

PEDESTRIAN ZONE return to 10am – 5pm operational hours

Consultation responses (full extract from WBC Consultation & Engagement Hub)

	I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL
1	Easier and more fuel efficient and better for the environment for me to get to and from the Northcroft leisure centre especially of an evening.
2	Banning traffic immeasurably improves the environment in which shoppers are wanting to walk through. Having traffic constantly going past not only ruins the shopping experience but is also highly dangerous, especially when the pedestrian areas are busy.
3	For business
4	No additional comment provided
5	On the rare occasions I have ventured out for a meal in the evenings the lack of people and traffic has left me feeling extremely vulnerable.
6	Since the 10am to 11pm restriction has been enforced, the town, in the evening is very quiet and certainly if I, with my friends, have to walk through the town to the carpark in evening after eating at one of the restaurants, we feel very unsafe. Also, my elderly mother who visits at Christmas as is not mobile, used to like being driven through town to see the Christmas lights, again not possible with the current restriction. Also, we used to take a bus into Newbury to visit a restaurant and would get a taxi back home. The quickest route to get us home for the taxi (and cheaper for us) would be to go through the town, now they have to take a roundabout route, which makes us think twice about eating out in the evening in the town. I would also like to point out that cyclists should be made to dismount in a pedestrianised area. It is very dangerous for them to be weaving in and out of people, often at a very fast pace..
7	Seemed crazy to me to go from one extreme to the other. I've long since marvelled at the opening to vehicular traffic, at 5pm when there are still shoppers milling about, and on several occasions I've been amazed at cars speeding when there are vulnerable pedestrians about, intent on their shopping and by-and-large not expecting traffic to be flowing when it wasn't earlier. Cars should NOT be allowed to flow in Northbrook St until the main part of the shops have closed - probably 6pm then. This seems to me to so obvious....and yet has not occurred to NDC! Come on, let's have some LOGIC applied for once.
8	Banning traffic was a completely idiotic thing. The centre needs life, safety and more people allowed to drive at certain times. I couldn't see the Christmas lights in Northbrook Street from safety of vehicle due to mobility issues. Why have them. Let the people decide and not have ridiculous councillors who are not local make decisions.
9	This is great news and it seems like common sense has prevailed! What would be even better (and in the interests of fairness) would be to have a further trial to allow traffic at all times!

10	Restaurants have said there has not been an increase to business and it is very inconvenient to use the A339 to get to Northcroft etc. The closure led to increased traffic on the A339.
11	Previous restrictions were poorly thought through and enforced without any public opinion being taken into consideration. The town is a ghost town as it is and this was giving more reasons for people not to visit.
12	At present it is difficult for me to go into the town centre after 5pm. It did not feel safe to walk through the area at night. The number of people using the centre at night did not justify the closure. It is clear that it was difficult of shops to restock and several shops have closed since the temporary introduction. The closure after 5pm had a detrimental impact on the traffic flow though Newbury resulting in more pollution!!
13	As a disabled person, I was immensely affected by the pedestrianisation and restriction of accessing services and shops. This also invalidated access to restaurants, as I couldn't be dropped off. The reopening of the town centre from 5 pm will also help me make the 5-minute car journey home from work, instead of having to go a long way and spend more than 25 minutes in traffic every day, using much more fuel and polluting more. Whenever I need a taxi from work to home, instead of paying around £6 as I did before the closure, I now pay £ 15- £ 18 because the longer route takes longer and has much more traffic.
14	No additional comment provided
15	It reinstates the option to drop off and pick up people visiting the evening facilities in the town.
16	It is hard to see what has been achieved by the pedestrianisation outside of the approved hours, during the day. Having been in town in the early evenings, there doesn't seem to be any increased use of the town for outside drinking and eating. The traffic on the A339 has increased significantly as people are not allowed to travel through town after 5pm. I have heard numerous times how difficult it is to travel from one side of town to the other, on local business or school pick up/drop off without the use of Northbrook Street and the Market Place. I am still however concerned about the bicycles which are allowed to travel through town during the pedestrian hours. Using Northbrook Street every day, I have witnessed so many 'near misses' for pedestrians with bikes going too fast and too close to those walking. This is particularly an issue for children and the elderly. I believe cyclists should not be able to cycle through town between the West Street junction and Mansion House Street junction with Bartholomew Street. This includes electric bikes and delivery riders.
17	I am on crutches at the moment and cannot go far so I find it difficult to come into town as I cannot be dropped off outside the shops or coffee shops. It is so difficult for handicapped people. Lots of people are now going to retail parks and coffee shops in garden centres where you can park outside.
18	In the evening Northbrook Street often feels deserted after the shops have closed and after dark it can feel unsafe. It can be more difficult to get into the town centre to attend evening events. The traffic on the A339 is much heavier in the evening.
19	So people can be easily picked up and dropped off, by private car or taxi, from venues they wish to attend in the evenings, especially more elderly or disabled. It could be a long walk for some otherwise and not appealing in bad weather. There are not enough people to require a pedestrian zone in the evening. The pavements are wide enough.

20	No additional comment provided
21	Ease traffic congestion in wider area Access for people to drop of and pick up at businesses Lower pollution
22	To assist with movement of traffic around Newbury. To allow easy access to the town centre shops for those less mobile. To increase visibility late at night.
23	It will reduce traffic congestion on A339. It will enable me to resume taking my disabled relatives into Newbury Town Centre in the evenings again easily, I have currently ceased doing this as it has been so difficult to take them to restaurants or theatre with the access restrictions. I think it will increase trade opportunities for the restaurants and leisure facilities in the town centre.
24	I would rather Northbrook remains pedestrianised 1000-2300 as a parent of three children who cycle to school along Northbrook and two wheel chair bound geriatric parents. If longer traffic hours are reinstated please add a zebra crossing or reduce speed to 20 mph with enforcement regularly in place. I am not against disabled drivers using Northbrook but am totally against professionals looking for a shortcut and not looking out for none car road users.
25	The current pedestrian times has kept me out of Newbury.
26	The 11pm reopening is too late and, although 5pm is more useful for general activity why not make it 7pm so that rush hour traffic is deterred but it still allows leisure traffic for accessing and parking nearer to theatre and restaurants in the evening, particularly for disabled users.
27	It makes sense to allow Traffic through outside of these hours which helps congestion easing elsewhere
28	Because it should have never changed in first time. It is criminal what has happened. The voice of the people was not heard. Reinststate it immediately on behalf of the people.
29	I support the reinstatement
30	Too long to drive round. Backed up traffic. Please give the results that it worked
31	Many generations of my family and extended family have been living in Newbury. The current hours of pedestrianisation has affected many Town centre businesses terribly, It will help ease deliveries to these businesses. It's sad as I have spoken to many people and also have family members that have said that the Town centre feels unsafe to walk through in the evening. It Keeps the familiar flow of Newbury that worked for years before this.
32	No additional comment provided
33	No additional comment provided
34	This proposal corrects a foolish and ill-considered scheme which was originally rejected by the majority of respondents in a consultation. There may well be a case for revising the rules, but this was never a good solution and should be discontinued as soon as possible.

35	By closing the road you just pushed all cars onto the A339 which delayed journey time due to congestion and increased pollution. I did not feel safe as a lone female in the evening walking back to my car as there was nobody around and have chosen not to go into town in the evening whilst the road is closed to traffic. It also impacted businesses getting deliveries etc. A ill thought out plan that the majority of local people didn't want but you didn't listen.
36	The "Trial" of extended hours has been an abject failure. It was changed for the sake of change and has not improved footfall outside of 10 - 5pm. It stopped lots of drive through visits at night especially when Christmas lights were on and I believe the pedestrian only approach after 5pm has contributed to the vandalism issues experienced over the past 12 months, due to less people using the street. Cars being ever present would deter this. The old system/hours worked and need to be re-instated.
37	No additional comment provided
38	I'm in support of 10am-5pm pedestrianisation. This gives pedestrians protection to enjoy the town centre and space for events during the busiest times of the day. And provides a key route for traffic outside of these hours, especially during the evening. I had stopped going into town so much in the evening as it was taking so long to travel from where I live in the NE side of Newbury. If I wanted to take my elderly Dad to a restaurant we had stopped using the ones in town apart from those in a short walking distance from his flat. In poor weather it was easier to pick him up and go out of town.
39	No additional comment provided
40	Pedestrianisation in the day is sensible, but in the evening, absolutely not. A town centre needs activity and people coming and going...stopping cars led to an empty town centre at night.
41	I believe the town centre at night will be safer for women walking by themselves down Northbrook Street if the road is open to cars. It will also help with traffic flow.
42	It hasn't worked
43	I can get dropped town again
44	Good idea - worked before
45	I wish it to revert to 10 to 5, it worked fine before and will also assist the traffic on the 339
46	Seems punitive to penalise people after working hours
47	The town centre is now a ghost town at night and it feels quite intimidating to walk through. Having a few dropping off, picking up, and passing through vehicles makes it feel safer. The new opening times is a pain for businesses who now have a desperate scramble to have deliveries everyday. Disabled and those with restricted mobility now have no easy access to shops unless it's before 10. Increased congestion on the A339 has made it a miserable road to use.... And the pollution levels must be higher with all, the extra stationary traffic. The expected use of outside space has not happened. The whole thing has been a waste of time and money.

48	Makes the town centre safer for pedestrians during peak shopping times. Encourages people to spend more time in the town centre. Residents can access properties more easily in the evening. Businesses that rely on vehicle access or deliveries have greater flexibility. Evening visitors can park or be dropped off closer to venues. Taxi and disabled access can be simpler outside pedestrianisation hours.
49	I support the reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours to 10am- 5pm. It is essential that access to cars is given in this area in order to make restaurants and other places in town easier to access for everyone. The town centre was very quiet with the longer pedestrianisation hours, making town centre feel unsafe at times.
50	So that I can arrive home from work at a sensible hour. The main roads have been an absolute nightmare at rush hour times and will get even worse when the thousand and thousands new 'units' are built.
51	To help with traffic flow in Newbury during rush hours
52	THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN REVIEWED AND MAJORITY WANTED TO CHANGE BACK TO 5PM OPENING TIMES, WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO AGAIN, BECAUSE WEST BERKSHIRE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN. HOPING THAT PEOPLE CANT BE BOTHERED AGAIN
53	To help the flow of traffic going into or through the town in the evening .To relieve congestion on the duel carriageway.
54	the road network isn't good enough to function if traffic is not allowed to travel down north brook street at peak hours it causes greater congestion elsewhere and greater time on journeys. I am wheelchair user and it is very difficult to get picked up or dropped off if north brook street can't be used. whilst al fresco eating etc is good too many places doing this cause difficulties for manoeuvring with buggy wheelchairs scooters etc. perhaps more patrols to stop the dangerous use of bikes and electric scooters would be beneficial if you can't access north brook street going north to south and vice versa you are only left with the a339 or a34 this becomes very congested and more dangerous.it puts local traffic with long distance traffic which is unnecessary of course if the American were utilised this could be remedied.
55	I don't see a need for the road to be closed to vehicles outside of 10-5. We get very few evenings that it would be warm enough to sit outside a restaurant. It's totally pointless in the autumn and winter. Opening the road in rush hour reduces congestion around town and therefore pollution from exhaust fumes.
56	The majority voted against the current change. You they're council are speed to action and support what the voters want if that is better.
57	10 am to 5 pm just works better Most of the shop are closed at that time anyway. It helps the traffic in Newbury. It is absolutely shocking how badly the traffic is run in Newbury. All other roads are shut and when small accidents happen go via Newbury takes hours That's not normal
58	The town needs to be more vibrant, and cars allow more access out of hours.

59	I agree that pedestrianisation hours should revert to 10am to 5pm. I believe this will mean more security for people walking alone at night through the town since it is likely to be busier with cars travelling along Northbrook street. (Especially during darker winter months.) Makes it easier for evening drop offs from vehicles for those with limited mobility. It will mean less congestion during commuting hours since Northbrook Street offers another route for vehicles from 5pm onwards. Most of the year the weather in the UK is not suitable for cafe culture so doesn't make sense to give this priority.
60	Was always a ridiculous idea to be closed till 11pm, restricting traffic to just the A339, causing even more congestion than usual. Most shops are shut by 5.30 which just leaves th few drinking and eating establishments which still have inside seating. It doesn't need to sprawl out into the street at the cost of closing road to vehicles.
61	Easy access around the town to get to car parks and shops plus evening venues
62	I believe the 2025 new rules were of no benefit to visitors of the town, nor local businesses. The previous system worked just fine.
63	I have seen no benefit to closing the town centre till 11pm. Allowing traffic back through would considerably reduce the traffic in surrounding roads.
64	The 10-5 period is the best balance.
65	Traffic at all times is a nightmare on the roads so having the road open again would make a big difference so to easy the traffic flow. We dont need to have road closed all day and night for people to drink coffee and tea all day.Traders have lost alot of trade because road has been closed in the town. Opening the town again would give life back to the town again.
66	No additional comment provided
67	I work at the Corn Exchange and our customers with disability/access needs coming for an evening show are finding it very difficult to access the building as they cannot be dropped off at the front of the venue due to the imposed restrictions
68	Provides an alternative traffic route. Closure in the evenings does not appear to have provided any benefits ie increased business?
69	When I moved here from Oxford, I was flabbergasted that the main pedestrian thoroughfare allowed cars in the morning and after 5pm. As a lecturer in public health, I strongly support active travel and no/low traffic neighbourhoods. As a driver, I strongly support not mixing people and vehicles. As a cyclist, I'd love for Newbury folk to get more bike aware, and if people wander into my path as I'm cycling, it seems unreasonable to expect them to switch from free range pedestrians to switched on car avoids at 5pm. My advice is to close the thoroughfare to vehicles, ex deliveries and market traders 24/7. I understand the needs of people who experience challenged with mobility as I have acute osteoarthritis, but going slowly along the A339 instead of driving cautiously through the high street is not a disadvantage. Please feel free to contact me on shennelly@brookes.ac.uk
70	As a resident of the Westfields area of Newbury, the extended pedestrianisation caused considerable inconvenience when travelling to and from home to the otherside of town. It also caused more traffic and air pollution due to all traffic having to use the A339. It also did not deliver on what it promised re: increase in business in the town centre.

71	Being unable to drive through the town until 11 pm is inconvenient for me which is why I would support the proposal to revert to the 5pm time. I would actually like a 9pm cut-off time better.
72	The town is a ghost town by 5.30 There is not a cafe culture on Northbrook St extending the pedestrianisation hours have effectively divided the town in two as the Parkway Bridge is not two-way as it should've been... I do not feel safe walking through town in the evenings anymore without the traffic and have had some very unpleasant experiences as a female walking on her own without traffic, it is quite intimidating at times As a driver, I resent the fact that I cannot drive through town to my house without driving a route far from my house to access it
73	There has been no positive improvement to the scheme and I feel it has made it more difficult for people who struggle to walk any distance to visit the town centre in an evening for a meal or drink out.
74	The 11pm restrictions have stopped people from visiting the town. Disabled people can't get in town as they can't be dropped off at places as they can with an earlier opening
75	Because, in my opinion, it would seem to be going backwards, the bypass was built to help traffic flow and to shut the town centre of traffic, you are going back to one road again, to be fair, I don't think there's that much traffic in town, but it nice to have the choice and not have to go all the way around. Just saying.
76	The route through the high street is more convenient post 5pm when the town centre has less pedestrians so less risk.
77	No additional comment provided
78	Being able to drive through Northbrook Street after 5pm helps to alleviate traffic congestion on surrounding roads
79	To allow traffic to flow and business to return to the street. The shops and restaurants have not benefited from the longer hours
80	Traffic issues on 339 got worse and footfall hasn't significantly increased
81	Closing the main streets has made Newbury's town centre dull and unexciting. It is like Sleepy Hollow with no hustle and bustle. Circumnavigating the centre and car park charges discourage short visits. Public transport is condemned to a bus station on the fringe and there are no cross town routes.
82	The closure of St Bartholomew Street and Northbrook Street after 5.00pm has not produced any significant improvements of any type especially eg with regard to a cafe culture. Conversely, those of us who wish to leave our cars at home and take a taxi are forced to alight away from the town centre. Businesses have been adversely impacted by the post 5.00pm closure for no obvious benefit other than for those seeking to destroy the vitality of the town. For the most part of the year (summer heatwaves aside) the climate is not conducive to a cafe culture. At the very least if cars were banned post 5.00pm, taxis should be exempt!
83	Traffic easing during rush hour Ability to drop/pick up disabled or young adults off nearer to their destination

84	I support this proposal (although think 5.30pm would be better) as there are less pedestrians about town in the evenings (as far as I can tell) so vehicular access through town in the evenings will not be such a risk to pedestrians.
85	It causes congestion elsewhere when trying to get from one side of town to the other.
86	The traffic is always busy on the A34 and this closure has exacerbated the situation. It worked well before and I don't see any reason why it was changed in the first place.
87	No additional comment provided
88	To reduce traffic build up on other roads. To help disabled people to visit the town centre. To allow deliveries to Northbrook street shops and businesses.
89	No additional comment provided
90	The previous pedestrianisation worked well. The experimental one was unnecessary and inconvenient.
91	Negative impact on flow of traffic in the evenings - traffic in Newbury is heavy enough as it is, and a poorly thought through notion such as this doesn't help. The aspirational cafe-culture informing the idea of evening pedestrianisation isn't a reality of life in England, aside from a few weeks of warm weather each year.
92	I live in westfields and this will help with the commute to and from my home. I opposed the original change in time for pedestrianisation so am pleased it will return to original timings.
93	Long walk from car parks to Market Place and Northbrook Street restaurants, cafes. Dropping off in Market Place and Northbrook Street not possible after 10 am.
94	The pedestrianisation has excluded me because I need to be driven into town for various appointments. I would go further and reduce the pedestrianised hours from 10am to 3pm.
95	The roads around the town are congested at peak times. Being able to drive through the town in the evening alleviates the traffic problem, and brings back a vibrancy that is sadly lacking.
96	Live just outside the area on the map. To get across town to friends/work/supermarkets/ has become increasingly difficult due to congestion on the only road now available.
97	Northbrook Street feels abandoned in the evening and less safe when traffic is banned. It is more convenient for shop owners to have the roads open from 5pm and we need to support them as much as we can.
98	The closure of this road after 5pm only contributes to the over flow of traffic. I see absolutely no need for this road to be closed until 11pm as the amount of foot traffic does not warrant this. The street is empty at night and there is more than enough pedestrian space.
99	No additional comment provided

100	It was just very pleasant to have the high street so walkable. The town always felt like it needed it, and there's so much foot traffic it must be good for the local shops. There's no real need for traffic to pass through town as its just not that large a place, so going around isn't any great hassle.
101	To access food pick up and to get to relatives in speen without having to ring road.
102	It was voted against by several thousand people still went ahead how much has all this cost the council tax payer!.
103	Original times worked well and should be reinstated without delay. It would have saved a lot of problems and unnecessary expenditure if WBC had taken note of the result of the original vote
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105	Its safer for young women to be collected after nights out in the marketplace where there are people and it is well lit. Can drop elderly relatives outside the corn exchange again before going to park.
106	1.I need to park near my intended destination. Be it eating out or shopping. We haven't done either in the town since the 11pm curfew came in. 2.Financially it is helping to kill the town. 3.Safety risk. My daughter age 24 feels very vulnerable and avoids the at night. She said with cars going past she knows that there are people about. 4. It only has to go wrong once ie rape, murder, stabbing. CCTV IF monitored is NOT crime prevention.
107	Being able to have someone drop me off in town for dinner used to be great - can't do that now I know the staff in the shops moan about having to come back to work after 11:00 for deliveries I'm sure those that want to turn it into a large beer garden won't be pleased though but it will still be ok for families to eat outside until 5 I heard that someone was nearly run over by a bike because the cyclist didn't understand the term pedestrianisation so if you keep the current system you will need to ban bikes
108	There needs to be a balanced approach for access. I am not sure who uses the padestrian areas after 5pm as the majority of buinsesses are closed. Buinsesses also need access in order for delieveries to be made. 10pm is too late and arguably disrupts residents more at this hour then earlier in the evening.
109	No additional comment provided
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111	I registered strong objection to the proposal in 2025 to trial the current hours. I have been saddened by the detrimental effect the trial has had on high street and other businesses during this trial and I welcome the Council's decision that the trial should be terminated as soon as possible and the pedestrianisation hours reverted to those in place before said trial.
112	I really don't think that pedestrian footfall and an expected increase trade has come to be. I also think that it has caused inconvenience to Newbury ratepayers as they have to add more mileage so reinstating the old times would be common sense

113	I rarely visit the town centre so I was shocked when recently I ate at Cote Brasserie and when I left at 9.30pm I found the area completely deserted (photo taken). I thought the idea was for a bustling night time eating venue? I have really missed driving home through the town centre, seeing what new shops and restaurants were filling up the vacant premises. also it meant that we couldn't take grandchildren to enjoy the Christmas lights last year. The reasons I go into town are to have photos developed at SnappySnaps, visit the EE shop or the repairers opposite to sort out my phone and to collect display boards from the Town Hall. They store the displays and other archives for the Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery. I was refused a Blue Badge because I can, if I ignore the pain, walk into the town centre. But I would never do that, so I shop at the Retail Park instead., or at supermarkets with free parking. Why does it have to be all or nothing/ Maybe a some days a week it could be pedestrianised 10.00 to 5.00pm as before. Saturday nights pedestrianised all night? And maybe Mondays traffic and parking allowed all day. So you can stop outside one shop, park and pop in for what you need, . Newbury centre with the canal, the Parish Church and the market place is beautiful, but looks better with people in it. So Iam pleased that the late night plan is being revoked but hope that something more flexible can be put in its place.
114	No additional comment provided
115	Having traffic passing through the town in the early evening gives more security to those walking through town. Walking back from the station through a very quiet town centre it can make you feel unsafe and vulnerable. The steady flow of vehicular traffic is also a deterrent to those seeking to be disorderly
116	There are too few bars or restaurants in Northbrook Street to warrant closing the town centre in the evenings and those in the Market Square can still quite satisfactorily serve customers who wish to sit outside even when cars are allowed through. Northbrook Street at present is practically dead during weekday evenings. A far better proposal would be to allow cars to park on Northbrook Street after 6pm. This would bring more customers into the town centre.
117	I believe it's important to allow traffic after 5pm, to help overall traffic flow. Also it's important for trade after 5pm and would interfere with with the seating areas already in place.
118	From where I live on the speen side of town and need to get to St Barts in the morning to get family to school the only way to get across town is the A339 which backs up as it is the only route across the canal at this time. The congestion on the A339 is time consuming, noisy and polluting the environment. When I walk through town the businesses have not expanded the outdoor seating onto the old road and there is enough space on either side for the pedestrians to move comfortably not that there is many at this time in the day when cars would be allowed.
119	Living outside of the pedestrianisation area I can see the impact the traffic has on the surrounding roads, while the 10am to 11pm was in place.
120	I have found the restriction to be a nightmare and unable to take my disabled Father to Cote on the bridge and Bills. Whoever thought up this stupid approach against public opinion!!
121	Voiced my objections so many times - I wish to have pedestrianisation from 10am - 5pm for CARS. electric scooters, delivery cyclists have been using the high street regardless of the ban. It will make my life easier if I could drive through Newbury instead of having to driver around the very crowded roads at 5.30pm. I do find it very strange that you are now requesting another survey when the majority of people were all for opening the road from 5pm - 10am daily.

122	The extended hours have made it difficult for people of reduced mobility to attend events / concerts in the town centre such as in St Nicholas church. We could no longer drop people off near the venue then go outside the pedestrian zone to park. Also a huge safety issue for people working in the restaurant trade, especially young adults when they finish work, frequently between 9pm and 10.30pm having to walk through a dark town centre to meet their lift home. Extra congestion on the A339. Overall the extended hours to 11pm was a very poorly thought out experiment.
123	No additional comment provided
124	The temporary restriction 10am to 11pm were excessively restrictive and make accessing premises in the town center difficult with no obvious benefit.
125	I believe it is better for the town centre for traffic to be allowed through from 5pm onwards.
126	It has been harmful for the businesses and for the amount of traffic that is going through the high street. Whilst there has been a dramatic reduce in the amount of vehicles going through the high street at any time there's also been a large decrease in the amount of foot traffic that every single shop has seen. It's not good for the local community and it means that there is less of a local community, as these stores are not getting the customers that they need and so many are closing. It is not a good practise to cut off the producers from their largest markets, this is exactly why the bypass was created, to avoid this problem. It was a solved solution and you have messed it up.
127	Removing the pedestrianisation will enable the traffic flow around the town centre during the busy evening period. It will enable disabled or elderly people to get dropped off closer to the corn exchange, restaurants and other venues
128	No additional comment provided
129	I feel that it makes it easier to get around the town centre, and improves people's ability to spend time in town in the evenings.
130	The impact on traffic around Newbury after 5pm has significantly increased my journey time when returning home from work whilst the uplift in business is not evident
131	It feels much safer to have traffic in the street. There been so much crime recently that feels unsafe to walk/run in the dark when nobody is about.
132	For the 4th time of submitting my opinion, it is of no real benefit to have the extended hours and it makes the journey home from work far longer for the staff who work in our offices West Street (one way part) to get home of an evening if they live in the South of Newbury. My company/colleagues had also made our objections to the initial change known to West Berks and via the Newbury BID, so both myself personally and my colleagues want it reinstated to 10.00am to 5.00pm permanently. Also, to say it is pedestrianised at any time is not quite true as there are way too many delivery drivers on e-bikes flying up and down all day long and when they see pedestrians on the road the just fly up onto the pavement. I have had several near misses whilst on the pavement both in Northbrook Street and in West Street where they regularly come up on to the pavement so they can go the wrong way up the road, so it is not true to say it is totally pedestrianised at any point during the day anyway. The fact these riders are flying up and down road the wrong way and on the pavement all day long is a real hazard to pedestrians.

133	I do not believe the pedestrianisation extension into the evening has any tangible benefits for pedestrians, town centre businesses or any other users. I contrast, I believe it has been detrimental to many of them and has made accessing the town centre for evening activities (such as collecting takeaway food, or short visits to pubs/restaurants/venues more challenging and has certainly led to me visiting those businesses less. In addition I, and my family members have felt a little more vulnerable in the area after dark due to it having become a ghost town now.
134	I feel 10-5 is plenty for pedestrianisation and opening the street to cars in the evening allows drop offs to restaurants and activities in town. I think it will help the high street feel safer.
135	The current hours restrict my travel plans. I have to travel back and forward between my house near St Barts School and the other side of town and the closure of the road to vehicles adds more time onto my journey and more miles onto my car!
136	It will ease congestion on the other roads. It will make getting to shops & restaurants easier. It will allow evening deliveries to be made.
137	It was far better before. 10am to 5pm makes sense to me
138	I always felt 11pm was too late. In fact it would be better 10-6 or 7pm. But we have to defend some pedestrianised hours otherwise we will lose our town centre to traffic and pollution non stop. I want to protect the centre of town from becoming a cheapened rat run high street.
139	To support more passing trade for the town centre
140	The traffic around Newbury is always busy. Opening the town centre to traffic at 5pm would help with the volume of traffic going north to south or south to north.
141	Nationally, (my husband does a driving job) traffic in and around Newbury is renowned for being a bottleneck and pedestrianisation from 10am to 11pm made it worse. Without being able to go through the town centre which took some pressure off the A339 both morning and afternoon during the morning and evening rush hours. Each day you had to try and find a different route to avoid Newbury completely. Closing it also made it impossible for older and disabled people to pop into Newbury to do a quick shop in the afternoon. It must have been a nightmare for businesses who needed deliveries. I do like the pedestrianisation from 10.00 to 5pm. I also think West Berkshire Council were very shortsighted in reducing parking spaces for more coaches being able to stop in Newbury - very detrimental to local businesses, when many more used to stop in Newbury and their occupants would spend money in the cafes and shops.
142	It will make going to and from the North of the town easier than having to go through the dual carriageway.
143	We want to be able to drive though town to avoid the congestion on by pass which has been worse since the town was closed
144	Pedestrianisation from 10:00 to 17:00 is the best option, as it balances the needs of pedestrians and drivers.
145	As per my previous vote I do not support the pedestrianisation until 11pm. Issues are: Traffic and time it takes me to drive home - at least 10-15 mins extra. Feel unsafe walking in Winter Feel unsafe cycling due to delivery drivers not obeying rules of the road.

146	Feel very UNSAFE walking in the evening especially in the darker period. Would not visit places on my own.
147	Living in Wash Common, being able to drive through Northbrook Street after 5pm is a great benefit . Since the closure, my drive home from work has taken much longer and become more strssful due to having to queue around the Robin Hood Roundabout and all the way up to St John's Road most days. I have avoided going to Aldi due to traffic on the A339 on the way home. I can't understand the benefit of the evening closure and have not met anyone who does.
148	Reverting back to the original pedestrianised hours of 10am-5pm allows better flow of traffic in and around Newbury. Better access for Taxis and businesses in the town.
149	Should never have changed in the first place
150	No additional comment provided
151	No additional comment provided
152	The extended hours meant I could not get into Newbury in the evening. No taxis or drop offs were allowed. The empty streets were inviting and rather frightening.so I support returning to the status quo. How about closing Market Place only.
153	It has been challenging to be able to access town in the evening as a disabled person.
154	Current scheme has not benefitted anyone and hindered many No boost to business More traffic congestion
155	The road closure actually puts me off going from south Newbury across into town as the traffic is so bad with the road closed. The traffic build up now around the sainsburys roundabout and queues is awfu. I choose not to go to northcroft leisure for example because it's not worth it for traffic and I think seriously about going that end of town at all in evenings
156	I support the return to pedestrianisation between 10am and 5pm because I never wanted it changed in the first place. Lengthening the pedestrianisation has been killing the town and the business it supports.
157	My wife used to go on a regular basis to the corn exchange and I used to be able to drop her outside the front door as she doesn't walk without help. This has stopped her from using it with these silly restrictions that we see as no benefit to Newbury
158	As a car driver the A339 is horrendous at 5 pm since the change to not allowing me to travel through the town at 5 pm. I am also prevented from dropping off friends in the town or market place who have mobility problems. Except for the café s all other shops shut at either 5 -30 or 6 pm.
159	The loss of motor vehicles through the town during those hours created a town centre that felt less safe. It encouraged groups to convene which felt intimidating. This prevented me from exploring this part of the town centre on foot and thus from supporting business that relies on trade during those times.

160	For a lot of businesses this time is essential for getting extra stock, for helping with general repairs and maintenance. It also feels a lot safer when there is traffic, safety in numbers.
161	It's a ghost town, businesses are closed in the evening, there's extra traffic when crossing Newbury. This will be beneficial for people to drive from one side of Newbury to the other as the street is mostly empty after 5pm and also much easier for suppliers.
162	No additional comment provided
163	To ease off the traffic flow and not to congest just the A339 during the evening peak hours
164	It's just easier for me to access the opposite end of town after 5pm, by driving through the centre. Be it for dropping off my children in town or for picking up a takeaway. Or any other reason.
165	The traffic has become terrible around the dual carriageway up to the Robin Hood as all of the traffic that would have gone through town is now forced this way. It's not safe walking home after work due to the lack of people around which seems to encourage antisocial behaviour in the high street
166	1. Being unable to drive to see the Christmas limit accessibility for people with mobility problems and children whom parents don't wish to walk in the town centre after dark. 2. Traffic flow makes for a more vibrant atmosphere in town. 3. Taxis and private transport have easier access to drop off and collect people with special needs from the various restaurants, and The Corn Exchange.
167	Between 10am and 5pm is a better idea
168	No additional comment provided
169	I think it would be safer for people if there were cars allowed in the evening hours. My husband cannot go out in Northbrook Street as he can hardly walk and needs a car to pick him up
170	I don't think the extended pedestrianisation hours served any real purpose.
171	We need some of the traffic to go through Town Centre to ease off the congestion on other roads. Also some working people may need to stop near a shop for some last minute shopping. Parking in Newbury is very expensive.
172	Most shops close at 5/6pm so it's completely unnecessary to close the road until 11pm.
173	I see no reason to close off the town from 10am to 11pm; opening the pedestrian area at 5pm will help traffic flow by providing an alternative route to the A339 northbound and hopefully reduce the queues to the Sainsbury's roundabout from around the Market Place area. Unless the public have a specific venue to go in Northbrook St what is the point of providing a massive pedestrian area for browsers etc when the pavement will suffice.
174	I work in Newbury and have found that the traffic and congestion has been awful under the new pedestrianisation scheme of 10am - 11pm, I was surprised that it happened when it didn't seem to get a majority vote to go ahead. I so hope and look forward to it reverting back to 10am - 5pm.
175	Relieve evening traffic on A339

176	Throwing all traffic on to A339 for most of the normal waking day is madness. It just adds to A339 congestion just when we relieved it with the bypass. Also, having short journeys from SW to NW Newbury in the early evenings just adds more roundabouts and traffic lights. However, going back to 17.00 end time is the other extreme. The pre-2007 limit of 18.00 or 19.00 seems a better compromise.
177	Better for the environment- don't need to drive all the way around after 5pm. Safer when in town in evening.
178	Easier crossing town after 5 pm at peak traffic therefore I support 10.00 - 17.00 .
179	Access for disabled people. Drop off in the market place as before.
180	Having been threatened by a youth on a bike one evening I don't think that would have happened if cars were using the road. Also the town is dead in the evening so pedestrianisation is unnecessary
181	Walking in the town centre is now deserted which makes it not pleasant to walk alone as a woman. Electric bikes are going too quickly, perhaps if other road users are there, it might modify their cycling. More petrol is used going around the town. It means that I support local restaurants such as lusso and sunshi maki and collect take aways myself.
182	No additional comment provided
183	We live over near Waitrose and our son is at s hook in St Bart's. It makes our lives so much easier to be shoe to drive through the town before 9 and after 5pm, currently it take a long time to drive the long way round whilst we are both racing to work .
184	To reduce the traffic chaos around the outskirts of newbury, giving drivers another option of a route through newbury at commuter times . No brainer !
185	I don't think it brings any benefits to the town centre at all. There are minimal outdoor seating areas on Northbrook St to take advantage, and even then, there is plenty of room on the existing pavement. The Market Place already has perfectly adequate outdoor seating areas. As a family who live in South Newbury (Wash Common) we have now stopped using any businesses that involve us having to drive via either London Rd or the A34 when previously we could've just driven down the high street for a meal or pickup a takeaway. I fail to see any benefits, only hindrances.
186	As a disabled person it's now impossible to be dropped outside restaurants and pubs in the closed area by taxi . Also my daily taxi trip from westfields to north Newbury costs me £500 a year more!
187	Because it allows me to access the town center in the evening. I am disabled and need close access
188	It would make nipping to shops outside the 10am-5pm hours as well as collecting people from the centre of Newbury when required.
189	No additional comment provided

190	It is unfair on disabled people who require access to restaurants or the corn exchange to not allow them to drive into the town. It must be reinstated back to opening at 5pm!!
191	Inconvenient picking my daughter from work. Counter productive Damaging to the local economy
192	To not allow motorists access to roads, which they should be perfectly entitled to travel along, in favour of pedestrians, is discriminatory. I would, in fact, like things reverted to a position where the access was fair and reasonable - pedestrians have the pavement, vehicles have the road. It worked fine for many years. Oh, and if you could stop taxing / charging (or whatever you would like to call it) people for parking on PUBLIC streets and PUBLIC land, that'd be awesome too!
193	Traffic easing / not necessary to have it so late
194	The original situation has proved to be unacceptable to the majority and I agree with that.
195	Opening Northbrook St to traffic outside 10am to 5pm reduces traffic jams on A339. As an older woman, I feel safer in the evenings walking down Northbrook St if there are cars passing. Without the traffic, it felt too empty and scary, especially after dark - so much so, I stopped going out. With traffic, a taxi can get closer to my pickup/set down point. Also in the last year I have become too disabled to walk across town, so stopped taking donations to charity shops in town.
196	I support the proposal to restore access to aid businesses and improve traffic capacity for the evening peak. As someone frequently travelling North to South through the town the waste of having to leave the town centre via London road and re enter by looping down at the Burger King roundabout and left to get back to Market Street is hugely wasteful
197	I support this for several reasons Keep the Town centre alive. Access for businesses in Town centre - making it more inviting for them and more likely to rent premises. Reducing pollution caused by heavier traffic causing standing vehicles and more jams on the A339 and St. John's Road and providing another shorter route through to West and South Newbury for those travelling from West and North. Creates opportunity for a hybrid arrangement adapted to longer days in summer and recognising higher use of this route in poor weather months. This would help pavement dining/ cafés and create a social hub for times when they are most used.
198	I support it because im fed up Of walking through town and it being completely dead. I used to drop my older children in town to meet friends at all sort of places. I don't now. I used to be able to pick my older child up from work right outside but done now. It has affected many businesses.
199	It is very difficult for people with poor mobility to access town centre restaurants and venues when cars are not allowed to drop them off nearby. Very few people sit outside restaurants in the evening as these areas are spoiled by people smoking, not by traffic. Late night traffic restrictions would possibly work during June, July and August when the weather can be warm enough and the evenings are light enough for people to feel comfortable walking around, but in winter when it is dark it is eerie and feels unsafe with no traffic passing through. The evening pedestrianisation also cause traffic problems for people driving home from work.
200	From a personal viewpoint, when going to Newbury Town centre, usually for visiting shops or restaurants, I like the atmosphere that is created from the pedestrian zone. It creates a great atmosphere.

201	Pedestrianisation to 11pm has killed the town centre while causing traffic Jams and unnecessary delays
202	I see no real benefit to the extended hours beyond 5pm on regular days, except maybe the few weeks with good weather in the summer. Businesses still close before 5pm so it doesnt encourage more activities after 5pm and the only places that perhaps benefited from extending hours to 11pm were the few restaurants and bars with outdoor seating. From my POV that created and encouraged more loud drunken and irritable behaviours and is a disturbance to the people who live on and in the main areas. There are a few nursing homes close by near the area and they dont benefit much from any of these.
203	It is very important that during rush hours that the town centre is open. However in the middle of the day it's fine for the pedestrianisation of the town centre.
204	Current system does not work
205	Traffic issues are a lot worse since closing until 11
206	We need a thriving town centre that is safe in the evenings. By returning to the 10am to 5pm restriction it means that activity and the presence of more people through the town in the evening makes it safer than it has been with the 11pm curfew.
207	The benefits expected in good faith by the original amendment to these changes have not been realised and there is now sufficient evidence from the councils own report that the changes have in fact had a negative affect. One way traffic from the Clocktower in the evening would, in my view, allow pedestrianisation of the area from the Kennet Car park to the church and would perhaps have been a good trial but I fear that the public reception of anything but the return to 10-5 closure would not be positive.
208	No additional comment provided
209	We enjoy No cars enjoy walking in the town centre without cars tooting etc Should also ban ebikes and bicycles during those times most of them are dangerous and a menace
210	I believe it eases congestion on A339 during these times.
211	Ludicrous scheme to close Northbrook Street to all traffic up until 11pm. Causes gridlock on the A339 at busier times and as a disabled person with very limited mobility I simply can not get into the town centre during the evening. Consequently, we've spent our money in neighbouring towns such as Basingstoke
212	It is absolutely crucial to me and my family dynamics hours 10am to 5pm specially if working on the other side of town can car cross Northbrook on the afternoon to collect children from childcare.

213	The traffic has already been bad since the introduction of the new entrance to the train station and closing of the entrance from the Sainsbury's roundabout to the wharf. But the latest pedestrianisation of the town has made it the worst it has been in the 25 years that I have lived here. I have travelled to and from Basingstoke to my Home in Newbury every day for the last 25 years and the traffic has never been as bad as it is at the moment and it is like this from every entrance and exit into the town and all of the surrounding areas. I have travelled into Newbury from the Thatcham side, M4 side and basingstoke and each of these journeys now have miles of tailbacks that weren't there before. I wholeheartedly believe that putting it back to how it was before would improve the situation. I also think that reopening the entrance from the roundabout next to KFC to the wharf would help the congestion that the entrance to the train station now causes.
214	Freedom of movement through the town in the evening making it easier to pick up or drop off people close to venues such as Corn Exchange or cafes or restaurants in Northbrook st or Market Place
215	Aside from occasions during the summer, there are insufficient numbers of people wishing to sit outside on Northbrook St to dine. The impact on traffic on the surrounding roads is also a factor in the extension of pedestrianisation being unnecessary. The air is not cleaner as there are many more cars sitting in queues as they can't use Northbrook St during peak hours. I may be wrong, but I believe air moves fumes from the point of emission. The clean air argument is nonsense. I would not walk along Northbrook at night with no cars moving along it, so safety is also a factor. People with mobility issues also had difficulties with being able to use facilities in town.
216	It would mean that I could come into the town in the evening, at the moment I never enter Newbury at any time.
217	Accessibility in the evenings is needed and especially with dropping/picking up children and also for disabled access. Plus Newbury is gridlocked on the A339 as no other route. 10 min journeys turn into half an hour
218	I personally feel the area is a lot safer without the traffic some of which travel far to fast
219	I live close by to the town centre and I also work within the pedestrian zone. Naturally roads are busier before and after work hours with everybody trying to go home. for myself and a lot of people I know parents can't just go home from work they have to pick up their children from their perspective childcare providers beforehand. In my situation, my childminder firm is located in Speen which means rather than cutting through I have to go the long way round which takes double the time increasing pollution and using far more fuel than it should. Not to mention already making a Busy evening even busier. That town centre is currently extremely busy before 10 am even with cars driving through. I do feel that limiting the amount of cars that come through by reducing the timeframe we are able to do so by will also limit peoples knowledge on what shops are available and open. If you don't live in a very close proximity too or work within the town centre then it is unlikely that you will hear or see of any of the shops that have opened or closed. most of the shops in the town centre are closed after 5/6 pm which makes little to no difference if cars are driving through at that time as well.
220	I have seen no benefit to the hours being expected to 11. I have 2 daughters and dropping them off and picking up to go socialise and generate revenue for the business in the town centre of an evening has been more difficult than it needs to be.
221	I really cannot understand why it was changed have not really seen any more people sitting outside café/restaurants plus the ridiculous route we have to take to get to parking having to literally drive around the outskirts to get anywhere when it was easier to just drive through town. Maybe if the American bridge was made 2 way traffic flow it would ease the situation.

222	Traffic after work is awful due to the closure and takes an additional 30 minutes due to poor traffic light signalling the alternative routes.
223	Traffic flow and removing traffic has not had the hoped positive impact
224	The recent pedestrianisation trial was an abject failure. Newbury does not have a Mediterranean culture or climate which leans itself to dining out on a regular basis. Northbrook Street was largely desolate whilst surrounding roads choked under the increased traffic. Nothing against the 10am > 5pm when people actually wander up and down but footfall after 5pm doesn't warrant it. Nothing wrong with trying but accept the failure and move on.
225	Hello, I can state that I have experienced no significant benefits with the extended hours previously. On the contrary, it has added to the inconvenience due to traffic jams in and around the town centre. The effect of the same has been witnessed to impact the entire town, with streets around the industrial estate being choked up. I think it makes sense in this regard to revert the experimental order.
226	No additional comment provided
227	To alleviate the traffic from the A339 through the town during rush hour times.
228	The hours shouldn't have been changed in the first place. No decent shops in the town centre. the last thing I want to do when coming home from work is go to the shop.
229	I cannot walk far without help and am a blue badge holder. I am 90 years old. I cannot go to any of the restaurants in town in the evening because I need to be dropped off as close to a restaurant as possible. My family can then take the car to a car park (they wouldn't need a disabled space either) and return to me. We would like to support the local places in the town rather than having to go elsewhere.
230	I've seen my business fail due to the extended hours of the pedestrian ionisation of Newbury town Centre. It's awful and also being a blue badge holder. I can't go out in the evenings and access to shops. I need to all the corn exchange. I can't park close enough because there's not enough places to park being disabled and having the shops in walking distances even when I use my wheelchair if I'm alone It's just too far. I haven't been into the High Street for about seven months due to this. I suffer and the High Street suffers turn the High Street back to what it was and at least saved some of our business businesses from going under.
231	It will ease congestion at 5pm when people want to get home, at the moment there is only one route out of the town.
232	Personal safety... at night it is a very desolate road to walk along. Females feel vulnerable. Ease of movement for workers at the beginning and end of the day.
233	There was nothing wrong with the way it was, causes more traffic in surrounding area
234	It will reduce the traffic on A339 during peak times and also support the local restaurants for takeaways.
235	Because it is what people want
236	No additional comment provided

237	No additional comment provided
238	Stops the a399 becoming a bottle neck as there is only one point of travelling north/south at the moment
239	The closure of the high street in the evening has caused absolute chaos during rush hour and later into the evening . The lack of vehicles and people in the high street has made walking the high street in the evening considerably more dangerous due to the increase in antisocial behaviour
240	Better for the town Better for traffic flow Improve late night safety Help businesses
241	Current system does not work as it is very difficult to access central Newbury with a vehicle.
242	By bringing able to cross through the centre of town at rush hour helps traffic move outside the town centre and would reduce grid lock.
243	It's an important relief road for the A339 5-6:30pm
244	Pedestrian access during the day is good as it allows families and individuals to explore the town centre. However having cars access after 5pm again helps with traffic issues which has making travelling around town much harder after 5.
245	I think it's good for shops and people to be cars free during the day
246	I don't think we need to have the area pedestrianised until so late in the evening as most shops/ cafés located in the area close at 6pm anyway thers the pavement for pedestrians.
247	I think it better that the town be open after 5pm. Hardly any of the restaurants or bars took advantage of the streets being closed in the evening. The closure meant that people were not able to be dropped off easily and there is the safety issue of there not being any traffic around and people being vulnerable to crime. The town was much more vibrant with traffic flowing through it
248	- Opening traffic at 5pm helps relieve traffic at rush hour for office workers - in my opinion, there was little benefit to closing after 5pm as there is little pedestrian traffic after that time - when i out for dinner in Nby and walk back to the car late (9-10pm) I feel safer if there is traffic passing, as there is normally very few pedestrians around
249	Changing the hours did not enhance businesses and it also caused additional traffic congestion whereas when the hours were 10.00am to 5pm, helped relieve the traffic congestion.
250	From the moment the shops closes, there is no pedestrian in the street at all. It doesn't make sense to keep it close to the trafic too, especially when the street is the only second path to cross the canal.
251	The extended closure has caused me inconvenience with commuting and accessing the town in the evening.

252	To allow older residents and blue badge holders access to shops and reduce congestion on ring road caused by short sighted decisions in the past.
253	No additional comment provided
254	Eases traffic through North to South Newbury
255	Traffic flow; ease of access.
256	The utter madness that you have trialled needs to stop immediately
257	Am ok with the extended hours in summer, however it makes no sense keeping the extended hours in summer. If it is a binary choice, would like the extended hours revoked.
258	So disabled people can get to shops and restaurants by their car.
259	Traffic in horrendous on link. This will give an alternative route.
260	I live in Hungerford and coming back home has been a nightmare since they closed the town centre after 5pm.
261	Will prevent build up of traffic bypassing the town centre especially during rush hour periods. Making Newbury a safer place to walk during evening and dark winter nights. Noone wishes to sit outside in a town with shops closed at 5.00 particularly during bad weather. We are not like those European countries where the weather allows outdoor living!
262	Reduce the traffic nightmare morning and evening
263	Crime increased in town centre people being attacked. Shops missing out on money to keep businesses afloat. Also if there is an accident everything is gridlocked at least when town was opened up from 5 the traffic flows a little better. Also better for disabled people with blue badge. I am from Newbury lived here most of my life a lovely market town.
264	The towns ancient thoroughfare was established a 1000 years ago. Commerce was built around that arterial route. To close off a route is to close off a blood supply with providing any other way for people to access the centre in a simple unhindered way. The nature of the town is such that there is no economy of scale to support evening pedestrianisation. People enjoy the ability to drive through the town in the evening this is particularly so during the festive period when parents drive through at night to see the Christmas lights and Christmas tree.
265	No additional comment provided
266	My reasons: 1: I was unable to take my elderly mother through town to see Christmas Lights. May seem a small thing, but it is something we do as she is unable to see them any other way. 2: When I go out to get to the other side of town, ie: Craven Road to Western Avenue, I have to go on A339. This adds so much more traffic that I don't believe is needed. 3: I worry for my teenage Granddaughters who may need collecting urgently for whatever reason. So if they were to call their parents/Grandparents because something was happening which they felt uncomfortable with, this could be an autocation between complete strangers to them, but they are scared. Or strangers trying to talk with them , they are scared. How can I get to them quickly? It makes me feel physically sick that they could be in that situation. 4: No more Corn Exchange shows for my immobile sister as she cannot walk from the car parks, she used to be able to get dropped off at the front door and collecting there later.

267	Traffic congestion through Newbury
268	The full pedestrianisation was anti-disabled. I want to be able to go to the corn exchange and be dropped off/collected outside
269	Living in town it's been a nightmare in the evening to get any practicalities done - go back to the way it was please
270	The trial failed - it did not consider that women getting home from restaurants or the elderly or disabled Need to be able to be picked up in town. There are few safe places for collection that don't involve walking down an alleyway. Instead why don't you just permit more temporary closures for events? Best of both worlds
271	No additional comment provided
272	It would make life easier, if drive through the town is allowed from 5:00 PM as earlier.
273	Since this all started the traffic around Newbury has become unbearable. I also used to like going into town in the evenings but have avoided it due to the traffic
274	No additional comment provided
275	Easing of traffic flow around Northbrook street and access to shops via car.
276	Improves the open feel of the town centre
277	Better flow of traffic particularly evening rush hour.
278	I live in in side of town and work on the opposite side. Be able to drive through town centre reduced my travel times substantially. Also it offers an alternative route for traffic to flow better, rather than just the A339 one.
279	Allowing access without the long route round town and easing the flow of traffic
280	Helps shops and keeps the traffic moving
281	Current restrictions put burdon of traffic on all other roads.
282	I think having the road closed after five pm is absolutely ridiculous
283	It was a stupid decision to change it in the first place. Maybe this time you might listen to what the people of Newbury actually want instead of ignoring them again.
284	Having through traffic at night makes things easier for residents and visitors. People are not really using the option to walk on the road at night
285	Sometimes need a taxi to get to or leave from restaurants, bar, theatre or cinema. Don't live too far away but unable to walk easily. Stopped going out in the evenings since the change.
286	It is safer to have some traffic through town even if there are pedestrians. It helps businesses too as there are loads of people who have the opportunity to quickly pop into the shops. Helps with avoiding long route for cars too. Brings back the hustle bustle in the town centre. Thanks
287	Detrimental to the town and traffic on other routes with the extended pedestrianised hours

288	Since the introduction of the limitation in hours the traffic around the main roundabouts, Robin Hood and Sainsbury's has gone worse as more traffic had to go through them rather than crossing the town center. Also I believe the impact on pedestrians from reinstating the extended hours is very limited.
289	No additional comment provided
290	There is only one through road in Newbury unless the road is open creating unnecessary diversion of traffic in the evenings. Town is no longer accessible to blue badge holders or disabled people in the evening.
291	Newbury has become more congested early morning and evenings due to not being able to drive through town, especially as it makes no difference to the shops/pedestrians. As a blue badge holder it is very difficult to be dropped off closer to required destination (crucial in my case)
292	It frees up the traffic on the A339 in the evening
293	I approve of this change because I strongly oppose the original extension of the pedestrianisation - the current extended pedestrianisation has actively caused me problems as a disabled resident, rendering as it does dropping off near my residence impossible other than at the most unsocial hours. Additionally I have seen no improvement in shopping or cafe usage as a result of the extension (taking place after all such businesses are already closed) and it has promoted anti-social behaviour late at night associated with pubs in the area. I also believe that reverting the pedestrianisation hours will help improve rush hour traffic jams by reopening the main thoroughfare through town rather than forcing that traffic onto surrounding roads, and result in less pollution as a result of the shorter journeys.
294	It makes the town centre a more enjoyable place to go to, it feels like it serves the community, rather than the cars. Resisting change is part of human nature, but we need to persevere.
295	The trial has not shown any significant benefits to businesses in the main street. Traffic has worsened in the surrounding areas.
296	I am a local resident and want to be able to easily access and support local services by driving in this location
297	No additional comment provided
298	Absolutely no benefit to stopping traffic after 5pm. No increase in outdoor eating at outdoor eating venues. Just adds to traffic on a339 in early evening.
299	No one dares to use their bikes any more in Newbury - I hardly know anyone whose bicycle hasn't yet been stolen from train station or town centre or work place in Newbury - including mine. You are NOT tackling the antisocial behaviour either, and having 'a plan' is not enough. Not being able to cross the town centre any more has put enormous pressure on families with children in particular and their parents who have been stuck in endless traffic jams. The town centre shops and restaurants (and the owners agree!!!) have not benefitted either - we go out to the town centre much-much less, if at all, due to the road closure (dropping young people off, wife husband - they simply go elsewhere!) I imagine it's been bad for business. Revert back this stupid rule and listen to locals next time before you do something like this!!!
300	Traffic measures, ease of getting to shops/foodoutlets.

301	I am supporting the proposal to reinstate the hours to 10-5
302	Traffic volumes on the A339 have been catastrophic at rush hour as indeed the vehicle emissions have too. This proposal frees up an alternative route to ease rush hour congestion and adds to a much needed safer environment for people to walk in the evenings. A deserted town and lack of through traffic does not.
303	I use the road to commute by car to school and home. I can now easily go back to shopping at Waitrose on the way home from Chieveley after work. My daughter and I can go back to feeling safer getting home to Bartholomew Street / Black Boys Bridge from Waitrose later in the evening when walking (she is 10). We can feel safer getting out for runs at night.
304	Didn't make an impact on anything, made life an inconvenience not being able to drive through
305	It would create a better flow of traffic around the Newbury area and towards the town centre. I am all for this to change.
306	It's wholly unacceptable that the town is closed to traffic for the period recently introduced and the 10am toll 5pm is Acceptable the town has traffic issues without the council messing with the above return to old hours
307	There has been no visible benefits to business or others with the new restrictions.
308	Having only one way through the town in busy periods is ridiculous. Before 10am , after 5pm and at night, access should be through the town centre. Businesses need supplies. In the evening, also many disabled people found it very difficult to access venues with Northbrook St shut.
309	The traffic chaos is causes having the road closed until 11pm isn't worth the few days of good weather we have, people don't want to be sat outside in the cold and rain. My son also attends waterside youth club and having the road closed until 11pm means I have to drive him all the way around the ringroad to drop him off and pick him up, if the road was open I wouldn't need to drive half as far
310	The town has no vibe and it is extremely inconvenient living on the west of town and having to get to the north. Access to restaurants is limited for those less mobile.
311	It was an inefficient decision. I am really glad it is being revoked. There was no reason to be in an empty -ghost town after 18:00. If there were stores or cafes open, then it might have been nice. Let's face it, the mentality isnt like south europe to stay till late.
312	The closure of the town in the evenings has killed the town. People have no longer been able to pop into town to pick up take aways from Northbrook St. The closure has not brought about evening 'cafe culture' it had hoped. Traffic has increased on to other roads particularly at rush hour. By reopening the road in the evenings it can only alieviate the traffic issues and allow customers to support local businesses again.
313	I work for an organisation with adults with learning disabilities and having access through the town at 5pm would be easier to transport clients home. It would save the distress having to wait in long traffic times with the road not being open until 11pm. On a personal level having the road re open again would be more beneficial to people passing through to be able to see what shops/restaurants are available before parking up.

314	No additional comment provided
315	The roads are horrendous at 5pm I have been put off going into Newbury because of this.
316	No additional comment provided
317	I think it will be better for the town centre to thrive
318	A339 is too congested at 8-9am and 5-7pm and needs an alternative route. Newbury does not need the closure of its main shopping street until 10pm - this is not European city and is a very busy town.
319	I support this plan because it makes the town centre less polluted, less congested and safer for me. As a disabled person, I feel much safer and able to go out in pedestrianised areas. I understand that needs for delivery, etc. must be balanced against my and others' needs.
320	I feel since the change to 11pm the traffic across Newbury has been hugely affected. I have noticed the lack of people going to Newbury town centre in the evenings to socialise has dipped. I don't go there anymore as I find it restricting for me. However I feel the road should be opened from 6. As the shops are still open and people are walking back to their homes of cars.
321	No additional comment provided
322	Convenient for residents
323	It helps to free up a backlog of traffic around the area, allowing traffic to flow through the high street from 5pm. It encourages more people to use the high street and encourage use of shops/restaurants and since the closure foot traffic has fallen and affected businesses, causing some to close
324	To bring back life to the town centre
325	For context, i both live and work in Newbury. 1. Traffic around sainsbury's is a lot heavier during rush hour as cars cannot travel through town. 2. As a pedestrian walking from town to sainsbury's, with more cars around, is a common occurrence for cars to speed/run red lights making it more dangerous to cross the main roads. 3. As a woman, walking through town, i feel less safe with no cars around and less witnesses. 4. I am less aware of business opening in town due to not driving through, so i rarely see which businesses to visit and always end up going to other areas that I can reach by car.
326	My vote to reinstate the 10-5 is predominantly traffic reasons. It helps so much more with rush hour traffic. Also, this is how I catch up on what's new within the high street. My slow drive through allows me to look at all the new shops, restaurants, cafes and then gives me reasons to venture into the high street. People eating outside will rarely be doing so at 5pm and by the time they do, the traffic will be very light anyway.
327	The pedestrianisation until late was absolutely pointless. The only time it should have been extended to is earlier before 10am when there are kids walking to school and people walking to work.

328	I believe that there is no point extending the pedestrianisation. Who exactly is it benefiting? It wouldn't be the shoppers because the pedestrianisation would be active almost the whole duration of the shopping period. The pavement is large enough now for pedestrians. There aren't a constant flow of buses stopping and starting through town as they use park way. It would ease up traffic around town as well.
329	It makes far more sense rather than having it shut until 11PM which is frankly absurd.
330	Seriously it's very difficult to park and walk if car means it will be very easy to my children's thanks for support
331	Safer, cleaner, promotes business
332	I live near burger king roundabout and the traffic on the roundabout has increased significantly in the evenings due the northbrook street being shut.
333	Extending the hours made it worse as the town became so quiet. What was the advantage of extending it. I could see nothing.
334	I support the proposal as the original pedestrianisation should never have happened as the consultation was overwhelmingly against it, however it was done anyway. The leaked report demonstrates that it has in fact been a complete failure rather than a success. Therefore I consider that the pedestrianisation should be reverted back to its original hours.
335	As far as I know the outcome of the research following the extended hours wasn't showing a benefit. The old way worked much better. Having it blocked during the day and open at night is best of both worlds I think. I however do see a benefit of extended hours but if the facts don't support that then my view must change.
336	I absolutely agree that the area should revert back to its original times as congested roads and access has been incredibly difficult! The high street is suffering and our town doesn't need closure until 11pm!
337	The town is not busy enough to block all traffic for that amount of time. With only 1 road available to get you from one side to the other if there is an incident it's an absolute nightmare. Having access to two options will relieve pressure for motorists. Besides this, the public have already voted against it, the council should listen.
338	There is no point of not allowing the vehicles after 5pm as the town is dead anyway
339	No additional comment provided
340	Better traffic flow during rush hour and easy access to family member who live within the pedestrianised area.
341	No additional comment provided
342	I think the disruption to high street businesses was not predicted. There is no reason why deliveries or maintenance vans should not be allowed to use the high street to park outside the premises they are servicing. There will still be ample space for bars and cafes to have tables outside of their premises in the summer, especially in market square.

343	Nightlife in Newbury Town Centre is not a flourishing trade. After shops close at 5pm, there is no safety reason why the road isn't be open to traffic. This could in fact boost passing trade for venues such as cafes and restaurants
344	Improve safety as a solo female walking through town in the evening. As a commuter it will vastly improve traffic flow at peak commute times.
345	After finishing work (5:30pm), it is useful to be able to go through the town centre rather than going via the Robin Hood roundabout. By reverting back to this, it also helps to mitigate traffic on other roads.
346	Road traffic management in Newbury has been atrocious, road access, parking and connection between services. There is one artery for traffic going north south through Newbury and zero thought has been given on how best to maintain flow of traffic quickly and efficiently both through town and to car parks etc.
347	Returning early evening onwards access for traffic will help ease congestion on the A339 through town (i.e. Robin Hood - Burger King roundabouts route). It will also provide much easier access to shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, which is especially helpful for those with mobility issues and make walking through town a safer experience as there will be many more people around (both traffic and pedestrians)
348	I prefer to walk down Northbrook Street at all hours, especially in the coming Summer months. The air quality and planting areas will be so much better.
349	I used to drive through town on way home from work three times a week and saw the window displays and offers and sales advertised and then visit on next day off. Since it has been closed I have not been to the town centre more than a handful of times. I now bypass the town on the A339 over the canal and apart from occasionally stopping at Waitrose or Sainsbury never use the town anymore. The occasional time I did go into town to the Corn Exchange on a week day evening there seemed only to be a mainly youth demographic and they were often up to no good, shouting, or riding e-bikes all over the place with no regard to pedestrians never looking before shooting out of alleys and side roads or mounting. The town was taken over by instant delivery drivers again on e-bikes parking all over the pavement. My elderly mother who lives near the canal hardly ever goes onto the main shopping areas now for fear of being bowled over. The cars at 5 pm were fine and also allowed us to pop into banks and use the letterboxes. The town should be for everyone. Open Bartholomew Street to two way and close the market place but cars do need access. Newbury has only one place to cross the canal and it has all become a huge pinch point. My journey to Stockcross takes less than 10 mins in the morning yet sometimes 45 mins on way home!! More pollution sitting in jams and more fuel burnt.
350	Because the closure made no sense appearing to be another vanity project by our inept council
351	The extension of pedestrianised town centre has affected traffic in and around Newbury, it has affected businesses in the area, and it is just stupid and ignorant. A rule made by morons that probably don't even live in the town
352	Previous proposal did not work. Town centre is dead and people are not using the outdoor eating / seating. Yet another inconceived idea by a council who is completely out of touch with what the community wants.
353	I believe it will be safer to allow cars to drive through the town centre to pick up children and teens etc after they have been in town, in bars, in restaurants, etc., particularly female.

354	The original scheme was understood as things stood. The revision to 11pm made no sense to people out for the night: it was a nice idea but Newbury has the wrong infrastructure for it to work effectively.
355	From the research that has been carried out - residents didn't want this to happen anyway!
356	To support local businesses. They have it hard enough, we are losing lots of small, independent businesses and if we can encourage greater footfall, we absolutely should.
357	Increased traffic congestion at rush hour and gridlock when 339 has issues.
358	Traffic calming at rush hour, accessibility, increase of town centre business
359	To ease the traffic congestion on the A339 and sounding roads. To allow drop off and pick up in the town and market place. To make the town feel safer at night.
360	No additional comment provided
361	It's ridiculous at the moment with the traffic is crazy.
362	Opening the pedestrianised area will help traffic flow far better at rush hour, I currently use the station 3 times a week to travel to Reading by train and traffic is really not great when I return and then have to go collect my children from school.
363	Traffic control
364	My mum is disabled and it means we can't drop her off at opticians, chemists and restaurants as she is unable to walk far. I also believe it feels safer in the evenings to walk through town knowing there is constant traffic. Also saw a ambulance service struggle if someone is injured.
365	I support the return to the previous day time pedestrianisation hours as it has become clear to residents and business owners of Newbury that apart from the odd day in the year very few people if any are benefiting from the extended hours. When there are traffic issues on the A339 early evening it would be much more beneficial to have another route to use.
366	Having the centre of Newbury closed to traffic makes it very difficult to get from one end of town to the other. Businesses in the centre suffer as people find it difficult to get into town.
367	Traffic is horrendous with just 1 route to get from one end of Newbury to the other.
368	To make the traffic flow better through Newbury giving two routes across town. To provide access to businesses and food outlets.
369	It's not needed too be shut passed 5 pm
370	Newbury town centre is dying a slow and painful death. The council needs to listen to the public
371	No additional comment provided

372	Pedestrianisation as it was before the current trial worked absolutely fine. It allowed traffic through the town at peak hours which eased the traffic on other routes. The current trial has proven unsuccessful.
373	No additional comment provided
374	My husband is disabled and restricted access to the town centre in the evening gs seems discriminatory and unnecessary. The town seems less safe when deserted if people and traffic. Additional pollution and delays on the ring road at rush hour seem utterly unnecessary.
375	I missed my train because there was so much traffic going up the road to the train station from the Robin hood roundabout if the town was open to drive through i wouldn't have missed it
376	It is quite clear that the extended hours of pedestrianisation were unpopular, and potentially counterproductive. The local authority needs to find a solution that works for businesses and residents, and it seems that the previous system of pedestrianisation worked fine. What I do not want is a total end to pedestrianisation.
377	The town needs additional routes to travel north and south at busy drive time periods. 10am to 5pm allows this to happen. Also the town centre needs movement of people and traffic to stimulate the local economy. You don't get this by banning traffic. People are lazy and drive, it's human nature.
378	Town centre is safer for kids and dogs and older people, less polluted, more inviting and appealing. What is there between Mcdonalds and the butchers that people must absolutely need to be able to park outside?
379	It was an undemocratic imposition after the original consultation gave a negative response and therefore should never have been implemented at all.
380	No additional comment provided
381	It will make getting into town for meals, cinema, theatre a lot easier for those who cannot walk far.
382	Firstly, traffic becomes a big problem at rush hour and as Northbrook is pedestrianised then this has a big impact on traffic along the main roads by Robin Hood Rounabout. Secondly, I have to waste petrol to go all the way around to get to my daughters house which is down Northcroft when I can go straight through town to get to hers in an emergency. This is my example, however, Im sure there are many customers who struggle to get to Northcroft Centre as they have to go the long way around from the other end of town. Thirdly, there is less pedestrians than was expected at night. Not many restaurants have dining outside and if they do, mostly are rarely used. The street is like a ghost town, most nights. Being able to go through town means you can get picked up after a night out, instead of having to meet the person further down in Newbury. My husband used to drop me off at the market place which he cant do anymore.
383	No additional comment provided

384	Extending the pedestrianisation hours has not worked. Businesses have suffered, the 'cafe culture' that was promised has not materialised and traffic is grid locked on the adjoining local roads with cars crawling along polluting our local atmosphere. Local disabled residents have also been unfairly disadvantaged by the extended hours as they are unable to access local businesses. The previous 10am - 5pm hours was a perfect compromise and local residents voted resoundingly not to extend it, however their views were ignored by West Berkshire Council. I hope they will now do the right thing and return to 10pm - 5pm hours.
385	Traffic needs to flow through Newbury better without all the traffic jams and heavy flow through the surrounding roads. Building more and more houses without doing basic improvements to the infrastructure is thoughtless and ill planned. Look at the road systems you have in place to deal with the weight of more and more traffic. Closing the town centre to traffic was an ill conceived idea. I support the road being opened again from 5pm.
386	I have heard from friends that they have felt isolated during the closing of the route through the town centre until 11 pm as due to their lack of mobility, they couldn't be dropped close to the restaurants and the Corn Exchange and have therefore stopped going to town altogether. Also, the traffic on the bypass has been absolutely horrendous whilst the previous order was in place.
387	Newbury roads are busy and crowded the ability to cut through town after 5pm takes the pressure of outer roads and enables you to pop into shops in the centre too.
388	Being able to drive through town after 5pm will help with all the traffic that builds up on the Robinhood round about. Will also make town a safer place at night. The shops will also see more revenue
389	No additional comment provided
390	It is difficult to have to always drive around the town centre until very late at night
391	As a pedestrian, it feels safer to have cars driving through the centre after 5pm as otherwise I wouldn't feel okay walking through there. In terms of being a driver, it's much more convenient to be able to drive through the centre rather than going round to get to the other side and it will help with the traffic, especially when people out of work.
392	There is absolutely no reason to keep the town centre closed to traffic past 5pm. There are a handful of restaurants and cafes in Northbrook street with the vast majority are closed no later than 6pm. Having the road open gives traffic an alternative flow and makes the A339 easier. This cafe culture that everyone talks about does not exist. Also having just holidayed in Antibes south of France the paths are full of cafes and restaurants and the roads fully open. No one minds
393	I have yet to find a fully pedestrianised area in any town that works, unless it is surrounded by integrated parking and assisted transport facilities. Parking, for cars. Reasons? Getting the bus trebles or quadruples the amount of time you're out. Shopping has to be in small amounts as you can't get large items to your car without a hernia and lugging it onto the bus is a complete no-go most of the time. Disabled people need to be dropped off close to whatever facility they want to use. Shops are severely restricted in deliveries. Why do you think so many of the shops we had have cleared off? Lack of use. People go to the retail park so they can park next to the shop. Add to that I have yet to see a pedestrianised street that isn't a ghost town for large parts of the day.

394	No additional comment provided
395	No additional comment provided
396	Traffic adds life to a dead street in the evenings, I feel less safe walking in the town centre in recent evenings The benefit to traffic during rush hour is also to be welcomed.
397	I would like to revert pedestrianisation hours in Newbury town centre to how it was before the Council put a temporary order to restrict car access to Newbury town centre between 5pm and 11pm.
398	Reduce the traffic congestion when in the evening especially in the after office hours. Besides that, driver can have more options route when the busy road had an accident occur. We can go through the town will be easy for us go to the shops and restaurants in the evening. Now Newbury town is lack of convenience park space, open the road will be mor
399	The extension of the pedestrian hours to 11pm has not achieved the councils aim to increase footfall in the town centre, and has only caused frustration for newbury inhabitants and mounting traffic implications.
400	No additional comment provided
401	No additional comment provided
402	It will help with traffic through the rest of the town and it will hugely help local businesses being able to drive through town again. All local business owners I have spoke with never wanted total pedestrianisation in the first place so please revert to the original hours.
403	Don't see a need for the road to be closed any later than 5pm. Opening it after 5 enables for less connection on other roads and cuts travel time for many
404	Traffic at peak time is horrendous at times with all traffic pushed to the A339, walking through town of an evening feels a lot safer with cars/traffic going through the town, we also missed driving through with the children to see the towns christmas lights as couldn't drive through so went elsewhere instead of supporting local! Cannot get picked hp/dropped off in town so dont feel safe so have stopped going into town of an evening.
405	Disabled people who can't walk far can be droped and picked back up at the corn exchange and restaurants in the hight street. I know a few people that are missing out now. Would also relive some traffic from the A339 which can be grid lock at times.
406	I support the proposal to reduce the pedestrianisation hours from 10am–11pm to 10am–5pm. As a local business owner, I believe the current restrictions create unnecessary difficulties for customers, suppliers, and businesses operating in the town centre. Allowing vehicle access after 5pm would improve accessibility, make deliveries and collections easier, and provide greater convenience for customers, particularly families, elderly visitors, and those with mobility issues. The proposed hours would continue to protect pedestrians during the busiest part of the day while creating a more practical and balanced arrangement for businesses and residents. For these reasons, I fully support the proposal.

407	The added pressure on the traffic since the town centre has been closed makes it near impossible to travel through Newbury in a reasonable amount of time.
408	I believe that the council are doing their utmost to force through pedestrianisation and not listening to their council tax paying resident
409	Lower footfall in the town since pedestrianisation. Increased traffic and pollution as cars drive faster on the ring road to get around the pedestrianisation.
410	Supports shops and hospitality venues Reduces congestion in rush hour Allows taxi pickups safely outside restaurants rather than walking to back of market place where it doesn't feel safe
411	This will improve the traffic around the town.
412	I beleive that it will ease the traffic flow through Newbury during peak times. The town center has been absolutely dead since the pedestrianisation which is not great for businesses and shops in town, but also makes walking in town centre as a woman on her own at night feel quite unsafe as there arent many people around.
413	West berkshire should of never changed it and it will help reduce traffic in the morning rush hours
414	I love in Kintbury however my children attend Newbury schools and my husband and I both work in Newbury. Road closures in and out of the village mean we have to take a much longer route to destination. From a safety perspective I do not feel safe as a lone female walking through town after shops have closed on darker evenings there is no way people could help or prevent an incident occuring. Getting from one end of town to the other coats alot more in fuel and taxi if using a taxi service. Access to cash point with in the town is limited Overall I think it works better opening it at 5
415	I leave close to high street and after 5pm traffic on london road is massive. Im not able to pick up my kids from sports activities, buy grocery etc. Most of the time its take me 10 minutes to get out on main road from my house. Pedestraion doesn't make sense if bikes still driving like crazy.
416	It makes the town centre more accessible to a wider section of our community who cannot visit the town for the evening currently. It will also relieve traffic on the A339 enabling residents to move about more easily if using a car, bus or taxi.
417	To reduce traffic on the other roads
418	Traffic allowed after 5 reducing congestion and pollution on the a339.. as the only alternative to travel north to south ..increasing access for disabled and pensioners who cannot walk and require transport into north brook street to use the facilities and restaurants.
419	To help ease traffic and allow access for disabled visitors to restaurants
420	To make the town more accessible in the evenings for traffic and to help improve footfall in our pubs and restaurants. It is impossible to get a taxi near to any of the town centre restaurants. It will greatly improve the ability to have an evening in the town supporting local hospitality and be able to get picked up and dropped off in the town centre.
421	Car fumes and traffic along the road by aldi and backing up past flat all day are awful. It's causing more traffic than help not allowing town to be open for 5pm

422	The traffic in the evenings is ridiculous. There has also been an increase in anti social behaviour in and just off the high street later at night.
423	I like the lack of traffic in the town during the day, but feel keeping it closed to traffic after 5pm causes hold ups and congestion on the A339.
424	Should have never been changed in the first place. It has killed Newbury town centre and asking us if we want it reinstated is just a load of box ticking nonsense!
425	peak traffic hours are pre 10 and post 5pm, having this route open assists in spreading local car traffic. peak pedestrian hours are covered by the proposal, and evenings are open for meals and pubs but easy access for taxis busses and those less mobile.
426	Would rather shop and socialise elsewhere as inconvenient with no access to half of the town
427	A
428	I'm in support of this proposal, I feel the restaurants and public houses that are in this area will benefit. The 10am to 5pm had always worked well. I do feel that parking should be reduced or free after 5 o'clock to encourage people to come into the town centre. Common sense has prevailed.
429	No additional comment provided
430	Shouldn't have been changed in the first place. The town is dead at night time, not safe to walk through. Too much traffic on the a339. Absolute waste of time and money changing this in the first place. Didn't accomplish anything apart from making us drivers sit in traffic
431	No additional comment provided
432	Restricting vehicular access until 11:00 PM heavily disrupts the evening economy. It penalizes independent hospitality venues by blocking essential delivery couriers, takeaway drivers, and suppliers during peak trading hours, directly threatening the survival of our high street businesses. The late-night restrictions strip away vital Blue Badge parking and safe, central taxi drop-off points. This effectively locks out elderly, disabled, and mobility-impaired residents from attending evening venues like the Corn Exchange, making our town center exclusionary rather than inclusive. Rather than reducing emissions, the extended hours simply displace gridlock to the surrounding road network. The resulting severe congestion on perimeter routes like the A339 causes idling traffic, worsening air quality and transit times for surrounding residential areas.
533	No additional comment provided
434	I live Shaw end of Newbury I also do Stewarding at the Corn exchange I have to leave home earlier and earlier just to get there in time for the briefing before a show , we have all notice more late comers since you closed Northbrook st because of the traffics , I have a friend who needs to be dropped off in the market place but can no longer do this the whole episode has been a disaster , just think of a youngster starting work in a shop no one about after 5-30 she has to walk alone along NB street Just leave it as it was before you interfered
435	Less impact to town centre businesses. Help reduce traffic and dangerous driving

436	evening closure hasn't brought any benefits.
437	The high street is not busy with people as originally proposed after 5pm, however the A339 is blocked with cars. It appears to have had a severe impact restaurants and other business with the lack of passing trade
438	The 10am - 2300 ban was imposed against the wishes of the majority of Newbury residents and the majority vote to not impose it was ignored. The sooner it reverts back to 10am to 17.00 the better for everyone, road users and businesses. The council need to listen to their residents and abide by their views instead of pursuing their own national party political agenda.
439	I have friends who have access problems. They like to eat in Newbury but haven't been able to since it has been shut. I therefore support the 10 to 5pm only shutting.
440	The town became a ghost town when it was pedestrianised until 11pm. I don't feel safe walking through the town centre to meet friends, it felt far safer when vehicles were permitted through Northbrook St after 5pm. Plus if there's congestion or roadworks in the A339 Newbury became an absolute bottle neck - sometimes taking 45 mins to one hour to travel from Shaw to Wash Common which is completely unacceptable when there's a viable alternative route.
441	No additional comment provided
442	No additional comment provided
443	The high level of traffic which has been caused by the current closures. The businesses which have suffered due to the closure, ie, takeaway collection
444	No additional comment provided
445	Better for the people of Newbury
446	No additional comment provided
447	5pm traffic is a nightmare
448	My town. Lived here 54 years .
449	Safer for pedestrians after visiting Corn Exchange and/restaurants in the evening with people in cars driving through Northbrook Street. As an elderly person I felt very vulnerable walking through Northbrook Street with no-one around - scary. Northbrook Street open assists traffic travelling through Newbury after 5 pm -unnecessary to force traffic to queue on A339 when perfectly acceptable alternative to relieve congestion
450	It will open the town up more to visitors, ease traffic congestion at peak times, make getting from one side of town to the other easier in the evening, be safer walking through town in the evening as more people about
451	Traffic on other routes around the town centre have become ridiculously busy at peak times. I work in Market Place and we often have missed deliveries and clients arriving late due to not being able to drive through the town centre. Getting from one side of town to the other in the evening has become a real chore

452	Traffic around the town centre has become far worse since at rush hour since the option to go through the town centre was removed with little to no noticeable improvement in footfall in the town centre, instead it feels less safe to walk around the town centre in the evening which means I no longer attend monthly game nights at a game cafe in the town centre following a negative experience while walking through the town centre after.
453	To ease traffic at rush hour
454	Its frustrating not to be able to get in to and drive trough town centre and after 5pm shops are closing so driving is not affecting restaurants or pubs or any evening business and not that many pedestrians
455	I feel very vulnerable in town now without the traffic.
456	To cut congestion Improved access to stores for less abled and bring around more safety! After all Paddington was stolen when Northbrook street was closed!
457	It will help with the the flow of traffic through Newbury. I know people that live in the town centre & they haven't felt as safe walking through since the pedestrianisation in the evenings.
458	Any additional traffic movement will help with congestion often experienced on the other routes.
459	No additional comment provided
460	Returning to the previous pedestrianisation hours would benefit town centre businesses, improve rush-hour traffic flow and provide a safer environment for pedestrians after dark.
461	I support the reinstatement of the 10am–5pm pedestrianisation hours because it provides a better balance between creating a safe and attractive town centre during the day while still allowing vehicle access in the evening. Many residents, visitors, and businesses rely on convenient access to the town centre after 5pm, particularly for dining, collecting purchases and supporting the evening economy. Restricting vehicle access until 11pm can make the town centre less accessible for elderly people, those with mobility issues, families with young children, and customers travelling from surrounding villages. Earlier vehicle access also makes it easier for people to be dropped off or picked up, particularly at locations such as Wetherspoons, where collection from the rear of the premises can be difficult when access is restricted. The 10am–5pm arrangement maintains the benefits of pedestrianisation during the day while improving accessibility and supporting local businesses in the evening.
462	It would relieve traffic, delivery chaos for suppliers and evening delivery services for takeaway orders that keep restaurants in business
463	It clearly hasnt worked affecting local businesses and traffic. Listen to the public as you should have done in the first place.
464	I support changing it back as I have sat in the traffic along the A339 and A34 whilst trying to get home from a long day at work. All the while the town centre was shut down when I have gone though town before it was busy people could park and run into Tesco etc for bits and then be on their way. Very few people were in town as all the shops had closed. I also think the American bridge should be opened up again especially if there is an accident. But I guess you all would like us sat in our cars polluting the skies.

465	Traffic is really bad in the evening as there is just one route. I would like to drop off my mum and dad for eating out in the town centre.
466	The 10am-5pm hours work best providing core hours traffic free in the town, whilst enabling free flowing traffic at peak times around Newbury.
467	It helps ease traffic at busy times. I don't feel it will effect businesses in the town centre as it didn't seem to add any extra whilst shut till 11pm.
468	The traffic at rush hour has increased dramatically since the hours were changed.
469	Multiple reasons, There is no benefit to the road being closed that late pedestrian access significantly lowers once the shops close so it makes no sense. It may be nostalgic but I have always adored driving through town at the end of the day at Christmas time with all of the lights
470	During rush hour the roads around Newbury are a nightmare if town was open to allow for traffic to flow more easy I believe it would make it easier for shoppers .
471	The hours returning 10-5 will help pollution, safety and people seeing what shops and restaurants have to offer.
472	Already explained this in previous survey. It stops disabled access to corn exchange and restaurants in the centre. Creates lots of stationery traffic on the dual carriageway, causing more pollution. I SUPPORT the return to 5pm opening of Northbrook St.
473	Too much of traffic in Newbury on main roads Rush hour a nightmare If there's an accident on a34 Newbury is gridlocked when town in shut
474	Better access to town for the less able bodied. Town feels safer to walk through in the evening with passing traffic. Better access to shops for their deliveries.
475	It's was, and has been a crazy idea to make everyone travelling north-south from the western sides of Newbury, to have to go via the A339, both doubling the distance from A to B (like Speen to Westfields for example) when there is a much easier and shorter route through the town centre. The Town is relatively dead from 5pm (earlier in the winter). The additional route causes greater congestion on the A339, particularly during the evening rush hour, causing MORE pollution, MORE wasted journey time and mileage. Newbury is fairly unique as there are only two north - south routes in or near the town - so you shut one!!! Madness!!! Open it as soon as possible, and why wait until September?? You already know most of Newbury's views, and yet you just delay further. The initial trial was for 6 months, that's long gone, so WHY is it STILL SHUT until 11:00pm?
476	It will bring more footflow to Northbrook Street, with buses able to drop off people that rely on public transport
477	Helps reduce standstill traffic through Newbury in rush hour traffic Closing Monks lane for that long period was a nightmare!
478	To improve the flow of traffic especially at peak times, the town centre has been like a ghost town, it hasn't improved the area or made any positive changes

479	It would be a disaster for Newbury if cars were allowed through town at those times. The road is so busy pedestrians could not safely use the pavement. Also the traffic on the A339 during this period does not justify opening these roads.
480	If cars are driving through Newbury after 5pm, I believe it will be a safer place to be. Many eyes help, and it may also stop groups of young men hanging around town in the evening. I would more comfortable to visit restaurants in the evening.
481	The traffic traversing through the local roads gets heavier all the time and there is no alternative route in the event of accidents. Local businesses are suffering due to the lack of access for certain groups of people and deliveries. It is a lovely town but it needs to be opened up again for that extra 5 hours a day.
482	The old system worked. The town is deserted in the evenings, especially in the winter months. The traffic around a Newbury is horrendous and get from north to south Newbury at rush hour times can take up to 40 minutes. I'm 60 years old and was born and bred here. I love Newbury but the traffic is a real issue.
483	I support the proposal as I feel much happier when it's busier in the evening.
484	It helped with the flow of traffic and my mum is a blue badge holder with limited mobility. Access to town is difficult from the designated car parks.
485	I live on the edge of the pedestrianised area to get to my work I need to travel through town center. This makes going around more costly in time consuming. Traffic around my address is heavier because closure forces the cars through.
486	I feel it should go back to how it was before. Let cars drive through town to save congestion everywhere else. Newbury town is not even busy after 5pm anyway so I see no need for it to be closed to traffic. It also saves having to go longer ways round when it's easier to go up through town in the evening
487	Town is less comfortable without cars travelling through and feels more dangerous. Also traffic is awful on A339 since extended hours came in
488	Our son lives in town centre and it's very difficult to collect our grandson when we can't get into town
489	I live in the south of Newbury and visit in the north and it's a pain not to be able to drive home in the evening
490	Why change what worked well..
491	By stopping the traffic until 11pm Newbury is at a standstill and if you need to get from one side of Newbury to the other it takes so long. If there is a broken down car or accident you will be sitting for hours 🙄
492	The town is best served by having traffic flowing through the town centre in the evenings to ensure the safety of those walking through on dark nights. It prevents people hiding in shadows and shop fronts having the opportunity to strike.

493	This would reduce traffic during peak times and would allow traffic to flow more freely through Newbury when there are lane closures, road closures etc as this has been a constant problem lately. This also makes it much safer for women and girls allowing them to be picked up from the market place again, which is well lit and full of people rather than arranging to be collected from deserted, dimly lit meeting points.
494	As a female walking to get a taxi home, I now have to walk on my own across town instead of being able to be picked up outside of the place I am at, I think reopening the town at 5pm would make it more safer for women.
495	The traffic is horrendous during rush hour (am & pm) if you need to get to the other side of town. To have some relief with traffic flowing through the centre of town will please residents. It's very rare that we have nice enough weather for people to eat outside in Northbrook street.
496	Closing the town centre to cars greatly increased the traffic issues, it had zero impact on the amount of pedestrians in town. Therefore going back to opening at 5pm will help ease rush hour traffic
497	Keep the town centre alive by opening it up at 5pm
498	No additional comment provided
499	Feels so much safer walking alone when there are cars driving by, will stop the bottleneck of traffic and better for businesses.
500	It's ridiculous having only 1 route through town. When the a339 has a problem it's gridlocked. It's gridlocked anyway all the time because of this but even worse when a339 has problems.
501	I live on the outskirts of the town centre. The traffic increase over the rush hour periods has been detrimental to commuters, often putting the A339 back to levels pre bypass. Adjoining roads like St Johns Road have been a nightmare during the whole of this unnecessary trial. Put it back and listen to the constituents, the people who live here, those who are most affected.
502	Much better for businesses people driving through will stop at shops. Also help with traffic congestion as cutting through town will reduce some traffic on Robin hood roundabout and roads in that area
503	It should never have been done in the first place, just sitting in traffic on the A339, wasting fuel takes an hour ginger from St John's to Parkway to visit my family and vice versa. I have restricted mobility so therefore don't have any other options but to drive
504	It is unnecessary to stop traffic after shop closing times. It aids locals to get from one side of town at night time rather than use the ring road which at the moment, the traffic on it is horrendous
505	Just hearing comments from shop keepers in town and comments on facebook it appears most would like it back to how it was. Personally doesn't affect me, so I'm happy to support business folk. I do like it free from traffic in the evenings though.. I'm not keen on sitting outside a restaurant next to car fumes...

506	I already gave my reasons. Now you're just re-asking because of being against the original results. Main reason of many.... Businesses aren't open after 5pm so it's dead anyway. Having it closed after 5pm creates insane traffic on a339 as the only road that goes through Newbury. A compromise would be to have town shut 10am-5pm Sunday to Thursday then 10am-11pm Friday and Saturday when people are actually out
507	Because the congestion that having this route closed until 11pm that has been caused. It takes so long to drive from 1 side of Newbury town the other due to this and it puts me off quite frankly
508	It's really inconvenient not being able to drive through town until 11pm We regularly go to the corn exchange and it really frustrating having to drive all the way around We use the train station but currently we can't drive through the high street in the evening There is no sense having it closed to so very late
509	No more late night / early deliveries keeping people away decrease in feral kids running amok in the high street
510	There are very few people walking or in the street after early evening to require no traffic restrictions upto 11pm. In fact traffic would bring more life to the town in the evening. This route also takes traffic off the bypass in the evening and allows drivers a choice of how they travel from north to south. The restriction was a poor decision and should never have been put in place. In some ways the town would benefit from no traffic restrictions whatsoever.
511	Better for shop deliveries, and disabled people wishing to go to pubs, corn exchange etc.
512	I support the proposal to reinstate the pedestrianisation of the Newbury town Centre from 10am to 11pm to 10am to 5pm. I felt right from the start that extending the pedestrianisation hours to 10.00am to 23.00pm would serve no real purpose other than to increase the traffic on the A339 which is already under considerable pressure. Would do nothing to enhance the retail experience as around 95% of the retail outlets close at 5.30pm, leaving just Tesco which closes at 20.00pm and Marks and Spencers which closes at 19.00pm. There is no easily accessible parking for either store with the multi story car park on Pembroke Road closing at 19.00pm, the parkway shopping car park only giving access to Parkway shopping where all stores apart from M&S closing between 17.30pm and 18.00pm. The expected enhanced hospitality opportunities have not materialised, the incidence of unruly behaviour have increased and there is a general feeling of unease when walking through Northbrook Street. I would also like to suggest that the Local Authority consider a pedestrianisation order 10am to 19pm and consider removing the no parking order in the Newbury Town Centre between the hours of 19.00pm and 07.00am
513	An extra entry/exit road is needed from Newbury Town Centre during rush hour. It can take up to 20 mins to get from Vodafone roundabout to Enborne Road due to severe congestion. There is no advantage stopping vehicles using the town centre during the evening. It has not generated any evening business for the restaurants.
514	Returning to the position before the council ignored the populations' opinion and forced evening traffic onto the already busy A339 whilst delivering no benefits except to allow various catering establishments to obstruct the pavement with extra external seating
515	Need to enable traffic to use the town centre after 5pm to ease congestion on the ring road
516	Newbury traffic needs more Kennet crossing points. We live in the st Bart's area. 5pm is a good time to enable going to better gym and Waitrose.

517	It is difficult for people with limited mobility to access the facilities in Northbrook street, Bartholomew street and the market place in the evening and having a 11pm traffic curfew restricts their opportunity partake in normal socialisation.
518	Town centre will feel safer, less of a ghost town at night. Easier access to corn exchange and other amenities for taxis and lifts Eases traffic flow on the a339 and means there is an alternative if there are problems there and/or on the a34.
519	No additional comment provided
520	Because it should have never been extended to the stupidly long hours. What an own goal elected councillors, sadly it's this sort of nonsense that could see far right candidates do well at future elections!!! I do hope that such poor public service weighs heavy on the idiots who started this pantomime. Ideally it would be completely unpedestrianised and let people get to the shops like they did for years!
521	No additional comment provided
522	Newbury is a market town and identifies as such. Making the town centre accessible for patrons is a must. Having the town centre as another route for travel is also beneficial to the road network. The current scheme is not pedestrianised, as electric bikes and scooters along with normal bicycles use the pedestrianised area. These bikes, scooters and bicycles go much faster than the limit for mobility scooters (they too, can be a menace). The area is still not safe for pedestrians as we have to keep an eye out for our safety.
523	Being able use the access through town after 5pm to go from South to North and back again will bring great relief to the bypass traffic. To be able to nip into town quickly after 5pm to grab a few bits from some of the shops before they close at 5pm while hubby waits in the car or drop one of the children in the town high street or picking them up early evening is valuable. To be able to drive round into the market place after 5pm to pick up older children up from an evening out or even our elderly parents dropping them off right outside the corner exchange or Bill's so they don't have any distance to walk (1 has hip mobility issues from a hip replacement 6yrs ago and another has severe COPD respiratory restrictions.
524	It's a failure. There are no positive outcomes from this other than safety so what was the safety record prior to the test? This is not the Mediterranean, the climate maybe changing but not significantly enough to warrant the idea. A compromise has to be the solution 10-6 for 6 months of the year 10-8 for the other
525	The extension of pedestrianisation was an ill thought out plan overwhelmingly not supported by Newbury. Quite why you feel the need to carry out yet another consultation beggars belief.
526	Ease of access
527	Its hard enough to get north/south from West Fields without the rain route being shut in rush hour. When there's trouble on the A34, the 339 gets gridlocked and we can't get in or out of West Fields. There is no other route for us to go.
528	To save the town from dying

529	I regularly walk in to town to meet friends for a meal (or drive occasionally) and as an older woman have felt uneasy walking down a deserted Northbrook Street to the car park. I also volunteer at the Corn Exchange and often hear the same worries from our visitors. Our disabled visitors cannot be dropped off/picked up outside the theatre anymore. I could imagine a hybrid version of the Council's plans with large attractive planters dividing the road part off from the pedestrian bit - surely someone at the Council has a creative streak!
530	As someone with limited mobility(not eligible for blue badge) pedestrianisation has impacted on being able to access restaurants & Corn Exchange on evening. It has made no positive difference to 'cafe culture' even when evenings are pleasant & light. Can not understand why 11pm was thought to be acceptable, who sits outside closed restaurants on evenings? Weatherspoons is only place with people outside & they are the smokers, not pleasant for non smokers. Collection for people from shows at Corn Exchange is nightmare.
531	The extended pedestrianisation has been a complete disaster. Residents voted against it in the first place, but the council pressed ahead. The council had another consultation, the residents said that they didn't want the extended pedestrianisation, the council tried to suppress that result, and the results of their own independent report which echoed the views of local businesses who have seen trade plummet in the evenings. Please stop wasting time and money and just put the pedestrianisation back to 10-5. It's what residents want, it's what the businesses want, and the council's own report shows that it will be better for trade.
532	I live just outside the closed area and find traffic north to south and south to north is worse at rush hour. I also walk into town often but avoid it after 5pm now as I don't feel safe without the vehicles there. You are more exposed as a single woman walking.
533	The closure has cost shops money....the simple explanation! Also though Newbury's high street unfortunately is a major route from one side of town to the other. When it's closed all local traffic at rush hours is forced to use the A339 which is bad enough but when the A34 is shut for any reason the traffic is gridlocked very quickly!
534	Prefer the town center to remain open as In years past- all day. But this is better than being closed all day - business and limited mobility individuals can have access after 5
535	I support the pedestrianisation being returned to 10:00 - 5:00 to help with traffic flow for people leaving work to travel home. Also it means that people with mobility problems can be dropped off in town in the evening at eateries directly outside.
536	The extension of pedestrianised times was ill thought out and ignored previous consultation
537	The traffic build up this has caused on the A339 is ridiculous. This is used by local people just use a low speed as you do through the rest of town
538	No additional comment provided
539	No additional comment provided
540	It has to help local businesses, especially those offering take away. It reduces traffic on alternative routes. It aid delivery drivers, pick up and drop off into the town centre and overall makes it more vibrant
541	Is there a way to keep Bartholomew Street pedestrianised? I don't think Northbrook Street has benefitted from being closed until 11pm but Bartholomew Street certainly has.

542	Having the streets closed longer than 5pm has increased travel times for those needing to get from one side of town to another and increases the congestion on the Robin hood roundabout during rush hour 5-6 pm.
543	I support the reinstatement on grounds of reduced traffic on the other routes through town.
544	Stupid idea in the first place
545	Poor management by council of the ped.area, and traffic flows. The high st is shaded in evenings so better access and to allow the traffic to flow makes sense. Councillors driving their personal ideologies and agendas must stop. We live in a democracy. Stopping cyclists when ped. only is a must.
546	I support the proposal as it will ease the considerable congestion on the A339 during the evening rush hour which will in turn reduce the time needed to travel and fuel consumption. Journeys taken considerably longer due to congestion but also distance travelled without using the cut through town. It is also feels unsafe to walk around the town in the evenings especially in winter without potential witnesses travelling in passing cars. This issue is particularly important for women and older children who might be walking alone. I avoid the town centre in the evenings for this very reason.
547	I live in town and walk mostly unless working. I don't feel safe walking home in the evening with no passing traffic, especially in the the darker nights. Opening up Northbrook Street from 5pm will make me feel much safer walking where there is more people around. It will also help alleviate that traffic on the outskirts of town as it is very clear most of the traffic is all local! The Kennet Centre building work will cause havoc when it starts.
548	There was no need to change something that worked perfectly well, minimising traffic queues on the A339 morning and evening, and no reason at all why the town can't be accessed by traffic between 5pm and 10am
549	I feel the town has suffered since the change - also in the evenings it is unsafe to walk through there with youths gathering and anti social behaviour
550	Because it was wrong to close it off in the evening
551	Ease of access negotiating the town's ever increasing traffic together with the ability to again drop off / collect individuals
552	It was ridiculous having it pedestrianised up to 11pm. 5pm was much better. Having it for longer discriminated against disabled people.
553	I fully support the return to 10am - 5pm pedestrianisation as in my opinion this adequately fulfills the needs of customers, retailers and the community, providing an environment for the majority.
554	No additional comment provided
555	No additional comment provided
556	Please open town back up at 5pm for cars!

557	The closure causes traffic at rush hour which causes higher pollution in around town areas. If you spend enough time in Newbury you'll notice that the town is emptying around 6pm. Not many pedestrians after that. During winter months it feels less safe for those few people walking through without cars.
558	Have mobility problems and so useful to have option to be left in town centre at certain times for opticians, shopping etc. Do not think the difficulties of the less able of the population are considered enough.
559	I have blue badge. I need access to all areas. Corn exchange is difficult to be dropped at. Going out for meals is difficult at present.
560	This proposal will bring the main street 'alive' again. My only thought is that the time should be altered to 10am - 6pm giving Pedestrians an extra hour with no traffic
561	It was a stupid idea in the first place to change the times.
562	No additional comment provided
563	Because it's the most sensible option to create a nice shopping environment yet keeping those who need transport to access the centre of town safe, especially in hours of darkness. It will also ease traffic across the town. It will also enable businesses to have the deliveries they need. It will have minimal impact on diners. But maximum impact on those with disabilities and mobility challenges
564	No additional comment provided
565	The 11:00 to 17:00 worked well. Shop keepers could access their shops by vehicle for commercial reasons. Early evening customers can access shops using a vehicle. Peak hour traffic on the A34 I feel will be less as previously. I understand the initial survey by the public and shop keepers rejected the trial period but their wishes were overruled.
566	It was a bad move to start with. Restricted movement in the evening. Bad for traders. Mobility problems were made worse as no access to pubs, restaurants and late night shopping. Traffic chaos every day
567	need to have people in the town - very difficult for businesses at the moment - have to encourage people to come downtown at the end of the day it was a very bad decision and hopefully will be changed back to what it was - wbc are very insensitive to needs/wants/wishes of the people of the town
568	To reinstate the evening `s access for those with mobility problems. Thank you.
569	I feel that pedestrianisation has had a detrimental effect on the town centre and local traffic. Getting from one end of Newbury to the other is restrictive at the best of times. High street businesses have suffered economically.
570	Less disruptive for deliveries etc. I am not a blue badge holder but cannot walk very far so being able to be dropped off at/near restaurants/theatre during the evening enables me and many others to have a more social life.
571	10am to 11pm offers no advantage for businesses and pedestrians in the town centre. Vehicle access and pedestrian access offers better flexibility post business hours.

572	Limiting the pedestrianisation seems to make sense for traffic flow Yet protects most retailers and customers from traffic during main shopping times. As long as Council limits bicycles, scooters and other wheeled transport, too. Can be dangerous as they appear so quickly and unexpectedly.
573	It was a bad idea in the first place, it should be possible for those shop owners with no realistic rear access to be able to bring in supplies both at the start and end of the working day
574	It's much safer if you're out at night to have traffic flowing
575	to ease traffic congestion through out Newbury and impacting Thatcham
576	I don't think that it will make a difference to cafes/restaurants in town, but it will be more convenient for several groups of people.
577	Alleviate some traffic problems, helping to support local businesses and more disability friendly.
578	Clearly the experiment has failed. It has turned Newbury main street in to a ghost town with businesses suffering
579	I support the proposal as the traffic surrounding the town centre has increased considerably since this order has been brought in. Hence the traffic in these areas is travelling much slower due to traffic jamming, this in turn is causing even more pollution than there was before and I believe is having a worse effect on the environment, around the town centre now. The traffic which would normally use the town centre, has to travel much longer than they did before to get up to the Andover Road and beyond. I agree it was a good idea initially to try out but only during the summer months, to promote using the outdoor space for restaurants and cafe's as this keeps it much quieter and less car pollution but there is very limited use of outdoor space at the moment. If the 'Cafe/Restaurant Culture' picks up in the future then I would possibly support a new proposal in the future to open say from May - September each year, but I still say it causes more issues in the winter months.
580	It should pedestrian 24/7. Having for part of a day is confusing for pedestrians
581	The traffic restrictions have turned the town centre into a ghost town in the evening.
582	In my view, the experiment failed miserably, e bikes, e scooters should have been included
583	I believe that opening the town center at 5pm could facilitate greater possibility of folk exploring the dining options offered in the high street.
584	It makes getting from one end of the town to the other easier in the evenings. The traffic on the A34 will ease. It was done to promote "Cafe culture" . . . we don't have the weather. Or (since Covid) the town centre doesn't have the footfall that time of night. Removing the restrictions makes the town centre feel safer after dark . . . less deserted. The original change . . . was NOT requested. The original plan was rejected by about 65% of those questioned. It was A STUPID PLAN TO START WITH !!!
585	These are peak office hours and it takes longer to take another route and also causes traffic jams due to the closure of town road after 5:00 pm.

586	there are too many "black spots" which feel somewhat unsafe as a female pedestrian after dark - better to have traffic flowing again
587	I fully support pedestrianisation but the latest extension has been a foolish project badly handled by West Berkshire. It has effectively sealed off the Town from the North for no discernible benefit. Deliveries are expensive and difficult and many personal safety issues have been cited
588	Reduction of traffic on bypass before 10.00am and after 5.00pm. Also inability to drop off elderly or disabled people in town to enjoy visits to restaurants etc.
589	I support the reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours for Newbury Town Centre from 10am-11pm to 10am-5pm. The later closing time led to significant traffic congestion in the evenings, frequently causing delays and gridlock on the A339, which made travel around the town more difficult. I believe the previous 10am-5pm arrangement provided a better balance, supporting local businesses while helping to maintain smoother traffic flow and improving public safety.
590	I've seen little upside from the experiment and am aware from members of the public, my own experience and traders, that the inconvenience far outweighs any benefits.
591	The town centre feels 'dead' and empty without cars after 5pm.
592	Help with traffic flow
593	Safety of pedestrians and a nicer environment to shop/ eat. We need to do everything we can to encourage people to the town centre to enjoy, shop and spend money. Free parking too and lower business rates would help our flailing shops.... Sorry couldn't help myself.
594	I support reverting the hours back to 10am-5pm. As a town centre resident, I've seen how the extended hours have led to significant traffic congestion, particularly in the evenings, with the A339 frequently gridlocked. It has made everyday travel much more stressful and time-consuming. I'm also concerned about safety. With increased congestion and limited access, people are often dropped off further away and have to walk through town after dark. This doesn't feel ideal from a public safety perspective. The original hours provided a better balance between supporting the town and maintaining smoother traffic flow and safer access for residents and visitors alike.
595	The conclusions of the experimental hours appear to indicate that residents and businesses would benefit more from the hours being reduced back to the original 10am -5 pm without any detrimental effect on those wishing to use the area after 5pm
596	I haven't seen any improvement in the town since the introduction of the new hours 10am-11pm. When I've been in town later in the evening it's like a ghost town
597	Shopping is made easier and more pleasant and safer if traffic removed from this main street in Newbury Town Centre.
598	I do not agree with any of Newbury Town centre being pedestrian only. It should in my opinion revert back to traffic as it was many years ago when the town was a lot more vibrant

599	I think it helps relieve traffic all around Newbury at rush hour if the town centre can be used as well as a through road.
600	To alleviate traffic congestion during rush hour on the A339
601	I think Newbury would benefit from extended access to Northbrook street. If only to make it more like a proper town and less of a 'pedestrian precinct'
602	Overall the extended closure was detrimental to shops and traders within the area. Further, the restrictions after 5pm made it impossible for those less able to be dropped off / picked up at restaurants, pubs, theatre and cinema etc to comfortably enjoy their evening out.
603	When I am in Newbury, the ability to walk about the town without having to look out for traffic, and free from traffic fumes, is very attractive.
604	I support reverting the hours back to 10am-5pm. As someone who lives in the town centre and runs a wellness business here, I've experienced first-hand how the extended hours have caused significant traffic congestion, particularly gridlocking the A339 in the evenings. It has made it much harder for clients to access the town. Many of my participants have had to park much further away and walk in, sometimes in the dark, which doesn't feel convenient or safe. As a result, some have been less willing to return, and this has directly affected my business and income. The original hours felt more balanced, which supports local businesses while maintaining better traffic flow and accessibility for everyone.
605	I support a return to a more modest period of pedestrianisation each day as I believe this is more conducive to Newbury town centre and its continuing survival.
606	The introduction of the current restricted traffic access hours was as ill-advised as it is unpopular. Footfall has fallen yet further, it is clear businesses are NOT flourishing. Access to and ease of navigation in the town is far worse, and for longer than is necessary or acceptable. Visiting and using the town centre is currently less convenient, and even less welcoming. Most of the town's central spaces are devoid of footfall during the extended (5-11 pm) period, and the atmosphere then is not conducive to pedestrian use. "Al Fresco dining" is generally unsuitable to our climate and the positioning of such venues, while there is anyway sufficient space for it to be authorised for businesses wishing to do offer this without the extended traffic-free hours. A permanent pedestrianisation of the Market Place - necessary access Market use excepted - to make it a full public space, with 2 way traffic except 10-5 in all other roads affected by the is ill-judged experiment, would be a much more suitable way to promote the town centre. The removal of 24/7 parking charges, and a massive reduction in parking tariffs generally, will bring people into the town at all times and benefit the local economy hugely
607	In the morning prior to 10am and after 5pm will provide more opportunity for drivers to access town and give opportunity for more footfall giving the business on high street a possibility of more revenue.
608	The extended pedestrianisation has been hugely inconvenient for me. Coming home to north Newbury from the south, early evening, now have to queue on relief road. Congestion. It was a silly idea - what was the gain? If traffic is removed from retail areas commerce suffers - and this has happened here.

609	Traffic management - traffic using all roads around Newbury is more gridlocked as an avenue of traffic flow was removed. Traffic lights do not seem to have been amended to accommodate this or bus gate being opened to alleviate traffic. The reality is that people need cars to work shop appointments etc there is very little public transport off the main jet black 1 route. I have stopped coming to Newbury due to parking and access restrictions and no increase in blue badge spaces very near to the closed area. The one time I driven past the market place at night I thought everyone was closed. It does not seem to have improved the prospects of local businesses.
610	Newbury is a lightly populated town. It is unnecessary to restrict the limited amount of evening traffic given the realitively low number of pedestrians using the town centre in the evenings.
611	Why is this survey being carried out again. This has been decided by public vote to revert back to the 10am to 5 pm democratic will of the people.I object to this seemingly waste of more public money. Stick with the public vote.
612	Easier traffic through town around 5pm during the week if reinstated
613	In general I support improving the pedestrianisation of the town centre but the current approach does not seem to have worked at desired so I support reverting to the original TRO and continued efforts to improve pedestrian access and safety.
614	Unless there is at least one other crossing over canal/river, a single crossing - A339, is insufficient for the traffic density and always has been. I need to cross Newbury centre for work after 5pm and have found the later pedestrianisation of the centre to have acerbated an already clogged up traffic flow. It has been a real nuisance and was not asked for by the general public. The insistence on doing the trial, despite surveyed communities not wishing, has severely dented my trust in the whole process of local governance. Shame.
615	This eases traffic. The 11pm opening means that rush hour all gets directed on to the main bypass road which at peak times can be hectic. Opening town will allow local journeys from e.g. south newbury to speen or the northcroft pool, an easier route (and visa versa).
616	Because it was very difficult to get close to events, restaurants etc.. in the evening for Blue Badge Holders (for my daughter)as the parking was too far away.
617	The current proposal which I believe was hoping to encourage people to sit outside and enjoy the town centre, hasn't worked. While the current weather has made more people sit with refreshments etc., once the shops close at 5.30 or 6, the streets are deserted and I certainly, feel uneasy walking home on a silent street. Also, any problems on the A339 at rush hour causes chaos as there's no other way to cross town.
618	It makes it safer for people visiting bars, restaurants and cafes
619	I believe that by 5pm all or nearly all shoppers to the specified areas would have completed their shopping and were making their way out of the specified areas.
620	I believe that the extended hours have had a negative impact on businesses & made life less convenient for people accessing restaurants & entertainment after 5pm

621	Benefits of the scheme did not happen with no noticeable change to café, bars etc. however there was a negative impact on the traffic and congestion on main roads surrounding the town whilst the town centre was closed to traffic.
622	The shops are closed in the evenings, so I see no reason to stop traffic using the street during that time. I feel it would make it safer for pedestrians, less opportunity for unsavory behaviour if vehicles could be passing through. It will also make it easier for deliveries and collections for premises
623	I don't think the extended pedestrianisation has made a significant improvement. Due to the restricted traffic hours, traffic has been busier on other roads. Although cars have been restricted in their usage of the town centre, bikes and scooters have not so the area has not been truly pedestrianised and it feels punitive to car drivers.
624	It seems reasonable to me
625	I live a short walk from the pedestrian area and go into town most days. Although I appreciate a traffic free area during the day, I find the emptiness of the streets in the evening off putting. I feel intimidated by the groups of youths that often gather and have not seen evidence on increased use of the outside areas by restaurants. Most of all, I feel the lack of access for the disabled to be discriminatory meaning getting to town centre shops must be before 10am.
626	Because at rush hour Newbury is gridlocked because they the town is no longer open. It was a crazy idea in the first place
627	The extended pedestrian hours turned the centre into a ghost town for traders, and served no useful purpose once residents/visitors had left to return home for dinner. After that there were only people making use of restaurants, theatre and cinema, so more than capable of looking out for vehicles.
628	Opening the town to traffic after 5pm will stop traffic congestion, and allow the ring road to flow. Also at night with the town closed it doesn't feel safe especially for women.
629	The town seems dead in the evening. The presence of traffic could create more passing trade for the local bars and restaurants. It would be interesting to see the trading statistics, adjusted to reflect the state of the economy, to see if there are actual benefits in each options.
630	I would like it to take effect now. (Not September). It has been terrible commuting around Newbury with only A339 link being available.
631	During the evening, especially in the winter, I do not feel safe in the town centre. I resent the long drive to my home in Northcroft often involves going via the Robin Hood Roundabout from the south of the town. In the build up to Christmas, what is lovelier than the joy on childrens' faces when you drive through to show them the pretty lights. It seems that the town is dead in the evening. Not attractive to window shoppers. Would some of the Northbrook Street cafes open longer for the early light supper trade? I do welcome the Sunday Markets on Northbrook Street when they are advertised well in advance. When the A339 is congested or closed, it is useful to have an alternative route.
632	Finally I will be able to access all the Northbrook resources by car, drop and collect family members in town, collect restaurant orders, visit the post office, drive direct to and from the station. This is excellent news for residents and for business and will relieve the stress on surrounding roads which are currently being used to bypass the closure.

633	Beneficial to all retail and hospitality. Beneficial to residents and visitors especially the less mobile and full time workers who pop to town for errands after 5pm. Greater accessibility hours for all transport types will help to keep the town thriving.
634	I believe it is essential to make our town centre more accessible and appealing. The 10am-5pm arrangement enables people to drop-off/pick up in that area which has lots of businesses needing deliveries and people need access to, including those whose mobility is not so good and might have carers assisting them or, taxi journeys. It seems this would encourage people to stay on/visit the town after 5pm. It would be a big help with traffic flow and ease congestion on the roundabouts.. I hope this change might proceed alongside the improvement plan for Northbrook Street, which can seem rather bleak and drab at times.
635	1. Safety/less crime - When cars are driving through town centre, less antisocial behaviour (crime) is happening on the high street. I felt more safe walking through the town centre after 6pm when the cars were driving through than now. 2. More business for shops like M&S, Tesco, Poundland, Boots, etc. after 5pm as people, who are driving through town after work, pay a visit to these shops. This is currently not possible, so people shop elsewhere and not in town centre. 3. Easier access for people with disabilities, older people who want to go to a restaurant in the town centre in the evenings. 4. It helps with the traffic congestion around Newbury. 5. My personal point - My 2 children have lots of sport activities at St. Bart's school and Park House school (evening drop off/pick up). We live on the other side of town centre (West Street). To drive through the town centre only takes a few minutes. To drive around the whole town in the rush hour takes much longer. So, it is the extra time spent/wasted in the car for all of us, extra fuel consumption (more money for me, a single parent), more pollution in the air. Some people could argue that we can walk. To St. Bar's school yes, however, I would not let my children walk in the dark in the autumn/winter months on their own as it is not safe, plus they are exhausted after the whole day of school and sport. I really hope, you can reopen the town centre to the cars from 5pm again soon. Thank you.
636	I support the proposal to reinstate the pedestrian times to what they were formerly. It is more convenient for local residents and for local businesses to have earlier access.
637	The extended pedestrianisation hours caused no material gain to the town but exacerbated problems for businesses in the town centre.
638	Since the introduction of the longer restricted period in 2025, traffic along the A339, particularly northbound from the St. John's Road roundabout to the Robin Hood roundabout has been noticeably worse during peak periods. Having Newbury Town centre as an additional route will ease that somewhat.
639	I support reverting to the daytime pedestrianisation which was in place before the Lib Dem's came to power
640	The shops are closed post 6PM any way and we dont see a reason why it must be pedestrianized after that

641	I objected to the experimental traffic regulation order, largely on the grounds of their being insufficient highway capacity to support the closure of a North/South route through the Town during the evening 'rush-hour' period. The reinstatement of the 5PM timing will satisfy my ETRO objection. Given that the 'rush-hour' is generally Monday to Friday, a future proposal might look to instate closure until 11PM during the Summer and at weekends throughout the Year. I would also suggest that a future order look to prohibit the use of other wheeled transport through the pedestrianised area (exception for mobility vehicles of course) as the number of 'near misses' as cyclists (traditional, legal and illegal e-bike) and e-scooter riders careen through Northbrook Street during pedestrianised hours appear to be increasing whenever I am there.
642	The traffic flow will be greatly improved around the Robin Hood and St Johns roundabouts during 5-6pm rush hour. Pick up and drop off in and around the Market Place for children and teens for socialising/clubs/lessons etc will be alot safer especially during the darker evenings.
643	Extending the hours beyond 5pm was a terrible idea that negatively impacted all businesses that operate in the town, especially hospitality & entertainment businesses, who lost significant amounts of customers who could no longer be dropped off close to where they were going. It also meant that rush hour traffic was diverted from the town centre to already congested routes, creating more stationary traffic jams, actually increasing pollution, not decreasing it. The extended hours also impacted the huge number of delivery drivers (Just Eat, Uber Eats etc), many of whom could no longer use motorised vehicles, instead using illegal electric bikes, which I suspect aren't insured. In any case, the pedestrianised area has some of the widest footpaths I've seen anywhere... the town would be better served by scrapping pedestrianisation all together, instead opting for a couple of pedestrian crossings in Northbrook street and painted lines used to better define the edge of the road/pavement... no one is benefitting from motor vehicles not being able to use this area at any time of day! So scrap it altogether
644	Because the traffic build up on the A339 is ridiculous
646	I never supported extending the hours.
646	Trying to fix a problem that wasn't there on the first place
647	The reinstated period (1000hrs to 1700hrs) reflects the period over which the majority of shops are open and the time which people are shopping into he town centre. The reinstatement also allows easing of traffic on other routes (including the A339) from north to south. It enables faster and easier access to the north and south of town after 5pm for people living on the other side, so I will be able to more easily (and therefore more frequently) drive through Northbrook Street to fast food outlets on the south side of Newbury. We have seen closure of many outlets who benefitted from customers driving to collect food from Northbrook Street or Market Place, which would be a lot more easily accessed with the reinstatement of the pedestrian hours to 1000hrs to 1700hrs.
648	I don't have to explain to a group of councillors. Who won't probably listen anyway

649	I am writing to support the revocation of the extended pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre, and a return to the previous 10:00am–5:00pm arrangement. During the trial period of extended hours (10:00am–11:00pm), it became clear that the restrictions had a significant negative impact on traffic flow across the town. In particular, preventing vehicles from passing through the town centre in the evenings displacing traffic onto alternative routes, most notably the A339, which regularly became heavily congested. This created unnecessary delays for residents attempting to travel home after work and placed increased pressure on key roads not designed to accommodate that volume of traffic. From a practical perspective, I regularly access the Town Hall, which lies within the pedestrianised area. The ability for vehicles to pass through the town centre after 5:00pm would significantly improve accessibility, making it easier for both myself and others to attend meetings and events without being affected by wider traffic congestion. There are also safety considerations associated with the extended pedestrian hours. When accessing the town centre in the evening, particularly for social or leisure purposes, the restrictions require people to be dropped off at the edges of the pedestrian zone. This necessitates walking further distances, often in the dark, which can feel unsafe and inconvenient, particularly for those who may be more vulnerable. In addition, I understand that businesses along Northbrook Street, including cafés, restaurants and bars, have been adversely affected by the lack of through traffic in the evenings. The absence of passing trade appears to have reduced visibility and footfall at a time when these businesses would typically expect to benefit from evening customers. Restoring vehicle access after 5:00pm would help reintroduce this natural flow of people through the area and support the local economy. While I appreciate the intention behind extending pedestrian priority, the trial has demonstrated that the current arrangement has wider unintended consequences for traffic management, accessibility, safety, and local businesses. For these reasons, I strongly support the proposal to revert to the previous pedestrianisation hours of 10:00am–5:00pm.
650	Negative impact on shops, bars and restaurants from reduced footfall.
651	No additional comment provided
652	Didn't like the dark unused Northbrook Street in the winter evenings, also more convenient for traffic to be able to get in and out of Newbury at night using this road.
653	I feel that the previous scheme had a detrimental effect on local businesses who desperately need support. Also walking in area at night you feel more exposed as no passing traffic it's a lot quieter if you had an issue no one possibly would be there.
654	No additional comment provided
655	It is safer with vehicular access during the evenings... having access to drop off and collect is paramount to making evenings out safer for females. Since this access has been unavailable we have refrained from using Newbury town centre in the evenings. Police and emergency services should have unfettered access. A Bus and taxi service should also have unfettered access.
656	The extension of pedestrianised hours has not worked, it's caused so much more traffic and the town centre is no busier with foot traffic. I have to walk down northbrook street on my way home and it's so quiet - and I find it less safe - at least with the cars there I have other people around should any one approach me on foot (which has happened)
657	Safer for all, much nicer environment, less fumes

658	Business owners have reported either a loss of no benefit from the longer pedestrianised hours. Antisocial behaviour appears to have increased due to the town centre being more quiet in the evenings as no cars. The high street provides an extra road to alleviate some of the traffic on other roads around the town centre. Traffic has been notably worse since the longer pedestrian hours.
659	the experiment to extend pedestrian hours has been a failure - traffic has increased significantly on all other roads, increase in carbon cost of fuel for having to take long detours completely unnecessarily (ie. can't drive down the high street at 10pm when there is no one using the road or pavements), businesses have struggled with deliveries and walking home from work late at night feels less safe as there are no cars around to provide light/witnesses. the few shops with outdoor seating are barely used and especially not until 11pm. i fully support reinstating the pedestrian hours of 10am-5pm. i would also support compromised hours of 9am-6pm or similar, so that pedestrians are safe during shopping hours but road is still accessible after the shops have closed.
660	During the major shopping times , safety of individual shoppers needs the protection of pedestrianisation.
661	I am a blue badge holder who has difficulty walking even a short distance & to reinstate the pedestrian hours from 10am to 5pm would greatly improve myself being able to park closer to the shops in need to use.Heaven knows why it was changed in the first place because all that is open is those coffee shops?. Please revert back to 10am to 5pm.
662	I believe it is more beneficial for the businesses and traffic. Little was gained by extending the hours. We still strongly support the pedestrianisation of the town centre but with the original hours of 10am to 5pm,
663	Extended closure has contributed to higher levels of traffic on the A339 through the town. As someone who comes into Newbury from the Hungerford direction and needs to travel across the town centre for work this has often impacted me. There are not enough businesses on the road that have tables outside that make it worthwhile having the evening closure in winter. I would be supportive of an extended closure during summer months, perhaps April or May through to September.
664	I felt unsafe walking through the town at 10.30pm when it was pedestrianised. I only did it once. When I could drive through it felt much safer
665	Newbury already has a complicated layout traffic wise, where you have to travel around to get from A to B, you can't just do it is a straight line. Closing the traffic in the town centre chocked the adjacent roads, which probably increased pollution levels, with very little benefit to probably the low numbers of individuals who live on Northbrook Street. The business have suffered and the town centre was empty anyway after 5 pm. What would work better is a scheduled pedestrianisation timetable, for example in the summer, if businesses believe it will bring them more customers, close the road until 9-10 pm on Fri, Sat, Sun. Doing this all year round is a waste of money, loss of business and is causing a lot of stress to people from all backgrounds. Allowing the traffic through Newbury at 5 pm would increase the traffic on my way home, but your decision was too extreme for me to support it just for my personal benefit.
666	I like the hustle and bustle of the town centre in the evening and found that when the pedestrian hours were permanent, I do not feel As safe as it was very quiet
667	The town centre is dead at night and I feel uneasy walking back to my car when there is little traffic and people around.

668	I was against the pedestrianisation scheme in the 1st place - as were the majority of the respondents to your initial consultation. The Council chose to ignore the constituents and impose the scheme anyway. The scheme has been a financial and social failure. If the Council wants to make Northbrook St more pedestrian friendly then actually enforce the no parking restrictions that already exist and stop people "popping in for a coffee" and similar. Also stop electric scooters and bikes abusing their "freedom"
669	Extension of the pedestrianisation hours does little to help what businesses are left in the centre of Newbury
670	To reduce congestion on a339 at peak time. Especially when there been an accident. To reduce the amount of walking my disabled son has to do to be picked up mon-fri from Newbury town centre.
671	These times are when busiest and i think after that time would be safe and helpful to allow cars through
672	Because the extension of the pedestrianisation hours was totally unnecessary and expensive waste of our council tax. It was doomed to failure.
673	There is no need for the extended closure
674	There does not appear to been any benefit to the longer pedestrian times and it's had a negative impact of those wishing to cross town early in the evening.
675	I would take the proposal one stage further and make the times 9-18:00. Whilst this will miss some of the peak evening rush hour, this will retain a safe walking and cycling environment in and around the town centre. I would also like to add that restaurants and bars with street furniture should only be able to have these out taking up the footpaths during pedestrian hours. When they are fully out with traffic it is an unsafe environment.
676	-to ease the flow of traffic through the town at the busiest times of the day. Enables an alternative route to the A339 which has been more congested since the pedestrian hours were extended. -I can see no benefit to the extended pedestrian only hours in terms of pavement dining etc as there are so few eateries that this applies to .
677	The extended closure has made life more difficult for me, and for lots of people I know. There never seemed to be a good reason to keep the road closed for so long into the night, and it makes the town centre unpleasant to be in. The extra convoluted journeys I've had to do are also annoying, and have made the roads outside the immediate centre more of a challenge. As a cyclist I've also been impacted. More and more pedestrians expect us to get off our bikes. Whatever you decide to do, please make it as clear as possible that people ARE allowed to cycle. If possible, you need a word that's more precise than 'pedestrianisation', which makes people think that ONLY walkers are allowed.
678	The longer hours have been shown not to benefit the town and so should now be cancelled as a matter of urgency.
679	Local businesses have suffered hugely at the expense of the longer hours. Also, traffic has been forced out onto local roads causing unnecessary congestion.
680	makes sense
681	This hasn't improved the town centre and has been incredibly disruptive to traffic.

682	My son is very young, I work a long day, the impact of it finishing at 11pm increased my travel time by 20 mins. This had a detrimental effect on him, as he was falling asleep in the car, so I was having to wake him up to have dinner and then was late getting him to bed. Going through town I also would see what shops were there and shop displays so used to go shopping in town more as I might see something in a window display driving past.
683	To ease the traffic
684	As the only through way from one end of the town to the next, the A339 is always jammed with cars,
685	Opening the street from 5pm would ease the traffic. There are so many offices in town centre and 5pm is when most people finish work.
686	Best balance of hours to support both pedestrians and motorists. Also believe Economically for businesses in the town centre this is better and also better for town centre environment/ character
687	No additional comment provided
688	It works better for all
689	The initial “consultation” was approx 60-40 to keep 10am to 5pm. WBC ignored local opinion. The second “consultation” was approx 80-20 to revert to 10am to 5pm. Surely these are enough grounds? Additionally, I have never seen a motor vehicle incident in the area but have seen and personally experienced cycle and e-bike incidents. They are the main danger and should be banned. The choked dual carriageway is the only alternative to west Newbury residents and additional traffic caused by no town access after 5pm is totally unnecessary. The previous 5pm access was fair to everyone and worked well.
690	The build up of traffic has affected my daily routine, plus the impact on bringing people to the town during the evenings has dropped I feel if we were to open again at 5pm the current restaurants and other trades would gain more support and consumers
691	My elderly neighbour with mobility issues is deprived of her evening restaurant visits along the high street because she prefers to be dropped off in front of the restaurant. Since the closing of the pedestrianised area in the evening, she has been deprived of the routine she used to have i.e. driven through the town to see the Christmas lights.
692	Reopening the town centre again from 5pm will reduce the traffic and keep the town centre safe again. It is not nice walking through the town centre with no traffic.
693	Traffic is diabolical with only one through road to get from one side of Newbury to the other. More traffic is creating more pollution as they sit in the only route available to them. All engines on, pumping out more heat and pollution while you try and walk to places like Sainsbury for example. If there was another road that skipped the town centre, then I wouldn't have a problem with it staying closed but there is no alternative and therefore stops traffic flow for even longer than is necessary.
694	Adhere to report and previous feedback to revert back. Reduce traffic congestion after 5pm, reducing stationary vehicle emissions elsewhere. Increase Person sense of safety whilst walking through Northbrook Street after dark.

695	Please leave the town centre accessible to all delivery's, disabled and shoppers 10-5 is adequate during the day to be pedestrianised it should never have been changed it's been a huge impact is access for my disabled father
696	I feel unsafe walking through town after work in the dark in winter. Groups of youths congregate as no cars.
697	Newbury has become a nightmare to travel through in peak times after 5pm, having the town open used to ease that and give the option to travel through that way if you want to get to the top of town,, without needing to go right up past Sainsbury's to go down past pageant shop and around to get to the likes of the Kennet centre car park, market place for restaurants, corn exchange entertainment etc.. and Vue cinema area. It will really ease traffic, especially when there are roadworks around the area, and I believe there are planned roadworks coming in the summer holidays on the Robin Hood roundabout. Which will just cause gridlock and tailbacks without the town centre being another route for traffic to ease through. It's a shame the parkway bridge was made to buses only as this was also another good route for traffic to flow through. We've literally got the one road a339 now and if roadworks or an accident happens , it is mayhem and not good for the environment to have that many cars sat in traffic, italso causes impatience which can cause accidents and even road rage unfortunately. I dont believe the extended pedestrianisation really benefited people during the hours of 5-11pm as the town becomes a lot quieter then with footfall anyway as many stores close at this time, it was mainly used as through traffic for residents and local traffic to simply get through Newbury from work and/or activities. It is much more use as the road it was initially built to be, than an extra wide pavement for people , that aren't really using it during those hours anyway.
798	I live just outside the town centre and commute to work, the new timings currently make my journey longer due to the disruption and the insane amount of traffic in and around Newbury coming from the town centre not being accessible
699	I think the previous change has been a waste of money and unwanted just making traffic worse and leaving the town centre very empty in evenings
700	No additional comment provided
701	No additional comment provided
702	The food banks can collect food just after the shops and cafes have shut.
703	I fully support returning the pedestrianisation hours to what they were previously. While the intention behind the extended hours was positive, they don't appear to have delivered the expected benefits. Instead, many businesses appear to have struggled, and the town centre has often been left quiet during the additional restricted hours. Restoring the original times would help improve accessibility, encourage more visitors, and support our local businesses. A thriving town centre needs a balance between creating a pleasant environment and making it easy for people to visit, shop, and dine.
704	No additional comment provided

705	I see no reason for it to remain closed until 11pm when there are not many pedestrians about and it makes it harder to be picked up by family/ friends if being out in the town and you are a lone woman. Changing it back means you can be picked up in a safer area. It will also make it easier for our town centre shops to receive their deliveries, plus if any issues on the A339 then there is an alternative route through the town.
706	Like it or not, we are a car-based society. Because of the geographical position of Newbury north and south of the river and canal, to only have one of two possible routes across town available at evening rush hour is surely counterproductive with emissions as traffic sits longer from the Robin hood roundabout to the Halfords roundabout
707	I
708	Better for local traffic flow
709	The experiment did not work and caused antisocial behaviour on Northbrook street after 5pm
710	The congestion on the a339 through newbury has been much worse since traffic was excluded from the town. Simple journeys from one end of town to the other require driving out to the robin hood and navigating the dual carriageway and queueing on bartholomew street which should not be neccessary!
711	Mainly because traffic is a nightmare between 3.30/4pm to approximately 6pm on the A339 especially if there has been an incident, so having Northbrook St available to drive down eases the traffic burden.
712	My proposal is for this to be for 6 months of the year April to September. This would satisfy most people and enable social activities during lighter evenings
713	The 10-11 is far too late. Some women are afraid to walk alone in Northbrook Street at night without traffic. I have limited mobility and use a walking frame. This makes it harder to attend Newbury Town Council meetings - try using the Town Hall lift with walking frame!. But if I can get dropped off and picked up right by the Town Hall then I don't need the frame - just a walking stick is sufficient.
714	It is safer for women out at night. They can be picked up in a more central area rather than having to walk through secluded areas.
715	It is democractically broken to demand "grounds" for those objecting but not those supporting I fully support the return to the previous daytime only pedestrian hours. Way too much taxpayer money has been wasted on this scheme already and the traders of the town deserve better.
716	The longer pedestrianised hours have been a failed experiment. Harder access for town residents moving through the main street, no benefit seen in evenings. Town feeling less interesting in evenings. Harder for those of us working anti-social hours to get to work place. Poorer business for evening open areas.
717	I can not see the benefit of closing Northbrook st in the evenings when very few people use it and what harm does it make for card to use it in the evenings Why was a change necessary?
718	The other road infrastructure does not adequately support having this street closed off, and the 'cafe culture' isn't really a thing most of the time.

719	It is difficult to negotiate the main town as taxis can only bring you to parkway and would like the freedom to be able to access shops and restaurants after 5 as I can't walk that far
720	The closing of Northbrook Street to traffic in the evenings has caused high levels of congestion on the A339 resulting in long periods of car "idling" and increased journey times. The back up of traffic trying to access the wharf has meant parking there has often taken a ridiculously long time, with customers frequently being late for shows at the Corn Exchange. Northbrook Street has become a "no go" area particularly for women on their own in the evenings which is not acceptable. The disabled have been particularly disadvantaged with the town centre becoming less accessible with no "drop off" or "collection" options.
721	Impact as a Motability Scheme user has been massive and has curtailed socialising and my support of the arts at Corn Exchange as a result of extending the pedestrianisation hours to 11PM. I remain a member, but without the scope to be dropped off outside the building it had become a no-go zone. Additional traffic impact to the remaining open roads surrounding town has been unnecessarily increased, there are more queues and my evidence is lessened vehicular flow due to the volume in limited operational routes.
722	We need more than one route through Newbury at rush hour times. Any serious incident on the A339 would seriously impact drivers and emergency services. It is simply madness to only have one route through Newbury.
723	Will help to ease congestion (at times) during weekday rush hour. As there are no public transport alternatives to Wash Common post 6:30pm and on Sundays. As I'm not sure what evidence has been used to support the previously proposed pedestrianisation restrictions.
724	It was doomed to failure by incompetent planning and forethought costing businesses a lot of money and increasing pollution by making cars go longer journeys.
725	I feel that the pedestrianisation would work very well as 10-5 Sunday to Thursday and 10 until late?? Friday and Saturday evening. This would allow good use of outdoor seating for local businesses during busier evenings of trade.
726	it will feel safer walking at night in the area. it will bring back life to the shops..eg Tesco, and cafes eg Cote. it will control maniac e.scooters/scooters and cyclists who at present run wild. it will enable drivers to cross from North Newbury to South Newbury during busy travel times.
727	I am supportive of opening the town centre street to the traffic earlier. It would make a great difference to the evening rush hour. Will give more opportunities to cross the town from one side to another. The issue in Newbury is that we have one way of crossing the town from North to South...over A339. Due to the recent housing developments in Newbury this has become the busiest road day in and day out. I do enjoy having the pedestrian street for ourselves but is very quiet during the week days. 1 compromise would be to have it closed until 11pm during weekends, Saturday and Sunday.
728	The extension of the pedestrianisation of the centre of Newbury has had a negative effect on the hospitality sector in the town. My view is that the current pedestrianisation is good and gives the public the safe shopping and cafe area they need.
729	Returning vehicles to the town centre for the sake of easy access to the restaurants in town will be welcomed.

730	Did not like going in the town last winter didn't feel safe no one around. Could not even get to the corn exchange you could not park outside or to be pick up at the end of the evening
731	I am disabled . I will have easy access again to The Corn Exchange theatre again.. my husband could drop me outside the front door. Easy access to cafes restaurants The town centre would feel less lonely at night. If cars are going past it will be safer
732	It will support people with blue badges to have close access. As well as supports small business to make deliveries without delaying. The town is not busy enough to pedestrianise it completely. Also the worry most of us females have walking in an empty town is not ok. Predators have more free will.
733	Traffic has been adversely impacted since the experimental traffic order was trialled. It is not as convenient to drive, adds to the pollution by driving in circuitous routes as well impacting safety in responding to my care responsibilities.
734	Traffic flows better and easier to get to different sides of town through the High Street.
735	It works so much better than the extended hours, traffic is reduced on the A339, footfall hasn't increased in the town nor has the shopper numbers.
736	I use the route through town to get to and return from work and this will save me time as going around the long way along the dual carriageway through town is really snarled up and adds about 15 minutes to my journey to work. Also in the evenings I would prefer traffic going through as the shops are shut and there are hardly any restaurants along Northbrook street that are busy. It's a shame we can't just keep the Market Square closed to cars but I think it would be fine as there's still the pavement culture there as there's space. That is why I support the 10-5 hours.
737	Too difficult for disabled access to evening events.
738	It shouldn't have been done in the first place. It was simply an anti-car measure by the current Council. I'm not sure that it has made a great difference after about 6pm in the summer months, as there is no traffic around after that during the week and in the winter it's quiet by 6 when everyone has left work. It has probably had the effect of reducing numbers coming into the town centre later in the evening. From my last walk into the town centre a couple of weeks ago for drinks with friends at about 5.30 - 6pm, cyclists are as much a danger to pedestrians as cars - if not more so, because they weave all over place, through pedestrians - it was a busy evening for a change, the weather was good. As I was once knocked over by a cyclist cycling on the pavement - either make it truly pedestrianised or not. No cars, no lorries, no motorbikes, no bicycles, just pedestrians. Or don't do it.
739	The traffic has been terrible since the closure until 11pm and town feels generally unsafe at night as there is no-one about. I fully support it going back to the 10am - 5pm.
740	Support evening business and nightlife
741	It will greatly improve traffic flow after 5pm in and around the town centre.
742	As a member of the Streetworks team at West Berkshire Council, I would like to request that working hours revert to 10am to 5pm. Utility works carried out on the A339 after 5pm are likely to result in substantial congestion in Newbury.'

743	Accessibility for the disabled benefit the town centre traders - cafe and restaurants in the evening relief on traffic congestion safety if walking through the town in the evening on your own - more people around Newbury would lose the current 'ghost town' feeling
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	I WISH TO RECORD A NEUTRAL POSITION
1	No additional comment provided
2	No additional comment provided
3	I prefer a non-vehicle area in the evening which makes walking to the Corn Exchange safer, especially in the dark. I would urge a 20mph limit on all vehicles including bicycles if traffic is to be allowed back in that area.
4	No additional comment provided
5	I do t think the restriction is good or bad, I do however think if the restriction is kept until 11pm the wharf bridge should be open for all vehicles.
6	It being nice to be out and about in town in the evening and never have to worry about vehicles. If others have been negatively impacted though, it wouldn't make a big difference to me if it reverted to the way it used to be.
7	No additional comment provided
8	It's not personally impacted me which is why I am neutral, I don't think there's strong enough reasons to change anything so would be happy for things to stay as they are. The only thing that could cause an issue with keeping it pedestrianised is when there are roadworks on main carriage ways like the works planned for the Robin Hood roundabout in August, an alternative route through town could be beneficial during that time.
9	Before making a firm decision I'd like to understand the reasons as to why to revert the extension early. What are the reasons and the evidence for this?
10	I've lodged a neutral position because ultimately, the pedestrianisation doesn't affect me either way. From a sustainability perspective, it's good to avoid emissions in Newbury's main high street but this is only pushing vehicles elsewhere so this argument doesn't stack up. If there is a genuine loss of trade for those businesses on the street who claim they are being penalised in terms of deliveries etc, then this should be taken into consideration. But personally, I have no firm view either ray.
11	I take regular trips to Newbury pedestrianised area and very much enjoy the car free nature. However, I have only passed the area during these extended hours when occasionally riding a bike to get to Northcroft Leisure Centre from Thatcham
12	No additional comment provided

13	I like the 11pm reopening of the road in the summer months. Its nice to sit outside without fumes or fear of being hit. However this is not needed in winter when the road can reopen at 5pm. I would like a 6 monthly split.
14	I like the traffic free evenings but only eat/drink in town 2x a month so I can't really expect others to keep it closed for me
15	I think that on its own it is not going to solve anything. If the roads and traffic capacity around Newbury was improved as well as Newbury business rates and parking charges being addressed then having a permanent pedestrian area would work. Short term I would suggest having pedestrian limits during may-October and then normal access outside these months whilst the council addresses the other issues. You need to generate a sustainable solution to help businesses build through fair charges and attractive facilities for visitors including reasonable parking charges (not rinsing as much as you feel you can), along with attracting local businesses to be able to be supported. I've seen so many businesses start up especially around the old library and Broadway which have gone under within a few months and imo a lot of that is down to the lack of investment in Newbury along with unsustainable costs. This is not a single issue, it's part of a wider problem that you need to address
16	I preferred the trial period up to 11pm as it was safest for pedestrians. However there needs to be a ban on cyclists.
17	I support the pedestrianisation of Newbury town centre. I would have preferred to see this extended behind 5pm and I would see it as a danger to have cars in the town centre later at night on Saturday and Friday as people are socialising. I would have also liked to see a permit scheme created as I understand some businesses require vehicle access.
18	There is a balance between the needs of pedestrians and the needs of the businesses.
19	I agree the reinstatement of pedestrianisation should be returned to 10.00am to 5.0pm but only for the winter months - from end of September to May. For brighter summer evenings, I think pedestrianisation could be extended to 11.00pm (10.00am to 11.00p.). There is no advantage to having it during colder darker evenings.
20	It is good to have road open till 11 PM during summers for families to go on a leisure stroll to town centre with kids but would support to close it in winters and then keep it till 5 PM. I Would also like to have regular police patrolling in town centre as it is becoming unsafe. Always see bunch of kids with black face masks strolling around the town centre creating nuisance to the passer byes by sometimes blocking their ways or making remarks.
21	I like the idea of the traffic free opportunity for summer outdoor dining but don't see many businesses taking up the opportunity. I have visited Tallin where a summer only scheme operates which might be a good compromise.
22	I am very much in favour of the pedestrian area to be used primarily for pedestrians hence my support for the trial hours that has been undertaken. However, I acknowledge there are people who have opposed the trial as it has been undertaken and I agree that time should be taken to develop a new proposal taking into account public feedback.
23	The reason for my neutral position is I am still uncertain of who this really benefits. Do the shop keepers and trades people want this? They are the key people affected by this decision and should be the focus.
24	No additional comment provided

25	I like having it pedestrianised including in the evenings while some shops are still open, but appreciate this makes it difficult for business deliveries.
26	As a resident of Thatcham, who regularly comes to Newbury town centre with little children, I am saddened to see the extended pedestrianisation is not supported to the future. However, since the decision was taken to revert to shorter pedestrian hours, I am neutral if this will be reinstated from September of July.
27	Thames Valley Police make no objection to this proposal. No other comments from us.