

Further to my recent communications with you and other members of Teignbridge Council/Devon County Council, I would again encourage you to reconsider moving forward with the plans to pedestrianise Queen Street.

I am sure you are aware that at Newton Abbot Council's Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 Newton Abbot Town Council expressed their concerns with the scheme and asked for it to be abandoned.

This is in line with the recent decision from Devon County Council to abandon plans to charge for parking across eight towns in Devon due to the negative impact caused by restricting access to vehicles in town centres. The benefits to short term, accessible parking has now been recognised by Devon Council and eight competitor towns to Newton Abbot and this should now be acknowledged by Teignbridge Council.

In addition, Torbay Council have now completely reversed their pedestrian enhancement scheme due to the negative impact on local businesses with the leader of the Council apologising for the cost and loss of business the unsuccessful scheme caused.

With all the potential opportunities for Newton Abbot around new investment and the restoration of the market, surely it is prudent to consider reversing this decision now before any damage is done and instead focus on schemes that businesses feel positive about and have no objection to.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Carmen Hanif