

**In relation to possible pedestrianisation, have you any other comments/observations ?**

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No.	Contribution
1	Ennis town centre is much safer and easier to get around wh3n it is pedestrianised. Cars drive too fast up Abbey Street. Children will be safer if streets are pedestrianised.
2	I think there is no need to have cars driving through the town centre as anyway there is hardly any parking space by shops or restaurants so you need to walk anyway. It is great to see some sort of continental vibe in Ennis, this would be a great opportunity for outdoor dining, xmas markets, stands and other entertainment. Ennis town centre is so small that it just makes sense to make it a pedestrial area like already done in Galway or Cork
3	The streets are too narrow not to have them be pedestrianised. People with buggies and wheelchairs have great difficulty moving around the town and other pedestrians have to step into traffic to let them pass safely
4	I would like to see pedestrianisation of the streets extended beyond the hours of 6pm as suggested in theoptions in question 10.  I believe a true balance would see pedestrianisation operate between the hours of 11am to 6am the following morning. This would enable deliveries to local enterprises to occur whilst allowing untethered access to the public to roam the streets without dodging traffic after 11am.
5	Parnell Street should be fully pedestrianised
6	It was a much nicer experience to walk around the streets of ennis without being crammed on the footpaths, especially with young children. I have actively avoided the town since the streets have reopened
7	T is safer for pedestrians and allows greater accessibility to people with mobility issues especially in light of the beautiful new paving in parts of the town. It allows greater footfall for business and opportunities for outdoor dining. The atmosphere is much more relaxed and pleasant when pedestrianised. Begging should not be allowed anywhere- whether the town is pedestrianised or not-Ennis is a lovely town. Why not show it off to its best advantage.
8	I believe that the business community that oppose the pedestrianization need to give the process chance. Obviously footfall was down due to the Covid restrictions but with the economy opening, the volume of people should increase very much
9	Pedestrianisation should increase the ability of people to comfortably visit the town centre, including those with buggies and in wheelchairs. The streets in Ennis, especially O'Connell street are really not suitable as they currently are. Along with pedestrianising the streets, an improvement in public transport to shuttle people from car parks to the town, or do deliver shopping from town to car parks could be a real improvement. Businesses say it's essential for cars to come to their door for people of limited mobility, which I don't think there is proof of, but such a scheme could address that issue (along with pedestrianisation starting at 11am).
	My main point is please don't make it a black or white decision. Make the default "we will pedestrianise", and as issues are brought forward look for solutions to them.

10	I believe people are going to large shopping centres because easy to move around. No traffic. With support from business, rather than off-putting signs, more shoppers could be encouraged
11	6pm - 12am pedestrianisation on O'Connell and Abbey Streets (mainly Thurs-Sat) for nightlife.
12	There needs to be a balance to this. Many people need cars to get into Ennis. The CoCo need to develop a parking area need the main shopping streets and allow people park for a nominal sum e.g. €2 all day parking.
13	Better parking needed further. Park and Ride is an option.
14	Consider allowing cyclists to use the pedestrianised streets, as these are the streets that provide the most direct route into and through the town centre. Making cyclists use the diversion routes (such as through Abbey St and Parnell St. car parks) that motorised vehicles must use means that cycling trips are more circuitous and therefore less attractive.
15	Personally I spent more in Ennis during lockdown than ever because walking past shops entices u in instead of using it as a road to elsewhere
16	Suggest it start earlier than 11am, 10.30am perhaps
17	I have 2 children and have one in a pram. Lately, on the days that ennis is not pedestrianised, I'll do my shopping in dunnes and go straight him, don't even bother walking around town. But in days it's pedestrianised, i walk around the town and pop into shops to buy local. The footpaths are to narrow to comfortably push a pram and walk with a toddler, it's not safe. If ennis isn't pedestrianised, it's handier for me to drive to limerick and go to the crescent shopping centre.
18	I would love to see places to leave and lock a bike. Ideally locks provided would be amazing
19	O'Connell Street is too narrow for cars and pedestrians to co-exist.
20	strict monitoring of parking times to increase availability of parking spaces
21	I spent far more time shopping in Ennis when the streets were pedestrianised than I used to. I don't believe traders claims that pedestrianisation affected their business, I think COVID affected their business. However, a far greater visible Garda presence is required to avoid anti-social behaviour.
22	Should have been done years ago.
23	Seating areas would be appreciated by locals and visitors to the town
24	Think pedestrianisation should be put in place full time like was in the heat of covid. The town is alot more welcoming for shoppers etc then. Its a waste driving through the town. Understand for delivery drivers but people much rather way it was.
25	Ask for a Garda presence on the streets of you want people to walk around feeling safe. I feel very uncomfortable walking with the children as I feel like an easy target to be robbed, because the children are a distraction my guard is not as high as it would be if I only had myself to take care of.
26	Pedestrianisation worked well.
27	It is very hard to get around as a young family , with toddlers or buggy's footpath now re very crowed and too small ,while it was pedestrianized it was much easier to bring the whole family to town and I would like to see that continue to some extent
28	pedestrianisation adds greatly to the town, and having cars on o O'Connell street when its busy makes no sense

29	Traffic congestion circulating the town has been a major issue as there has been no flow through the streets to alleviate it
30	Ennis has huge potential as a pedestrianized town. There could be wonderful Christmas markets which would bring many visitors and business to the town. Outdoor cafes/restaurants/ bars in summer likewise.
31	It is so much more enjoyable to shop in the town with no cars, I can also bring my 92 year old mother on her walking frame safely around the town. Lovely atmosphere, would not bother going to Limerick now, just need a few high street shops back in Ennis to give more options for shoppers
32	Loved the recent pedestrianisation and the palpable lift that it gave the town and residents.
33	I'd like to know why businesses are adamant pedestrianising the streets is costing them money. The streets were not designed for cars. Also driving through towns not an ideal option either..I avoid where possible. Only drawback around pedestrianising the streets is for the older age group that may want to pull nearer a shop.
34	no
35	More outside coffee or lunch tables and seats .... Parking spaces with easy access to the streets .
36	Access for deliveries restricted to night time/early morning 2am to 8am
37	The pedestrianisation put in place during covid has enhanced the experience of going into our beautiful town. It takes the stress out of fighting for space on the narrow footpaths, trying to avoid buggies etc. Prior to temp pedestrianisation, it was not wheelchair friendly in any sense of the word. I have to say pedestrianisation actually encouraged me to go into town a lot more than I ever would have before.
38	I feel that car parking charges in the Town Centre should be increased - this would act as a deterrent to those using Abbey St and Parnell St car parks for long term parking and would encourage a quick turn over of parking spaces in prime locations - thereby allowing people who want to pay a premium for parking close to facilities to have that option.
39	WE have an aesthetically beautiful town that if in Europe, it would be made more resident friendly with pedestrianisation etc on a far greater scale that what is currently provided. The weather should not be used as an excuse to achieving better things for our town and it's residents. We should follow the European model i.e. integrating road and footpaths to provide one large LEVEL open space with trees, street furniture etc and no kerbing. Plaza type spaces providing tea, coffee facilities etc should be provided for people to sit and enjoy areas in front of Clare Champion, The Height, Temple Gate etc. Completely and immediately remove emphasis on the car from town centre and providing greater emphasis on pedestrians, cyclists etc.
40	There is alot more ease when there is no traffic - at this stage there is no need for it in the centre.

Extensive covering of streets with canopies should be undertaken, with far more seating areas and windbreaks.

- 41 Also also one or two light electric 'trains' (free) with easy access and following a circular route around pedestrianised areas and car parks could be feasible. Request stops or frequent pick-up points.

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- 42 Town has a much better atmosphere when pedestrianised
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- 43 Yes, parking amenities on the verges of the town need to be applied for pedestrianisation, eg, residents of turnpike area can not get parking they have permits for outside their own homes due to shoppers in the town. This needs to be addressed first. Suitable parking.
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- 44 I don't have mobility issues but have a small child in a pushchair, I avoid town altogether if not pedestrianised as the footpaths are not suitable for pushing a buggy when town is busy. I live in Lifford and usually walk everywhere but would prefer to get in the car and drive to then crescent for comfort walking around if times of pedestrianisation are too narrow.
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- 45 It would be nice to eat al fresco without having to breathe in petrol fumes. More Shop Awnings would improve the aesthetic and provide shelter for pedestrians/customers.
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- 46 It is impossible and unsafe to push a buggy or walk with young children on current streets. Pedestrianised roads will encourage more people to visit Ennis town.
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Pedestrianisation of the centre of Ennis is a great idea. I have a few points to make, which I hope you will consider:

1. Ennis isn't a huge metropolis - it takes 5 minutes to walk from the bottom of Abbey Street to the other end of O'Connell Street. You'd literally have the whole town walked in a few minutes. There is no need to have vehicles (other than for deliveries) in the centre of the town. You can park up on the outskirts of the town in one of the many carparking areas (or within the town near the Templegate, the Cathedral, Bindon Street, near The Cloister..the list goes on) and be anywhere you need to be on foot within 5 minutes.
  2. People who drive cars through the town centre are not shopping. How could they be shopping when they are behind the wheel of a car. People only drive through to 'have a look'. I do it myself. Isn't that what everyone says, 'I'm driving through town to have a look.' When people are 'having a look', they aren't actually window shopping..they are looking out to see who is around, do they know anyone, is town busy etc.. They couldn't possibly be window shopping (I know that this is an argument that some businesses make, that people are window shopping from behind the wheel of their car) because if you strained your neck while driving to look into a shop window, you'd easily hit a pedestrian who has no choice but to stand out in the road because there's no space on the footpath. So, in my view, this whole driving through town exercise is not remotely connected to shopping. I know some business owners will claim that this is the reason people drive through, but I...and my friends and family, as customers, would argue that their assertion is completely incorrect!
  3. The footpath layouts in Ennis are old and are not fit for modern purpose. The town was designed, or evolved, before cars were ever in existence. As such, putting cars down  
47 medieval streets that were only built for horses and carts, is a non-runner really. If you look at health and safety, could the council really, hand on heart say that it's safe for pedestrians to walk on the footpath and have cars 2 inches from them? A shared surface at the VERY MINIMUM should be provided, which would allow for deliveries in the mornings and evenings. During peak hours, this allows pedestrians to walk safely down the streets without the fear that they, or their children, will walk into oncoming traffic. The simple reality is that the existing footpath infrastructure does not have the capacity to take the existing footfall! If we want to keep our town centre alive, having footfall (not car-fall!) is the answer.
  4. Again, going back to my first point. In comparison to other urban areas in the country, Ennis isn't huge. You could park up and be anywhere you want to be, by foot, within 5 minutes. I have never, ever, ever had an issue getting parking, save with the exception of maybe Christmas Eve or something, where every town and village in Ireland is going to be busy. There's plenty of parking, both regularised and not-regularised around the edges of the town centre.
  5. There's no real viable carparking in the middle of town anyway, so the cars that are driving through town aren't actually parking up in the centre of town anyway. You might squeeze 4 cars onto O'Connell Street, maybe 3 onto Abbey Street as things stand. It wouldn't be the end of the world if these were lost as a result of pedestrianisation or if they were reserved solely as drop-off points/lay-bys during delivery times.
  6. I'd suggest that Ennis Municipal District don't lose an opportunity here. There's a bank holiday coming up and I appreciate that this submission mightn't be read by then...but honestly, going around counting empty car parking spaces or car parking availability at peak times will give you the evidence of what spaces are actually available. If you do an empty
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space count say at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm on a Saturday, for example, you'd get a good idea of what car parking spaces are available. Then, if and when people kick up saying that the pedestrianisation is taking 7 car parking spaces away from the town centre, you'll have the evidence to say, 'Hang on a minute, there were 7 free car parking spaces all day over by the Cathedral', or wherever.

7. The existing footpath layout doesn't comply with Part M..and while I completely understand that it doesn't have to comply, it would be nice to see the Council trying to make it more accessible (again, back to the shared surface model). Isn't Ennis an Age-Friendly town or Accessible Town?...surely a shared surface would help older people (or people of all ages) too. Young families with buggies and prams would find town more accessible too. It's hard enough for people with disabilities to access public realm - I think that we, as a society, should be making every effort to help people more. Having Age-Friendly or Accessible policies and plans is one thing - what people with disabilities or older people need to see is the evidence of physical action being taken on the streets.

8. If you go to Galway or Killarney for example, they have mastered the art of morning/evening deliveries and daytime pedestrianisation. Clare, as a county, has SO much to offer. We can easily rival the Kerry peninsula and all that they offer to the tourist. I am not saying convert Ennis to a huge tourist hub in the way that Killarney is, but what I am saying is that we have not capitalised on the relaxed atmosphere of a pedestrianised town centre in the same way that this Kerry town has. They have street furniture, buskers, no cars, a good vibe. People go in to the town centre to browse or for a walk, rather than to explicitly shop. That's the one thing I never do...I only go in to Ennis to shop for something specific. There isn't much reason to just saunter around and browse. There's very little busking etc. The 'vibe' isn't there. There's no reason that people who come to visit say The Cliffs of Moher, shouldn't be factoring Ennis in as a must-see destination too while on their trip. At the moment, they don't and we do not capitalise on our position as county town in one of the most beautiful and scenic counties in the country. Pedestrianisation would give a new vibe and lease of life to the town. Town has become very run down compared to say 20 years ago.

9. I am acutely aware that businesses were faced with antisocial behaviour throughout lockdown. I have borne witness to antisocial behaviour on the temporary seating areas. You are going to get this everywhere, no matter what town you are in. The Joint Policing Committee should be heavily involved in any plans to pedestrianise. Perhaps it will take just a little more presence from An Garda Síochána in the early days of pedestrianisation to set the standard and to ensure that things get off to a good start. Policing is key to the success of any parkways etc.

10. The river is largely ignored in Ennis. If you are looking at a mobility plan, the development of a river walk should be included as a long-term goal. Perhaps a cantilevered walkway could be considered. At the moment, we have this beautiful natural watercourse that could and should be included as a future amenity. Think of the most beautiful places you go on holidays or for weekends away - they generally have a water feature. You'd walk down by a river or go to the sea. We have this wonderful water feature (the Fergus) that you can barely see. The bits you can see...down by Parnell St. carpark and Abbey St. carpark are grubby and uninviting. Have a look at what Sligo has done with the river - they have made what was similar to Ennis, into a very inviting feature of the town.

11. I suspect you're going to get a big backlash from some business owners, from one or two in particular. Going back to an earlier point I made, without cold hard evidence, it's going to

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be difficult to make a case for pedestrianisation. It will resort to what the business owners say versus what people like me say. I honestly believe that identifying car parking spaces around the town (excluding the proposed pedestrianised streets) is the way forward. A robust and watertight argument needs to be ready if pedestrianisation is the future. A street in Galway city was recently pedestrianised (Raleigh Row) and the City Council did exactly what I am suggesting above before they went ahead with it. This street is slightly different insofar that there were not any businesses - it was all residential and there is a school there. In one way, the City Council were faced with a more difficult task, as those in opposition to the pedestrianisation were people who had parked their cars outside their front doors for years! However, following an assessment of available car parking spaces at peak times around the area, the City Council were able to present a very strong and evidenced-based case as to how they could pedestrianise this street. In essence, an evidence-based approach is key.

12. The thing about pedestrianising Ennis centre is that you don't have to go and reinvent the wheel. There are lessons to be learned from other local authorities who have done it. Look to the successes. Wexford town has also been pedestrianised during peak hours in recent years. As I said earlier, Galway City have it mastered. Killarney is also a wonderful example. From dealings with Wexford County Council previously on this matter, business has increased dramatically for the shops with improved footfall in the town centre! Clare County Council needs to learn from others in this regard. The issues other councils faced during their pedestrianisation journey may also be faced by Clare County Council and it would be beneficial to see how they were resolved.

In conclusion, I really hope, for the sake of everyone, that Ennis enjoys pedestrianisation in the future. It will be good to have a Mobility Plan but it would be even better to see actions coming from this plan in the short-medium term. It's important that this document has real meaning, that it doesn't ultimately end up on a shelf gathering dust and that it ultimately generates visible and physical improvements through works programmes.

Thanks for reading!

48	Very much is favour of the full time pedestrianisation of some of the major shopping streets in Ennis.
49	Ennis is a lot safer to get around when there are no cars. My daughter has epilepsy if she were to have a seizure on the pavement it would be hard to prevent her falling into traffic also the traffic is so slow and getting an emergency vehicle through to give her oxygen would be delayed or impossible so for that reason I don't go there unless it's pedestrianised except for Tesco as every seizure she has had has required an emergency ambulance and blue light and sirens to hospital. It's a pleasant place without the traffic it puts me off going to shops in town with the traffic as it was. I'd avoid Ennis completely. I'm more likely to walk past a shop and have a look if I'm not driving but there really needs to be more parking available, maybe a cheap multi storey car park. when my kids were in pushchairs I'd never into town, it's not suitable for a pushchair with baby and a toddler.
50	Would be lovely to have a pedestrianised town centre, with outdoor dining. Not having to worry about breathing in exhaust fumes
51	With the new street works carried out in Parnell street how is a blind person to try stop their selves walking out in front of a car as the paths and road are now the same height?
52	Ban all cars from the Abbey St. Car Park and turn it into an outdoor recreation area

53	Pedestrianisation of the streets will have a benefit in regards of air quality on the street. I could imagine more footfall in the town shops if Pedestrianisation occurred as people in cars do not stop on the narrow street to conduct their business
54	The majority of people want pedestrianisation. Only a few vocal business people are against it. The same arguments were raised in Dublin for both Grafton st and Henry st. Also same in Galway for Shop st.
55	Facilitate more outdoor cafe/ dining on the pedestrian streets
56	Walking around ennis was a pleasure during pedestrianisation. I always park in Dunnes, come out into O'Connell street and all streets are nearby. It's a small town. Very disappointed that the council "gave in" to pressure. Cant understand how it affected the shops when there is so little street parking. I know we are trying to make every place accessible but there is such a thing as the "common good" , so its not always possible. If I was a wheelchair user I would def prefer the free use of the streets
57	It would be a good idea to provide more seating areas if the intention is to pedestrianise
58	I believe it should be pedestrianised for the safety of wheelchair users , elderly, and the safety of children. The footpaths in the town are too narrow for the above and for parents with prams and buggies. Etc....
59	It's so much easier to move around the streets when they are pedestrianised. As I am usually pushing a double buggy I have much more space to get where I want to go without any issues.
60	Ennis was a far more comfortable environment for shopping, leisure and general activities. There is ample off street parking just minutes away from each of the main streets, and if necessary there other brown field sites which could provide parking if needed. It would be a shame to put cars back on streets particularly with the proposed enhancement scheme and we should consider a mobility scheme if necessary using electric carts etc if there are genuine cases of mobility issues. Ennis can be a beacon for other towns to bring people and life to the streets without traffic and use the pedestrianised streets for outdoor dining in summer months and outdoor trading with small stalls or pop up kiosks in winter to attract people to all shops etc.
61	It would make the town more accessible for parents (with young children and buggies) and for those on wheelchairs. It will help improve air quality in the town centre which is both good for our health and the environment.
62	Please have plenty of available parking spaces with low charges. Charge too high, you will guarantee lose footfall as has happened elsewhere.
63	The town felt safer during the covid protocol walking with young kids, and I felt it was busier too when shops were allowed to reopen, the return of cars to the streets will put me off going to town in the future, there will be great opportunities for our business community with the return of pedestrianization, and enhanced outdoor seating and accessibility
64	For elderly people that cannot walk around town and the only transport they might have is to be brought by car and the parking to let elderly people out from a car is terrible the elderly is forgotten about



65 Future planning of more car parking and multi car parking space is needed throughout the town, the pedestrianisation of Ennis converts the outer streets into one big bottleneck where people cannot get from A to B efficiently, this has a negative effect in relation to carbon emissions as more fuel and time is consumed to get around the town,

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66 Ennis is a historical market town, and the town centre has that 'quaint' look and feel. We lose that uniqueness of Ennis when traffic congests the narrow streets and makes it more of a chore (and stressful) to get around town, when pedestrians are restricted to the narrow footpaths. It is especially difficult with prams, wheelchairs etc., for both the operators and the oncoming pedestrians, and also poses danger having to step out onto the road when there is traffic. Pedestrianisation might be feasible with a hop-on/hop-off town centre bus service that loops around the town centre, including the parking spots. It would need to be a regular service, every 15 mins or so in order to cater for people's needs to get about and get their business done in a timely manner. Some level of pedestrianisation in the summer months provides room for the outdoor seating of the eateries and pubs. This brought some life to the town in the summer evenings.

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67 More parking in the vicinity of the inner streets. More seating . The pedestrianised streets given a makeover as is currently in progress for the lanes.

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68 Pedestrianisation would make the town safer for the pedestrian and shopper and more attractive to visitors to allow them safely navigate our wonderful streets.

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69 Pedestrianisation is the way forward. In the past, I would not have shopped in Ennis due to traffic as it was unsafe particularly with small children. It is a pleasure to now shop in Ennis when the streets are pedestrian friendly.

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70 We as businesses represented by Retailers of Ennis accept the merit of a certain balance that can be arrived at between traffic and pedestrianisation but not at the expense of the commercial viability of businesses that depend to a large extent on the ability of customers to access us with their cars, whether they be in the summer of their health or in the declining winter of it.

We, as a retail organisation, recognise the validity of balance in this regard.

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71 More parking badly needed for the town.

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72 I think the people who really need to drive into town and park on Abbey St and O'Connell st can do so from Mon to Fri and before 11 on Sat. We are only looking for it on Saturday afternoon, in order to make the experience more enjoyable

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73 Have a family member with mobility issues that uses a wheelchair and found the pedestrianised streets a treat as the paths are too narrow for wheelchair use around the town.

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74	<p>People complain about parking but there is plenty - it just needs to be advertised more. For example note suitable parking areas for the various streets &amp; parts of town one is visiting. Maybe a flat rate for parking in all council car parks. I use the park magic app &amp; signage for this would be helpful. Sometimes when parking I am not sure where I am like in the market area. There are several zones for there. If the parking signs where the times are on the pole maybe put the area for those using the app. Also maybe a discount for app users &amp; that could encourage more uptake. We don't all have an endless supply of coin. Definitely look after those with low mobility &amp; provide more seating in pedestrianised areas but the vast majority of able bodied people are lazy &amp; just want to drive to the door &amp; would drive through a shop if allowed! More active lifestyles need to be encouraged</p>
75	<p>Make it very feasible for cafes, pubs, restaurants to use the outside space, preferably at no charge (but with responsibility) so these pedestrian areas are busy and used, making it far less likely fit antisocial behaviour. Even encourage the likes of mobile coffee units and the mobile units to set up on these places. There's huge potential!</p>
76	<p>I work in town and talk to our customers about pedestrianisation, the over whelming amount of them want the town to be pedestrianised. In my opinion the town footpaths are too small for buggys, wheelchair users and pedestrians to all use. For the safety of people there shouldn't be cars driving down the narrow streets. We haven't seen any decline in customers since closing the streets and are happy to see it stay closed.</p>
77	<p>Full time pedestrianisation will be a hard sell to a selection of vocal business owners, so their input and concerns will have to be listened to and an attempt made to reach a compromise. However, I'm sure the same was encountered by other councils where ultimately pedestrianisation has been a positive - consultation with some of these councils should also be considered.</p>
78	<p>I think we need to test pedestrianization outside of covid times to allay fears of businesses who had low foot fall due to lockdown, not lack of cars.</p> <p>As a Clarecastle resident I found the town much more appealing for a coffee, lunch, shop when pedestrianized and I met far more people in town when we were walking. I didn't mind finding parking at the edge, in fact the short walk was good for me. Made me consider getting a bike, if this continued.</p>
79	<p>Deliveries to shops to be scheduled before 11am and after 7pm. No through access for cars, vans or motorcycles. Provide multistory car parks at Parnell and Abbey street car parks. Provide cycleway full connectivity around the town instead of short lengths of cycleways where road widths are available. Provide traffic lights with pedestrian phases instead of pedestrian crossings close to junctions. Design a traffic system that reduces waiting times at junctions i.e. Mill Road linked traffic signals and prohibit certain traffic movements. Develop a traffic model for Ennis and determine how pedestrianisation will affect traffic movements around the town.</p>
80	<p>I think the whole town should be car free. Safer for children and families. Better for the environment. Nobody needs to park directly outside the shop they want to visit. Not even if they are in a wheelchair.</p>
81	<p>No</p>
82	<p>The town of Ennis is too small for motor vehicles and is more suited for people to move freely without the danger of traffic</p> <p>All so feel that outdoor dining and music could be developed</p>

83 In light of the current pandemic, the streets should be pedestrianised .. they foot paths are too narrow fir 2 Way walk up and down and you run the risk of falling off paths. I don't believe the business in town have decreased footfall as everyone can walk comfortably through the streets to get there while they are pedestrianised.. there a better buzz around the town and it's enticing others to come to the town as well .. if you think you would get a car space on the streets, you are delusional .

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84 If pedestrianisation was achieved, I would like to see further improvements over a longer timescale to facilitate people with mobility issues, such as the addition of benches at frequent intervals, and lowering/removing curbs on the pedestrianised streets. Construction of additional bicycle parking at the fringes of the pedestrianised zone could also be useful.

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85 I have mobility issues and I find because of this I am now finding it impossible to come into the centre of Ennis. The parking space for disabled driver are to far for me to walk from at times without help and i feel that having to get help is taking away my independence. Only an hour given in the morning to drive and park where I have to go is not enough time. As with having mobility issue's I am slower and if I have to go to more than one shop or have an appointment this has now been made impossible for me. On two occasions I have had to just turn around and drive home as no parking even in the disabled spaces. On another occasion I was told by the traffic warden I couldn't park in the disabled space as the foot path had been made wider and that meant if someone in the other space was a wheelchair users they couldnt get out of their car as space was not now wide enough and that I would have to park at the far end of the car park in the disabled space there. I replied to him if I could walk that far I wouldn't need a disabled space. I got rather upset that day and felt this will be the third time I will have to just drive home, in the end he said on this occasion you can park there. I have rang the council and aired my issue and I also feel because I have mobility issues I am being forgotten about and in a way my independence is being taken to an extent and I can't independently go to Ennis on my own if the streets continue to be closed off. Would it not be possible to give two hours together, to give people like me a chance to be able to get around and do my business. I am at present not going to Ennis anymore to shop because of this and I feel sad because I love the town of Ennis and supporting the shops in my own county. I also feel by permanently closing off the streets you will get foot fall on the streets with take away coffee/teas but will they go through the shop doors to spend money.. Feeling hopeful that something will be done to include everyone from all walks of life.

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86 Need to adopt the more continental idea of plaza/streetscapes with retractable awnings that facilitate the transformation of the streetscape as a cultural/entertainment space outside normal shopping hours.

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87 Pedestrianisation has worked in every town or City centre it has been introduced to.

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88 Since the pedestrianisation has been introduced, I have noticed that there was much more people in town with the roads blocked off as compared to when the roads are open to cars. People feels much safer being in town without having to watch out for cars. Soon after the re-opening of the streets, I saw one of the litter bins have been taken out by a car....what if that was a child or any other person? The town centre is just not a safe place to be with cars using the narrow roads.

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89	To support pedestrianisation, there needs to be adequate and clear parking and supporting public transport.
90	Better signage on the traffic flows and also signage for pedestrians Visitors find it difficult to navigate both parking and shopping.. Some shoppers miss great places!
91	Shared surface such as the completed section of Parnell street seems more conducive to pedestrian priority as you don't have to step off paths if you have a buggy or are mobility impaired. Parking spaces on street should be reduced to allow space to stop and talk or to allow buggies and wheelchairs to pass and to enjoy the medieval streetscape without being so close to the shop fronts in particular on O' Connell street. Businesses should be afforded space where possible for temporary seating storage so as to encourage more active use of the pedestrianised areas during the times it is closed to traffic. I feel the town should be fully pedestrianized at weekends to allow this street activity and outdoor dining. There was no option in the survey for a hybrid pedestrianisation.
92	Pedestrianization allows for people to walk about freely (especially those with children) and not worry about incoming cars. If I was a wheelchair user I would avoid Ennis unless cars were not allowed in as the footpaths are far too narrow. I noticed a real buzz during the months pedestrianization was in place and I believe a boom in business too.
93	no
94	It would be much safer and accessible to have full pedestrian access in Ennis.
95	I shopped more in the centre of town when it was pedestrianised but now just go to big shops like Dunnes, Tesco etc.
96	It was wonderful to have the streets free of cars and traffic during lockdown. As someone that has a young family the ability to move freely around the town with a pram has been a huge benefit, the streets finally left safe. I saw a huge increase in people enjoying the town again, and not crammed onto our narrow footpaths. I feel there is a huge opportunity for Ennis to be a 15 minute town, and having safe car free streets is a great start. I'd also like to see cyclelanes as part of the plan. While I do not cycle myself, I see it as a huge advantage to keep all cyclists, young and old, safe on our streets. I really look forward to the streets of Ennis being accessibly to all once again.
97	The businesses in Ennis embraced the challenges of COVID adapting their outside delivery of services, they need some sort of reassurance / plan so that they can continue to put in place the infrastructure needed to provide weather resistant and usable outdoor spaces
98	The town needs it badly. And the argument over lack of parking is nonsense The town thrives when the streets are pedestrianised
99	Do not pedestrianise
100	Ennis should be selling itself on its lovely narrow streetscape which could be brought to one level like lower Parnel Street. Perhaps even some diners could utilise outdoor seating. The atmosphere would benefit the town and remove dangers and exhaust fumes from the streets... deliveries can take place before 11 and boy racer types could do their laps of the town after 6. Its a no brainer in my opinion.
101	No

	As mentioned above. I feel weekends and between 11:00 - 14:00 weekdays would be more than enough.
102	Another factor during lockdown was the empty streets, particularly on weekday mornings, allowed for anti social elements to take over the town centre. One numerous occasions I noticed groups congregating in the middle of the square and shadow boxing as there was no traffic to drive them off the roads. It's intimidating for all and creates a very bad impression of Ennis for visitors. Also, from speaking to some elderly neighbours, it created an intimidating atmosphere for them as they went about their daily business.
103	There a much nicer atmosphere without cars. Ennis streets are way too narrow for constant traffic. Pathways on some streets are also way too narrow.  Love it pedestrianised
104	Vital to the success of pedestrianisation is the provision of quick and easy on street or car park parking. To this end, Abbey street car park needs to be sorted. It is FULL of workers who just leave their cars there for the entire day. Workers need to park too, but not outside their doors. A carrot and stick approach is needed to lure them out of the town centre - for example, cheap or free parking in Cloughleigh
105	I have come to town more often when it is pedestrianised, I feel much safer with children to walk around ennis when it is pedestrianised.
106	No.
107	Introducing more benches, flowers, cycle paths and better footpaths in and out of town would be very welcome so we can comfortably and safely walk into town instead of driving.
108	Parking, parking, parking!! Forget park & ride, no one will use it & it's not a solution. Nor is moving out employee's. The fact is the town has & its continually being constrained from growth by the lack of parking infrastructure. Any barrier to making it easy for people to come & shop / work in Ennis is routing them elsewhere. The experience is all about convenience. No one has patients for anything else anymore. We're a impatient society now.  Accommodation for deliveries and online collections needs to be taken into account also.
109	Pedestrianisation of the town is brilliant and it is essential for the enjoyment and development of the town into the future that cars are kept out. Allowing cars up to 11 a.m. every day should be plenty of time for deliveries and for those who wish to drive through the streets. I can never understand the argument of the business owners that people need to park directly on the streets to access their premises. Yes, it can be difficult to find parking at times but that is true of any town centre. There is plenty of parking close to the centre and I do not see any need to drive and / or park on the streets.
110	Zone the streets by business type and develop an Irish-weather version of outdoor continental-style street life both day and night to foster a healthier, balanced and inclusive society across all generations.

111	Despite being in favour of pedestrianization, more accessible parking is required around the town and a better traffic flow plan. At the moment, too many cars needlessly drive through the town (especially younger people) just to see who's around
112	This needs to be done, but also parking options looked at. There is no reason for cars to be in the centre of Ennis. There is no part of Ennis centre that I cannot get reasonably close by car with driving on these central streets.
113	It is of benefit to the town
114	It is much safer to shop in the narrow streets don't have to be hopping on and off footpath when there are people with baby buggies on very narrow footpath.
115	Space for outdoor dining and performance, some sheltered seating areas would be good
116	If the town is pedestrianised the traffic on outer roads get heavily congested I don't feel it's work shutting the town off especially for businesses
117	It makes town so nice for tourists which we need badly!!!
118	You should consider covering some areas similar to the streets in Omagh- a structure similar to a car port enabling outdoor dry dining.
119	A Dockless Bike Hire Scheme - as per the Bleeper bikes in Dublin - would be a welcome addition to Ennis. It would I believe be a much utilised form of transport given Ennis' flat topography.
120	On certain days and times maybe but not permanently
121	Its important to strike a happy balance as businesses also need to have vehicles in for deliveries and delivering to customers, also ennis is not very wheelchair accessible or disability friendly , things like slippery surfaces on footpaths because incorrect materials were chosen, believe me when you slip on an super smooth surface or your crutch cant get a grip because of moisture/algae/ice it hurts and is an insurance claim waiting to happen
122	The footpaths in Ennis are too narrow for a buggy. They make brining young children into town very difficult and at times dangerous if it is busy.
123	Car parking charges for up to 4 hours should be reduced to encourage people to spend longer in town instead of time watching as tickets expire
124	If proper infrastructure and parking were in place the way things are now id rather stick to the business outside of town or pass it out and go to limerick or Galway
125	<p>The new blocks on parnell Street are lovely, and well needed, however, where the pedestrian zone ends, and the cars come back on the road, there is no curb. Which makes keeping children off the street very difficult as they can't make out the difference.</p> <p>Also seating needs to be added back to the town. As a nursing mother, it would be nice to able to sit down and nurse without having to buy a tea/coffee. And also for any person that might need to take a break.</p> <p>And bins. There are no bins outside of the town centre, which leads to alot of littering on the outskirts of the town centre.</p>

126	<p>I wouldn't mind if the streets were pedestrianized on the weekends but having the roads shut every day, in my opinion doesn't work well. I have never had a problem with getting around town in my car, I have never had an issue with traffic or parking up until the streets were closed. When the schools reopened last year I decided to avoid town at certain times of the day due to the amount of heavy traffic caused by the streets being closed. This includes both in the morning and in the afternoon. I believe there is no need for the streets to be closed from Monday to Friday. Saturday and Sunday I don't think is a bad idea. Cars need to have access to the streets, Ennis isn't a city, we're a town and have limited space when it comes to moving around. Having the streets pedestrianized is alright for the people living close to town as they don't drive in, but when you're living 15 minutes out the road, I want to be confident in knowing I'll be able to pop in and out easy, not be stuck for a parking space and stuck in traffic for what feels like hours. I have always shopped local and will always support the local businesses in our town but it came to a point where I decided to go to limerick and do my shopping there as I was in and out faster then I was in Ennis. Ennis is a great town and I understand change is something that happens everywhere but that doesn't always necessarily mean that it is good and will benefit the town in the future.</p>
127	<p>As a native of Ennis and an Employed worker in Ennis town I think having some traffic is vital for the older people that can't walk some distances. There has to be great thought about people that are Wheel chairs dependent. Please don't pedestrianise the town fully .</p>
128	<p>Parking needs to be improved. The street should be open with parking certain days to allow people access to banks, shops and other services. People who can't walk long distances and the elderly are suffering as they can't access the town centre and are frustrated. It takes away their independence. If people knew when the town was open they could plan to come those days, not the open and closing for a couple of hours during the day. This just causes confusion.</p>
129	<p>Cyclists/ electronic scooters: access to pedestrianised locations should for these users should be similar to cars/ motorbikes / delivery vehicles. Use of bicycles and motorised scooters in pedestrianised and shared spaces can negate the benefits of pedestrianisation as these users have been seen (last 18 months) using pedestrian areas at speed and with little awareness of how they impact on other users including older people / children. Pedestrians are not anticipating cyclists or electronic scooter users in these locations.</p> <p>Street furniture &amp; accessibility: uniform / streamlined approach needed to location of seating / bins/ lights etc on footpaths to allow easier access by anyone with mobility issues/ wheelchair users/ visual impairment/ buggies etc.</p> <p>Disabled parking locations &amp; pedestrianised areas: pathways to these locations should link directly to pedestrian areas so users have a safe and direct access.</p>
130	<p>It is much better for getting around the town, especially with small children.</p>
131	<p>It is great and only impacts a few parking spaces.</p>
132	<p>None</p>
133	<p>Much better atmosphere in the town with the pedestrianisation instated, much more businesses. Seen a loss of business with the streets reopening, town drab and dreary with lines of traffic going through</p>

134	Without it, it's unsafe for families and the disabled particularly
135	I think full pedestrianisation of the streets would keep me out of town completely.
136	If its to be done, it should be limited hours during the day and on a Sunday maybe more time. To get rid of the ability drive altogether is ridiculous
137	As a mum of 3 it is so much easier to go around the town with my kids and buggy when the cars are gone. It is so much safer. I will go to Limerick or Galway if they don't stay pedestrianised at least a bit because as much as I want to support local, the safety of my children comes first. There is a great buzz around the town especially with the cafe having outdoor seating if only the cafes stayed open longer Ennis seems to shut down at 4/5pm
138	A long term pedestrianisation plan for this town could do great things for new businesses and make the town very attractive to key events like the fleadh and other festivals that bring an extraordinary amount of money, interest and atmosphere to the town.
139	Just that footpaths on O'Connell Street are much to small, I have a buggy and if you meet anyone on that footpath especially someone else with a buggy or in a wheelchair or any sort of Zimmer frame /crutch it is absolutely impossible to pass each other safely withouy someone going onto the main road and or into a shop door. The pedestrianised Road on O'Connell Street greatly helped ease this problem during covid especially when we are ment to be keeping out distance. Made it alot safer for young children also.
140	It's a much nicer experience to go into town when streets are pedestrianised.
141	More seats, more bins. Park & ride facilities More green, ie trees
142	Care should also be taken with flower planters on paths which impede wheelchairs and buggies.
143	Would be nice to have some permanent out door food capability - food stalls etc allowed access Parnell street, the height area, help spread out the lunch time rush of students
144	Pedestrianisation has revitalised traditional town centres all over Europe , it can do the same for Ennis
145	No, love the street art. More of that!
146	Parking shouldn't be an issue because there is plenty of parking available, adjacent to the main streets.
147	Not enough disabled Parking spaces in town and some spaces have been taken away and some are changed to Age Friendly which basically means anyone can use them. It's a disgrace the way people with Disabilities are constantly being let down by doing those to them. More Disabled Parking spaces needed.
148	That maybe there is a way to alert people to when the streets are re opened to traffic. I drove up abbey street and down o Connell street last Friday afternoon and I was walked out in front of no less than 5 times by people not even considering that a car might be on the road. People have gotten used to it being open to walk on and now it's quite dangerous to be a car driving along the streets during the day in my opinion.



149	The current pedestrian is brilliant when you go to town with kids with the narrow footpaths you are always watching incase kids fall off. This give you more freedom. It is also an opportunity for outdoor dining in the town
150	No
151	Worked very well. Bensute continued environmental improvements as is already happening.
152	24/7 pedestrianation is needed despite delivery hours in the morning but just for delivery drivers. theres no other way to make ennis at least a bit accessible.. also in concern to environmental issues its needed so much.. any shop owner who cannot see the profit of pedestrianation and puts the pandemic decrease of business to the pedestrianation should redo business school.. its in the interest of all to keep this town carfree
153	Ennis needs a town bus service urgently and also more retail options to stop people going elsewhere
154	Old businesses owners must not dictate this, people must, build and market as boutique destination, be bold....
155	Pedestrianisation will make the town a lovely safe place to visit shop and socialise.
156	No provision for people with poor mobility, I'm dropped off and picked up outside of the shops I use, actually for the past few weeks I've done my shopping in the crescent in Limerick, park at the door FOC and get all my bits and bobs in the one place.
157	I loved being able to walk freely and not have the smell of fumes around me. It felt very European and more people seemed to enjoy being out and about.
158	No
159	Footpaths are far too narrow alone. I have 3 kids under 5, 2 of which I require a double buggy and it has been a dream getting around with the pedestrianisation. I avoid town when cars are going through as streets are too narrow and footpaths are too crowded
160	the sooner the better we are way behind modern form of town / city centers
161	The streets of the town are so narrow that it is not practical to browse and shop comfortably with traffic using the main streets. It is far more comfortable to go to shopping centres in Limerick than to try to navigate narrow streets that are blocked by people stopping to chat! This must also be a nightmare for anyone with mobility issues or with buggies and young children. The pedestrianisation of the town centre could be a 'unique selling point' of Ennis' quirky streetscape. It would be lovely to see year round outdoor dining offered (covered to make it weatherproof) and busking encouraged! This would make me choose to shop local rather than going to Limerick or Galway!
162	More wheelchair parking,
163	Pointless driving through the streets. There's plenty of parking near the streets.
164	it's so nice to be able to go up town with my family and not have to worry about traffic , sometimes during the summer I thought I was in shop street in galway but I was in o connelly stertr ennis. I'm sure it makes coming to town a lot more enjoy able for a lot of people
165	The town would be so much more attractive if pedestrianisation was done properly with nice paved areas with plants pavement cafes, Christmas Markets etc
166	signage needs to improve and websites such as Google maps need to be updated with the new layout. this did not happen this summer and caused problems.

167	The layout of the town, with the streets that were blocked off, it meant you couldn't get from one side of the town to the other without huge delays stuck in traffic.. either on the mill road or Clonroad.. found it very frustrating.. definitely often said just go to limerick to the crescent or somewhere instead.. since it has opened up I have started to go back into Ennis.
168	Have outdoor dining facilities from April to October
169	The town has never looked as well I can only imagine what the summer months will be like. Ennis is a vibrant town it is hard to change some retailers opinions but you only have to look at limerick and Galway it is a pleasure to visit them.
170	I am new to the town but the width of the streets coupled with the lively atmosphere seems to lend itself to pedestrianisation.
171	I think full pedestrianisation except for business deliveries in non peak hours. That's my opinion.
172	Would be great to turn the Square into a place where outdoor music could happen in the summer months and maybe put some sort of roof in along by Cafe Aroma/Carraig Donn to facilitate outdoor dining properly
173	Retractable Bollards for emergency access, deliveries and people with mobility issues who need to access doctor, dentist but also could enter before 11 and exit any time, one way system comes in handy!
174	No
175	As a mother with 2 small children I had great comfort coming to town with my kids when streets were pedestrianised not having to worry about them running out in front of cars or getting knocked off a footpath in front of an oncoming car..it would turn me off coming to town with streets open to traffic
176	Pedestrianisation is long overdue. More car parking spaces should probably be provided at the periphery of the town. This could even be provided for free. School carparks should be available at weekends and during holiday times. Consideration should be given to providing a minibus service to and from access points on all access routes. This service should run throughout the day at regular (30 min or so) intervals.
177	Park and ride service to the town would be ideal in order to reduce traffic around the town centre
178	There needs to be proper integrated planning. Enough car parking. Proper traffic control. Provision for bicycles to access the town centre too. And consideration for people with mobility issues. Ideally you would conduct community planning design workshops with a cross section of stakeholders
179	Please provide free parking for EVs and more EasyGo charging stations for EVs. Please provide more parking for all cars, so that people don't have to drive around for hours trying to find a parking spot. Even a large parking area outside Ennis with an hourly shuttle service to town would be an easy solution. It's done in other countries, why not here?
180	So much more pleasant going through town with so much room & also more room for benches and/or tables chairs umbrellas for business
181	Traffic through town is important to keep life in the town . Do not pedestrianise
182	I have a car but wish to have more cycling and pedestrian options

I believe that pedestrianisation of the narrow central streets will really improve the quality and usability of the space. The streets are extremely narrow, in particular O'Connell Street. The footpaths are not sufficient for the amount of pedestrians at peak times. Able bodied users have to continually step out onto the roadway to get passed each other. Disabled pedestrians and families with buggies have to stop in their tracks and hope others will walk around them.

There is extremely limited parking on the street as it is, so it couldn't possibly be sustaining any business. The businesses are supported by those on their feet. None of the businesses are drive-throughs. If that is their business model then they should be located on the outskirts or in retail parks.

In my opinion 80 % of the traffic on both Abbey Street and O'Connell Street are simply using it to get to the other end and carry on their journey to other destinations.

183 If the streets were pedestrianised they could emulate the success of streets like Shop street / Quay Street in Galway city. In particular Quay Street can sustain many restaurants and bars with attractive outdoor dining. It would really allow hospitality businesses to attract customers throughout the day and also take advantage of the night time economy.

I personally believe that the opposition that has been aired in the media towards pedestrianisation does not represent the majority view.

I believe it is a vocal minority. A small number of businesses make up just one stakeholder. Residents are equally, if not more important in deciding the future of the street.

Many people favor pedestrianisation but are not involved in any media campaigns or active in local politics. Their views should also be represented.

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184 I feel the pedestrianisation has given ennis a new lease of life. Its lovely to have the freedom to walk around the town without being up on top of people on the path. The streets in ennis are extremely narrow and it makes getting around particularly difficult for those with mobility issues or those trying to push a pram/stroller. I think having the pedestrianisation for the set hours each day has had a very positive effect on the town and encouraged people to go to town as when covid hit people were very wary of being around crowds but the pedestrianisation allows a lot more space and makes a visit to town a lot more enjoyable in my personal opinion.

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185 It would hugely improve the look and feel of the town! Thanks

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186 No

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187 Parnell Street was partially pedestrianised many years ago, and remains today without issue. O Connell Street could do likewise, as has been proven during the pandemic. Would be more encouraging and friendly to see businesses pulling their weight also and having outdoor dining where applicable, better window dressing etc. similar to the amazing showcase of our town for the Fleadh Cecil. Make Ennis friendly, accessible and safe again!

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188	Please google "Clarke Quay" in Singapore. There, a series of streets have been pedestrianised, with umbrella like structures protecting the whole street area from the weather while keeping the streets open air. It is an entertainment and shopping hub with 2mm visitors a year. Can we have the same sort of imagination in Ennis?
189	Please provide nice benches to sit & relax on.
190	Our son has reduced mobility / balance issues. Ennis with traffic on a busy day is sometimes not pleasant from this perspective and we would have often avoided for this reason. Having to step on/off roads to get past pedestrians and pass between cars is not enjoyable.  I would look at a temporary closure of O'Connell St only as a starter to see the impact this has on traffic flows using Abbey Street and Parnell Street O'Connell Street as a short cut through the town. It would also reduce the ability of drivers to complete circles of the town centre looking for on-street parking.
191	Waterford City have a pedestrianised centre with a cover, something on this context introduced at the height. A centralized area with stalls, coffee etc.
192	Pedestrianisation has worked really well in the past in Ennis. It should be a permanent feature of Ennis town centre aka Grafton street in Dublin. Cars on such small streets create a terrible urban environment.
193	Maybe more pet friendly
194	Traffic issues in Ennis are increasing every day, especially if you have time to work and pass through the town when the schools are coming out. Issues are encouraging more schoolchildren to walk, cycle to school should also form part of the pedestrianisation measures - as it would be a behavioural change. If Ennis is going to more pedestrianisation measures, then perhaps they should also consider a short-term car-park for people who just to collect an item and will not be parked for very long.
195	Free 15 minutes parking
196	It's a sign of healthier towns. Please make it happen as much as possible.
197	Ideally it would be integrated with park and ride, and public bus service
198	More seating around the town
199	The roads are too narrow for cars & it's more environmentally friendly to walk. The town also looks better without all the traffic.
200	The Covid pedestrianisation has shown clearly that Ennis has huge potential to be an accessible town and an amazing amenity on our doorstep. Allow deliveries access early in the morning and then open up the potential.
201	If it was to be pedestrianised, there definitely needs to be more accessibility for wheelchair users, more benches and seats for elderly / disabled / chronically ill people as well as public toilets. I honestly don't go into town anymore unless it's while it's pedestrianised. As a vehicle owner, I hate driving through the town, it's an accident waiting to happen, kids running in front of cars, footpaths not wide enough so people step in front of you without looking. I also lived in Galway for the last 5 years and the main shopping streets being pedestrianised is the best part, the tourists are more attracted to it, it's easier to get around, shops are busier etc and delivery trucks can still access when needed so it's not an issue for anyone. The best part of Covid was the town being closed off to cars. Makes the town way more attractive.

202	Parking facility needs improvement/ Market white elephant could be made into a free parking area, multi-storey./ or bus people into town.
203	The road is too dangerous with all the cars when you are walking with children on the very n'arrive pavement and so many people walking on it.
204	If pedestrianisation is happening, more car parks/spaces that are accessible need to planned into this. The footpaths on the outskirts of town are narrow and not inclusive of people with disabilities and prams or buggies. I love the idea of pedestrianisation but it needs to meet everyone's needs.
205	The footpaths are too narrow for how busy they are. Its possible to wheel a buggy on the footpaths when it's busy. They streets should be pedestrianised.
206	Pedestrianisation could bring parts of the town to life, particularly Parnell Street if it became a destination area- markets, crafts, outdoor dining- especially in Summer or at Christmas.
207	a slow electrically-powered shuttle bus should circle the town centre and connect to car parks and Tesco/Aldi area
208	If there is not some form of pedestrianisation in town centre I would avoid, go to Limerick instead..the streets are way too narrow to walk around same time as cars when busy ...just to say the town is improving greatly with the works currently going on ..with the proposed future works I think Ennis town centre will be an excellent place to spend time in so good work
209	Have more outside seating available around town and the river so people can sit and eat, chat etc.
210	The car park in Abbey Street could become a three-storey with investment. The streets & paths could be levelled & finished like Parnell Street. A multi-storey could be built in the Post Office Field with protection for wildlife & a walkway from Parnell Street to Bank Place.
211	It can be frustrating as a driver through the town.
212	Parnell street has been pedestrianised for years and it has a much higher amount of empty premises then any other street. Driving through town when the streets are closed is a nightmare too!
213	No
214	Pedestrianisation a priority before there is a serious accident in town. Families with push chairs and small children need access around the town without being forced into the road to avoid others etc people standing having a chat on the footpath, other pushchair/ wheel chair users etc. After all Parents with kids are one of the main spenders in the town accessing discount stores, pharmacies, shops specialising in children's shoes, sports wear shops etc.
215	Nicer feel to town center without cars clogging up the streets
216	In peak season allow business' to operate as they have done during COVID by providing seating outside on the pavements/roads. Increase public seating not just along the river but along Parnell street/o Connell street too.
217	More parking close to town centre is required
218	More parent and child parking

219	<p>The charm of Ennis is that its streets haven't changed, look at old photos of the town and you recognise every spot. Unfortunately you can tell town wasn't built for cars. It's all a one way system and the footpaths are too small for pedestrians. Especially parents with kids/buggy's, people with disabilities needing wheelchairs etc. With town being pedestrianised there's more room for people to roam around town in comfort, therefore spending a longer time in town. Ennis is a tourist hotspot especially in spring and summer, I think we'll see the benefit of pedestrianisation at its peak during these months</p>
220	<p>Ennis streets being closed isn't fair on the elderly who aren't able to walk far. It is quicker to drive my mother and elderly cousins to Limerick than Ennis that's only 10 minutes away when its streets are closed that's not fair on local businesses.</p>
221	<p>Pedestrianisation makes the street scape more attractive, relaxing and safe to use. With children it makes for a much safer and attractive location in which they can play and parents can relax. The feel of the town is enhanced with opportunity for street art and entertainment outdoor dining areas, etc. A pedestrian street scape is fertile ground for creative and artistic licence and commercial pursuits. Ennis is ideal as ample parking on close proximity to main street.</p>
222	<p>Have footpaths on Abbey Street gritted to avoid slipping in winter months. Cover over Parnell Street. Add lighting to all lanes especially those leading to O Connell Street</p>
223	<p>Perhaps allow access late and early for deliveries</p>
224	<p>It would be nice on Sundays Friday and Saturday evenings so that buskers performing arts and restaurants could dress the town</p>
225	<p>More parking is required close to town. Gaa parking should be tarred and lined correctly. Bus parking area in Temple Gate could also include car spaces.</p>
226	<p>When the town centre is pedestrianised it is much more enjoyable and enticing. It is much safer to walk around town with our young children without the presence of vehicles.</p>
227	<p>No</p>
228	<p>Safety is the key issue. Its dangerous if you are walking along the narrow pavements and as a driver its concentrating on driving and people stepping into the road to pass other people. Also my father is 94 and blind in one eye so trying to manoeuvre his mobility trike or wheelchair along the pavement is dangerous but much safer when he can use the road.</p>
229	<p>More parking is also needed</p>
230	<p>Pedestrianisation made the town a joyful place to be. I've worked in Ennis for 30 years and never enjoyed the town so much. It would be very disheartening to see traffic prioritised above people and to lose our real communal place to be.</p>
231	<p>I feel the example of other urban centres should be taken into account when the pedestrianisation of Ennis is being considered. It has helped revitalise town centres in many Irish and European towns. It would be in the best interests of the town in the long term to pedestrianise the town centre.</p>
232	<p>Ennis was a nice place to visit when pedestrianised. It would be a pity to lose this.</p>
233	<p>Summer only or weekends only are also nice options.</p>
234	<p>More car parking spaces needed</p>

235	There are big differences of opinion from members of the public and some businesses regarding pedestrianising the streets. Therefore I think a happy medium would be to have at least 3 hours in the day when the streets should be open to traffic to try and support the disabled/elderly persons who just cant park in a car park and walk the streets for shopping, I am disabled myself and I struggle to get things done when the streets are closed to traffic, but with a bit of give and take, people might accept a compromise of open/shut traffic system.
236	As both a business owner and town centre user it has been an absolute pleasure to shop and dine in the town centre with my family without having to look over my shoulder to see if myself or my kids were at risk of being knocked down. I do think the antisocial people in the town centre also need to be addressed as part of a solution.
237	It is very difficult to walk around Ennis with my son in a buggy unless the streets are pedestrianised. The recent pedestrianisation has been great.
238	Cars going from cathedral to market need to go down Parnell St and not up summerhill out onto mill Rd which is too busy already
239	Pedestrianisation isn't just about walking around town. New life needs to be given- music playing/ buskers/ seating areas/ family friendly themes- walking trails/fairy trails for kids..... if people are encouraged into town, shops will benefit from people been able to stroll around traffic free.
240	The pedestrianisation of the streets has been absolutely fantastic over the last year. It is a lot easier to get around with a buggy & toddler. My elderly dad can get around a lot better without the fear of falling off of the small footpaths
241	It feels so much nicer to walk through town without cars. I would definitely spend more time in ennis without cars
242	I believe we have to allow pedestrianisation time to work and not expect immediate results. As a delivery driver in Ennis of course it would suit me to be able to drive through town however with the narrow streets I must admit it's a nightmare, the amount of time pedestrians have had near misses with my door mirrors is frightening
243	I try to stay away from the town as much as possible these days I loved walking up town in comfort when it was pedestrianised much safe when you have children in tow.
244	My mother is elderly and she has found the pedestrianisation of the town very difficult. She has limited mobility but does not have a disabled badge. I have watched as she became more and more fearful of falling when walking long distances between shops. She won't shop in town at all unless someone is there beside her. Previously she would have driven around at her leisure and gone to all her favourite places.
245	I think the town would be much better without cars driving through it. The streets are narrow and I don't think there is enough room to have both cars and pedestrians in the town.
246	Traffic management for detours should be given thought. No use pedestrianising town when the extra driving/traffic just causes more pollution/emissions.
247	I think pedestrianisation during COVID was a fantastic initiative. I was much more inclined to go into town to browse/shop esp when I had my kids with me as it was so much easier/safer. Previously I would only have taken them to the crescent in Limerick. I think it would be excellent if the streets in town could become more accessible- reduce steps/uneven surfaces.

248	It would be great. People walk around town and will go into shops.. if I drive into town I dont go in shops. Parking is terrible
249	pedestrianisation encourages me to shop in ennis more and not to be squeezed onto a busy footpath when cars are on the street.
250	A greater presence is needed by garda in central part of town.
251	Provide done form of seating for the elderly
252	It would make the town so Much more appealing. Initiatives similar to Patrick St in cork could be considered. The main reason people drive through town (apart from deliveries) is to have a non essential 'cruise'. Let's make Ennis an even more attractive place to be!
253	No
254	Streets too narrow for full time traffic at busy times. Pedestrianisation makes sense and should be good for businesses
255	I actually liked the idea of having set times where it was pedestrianised and then cars after a certain time could drive through. However I have MAJOR concerns over the amount of cars that come into the market and just dump their cars any place. It's like they don't see nor use the actual Q car park in the market. I have resident car permit for moran's car park and it's very very frustrating when I'm waiting to get a space when I live in the town. I would love if a certain section of Moran's car park could be dedicated to actual residents (would people follow it? probably not)...I think if the town is going to be pedestrianised then a proper Car Park needs to be developed.
256	Covid was a real test for pedestrianisation and it worked a treat, it was loved by all and a great pleasure to walk in comfort without the worries of been hit by a car, van, or delivery truck. All deliveries into the town can be easily accessible threw the car parks at Templegate Hotel, at the back of Knox's and via the market. Our streets are too small for the heavy traffic laod that is going threw it again. People don't need to bring there car threw the town for business they can use there legs and learn to use them again instead of relying on there cars to drop them off to the bank and back again. No Vehicles = No pollution = Helping the environment
257	1- it's a lot safer for pedestrians when there are no cars. 2- if you are a parent with a buggy you cannot walk around the streets of Ennis when the streets are open to vehicles. 3- when the street is pedestrianised I find I browse more in the shops as you have a better view of the shop windows been further out on the street you are not battling with everyone else on the footpaths and trying not to step onto the roadway and not get knocked down by a car!
258	It creates a much better relaxed environment around town when pedestrianised and makes me want to go into the town centre more often.
259	Open for cars to 11 allows for get to work at quiet pedestrian time and for delivery/pickups.
260	Not at this time.



261	I think pedestrianization is a great idea if completed with business owners' collaboration (allowing traffic in morning and evening for access). It would make walking around town a much more pleasant experience for residents and tourists alike. It would also make the streets safer. There would be more room to walk around others without fear of walking under a car. Many times have I seen disabled people having difficulties navigating through crowds of pedestrians who cannot give way to them on narrow footpaths. The simple consideration of asking the public for their say is a good step,. Regardless of outcome I'm glad the discussion is being had, thank you.
262	Important to incentivise the right businesses to open in the town to increase foot fall in the town which will really benefit from pedestrianisation.
263	We must have pedestrianisation in some form. It breathes life and soul into the town centre. We don't need cars on the streets. We need people.
264	When are we going to get private clampers operating in Ennis. As what we have at the moment is clearly not working . Cars can park in double yellow line for up to 24 hours a day 7 days a week and the wardens walk by. Or else the cars are parked on footpath 7 days a week. Meaning wheel chair users have to get onto a main road . It's going on for years and absolutely nothing been done about it.
265	It is only possible to go to town with kids if it pedestrianised. The paths are too narrow otherwise.
266	No
267	It's lovely to be able walk through Ennis shopping you can actually look in shops.. had relations down visiting they taught the streets of Ennis quaint and beautiful
268	We need to learn from the mistakes that have been made to date in the (un) planning of the town and also the degeneration of town centres throughout the country who have regretted following the Green Agenda. Ennis deserves better consideration and a more sensitive approach to any changes to a beautiful historic market town. Please respect our culture and history. We do NOT need to yield to the egos of transient planners. Be aware that we are all responsible for the future of the town.
269	Much livelier atmosphere and more likely to stay longer/spend more when able to have a leisurely stroll through streets
270	If the business people opened their shops before 10 am it might relieve some of the traffic problems that occur before noon.
271	Outdoor dining
272	Unless there is ample parking on the outskirts as in a proper carpark to be able walk to town then it's not ideal..
273	Provide some form of provisions for deliveries or have street access between 6 & 9 am
274	Grafton Street in Dublin has proven that pedestrianisation has improved business and comfort levels. It was so appealing to walk the streets without the hassle, noise and fumes of cars.
275	The town has been so much more pleasant walking around, or having a coffee outside, without cars driving past constantly. Much better air quality too.
276	Ennis is in desperate need for more parking, people will not visit town or shops without easy parking close to town

277	Pedestrianisation is a fantastic idea however, 90% of the pedestrians are vehicle owners. A serious parking strategy is required immediately. The post office field should be transformed into a retail park with parking and a pedestrian bridge across the River. Its a flood plane I hear you say however, if this was Holland it would be done already... no will or forward thinking here.
278	Access for deliveries, pick ups and residents to be facilitated. Free parking (with space to allow buggies, children and wheelchairs to be moved easily in and out of cars) available within short walking distances to town centre
279	Safer with children. Easier with buggy. Easier for people with mobility issues. My mum is unstable walking and nervous of people bumping into her. More social if shopping with friends.
280	I find it more comfortable and relaxed to go shopping with my children in Ennis when there is no traffic driving through. There are very limited parking spaces anyway, so it makes sense to pedestrianise the centre. I would like to see bike shelters in Ennis car parking areas.
281	More and better parking, park and ride services would be helpful. Also consider covering the town centre and creating permanent outside seating
282	The Friary car park and Market Street car parks should be upgraded to provide extra disabled parking. A feasibility study could be done on improving access from market car park to O'Connell Street. This would be disruptive and would mean creating access through existing buildings but we have to get creative! Existing footpaths could be widened to facilitate outdoor dining. Automated bollards (such as used in Westpark in Shannon) could be installed at certain points, such as lower Abbey Street, to increase flexibility around timing of closing streets.
283	Enhance covered eating facilities outdoors with heating
284	It would make a difference if adequate free parking was provided near Cusack Park
285	Pedestrian only model is going to be the finish of commercial activity for the town ...it will make a great out door museum on a dry day ..Ennis will be the town that future students of planning will be taught of how NOT... to get it right ...
286	Ennis at present has not got the infrastructure to support pedestrianisation. For small businesses that have customers who only need less then 5 minutes to do business it is a nightmare. Customers are not willing to have to park 10 mins away to get a small purchase that you can get outside of town in less then 5 mins in total. We have being told on a daily basis that customers have tried to get into is but have left as car parking/ traffic is a nightmare during pedestrianisation . If these issues could be resolved we would reconsider our position.
287	Recent pedestrianisation has increased my use of the town. Much easier to navigate and enjoy. Far more likely to browse now.
288	its so lovely to walk down the streets with no traffic it gives a quaint look to the town i would go to town more often if it was pedestrianised
289	Not necessary
290	A shuttle service from outside town would go a long way towards alleviating the parking problems of Ennis
291	Keep outside seating

292	Ennis is a beautiful medieval town with lots of character and it offers a lot of charm, great shops, restaurants and wonderful people who live and work there. To be enjoyed.
293	<p>I have a business on high street . The footfall has increased substantially since pedestrianisation was introduced . My customers have not expressed any dissatisfaction with pedestrianisation , indeed to the contrary . Ennis was a much more pleasurable place to be in and to visit while pedestrianisation was in place . The days of driving around town aimlessly are over , not least from a climate change point of view .</p> <p>Parking on the outskirts needs to be improved however and more attractive parking rates introduced . Car owners can not be a cash cow for the local authority .</p> <p>Make Ennis a shopping and family friendly town and don't let it be choked by unnecessary traffic.</p> <p>If necessary conduct a plebiscite of residents and business owners and let the issue be decided for once and for all.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
294	I am carer for my mum. It is impossible to move around town safely and mind her.
295	I loved the recent pedestrianisation as it allows safe access to the town centre. I think the streets in the town centre are too narrow for vehicular access and too dangerous for pedestrians.
296	Much easier to negotiate footpaths and step onto street, if footpath busy. Prefer shopping during pedestrianisation. Less pollution in Town Centre
297	Freeing up the streets allows businesses to expand their offerings, provides testers it's and cafes with outdoor seating and makes the town a much more cosmopolitan and enjoyable place to visit
298	I find I don't bother going into town to spend anymore it must be very hard on businesses
299	Makes for a better environment and safer
300	Ennis town does not have the capacity to handle all the traffic passing through without the town center being open to cars. The lack facilities for cars to drive through Ennis town puts me off going in. I would rather make the trip to Shannon it Limerick of it means I don't have to sit in traffic and if it means I can find a car space
301	The town was fabulous and very tourist friendly when pedestrianised, with tables on the streets etc. Since cars have been allowed back during the day it is stressful trying to walk down the street on the narrow paths, there are too many people in the town to share a small path area
302	This would be bad for business as it I have less people come to collect my product.
303	As a parent it makes it a much safer, more enjoyable experience when pedestrianised, it gives the chance to pay more attention to what's in shops rather than where my child is and trying to dodge other people.
304	The new streets that have just been done on Parnell Street look like pedestrian streets, they are misleading for people who are not familiar with the town and could be very dangerous to not pedestrianise
305	It is a nuisance that every part of ennis is blocked off for pedestrians, it makes it difficult to move around town and it has affected parking, making those with difficulties walking, walk even further to get in, a very bad move on the ccc's part!

I'm a resident and business owner in the hospitality and tourism sector. Part of my work is researching towns sustainability and social infrastructure with a view to using it as a host town for regional and international visitors. When I moved here to live in Ennis it was at the time of Fleadh, full of people walking on pedestrianised streets. With this I got a sense of how the town could flourish with vision and action to make it more livable. Pedestrianisation being part of that vital work. Its small easy to navigate streets and lanes by foot or cycle are ideal for shared space ( pedestrian and cycle). It is unfit in my opinion for car traffic in its centre. I have not seen so much area in prime urban reactional and ecological space given over to car parking in a town centre in Ireland as there is in Ennis. There is absolutely no way modern best practices in planning and safety would allow cars drive on streets like O Connell street, Abbey st Parnell st or High St if they were built today. They are unfit. The pedestrianisation as a Covid measure brought another chance to see the potential of the town come into its own. In summer I saw hundreds of visitors happily stroll about safely. During my work online I read many happy accounts from locals and visitors to Ennis at this time on Twitter and other Social media platforms raving about the peace of mind and access the pedestrianisation in the town offered. Families with children leisurely moving through streets they used to hasten to get off as quickly as they could when cars where moving

306 through. Older people enjoying the liberty pedestrianisation brought. Disabled people said they found it safer and more welcoming. Young people socialising more in the centre. Utilising it. More people cycling in it. It started to look and sound more like a progressive intelligent modern town. I invited colleagues and friends to visit. And they did. Since cars have returned to using the streets more in recent weeks I've stopped going into town as much as I used to. If pedestrianisation does not happen and Ennis streets go back to there polluting, noisy and unsafe ways full of cars I will be less likely to recommend it in my sector or among family and friends again because Ennis town centre really is that anti social when cars move through it. Pedestrianisation has been used during Christmas, Fleadhs and the Covid emergency and worked very well on the whole. The new street scaping, paving works and street furnishings along Parnell Street compliment and seem designed for pedestrianisation. It will be a wasted investment without it. I'm afraid allowing the opportunity to pedestrianise Ennis centre once and for all to go backwards to car traffic will push people out of town, online for purchases instead of supporting local and make them feel like they don't have a livable town centre that they can engage with, care about and enjoy. Ennis as a town should show it is serious about it's livability, enterprise, sustainability and duties regarding the Climate Crisis through pedestrianisation, access and provision of cycle and infrastructure in the centre.

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Not possible to maintain a commercial town centre while the main through artery is essentially shut down . While the streets were closed due to the mobility plan the town was subjected to an assault from the anti social behaviour ie. drug dealing, drug induced violence, public alcohol drinking and drink induced violence. The area at the Square was a

307 nightmare to witness as was the public ugly seating which was used as a selling area, toilet facility, public drinking area. Take the cars off the streets of f Ennis and watch the commercial trading of the town diminish. Balance is needed. Keep the through traffic, level and widen walking area and create a number of 15 minute drop off/pick up areas on all streets. Stop trying to close the businesses who after all pay the rates and taxes which finances Clare CoCo

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308 The town needs a serious tidy up and a Garda presents it is seriously lacking in this regard

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309 I see only positive outcomes from implementing pedestrianisation.

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310	Since lockdown through covid and some of the streets closed to traffic some of the pubs and café made the most of the extra space and put tables out for dining which was lovely to see and made the town seem more hospitable to the local people and holiday makers and not having to be stuck inside when the weather permits
311	I am from Wexford Town originally. They have had pedestrianisation for years. The town has blossomed and it is a pleasure to wander and stop and chat and take your time, no incentive in Ennis to do this when cars are passing constantly. It starts in Wexford around 10 and opens by 5.30 I think, so people can come early or later in the day if they need to pull up outside a particular shop. I think it's ridiculous that Ennis doesn't have a pedestrianisation plan yet. It turns people away. When my children were small I used to go to Shannon Town centre or the Crescent as it wasn't safe to have kids around the town and the students at lunch time and after school congregate on footpaths, it was a nightmare. A small number of business owners stuck in the 80s are holding the future development of this town to ransom and it's not right. Move with the times!
312	Town is a less enjoyable place since the restrictions are lifted. I would walk all of the streets and wander around when the streets were closed just popping in to shops or having a chat. Now I just leave immediately as the streets are full of cars and not people. No comfort in walking around the streets.
313	Pedestrianisation is fantastic. Footpaths are too narrow for buggies etc. Pedestrianise now for the loss of 15 car parking spaces and it will bring foot fall INTO ennis. For example when ennis was Pedestrianised myself, my wife brought our baby into Ennis. Now with traffic through the town we choose to go elsewhere
314	I have difficulty walking long distances
315	Town feels more welcoming and a friendlier, easier place to be while pedestrianisation is in place. Very comfortable to move around and amble through the shops and cafes. Long term a plan for seating areas, greenery and other features could be implemented.
316	All streets must be upgraded to ensure accessibility for all without hindrance regardless of physical constraints
317	No
318	Use pedestrianisation to allow traders and businesses to set up stalls and seating and encourage vibrancy on the street. O'Connell Square and the market should be a hub of creative and commercial activities, not just on St Patrick's day The car parks on the rivers edge in abbey and Parnell streets should be recreation and arts districts instead of parking zones
319	More benches - friendly non-commercial public space.
320	Cycling should be facilitated to some degree - colour coded avenues
321	I had a shop on the main Street of Galway city when it became fully pedestrianised and there was a lot of opposition and the streets were wider there, but about 6 months after the streets were pedestrianised the crowds and locals loved it and business definitely improved and I would have objected at that time as we are all afraid of change but I was wrong, I was also in a wheelchair for a long time and it is much easier now to get around without cars the work is fabulous on the town center can't fault Clarecoco
322	No
323	It would be a boon to the town. The shopping experience would greatly improve. Creating a more relaxed and safer environment to get things done. It would add value to tourism and create space in a very tightly confined town center.

324	Ennis is such a nicer place to live and shop if there is no cars driving threw town. The atmosphere this creates in town is amazing. I think we're really missing out on having a bright vibrant town by ruining it with cars for the sake of 5 car parking spots. Car parking issues should be looked at and town pedestrianised.
325	No
	I think we should make Ennis more like Galway - having pedestrianised streets where people can socialise more easily. Galway thrives with Christmas markets etc. Ennis could possibly one day be as nice as Galway if we follow their lead.
326	Garda patrol is needed more in town I feel.
	And we need better multi-storey and car parking spaces- the old ennis national school lot would be ideal for a town multi-storey car park. It would also create jobs as you could hire security for the cars. People wouldn't mind paying the cost of our ridiculous tickets if it was for security etc.
327	It makes it easier to access shops and more pleasant to walk around town.
328	An opportunity to really push outdoor dining and music, busking etc
329	Let's create an atmosphere with music and outside dinning
330	Some seating areas for those with mobility issues to sit for a breather
331	Buggy friendly please. Cars make the main shopping area difficult and dangerous to navigate. I would like to see more provisions. Use public buildings as overflow car parks during busy periods eg cbs school, council car park and build another multistory!
332	Pedestrianisation would be far safer those with buggies and limited mobility. Far better shopping experience with no cars on streets.
333	Additional parking will be required in the surrounding areas for those needing to commute into the area.
334	Please pedestrianise! - the town vitally needs polluting cars to be excluded. We need to stop following the American model of cars first and people second.
335	Ennis has some of the worst air quality in Ireland. We must reduce car use. Towns should be primarily for residents, not designed around wants of visitors
336	1 hour Parking spaces should be increased and free of charge also.
337	I think consideration should be given to older people who find walking difficult. A concession or pass should be given to them to drive.
338	Yes I would like to see the streets more accessible and inclusive to all residents especially disability, impairment and more child friendly.
339	There is to much traffic through the small roads and narrow pavements to make shopping enjoyable in Ennis. It is simply not 21st century compatable with vehicles. As well as offering a platform for culture through music and possible street art/theater it just makes sense to stop traffic. It has been a much more pleasant shopping experience with the -sadly, limited times it is offered. Add that and more diverse shops and Ennis could be a really vibrant town center.
340	No
341	Ennis town bus service and just the buses are allowed in the centre of town.
342	There is not sufficient parking to allow for pedestrianisation. The one way streets mean extra time added to journeys just to get around town and this is causing terrible traffic congestion

343	Free parking or else minimum of .20 cent on all parking meters, if just gonna be in a shop for 5 mins why pay for one hour or risk parking ticket if I don't put up a ticket, very unfair. It gives traffic more movement also for other cars to park
344	Build a multi-story car park in Abbey street car park and use the remaining space as a public park/ green space beside the river.
345	As a visitor and shopper, I have found over the years I shop less in Ennis as I do not feel safe sharing the streets with cars.
346	Great work done on pedestrian-friendly resurfacing. A LOT more bike paths are needed in and around Ennis.
347	I think it improves the atmosphere in the town and makes it much more inviting. Full time would allow even more creative use of the public realm, but you need to allow for deliveries to businesses
348	The town needs to be pedestrianised in my opinion and if this isn't feasible then I would strongly suggest removing the parking/loading bays along the Main Street and widen the footpaths either side of the road as it is very difficult to navigate up and down streets with a pram/buggy/wheelchair not to mention if you have a few children in tow.
349	While in favour of pedestrianisation in general, it might be sensible to keep High Street / Bank place loop open for Taxis, particularly at night.
350	Pedestrianisation definitely works and just needs time for people to adjust. It's probably contingent upon better traffic management solutions around town. Maybe a bus service?
351	Ennis base huge potential as a pedestrianised town Do it as soon as possible and cover the streets
352	More bins, resting seats, and piped music.
353	As a mum of 2 young children I find pedestrianised streets a godsend both for access to shops and navigating through the streets during busier times of the day. Part time hours e.g 11-3pm would perhaps be confusing for pedestrians and drivers alike . At the moment I have been taken by surprise by the changeover during the day when cars get access mid afternoon. It may also be dangerous for hearing impaired, less mobile pedestrians
354	I think a business pass, to let local businesses make deliveries or drops outside of their place could be a good idea
355	Much nicer town when walking and is suited to pedestrianisation. Give the town back to the people not to cars.
356	I marked full time pedestrianisation, however certain hours could be allowed for bins and deliveries only

Pedestrianisation of the town is removing car spaces which have not been replaced. There is not enough car parking spaces around the town. The majority of car parks have been removed over the years and have not been replaced. Temporary car parks are not the solution. There are areas around the town that have been vacant for years that could be repurposed for car parks. If people cannot park their cars to access the town they will drive else where, which is a regular occurrence.

357 Revive the market area in the town as it is a huge loss to the town. Boutique shops, nice as they are, are not enough to draw people into the town.  
Listen to the people, they are the ones who use town and spend their money in the town. There is no point putting plans into place, at high monetary costs, that will drive people away from the town. No one wins from that outcome as seen with what happened in the Market area of the town.

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I genuinely believe this is a no brainer that has to be acted upon with immediate effect.

Undoubtedly the profile of some businesses customers is such that they have concerns. Some businesses may have to evolve or move to survive the transition to pedestrian - if their concerns are genuinely quantifiable. They are in the Minority. As a resident I have never used the town to frequently or shopped in it more - owing to it accessibility. Walking in comfort, in

358 space and not being constantly frazzled minding young children with fear they would step off a narrow footpath in front of a car, allowed us as a family enjoy the town so much more.

Socially, environmentally, safety and the untapped economic potential it creates makes it a no brainer.

Bring back pedestrianisation as soon as possible.

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359	I believe full pedestrionisation would benefit all business
360	I enjoy the life that has been given to the town following the set up of terrasses by cafes, restaurants and pubs around the town
361	Ennis streets remain very difficult to navigate for people with a disability; this requires an in depth review and rémediation work. Improvements on Parnell St are very welcome
362	Full consideration must be given to delivery and sanitation needs.
363	Pedestrianisation of these streets makes shopping in Ennis a much more relaxed and enjoyable experience.
364	More street seating needed
365	It makes ennis a much nicer town to be able to walk around freely not having to worry. There isn't enough space on the footpaths when it's busy for people to go up and down. I think it would be great for the town and the county if ye were to implement this from now on.
366	Partial pedestrian access can be dangerous, people forget when it is open and when it isn't, it's something I've seen personally
367	I feel like when I am able to walk through town with my kids without having to worry about cars that I see and therefore visit a lot more shops. Also would be much nice to enjoy outside coffee/dining if there was not traffic passing by

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368	Getting around Ennis is far more pleasant when the streets are pedestrianised. It will increase the amount of people who can shop in the centre of town and is easier for people with less mobility and people with young children
369	It is so much easier to walk around town when there are no cars. It is safer without them and it is the way forward for Ennis in the long term
370	Should have automatic bollards to allow delivery trucks early in the morning onto the street. Restaurants and bars should be encouraged to use extra outside space.
371	More info signs required re available parking eg by the side of the Colaiste, hermitage, cloughleigh, etc.
372	We live in Bindon Street, and worry about the volume of traffic given the road has coal sheds underneath that were built almost 200yrs ago. The weight of such traffic (especially lorries, garbage trucks, coaches) may prove catastrophic.
373	Feel so safe with streets car free and never had much of a problem parking
374	I didn't like it as was unable to get to OConnell St from various parking areas as issues with breathlessness when walking. I didn't like the seat/ bench in OConnell St as was too covered in a bit dangerous for elderly to sit there as can't be seen from the street.
375	Pedestrianisation is badly needed. The Covid pedestrianisation shows it can be done and can work.
376	Pedestrianization would significantly increase the character of the town and have meaningful environmental and health effects
377	A shuttle bus service around the town periphery might be worth investing in
378	I have small kids. I do not like going into town when cars are there. It's not a nice experience and it's not safe. No issues with deliveries etc but I do have an issue with lazy people. What ever about people parking on o connell st etc those streets should not be used as a short cut through town. Roofing/covering Parnell street would be class. Best of luck with it.
379	There would need to be work done on kerbs, similar to the excellent work done on Parnell St
380	No
381	Strengthen the publicity of the transportation department
382	It was great during covid ti be able to walk around the streets of ennis with my 5 year old and not to ge worrying about cars close by and constantly grabbing my 5 year old from on coming traffic close by
383	Pedestrianisation is a must for Ennis. Its narrow streets lends itself to this - cars pollute everything. Pedestrians should be prioritised and traffic management can be easily worked out to keep O Connell street and abbeys street and bank place free of cars. Retailers should not dictate the future of ennis on their own - its for the people to decide.
384	During recent pedestrian the vibe around town was brilliant, people were talking to each other, I noticed more people with disability using the streets, it made being in town a pleasure, calmer, less pollution from cars.
385	There is no need for cars to be going through abbey and o Connell st between 9 & 6. I don't agree that this has any impact on the business there- it surely gives more footfall. There would be Less pollution from Cars. Less fuel consumed by cars stuck in traffic

386	The pedestrianisation of the town during Covid created a much more relaxed and pleasant environment. With traffic on the streets in Ennis, I would be more likely to travel to Limerick and Galway to use the pedestrianised shopping streets etc. as more pleasant in general & safer with a child.
387	Pedestrianisation makes to so much safer for people to walk through the town. Paths are narrow in Ennis so if there is any amount of people in town they become crowded and people have to walk on the road to get around anyway. Deliveries should have a time slot that they have to be delivered between. Pedestrianisation makes the town more pleasant. No fumes off cars pumped into your face. People can stop and talk to people they know without stopping everyone else who wants to walk around as they can use the road space.
388	Pedestrian encourages shopping, eating out etc. Otherwise it is easier to drive to a shopping centre than to thread through traffic. Parking spaces on these streets provide maximum disruption for pedestrians to make relatively few spaces. These should be relaxing streets if people are to shop on them. Most parking is already off these streets.
389	its much more environmentally friendly and gives the town a better atmosphere
390	Having traffic merge onto Bank Place from Abbey St car park and old friary Lane doesn't work. Also replace bollards around town and out by St. Flannans with a shorter version to minimise cyclist handlebar and motorist wing mirror collisions.
391	The level surface upgrade works on Parnell Street are beautiful. Continuing this work across the town and creating level streets would benefit everyone
392	Please consider introducing awnings along the streets to allow outdoor seating eg restaurants bars etc, and allowing business owners to use this space to their advantage.
393	Remove the seats in centre of o connell St, blocks the street.. Move them to the more open height. Develop barracks square
394	Access to town centre is needed want to keep town centre alive who is this survey opened too as I shared my opinions on Twitter and the majority of answers came from cyclists outside the county
395	Yes. Cycling infrastructure needs a serious overhaul. From my side of town (Lahinch Rd) the roads are a hostile environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The majority of my neighbours would not chance cycling to town even though it is ~10min journey. I constantly see cyclists on the footpath due to the threatening car traffic on that road which arrives at speed entering Loughville. The bypass roundabout is very difficult and potentially fatal to cycle and to even walk through. The Maid of Erin roundabout is very similar. The road from the maid of Erin, considering there are three secondary schools, an IT campus, library etc, is unsafe for cyclists. Safe segregated infrastructure will remove the need for residents living on the outskirts of town to drive in.
	The town could do with a bus service with more frequent bus stops. I'm unaware of any bus stop from Ennis town centre out to the Lahinch road.
396	I believe that along with pedestrianisation there should be an electric bus service within the pedestrianised area for those with walking or other problems that may find it difficult to walk a lot. It would go slowly and pick up and drop off people regularly. It should be free and there should be 2 or 3 buses going all the time.
397	Would be amazing to have more bike friendly amenities too

398	N/A
399	There is limited car parking space this needs to be addressed
400	When pedestrianised, the people that I know are far more likely to come into town.
401	More parking
402	I think this is an opportunity to take advantage of our medieval town and market it as a destination town for shopping and good food.
<p>I have mobility issues myself, as I can't walk long distances with a long standing knee injury.</p> <p>However, I think pedestrianisation would be a mistake. As people are already leaving Ennis to go to Galway or Limerick. Due to our lack of diverse shops.</p> <p>Parking is also an absolute nightmare in town. And by taking even more of that away will only hurt Ennis in the long run.</p>	
404	Pedestrianisation needed for safety as well as comfort moving around the town. It's also needed for negotiation of buggies and wheelchairs.
405	Gaurds on foot patrol
406	Whilst I fully believe the restoration of the town centre, and our future environmental goals, are dependent on establishing a fully pedestrianised town centre it must be accompanied by an adequate access and parking plan on the town outskirts to support it.
407	Should be pedestrianised to include night time 02:00 not just till 6pm. Restaurant's bars and cafés should be able to locate out on the street. Look at Galway city or Cork city they are thriving because of pedestrianised streets. Ennis has once in a generation opportunity to get this right and ignore the handful of connected individuals who object and block any progress in the town.
408	I work with people with disabilities, and having the streets pedestrianised is a massive benefit to them so they too can shop/ use the town safely
409	Really enjoyed the street closures over the last year.
410	Open streets to encourage outdoor dining cultural experience. More dining and social places needed
411	I can't walk very far so need easy access to disabled parking and to Optician at the square
412	I feel the pathways are not wheelchair friendly and not mobility friendly either. The pathways are high for that reason and I really want this to be in consideration. I would love for the footpaths to be wider for people to be walking without having to squish beside a wheelchair or with any walking aids as well.
413	Give restaurants and shop owners opportunities for on street trading. The sense of ownership may discourage the grifters and the drug addled from frightening people away which was a big problem during covid

414	I understand where the retailers and those with mobility issues are coming from. However I believe that their issues are more to do with online shopping than pedestrianisation. Open streets for the people, a mindset change has to happen! For general public as well as retailers. More parking on outskirts of the town...free. Definitely will motivate people to park and walk with the early morning access for those details go may need to drive to pick up goods and deliveries. . Works very well for Galway city.
415	Provide for some overhead coverage on the street (it rains a lot) and it will encourage people to use the pavements for seating areas also. Take the traffic out of town, provide good parking on the edges and people can come in via hop-on-hop-off or walk. Encourage via tax incentives for retailers to fill up empty stores again.
416	More parking and free parking required. More outdoor dining encouraged
417	Priority Parking which seemed to be introduced around the same time was never explained with appropriate signage!
418	More benches , a proper plan put in place between locals , business owners and the gardai on how to maintain safety . Ennis can be a rough town we need a visible presence of guards . The garda station is 2 mins from the height but you never see any gaurd on a walk patrol
419	A consideration to be given to disabled people and parking for their needs.
420	It's a great party atmosphere with the streets closed. And so much safer for small children. We're much more likely to come into town.
421	<p>There was numerous comments made in the media (both locally and nationally) about anti-social behaviour in Ennis during Covid-19 restrictions which were very blinkered and biased as they blamed all anti-social behaviour solely on the pedestrianisation of the town with no regard to any other factors or to the fact that many businesses were closed at the time. These comments in the media were in my opinion very damaging to the town as they simply gave the impression that Ennis is extremely rough and unfriendly. In general Ennis is a very friendly welcoming town which I am proud to be from and live in and does not have any greater anti-social problems compared to other towns of a similar size. These comments did not benefit anyone and simply only tarnished the reputation of the town. Unfortunately there will also be an element of anti-social behaviour regardless of whether the streets are pedestrianised or not and it is very unfair to simply blame all anti-social behaviour on pedestrianisation because it suits someone's own preferences.</p> <p>When shops reopened and footfall to the town increased the full benefit of the pedestrianisation could be clearly seen with the town becoming easy to navigate as people no longer had to squeeze past each other on small overcrowded footpaths. This improved the atmosphere in the town no end in my opinion. I believe a move to pedestrianising the main streets of the town during the main trading hours and having the main streets become shared car and pedestrian spaces in the early mornings and evenings is the best move going forward.</p>
422	Extra parking and better knowledge of parking areas would be good for people outside finding parking with pedestrianisation
423	I'd love to see areas developed for outdoor concerts, performances. I believe it would further enhance our town and market our beautiful town as the music capital of Ireland, capitalizing on the tourist market.

424	Servicing and emergency services access should be granted. A shared surface would also improve the streets visually
425	I think it is better and safer for the town for shopping walking but where possible have more wheelchair spaces in order for them to get as near as possible to the streets that are pedestrianised. Ennis is a very unique town and you need to walk around to see all the beautiful shops you don't see them when you drive past and you can't park on the street in many places.
426	We have to be considerate of our elderly and disabled and realise they need to have access to the streets. They cannot possibly walk from any of the very few parking areas to the centre of town. I for one don't mind the walk and traffic through the town is no problem. We do have footpaths
427	It's both difficult and dangerous to bring children to town when cars are allowed on the main streets and the footpaths are so narrow and crowded. I don't want to go to The Crescent. I like Ennis town centre, but I work Monday to Friday and I can't safely take my family into Ennis with me on a Saturday since the pedestrianisation ended so I'm left with no choice but to go to Limerick.
428	It is unclear why some shopkeepers are so against this, whereas others are fine with it. Feels to me like 1) people have a bone to pick with the council, and/or 2) they are not being entirely honest about their motivation in contesting it.
429	As a new Mom having the streets pedestrianised really encouraged me to come into town more with friends because the footpaths are very narrow
430	Relatively easy to cover parnell, abbey and o Connell streets
431	Should be trialled in a normal scenario ( not lockdown) then check data on business sales. If sales reduce then revert to non pedestrianisation
432	More cycle lanes should be provided so there is a connected network of cycle lanes around Ennis
433	Car parks a little further out might make a good stop gap. Property would be a good investment for the council - very valuable once car ownership is phased out. Chapel Lane car park would make excellent outdoor market/space akin to Milk Market.
434	Streets are too narrow for traffic. The pollution is awful stain on town.
435	Streets are too narrow so car air pollution is a huge issue especially illy for children in buggies at same height as exhausts for example. Ennis could be a much more visited town if we had permanent pedestrianisation that would attract more businesses and foot fall. Its better for the youngest and the oldest and families too
436	Everyone I speak to loves to be able to walk freely up the closed streets. The council have done a great job on new surface, looks great and people can appreciate this if walking around. I do not believe shops need cars to pass their windows to keep business going . If I want to go to a shop I know where it is and will walk. Obviously allow lorries in early for deliveries etc many thanks colm
437	Provision of Park and Ride facilities
438	More thought needs to be given to active travel and the future of our towns with regard to safe pedestrian access and to not prioritise cars. Many towns have successfully brought life and vibrancy back into their centres by implementing such measures. Benefits for health and climate and community.
439	Extra seating for people with disabilities and the elderly
440	The town is so pleasant to move around when no traffic allowed and as the streets are so narrow it is difficult in the world we live in presently to maintain a safe distance.

441	Pedestrianisation should not be of focus. Cars are what bring business too the town. Its essential all roads open up.
442	Cheaper parking rates
443	I would be in favour of it, however there needs to be better public transport options in Clare.
444	Going into town more enjoyable without traffic on main streets- thanks
445	Have all deliveries for businesses in the town done before 11am, this will alleviate some of the congestion and free up parking spaces around the town .
446	O'connor St is particularly dangerous for both motorists and pedestrians and should be immediately pedestrianised
447	Additional parking and or bus link
448	General improvement for buggy's/wheelchair users of pathways. Also parking spots for parent and child-doesn't need to be as close as wheelchair users need, just wider spaces. When I was heavily pregnant I was left waiting for someone to return to their car in order for me to get into mine as the spaces were tight
449	Area in front of Ennis Gourmet Store should be full pedestrianised and car spaces removed. Barrack St to remain open to traffic
450	Public space will be improved by turning car parks into bike lanes and playgrounds with green areas to improve the local environment. Cycling is silent and helps to reduce traffic noise.
451	You will ruin business to the town and see more shops close.In the history of ennis there has never been an issue with traffic,now i cant find anywhere to park.Sack all of clare coco.
452	Businesses will loose out if the streets are closed.
453	This is so important. Clare County Council should show the way for other towns. Pedestrianisation will transform the town
454	If the pedestrianisation happens more will need to be done to police anti social behaviour on the street. Ennis streets could become like shop street in Galway, with outdoor dining, beer garden and a great atmosphere around the place
455	Pedestrianisation is the way forward for the town and will benefit everyone in the long run but adequate parking and rerouting of traffic must be implemented at the same time or it will cause problems. If this does not happen and is supported by the council, in my opinion, the town centre will die and many more businesses will close down as if people can't park, as many are already complaining of, they will go to out of town shopping centres. Ennis has huge potential for a buzzing vibrant town centre, but needs proper investment and planning. As with so many vibrant towns, Pedestrianisation is the way forward, but parking must be addressed as you can't have one without the other.
456	Pedestrianisation has made Ennis town a really pleasnt place to walk around. If extra car parking could be provided nobody should object.
457	More benches needed for those who have mobility issues.
458	Stronger garda presence when the streets are opened up, moving on people that cause anti social behaviour
459	The streets in Ennis are not compatable with motor vehicles and the pollution they smother the town with. Ennis needs a green zone where its safe and clean to dine outside and inside.

460	When town was pedestrianised during Covid it was busier, more relaxed more enjoyable to walk around
461	If the core centre of town was pedestrianised I and my family would spend more time shopping and leisure in Ennis rather than going to Galway or Limerick who have more family friendly areas to spend time in. Young or old fully pedestrian areas are more enjoyable and encourage you to spend time and money. As things stand with the narrow streets I prefer to go to Galway or Limerick even though I would prefer to be spending my money in Clare
462	Having brought up children in Ennis I always felt they were in danger being in close proximity to cars and therefore could never relax. Consequently, I do not come in to town as often as I might otherwise ro enjoy our beautiful town.
463	I think the town streets would look lovely with flower and trees in planters with Christmas style lights
464	It makes the town center much more enjoyable to be able to access it by foot. Take a look at Cork city, they have implimented it so well there.
465	Ennis Town is a market town and needs to cater for country people not just townies . Country people do a big shop therefore need their vehicle close by. If ennis town is left the way it is ( with centre pedestrianised and roads closed off ) it will end up a dead town as people that spend big money will take their buisness elsewhere
466	It works really well at the moment. Very much a pleasure to access the town and shops. Maybe an extra multistory or car park to help get people into town
467	I would be far more inclined to visit the town center if it was pedestrianized.
468	Since lockdowns started and streets closed to cars I have not been in the town centre, since it has reopened I have, the only businesses it may help is a cafe, which I don't frequent, it may be ok in good weather but it may be a waste of space in wind and rain where its easier to drive. I think the open areas promotes antisocial behaviour, speeding bikes and scooters.  I pay a lot for the privilege of my car and I'm not giving it up, I'd rather go to retail parks for my convenience, than have an asset I cant use. Just my opinion, I'm not into bikes, don't mind a bit of walking, but there are some eco crusaders that think everyone should do as they do, but we are all not like them.
469	The town was much more accessible! As a new mother with a buggy. Many footpaths are not wide enough or flat for a buggy. The free use of cloister car park has been brilliant especially knowing i will get parking as before i would be driving around and around and eventually end up in the multistory. Which is fine but its wnot accessible with a buggy or for wheelchair users.  I loved the town being closed it felt safe and there was a great buzz around with outdoor dining. I actually enjoyed walking around the town instead of getting in and out as quickly as possible.  I appreciate it may not be feasible to the business owners full time but if there was a way of implementing it some of the week it would be fantastic.
470	It is off putting to shop in Ennis Town when the tiny streets are full of cars. Also off putting to tourists as the town cannot be appreciated fully when you have cars clogging the main streets of the town. Also bad for the environment and not always safe.
471	safety and Comfort in moving round town, safety , no cars. No speeding bicycles

472	Really convenient when walking around the town with children and buggy Allows you to stop & chat with people when you meet them As footpaths are tight, enjoy greater freedom when walking around the town
473	When the town was originally pedestrianised during Covid it encouraged me to visit the town centre more. Normally I stick to the shopping centres or even prefer Limerick. I felt it worked really well when done so Would love to see it implemented again.
474	Availability of parking is an issue in Ennis. Additional parking or parking and ride on outskirts of town would assist with making pedestrianisation successful. Would like to see continued improvements re wheelchair access around town.
475	Ennis has an opportunity to set itself as a model as an environmentally friendly town.. please take it!
476	Loved it when streets were closed recently - such atmosphere around the town without cars and with outdoor dining. Hopefully with a few adjustments to suit everyone it can be made permanent.
477	More planting, more bike parking
478	Whilst I do favour some pedestrianisation I think it is going to be important to find a balance ... the traffic does create an accessible feel for all ... and I actually like the hustle and bustle sometimes it can feel empty and deserted
479	I think that the vibrancy is lost when the streets are pedestrianised. Also it makes it impossible to access shops in O Connell Street because parking is so far from centre.
480	The Covid pedestrian measures made Ennis very pleasant to walk around and made the town far more attractive and comfortable also a lot safer as Abbey St and O Connell St in particular are very tight with cars on them
481	It is safer to get around the town with children, buggies and wheelchairs when town is pedestrianised given footpaths are so narrow and lipped making it especially difficult for wheelchair users
482	As a mum with twins and 3 other kids pedestrianisation meant we would come into Ennis as a family. I would never come in with the children without pedestrianisation as there are too many cars and footpaths too narrow.
483	Ennis is being held back by not being pedestrianised. It needs easy access for people so that cafe's, shops, culture and all forms of retail can be a unique/special experience for all. There is plenty of parking in the vicinity of the streets and in any other town or city, the short walking distance to the main streets would be an asset.
484	No
485	People clearly loved a car-free street during lockdown and it can only get better with more freedoms and possibilities of street entertainment
486	Ya that the old Nash should be made into a car park free for charge to entice people into the town
487	Very simply put the town is far far more pleasant and safe space to walk around with our without your kids. I've never ever heard anyone say they wouldn't go into Ennis unless they could park on those few narrow streets. There's plenty of parking within easy walking distance. The extra one near the Abbey is handy now as well and should be kept...



O'Connel Street should be completely pedestrianised in order to give the town center some life and charm like many other towns have done with their main shopping streets (Tralee or Galway Shop street...). Some businesses argue that they don't do as well when cars are not going through, which is quite odd because it would be better for them for people to walk through and be able to go into their shops since the parking in that street is very limited and there is already several big parking lots around the area, and the path is too narrow to hold  
488 the amount of people trying to walk through that street. Furthermore, O'Connel street serves exclusively as a rat run for people coming back from Tesco, or in order to "short cut" and some other people picking up their Supermacs orders. It's the best option for the town's retail and hospitality businesses in order to get more flow of people through and increase their sitting spaces with the opportunity of terraces, also best for the town to create more ambience and life to an area which will not only attract more people from the town and surroundings but also tourism.

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489 The paths are too small for prams and if you meet a second pram it's very dangerous with the cars so close

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490 Nobody drives through the town to shop in my opinion...it's either to avoid the ring roads or just to see whose about...shopping defiitely not.

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491 We should be aiming to make the cycling And pedestrian friendly hub of if not Ireland then at least Clare. There should be immediate up grades of walking and cycling routes to Bunratty and cliffs of moher to start and then long term plans to go east to Kilaloe. Have Ennis at the center as an Amsterdam type hub when families and groups will stay to explore Co Clare on active vacations

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My experience comes from distributing my salads which I grow in the Burren and have been delivering into Galway since 1996 to the present day 2021. I have lived thru the pedestrianisation of Galway city. The mess, the man made timber walkways to keep pedestrians from walking in the hole. The finding of bones, pipes, foundations all the unexpected treasure they are under the streets waiting to be uncovered and delaying the project.

The building shaky foundation that border the project.

The sinking uneven cobbles they come up and trip the shopping masses. The disgruntled lorry and van drivers but they adjust to the delivery times.

The mates tripping over poorly erected barriers for pathway construction and ending up in hospital with pain in their ankle and successful court cases with the council

It didn't matter that he inebriated.

The loss of business to the businesses and the frustration of the towns customers.

And then after 20 years of wear and tear, ripping the street up and doing it all over again.

492 BUT it's worth it, the community that grows up on a pedestrian street especially the young that hang out their, shop, socialise, it gives them great confidence.

The business are proud and will forget the frustration at construction and welcome the extra business and walking out the door of their shop into what's will now seem like an extension to their retail units. The coffee shops with parasol and patrons catching up with the morning gossip and the buzz of shoppers busting around them.

The buskers, the homeless, the shoppers, the children, the infirm all are welcome where they can stand in the middle of the street in safety and confidence where lorries and vans whizzed only a few hours earlier doing their deliveries knowing that they are against the clock. When the sun shines and the street seem like a carnival.

I wish you good luck on this adventure and I will give you a final opinion.

Use the stone from all corners of our country in your design and

DON'T SPARE THE CONCRETE

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493 There has been a significant increase in anti social behavior. Public drinking now appears to be tolerated. The indoor market car park and the steps around it is undesirable and often see people drinking there as around the monument on O'Connell street. This I feel, particularly with O'Connell street has been due to the temporary pedestrianisation measures implemented.

During the period of temporary pedestrianisation, I frequently observed skateboarders and boisterous public behavior that was uncomfortable for the town visitors.

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494 Would bring more people into town to spend. Families can enjoy walking the streets and eating out and shopping.

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To allow a quick stop shopper get to their shop and back allow 20 minutes free parking spaces in the relevant car parks.

495 The streets are too narrow for the volume of people and cars, it is unsafe. Access for all users is near impossible without the pedestrianisation of the streets so let's respect everyone's human rights and allow all to enjoy our main town.

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496 I would love to see the town open again I feel it will be vital for it to get back to normal

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497 No

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498	The town centre streets are too narrow to allow people and cars to move freely. Business needs could be accommodated in the morning and possibly provide a slow electric shuttle (large golf cart) to aid mobility impaired people get from car parks to key points within the town. It may also help to provide a central collection point for bulky items purchased in town with assistance for loading
499	As a regular visitor to Galway the benefits of full time pedestrian streets is very evident. As Ennis is often referred to as similar to Galway I think that over time the same buzz & atmosphere you get in Galway can be achieved in Ennis.
500	We need parking. Why not use the Post Office Field?
501	The pedestrianisation of the town centre should not be held up by a few businesses. There are already minimal parking spots in the town centre. Access to the town centre should be primarily for early morning commutes and for deliveries to the businesses. The idea that being able to drive through the centre of the town is to help disabled or older people is untrue.
502	Ennis is a very unfriendly user space for the elderly or those with compromised mobility.... Indeed with traffic flowing through it is so for the public generally. Pedestrianisation is a must to make our town and it's wonderful architecture and history accessible to us all to appreciate Couple with pedestrianisation user friendly spaces must be provided to all people sit talk and generally enjoy our wonderful town. Of course proper and adequate parking spaces must be made available to allow car users access. The continuing movement of cars through the town is to the detriment of it as an attractive tourist destination. In previous developments we turned away from the river to accommodate cars.....let's now try to rectify that huge mistake.
503	Walking around the town with pedestrianisation in place during Christmas and the lockdown was so enjoyable
504	A lot of towns in Ireland and internationally have pedestrianised centres and the businesses there are thriving. We need a change of mindset and think outside our self-imposed box. Pedestrianisation works!
505	Changing the hours of pedestrianisation from one day to another is confusing for visitors and people who do not use the town on a very regular basis.
506	A new/added local parking facility (fairly priced) would aid it's success. A multistorey built on an existing car park rather than on a green area
507	Parking around the outskirts of the pedestrianised area will need to be managed well, and should be the responsibility of the council, not private parking companies. Accessibility will need to be considered carefully, and on an ongoing basis
508	I really enjoyed spending time in town outdoors, so I would favour more street dining, I would also support more places for people to gather in small groups with a little shelter from the elements, maybe the Outdoor market building could facilitate this on weekends. It was so great having music there during the Fleadh. Bring people to town for fun and they will shop (if shops are open) but bring people into town to shop and I feel they're less inclined to do so.
509	Free shuttle bus connecting areas, possibly in pedestrian areas.
510	Empty premises are not encouraging to people coming into town. The town centre needs to be brought back to life & this will increase people in town which make pedestrianisation more successful.

511	Pedestrianisation of the town center provide an wonderful, carefree, holiday like atmosphere all year round. I truly believe it will benefit all abs attract visitors to the town.
512	Not enough parking in the town pedestrian needs to be matched with adequate parking for the cars as without it pedestrians will be inclined to avoid town
513	The streets in town offer minimal parking as it is, they are a hazard when traffic is present as the footpaths are narrow. The new works in Parnell street have the paths level with the road - a further hazard. With the streets pedestrianised full time, Ennis has the potential to be more than the empty town it is - the likes of shop street, cruises street, Grafton street - all proof that pedestrianisation works - pedestrianise the streets, build the town to be a bigger attraction - outdoor dining, entertainment areas - not just loading bays and taxi ranks.
514	It's great to see pedestrians being listened to as opposed to just the Business owners who seem to think the town is primarily for them.
515	Bring the buissness out on street like shop street in galway
516	Pedistrastion lends to a more open welcoming town ..ensuring accessibility for all..
517	Walking around town with no cars is great and you can see all the shops better
518	Ennis is so much nicer without vehicles.
519	Closing the streets made no impact on the spread OF covid. The town has enough closed business premises . You are killing our town with these ludicrous closures.
520	I recently had a baby and now use a buggy in the town. I find it quite difficult on o Connell street on days the street isn't pedestrianized. I know it's not possible to make paths wider so I think if it's pedestrianized for part of the busy time of day especially weekends. Also abbey street is ok not pedestrianized in my opinion, it's slightly quieter and paths are that bit wider.
521	Some footpaths are too narrow for wheelchair/mobility users.
522	Pavements should be made safe for people with walking aid
523	Ennis is beautiful since the Pandemic began. I love the atmosphere in the streets, it sparks joy. ...
524	As stated previously a carer who finds assisting clients with mobility issues around town extremely dangerous and difficult when town isn't pedestrianised
525	The town would be an attractive place to spend time, in ( for residents and visitors,), if areas were pedestrianised. With nice planting, bicycle parking, picnic benches.
526	Should only be pedestrianised at weekends and during busy months such as Christmas and summer.
527	We do need more parking to allow for better access to pedestrians area
528	No
529	Would somebody please do something with that market building, no cars should ever be parked in it. Bring back the old market to the town the heartbeat of Friday Saturday mornings. Take the milk market in limerick as inspiration we should out do that one, town is crying out for it. Knock that building and open tent that whole area.
530	Providing town users with eating options that spill onto the streets, partially covered similar to streets in Waterford and Clonakilty, planned with pedestrians in mind with town planners and architects to reimagine the town and the possibilities.

531	Ennis is much easier to get around when there aren't cars constantly rumbling along around us. I have lived here all my life and Ennis town has never been as pleasant to walk around when cars aren't on the narrow streets. People can park their cars and walk to shop and do their business. People with mobility issues will be close to the shops in any of the nearby car parks.
532	Needs to happen. Ennis is well behind destination towns like Galway, Westport and Killarney. Make it welcoming for visitors.
533	Better bike stands, perhaps covered and with good CCTV . I bike in occasionally but am afraid of theft. I think abbey street and bank place could remain open to traffic, as it might be awkward if not. Perhaps close these streets for Xmas periods. O'Connell Street should never have traffic again, it's too narrow and I never see the need to drive down it.
534	Ennis, with narrow streets and existing laneways is perfect for pedestrianisation
535	The council should ensure that ennis town centre is a family friendly destination in its own stead.
536	Without ample additional parking and/or numerous park and ride services it's unlikely to draw more people to town
537	I go into town centre every morning and have kids in a buggy , the streets are a disaster with a buggy and it's actually dangerous , it was such a pleasure when the streets were closed off . It was much more enticing to go in around the town centre , with pedestrianisation Ennis could become the new Galway , much more traditional and entice more tourists into the town .
538	The town was very busy even when the pedestrianisation was in place. It not appear to affect the flow of people through the town. It just meant we had room to actually walk comfortably through the town without falling off the very narrow footpaths in Ennis. Please reinstate the pedestrianisation. Thank you
539	Footpaths are not wide enough for baby buggy so I do think would be such positive to have this closed off to cars full time there is no need for traffic to drive up through streets
540	It works really well in Galway and other major towns. Brings a great opportunity for new businesses to open with more visitors. Town is dying needs something new to get it back to way it used to be. It's worked for last 18 months.

To make Ennis town attractive for pedestrians it would be opportune to enhance the town so as to encourage more people to visit and enjoy the ambiance and services. All services will need to be regularly brought to the attention of the public.

Ennis is known for its unique family owned shops, this needs to be further developed along with families also living on the premises.

Focus on creating traditional shopfronts, by running competitions etc.

Organise regular leisure/educational trips to the Burren

As the home of traditional music, it would be nice to see a permanent space with canopy, for music sessions, poetry readings and other cultural events. Facilitating people from all sectors of society and from throughout the county.

541 Calender of events throughout the year, in addition to Ennis Book Club festival, an annual trad festival, walking festival, art festival etc.,

Develop a greenway for cyclists

Develop the farmers market to support local sustainable enterprises.

Create an artisan marketplace where people can market their wares, i.e crafts, homemade produce, jewellery etc.,

Host an annual summer school run by artists, woodturners, potters, crafts etc., for adults and children

Make use of the river for boat trips, kayaking etc.

A play area to attract children and provide a relaxation area for older people.

Create additional eateries, pubs and restaurants along the many bowways slipways of Ennis.

542	More tree- lined streets and seating areas where possible
543	Just that it makes the town so much better to enjoy and stroll around without the worry of cars passing within inches of you. I love cars but the town can function just fine without them on a few streets.
544	I think once the streets are closed to traffic that there should be provisions for outdoor dining
545	Create a cycle lane along the pedestrianised streets
546	Utilise the river more. Seating areas facing the river. Ability to eat lunch outside protected by the rain.
547	While pedestrianised felt the town centre was safer for all especially those walking with small children, the elderly and those with mobility issues. Cars in the centre of town create more pollution, make the roads less safe for pedestrians and detract from the nice atmosphere while walking about the town.
548	It makes the town much more comfortable to walk around
549	The atmosphere was brilliant when the streets were fully open during the summer and everyone I spoke to agreed. I think it would be a unique attraction to tourists.
550	It is so much nicer to be able to walk the streets of Ennis without having to think about passing cars, especially when the footpaths are not very wide. I find that people are more relaxed and have more time to look in shop windows which may lead to a purchase!
551	It would make our medieval town so attractive and pleasant. Perhaps, a shuttle / park-and-ride system could be considered down the line.

It seems the only ones being listened to are the able bodied people. Those who are fit and able to walk the distance to a car park and walk into town are being listened to when they say pedestrianised the town. Its Complete discrimination & isolation against people with disability and illness that can't walk far & need to park close to a shop. Elderly & disabled people have stopped going to town because their not able to walk the distance to a nearby carpark which parking spaces are already taken over by ridiculous coffee shops table & chairs. Whoever thinks pedestrianisation of the town obviously never suffered  
552 disability or pain. For some old & disabled people, the trip to town is their only trip out once a week fortnight & its being taken away from them. I know of older people & crippled people who haven't been anywhere near the town since it was pedestrianised and it seriously affected their mental health. They are completely cut off from society and nobody cares. I think pedestrianisation of the town can and will be detrimental to Ennis town, the elderly and the physically impaired. Disgraceful that their rights will be stripped and they have to stop using the town

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553 Pedestrianisation as in other European cities provides a great amosphere and scope for on street dining etc. It is perfect for a small town such as Ennis with old narrow streets.

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When pedestrianisation was introduced when covid hit it was fantastic. As a frequent user of the town I felt so much safer walking with my sister and her new baby in a buggy as there was no cars driving past so close to the footpath. We could walk comfortable up through the town popping in and out into each shop browsing and deciding on where we would have our  
554 lunch. It was great. Then when cars were allowed back through the streets of Ennis our weekly visit was horrible. We had to try and safely manouver our way through the tiny footpaths with a buggy through crowds of school goers, shoppers and elderly people. It was very stressful and soon our weekly visits stopped due to the inconveniences and unsafe pedestrian access through the town.

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Apart from disabled, physical impaired, ill and elderly being cut off from using the town, the pedestrians are going to cause serious accidents. They no longer use the footpaths, they see & hear cars coming and still continue to walk up the centre of the road and refuse to use the footpaths. There was nothing wrong with the town for all these years and then  
555 somebody thought they had a great idea and instead they have secluded and isolated the old people and the disabled. And the only ones kicking up a fuss demanding to be heard are those who are healthy, fit and well able to walk. Its basically telling the elderly & impaired they don't matter. No thought or care for the vulnerable at all. Whoever allows pedestrianisation should hang their head in shame

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556	<p>As a person with a mobility impairment and health issues, I was unable to visit town for my shopping, medical items, bills &amp; socialisation. I used to drive and park near a couple of shops as I could only walk as far as the parking space to the shop. I was excluded from society. I felt depressed. I could no longer have any independence. I had to rely on others to do all my basic essentials for me. People had to take time out of their day to assist me with things I was always able to do myself. I was shut off, felt I was a burden, lonely, useless. I shouldn't have to ask people to go buy my underwear and collect my personal prescriptions. My human rights have been breached. It's heartbreaking to see that people in my situation are being ignored and forced out of the town. For some of us it's the last bit of independence and socialisation. Then the young healthy people are the ones with all the say yet their able to run and walk around without any pain or issues. Where is the empathy, morals and decency. Do not pedestrianise the town. It will do more harm than good</p>
557	<p>There seems to be a lack of parking in town lately. No spaces left by 9:30am.. And not enough disability spaces.</p>
558	<p>Ennis streets are too narrow for cars, trucks and vans. They are noisy, they pollute the air and they are dangerous. It is always a pleasure to go into town when the streets are car free. I saw wheelchair users and families with young children enjoy the centre more than ever before. There was a buzz and a vibrancy as business started to return which has now been damped by the return of vehicles.</p> <p>A minority of local traders blamed pedestrianisation for poor business but conveniently left out the lockdown part. They also said it was the reason for antisocial behaviour but unfortunately that has always been there and is a completely separate issue.</p>
559	<p>Ennis could lead the way in becoming a liveable town in Ireland</p>
560	<p>I think with the current upgrading of the street and footpaths the town is more open to families and those with mobility issues and is creating a more welcoming friendly and safe atmosphere throughout the town. I think it will give businesses the encouragement to move more of their business outdoors which going forward should be part of all our plan for safer cleaner healthier living</p>
561	<p>I think with the narrow streets the safety issue is most important. Families with buggies, people with wheelchairs should have enough space to walk around people and enjoy the shops. It is more relaxed shopping with no cars around.</p>
562	<p>The pedestrianisation of Abbey St. and O'Connell St. has stopped me going into town to shop. I do want to support the businesses in Ennis and don't want to shop on-line or shop in Limerick. I would be concerned that the pedestrianisation has resulted/will result in a number of local people not shopping in Ennis.</p>
563	<p>No very user friendly for elderly &amp; persons with disabilities to access town centre length walks to O Connell Street from car parks ...</p> <p>Lack of parking spaces ... increased loss of spaces due to outdoor dining ..</p> <p>Improve the system for traffic to flow when looking for parking in order to do business in town .</p> <p>Do we need the town pedestrianised as I've never seen that many people on the streets to feel it's warranted for safety and with no people or traffic on the street it's looks very dismal and not encouraging to visit.</p>



564	Anything that would help boost Ennis would help. Half the shops in Parnell Street are closed. Pedestrianisation would help improve this I feel. It would also be an environmentally friendly move. More on-street dining and pop up kiosks and businesses would make the town more attractive - like we had during Covid. Look to what they are doing in Tralee, Killarney, Galway and Westport as well as most cities and towns across Europe.
565	this is a great way to go esp with smaller streets; town council should do events, falgs atc to liven up the town esp at weekends so Ennis is a fun/great place to visit
566	No
567	Pedestrianisation will enhance our town. A town bus would be great
568	There is almost no parking on those streets so why would you not close them to traffic.
569	The streets are for everyone to share. It is dangerous when cars drive too fast through the town at all hours. Bringing a person with a disability into town when the cars are the priority is a nightmare. I shop elsewhere then for safety reasons. Coming into town when it's pedestrianised is a delight for my disabled son, it is the only time he gets to see the shops.
570	I think it's fantastic for the town, it generates a safe and friemslly atmosphere . I firmly believe it is the key to unlocking the currently stunted great potential of ennis town centre. To have been in the town centre this saturday afternoon only to see cars driving through the maim streets again was heartbreaking and felt like a major step backwards, leaving me considerably less inclined to spend time and money around the town centre.
571	Brilliant to see this survey being conducted. I sincerely hope that Ennis will follow other Irish towns, like Tralee & Killarney in pursuing substantial pedestrianisation of the town centre.
572	I fully support the pedestrianisation of the town centre. We have a young family and having a pedestrianised town centre makes it very inviting for us to go into town which in turn can only benefit local businesses. The argument to allow vehicles through our beautiful streets does not stack up and is 20 years out of date. It's high time Ennis seized on the opportunity to exploit our historic town centre for the benefit of all.
573	Ennis has an opportunity to mark itself as a leader in the revitalization of the town's economic and cultural fortunes. The town centre's public realm has the potential to be of the same quality as beautiful small towns across Europe, well served by ample parking close by. Strengthening connections to parking would alleviate any worries about this amongst traders.
574	The pavements are too narrow. When it is pedestrianised, it allows access for wheelchair users and pushchairs. It creates a safer environment for the disabled and for young children. It also encourages tourists, as it is more user friendly when pedestrianised

575 Seating areas are required for elderly people and persons with mobility issues, so they can rest as required also for parents with young children using buggies/prams who need to stop and feed the children. It would be great to have seating in Parnell Street. Its such a lovely area of the old town and needs to be enhanced. All the laneway work is superb and congratulations to all the hard work from the bricklayers involved. There need to be more signage within the town centre for visitors, I have on many occasions assisted visitors in finding "which carpark" they parked in. People can get lost coming out of the laneways, additional signage at end of laneways and on the streets guiding towards the car parks would be helpful. Could the Car Parks be either numbered or colour coded tickets to match the colour coded signs in each car park so that visitors can easily remember which car park area they left their car. People do not always remember car park street names! Will Parnell Street ever be covered in? The roundabout in the Market Area is too large and is difficult for the delivery vans in the market to get around if traffic are poorly parked outside the small post office or near Kellys butchers. Can the roundabout be redesigned to allow the sculpture remain but on a much smaller base? There needs to be a pedestrian crossing either outside Specsavers or a pedestrian crossing be placed at the end of Summerhill, it is very difficult to get across the wide area here as traffic is approaching from the right hand side too quickly. Often there is a high van(s) parked at the bend going up Summerhill blocking visibility. My great grandmother lived and owned a shop in the Market next to Kellys butchers. The view from this area of the market can be improved by reducing the height and size of the roundabout. Seating is required in the market area for visitors and elderly people. It can be difficult for tourists to have photo opportunities at the sculpture because of the traffic. Delivery vans should be allowed to park within certain hours in the morning and evenings and then pedestrianize the town after these times.

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576 Pedestrianisation makes the town a very pleasant one to spend time in. It gives people a chance to notice what a beautiful, historic town it is and to take note of how well maintained it is with floral displays, and so on. It gives easy access to the shops on the pedestrianised streets. The outdoor seating at cafes, etc, really adds to the ambiance also. The greatest need at present is to provide sufficient easily accessible, clearly-marked & economically priced parking .

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577 I really like the space while walking in town during pedestrianation. I felt safer from COVID and cars. I do not like walking around town now since reverted back to non pedestrianation. Also People are now walking off footpaths in front of cars, very dangerous. I cannot understand why business are negatively affected by pedestrianisation as I find it is a more pleasant way to shop, I much prefer to park my car and walk around rather than park on street. If it's not reintroduced I will use Ennis less. Also pedestrianation has a much nicer appeal to visitors/holiday makers... ..... Ennis Native

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578	How dare anyone deny mine or anyone else's right to enter the town to do our essential errands, attend medical appointments and do essential shopping. I have no other way to enter the town unless I can park near the business I need to use due to my disability. The damage it did to my mental health and stress levels. I was isolated, secluded, excluded, lonely, embarrassed and felt like a complete burden having to ask neighbours to go to town for me all the time and do my errands. It took away all of my self sufficiency. I hope Ennis council will provide funding for carers and mental health facilities, there will be thousands of them needed if the town is pedestrianised. But it seems nobody cares the dependable people in society. Very cruel and unacceptable.
579	In my view, there is no reason cars should need to drive down the main streets of Ennis. There was a much better atmosphere around the town while it was pedestrianised.
580	The way forward
581	Pedestrianisation encourages me to go into Ennis to shop and spend money. Otherwise I will go elsewhere
582	As stated have mobility issues...holder of a blue card...need to be dropped off at shops and collected from there...find present system open 2 to 6 pm something to work on...always enjoyed being able to be driven through the streets ..see shop windows and park wherever available and watch the world go by !!! It's a social outing for a lot of people young and not so young...Ennis was a dead town before restrictions were lifted in recent times...it was a case of going to Limerick for shopping and parking... REMEMBER the old and children being dropped off at schools and the around town extra journey that entailed.
583	It's safer and more pleasant to walk around with fewer cars
584	Someone is going to be hurt or killed on O Connell Street if it is not pedestrianised. It is not safe. The atmosphere is much better when pedestrianised
585	when closing O'Connell street, allow for access to turn right after Ciarans bar near Queens
586	the walk path are not suitable for the amount of people in town combined with local traffic. Traffic should be regulated with permit like deliveries and residential purposes.
587	If property rents were more affordable, there would be less vacant properties. More viable businesses would keep shoppers in Ennis and make out town more attractive to visitors, in my opinion
588	People need cars
589	No
590	It makes life so much easier walking in town without cars nearly knocking people down
591	I am unable to walk any distance due to arthritis. I would like to see trams running continuously on a loop through the town enabling people to get on and off where they need to be with stops every 200 yards. It could be funded by an equivalent of the Leap Card, per day. I.e. 2 euros. I do not have a disabled parking disk as I am not profoundly disabled but find walking even short distances distressing. The trams could work like the Luas but vintage trams would be a tourist attraction as well as a practical solution to retailers and consumers. They could be decked with flower baskets and brightly painted. Craft opportunity for schemes for jobseekers.
592	it is positive benefit to the town going forward and will attract more tourism and overnight stays

593	The centre of Ennis is difficult to navigate when your disable or have mobility issues. I feel the fair thing to do is have as many disable parking slots as possible on O'Connell street and strategic areas close to the main shopping areas. Of course, this would need to be strictly enforced. Thank you
594	Ennis is such a joy when the streets are closed.
595	Park & Ride needed ASAP for town workers, greater Ennis needs a proper ongoing bus service. Long term strategy needed to free up Abbey & Parnell St car parks. Dedicated cycle lanes needed and implementation of Mobility Plan a la Parnell St should be fast-tracked
596	Pedestrianisation has worked very well during covid & at Christmas time. It is so much nicer to come into town when there is no traffic on the main streets
597	As a wheelchair user having the streets pedestrianised was a godsend. The footpaths in ennis are a disgrace. The wheelchair spaces on o connell Street have no wheelchair access onto the footpath and require being on the road for a time. Also access from dunnes to the market is impossible if the loading spaces are full, as the footpath entrance isnt wide enough for a wheelchair. There is a need for the town to be assessed by an engineer actually sitting in a wheelchair and trying to get around especially on the broken paths. Only then will it be seen as an issue.
598	Only at Christmas or other major events
599	The town has been a disappointment to wall around whenever traffic is on the streets, much better when pedestrianised.
600	As pavements are narrow, it's difficult to avoid knocking into people and watching out for traffic, while it was pedestrianised it made it more of a pleasure and easy to walk and look around and into the shops.
601	<p>Pedestrianisation is safer for everyone, especially families with children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It makes the shopping experience more pleasant therefore promotes a higher spend.</li> <li>- Its more relaxing &amp; provides more space to walk, wheel a buggy or wheelchair.</li> <li>- It's more social, people can stop and chat.</li> <li>- It promotes walking and more physical activity.</li> <li>- It's better for the environment with less emissions where people are walking.</li> <li>- It is better for tourism &amp; visitors to the town.</li> <li>- There is an opportunity to make Ennis into a cycle friendly with bike parking and bikes available to rent.</li> <li>- Good for our door dining &amp; street entertainment.</li> </ul> <p>Overall my experience is that we as a family have shopped more in Ennis since pedestrianisation.</p>
602	Pedestrianisation in its current form has added to traffic difficulties, parking difficulties and generally getting around the town. If pedestrianisation is to be kept the traffic flow needs to be better managed and more parking needs to be provided so that those with mobility issues will not have far to walk. I think that people just won't bother going into Ennis town centre and will go elsewhere, where they can park more easily.
603	Cover the town with umbrellas and make sure supermacs doesn't open on the motorway
604	I would like to see public seating being made available.

605	I was in ennis sunday with 3 kids and can honestly say I would think twice about going back it was so dangerous. There was absolutely no comfort in walking around.
606	I think the examples of non-stop traffic conjection in the town since Covid caused pedestrianisation for social-distancing reasons is as good a reason as any to NOT pedestrianise the town.
607	Parking is a nightmare since Covid , I avoid going now unless I have to. It's all very make shift diy looking, the town lost its charm and the road surface not designed to for pedestrianisation. I tripped on O'Connell street as road surface not suited to pedestrianisation and uneven If you going to do it do it right but the small size of the town it's excessive to try pedestrianise it
608	Put a roof on it so there's outdoor dining or benches to sit on
609	Need more parking as it is never mind when we pedestrianise the town, outdoor food & coffee areas
610	Visiting town has been such a pleasure without the cars. Whole atmosphere is improved, would love to see it continue!
611	Pedestrianisation would allow for more entertainment and dining areas to attract more visitors to Ennis. A hotel in parnell Street would also be beneficial to rejuvenate the area
612	Pedestrianisation will make the town more appealing for visitors, safer and cleaner. More provision for dedicated (segregated) cycle lanes will offer people greater options to travel into and around the town outskirts.
613	I don't believe that having O'Connell Street pedestrianised daily will have an adverse affect on businesses.
614	Narrow footpaths are almost impossible to navigate with a buggy so pedestrianised streets are so handy
615	Provision of outdoor seating an advantage. Must provide close and accessible car parking.
616	I feel that pedestrianisation of the streets has been detrimental to retail in the town, as well as to daytime restaurants.
617	I enjoy the comfort of shopping without having to cope with needles traffic. Best option for me when traffic is back is to go to the shopping centre in limerick
618	It very difficult for a person with mobility issues to get to shops etc ,I find parking a nightmare trying to get as close as possible to carry out my business,shopping ,banking,I don't have the solution.it easies to park in dunes however to get through Dunes and out to the street is another problem due to distance as I'm not a wheelchair user yet.

With a physical disability I won't be able to step foot in the town of Ennis again if it becomes pedestrianised as I can't walk far & need to park close to the business I need to visit. I would rather take my custom elsewhere if that is how I will be treated. Like many others I have started to do my shopping in Newmarket, Shannon and Limerick. During pedestrianisation I had to change my phone provider as I couldn't access the town to pay my bills. I have also changed my dentist, opticians and chemist because I have been excluded and discriminated against. I couldn't even visit a clothing or shoe shop in the main street. I would  
619 have been left in serious pain and agony if I had to walk the distance from a car park. I had to rely on neighbours, family & friends to do my errands. How embarrassing. It stripped me of my independence. Ennis is pushing their citizens out, forcing them to go elsewhere and secluding them. Terrible idea to pedestrianise the town. Not to mention the disgraceful behaviour of the addicts and alcoholics, defecating all over the main streets when it was pedestrianised. How can anybody with common sense think it's okay to pedestrianise the town. It's discrimination against people with disability and old age. Most older people are not computer literate so their voice won't be heard as majority will not take part in surveys online

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My wife and I have recently had our first child, pedestrianised main streets in Ennis make it a lot easier and enjoyable to shop and go for a walk around town. The pathways in the streets are not wide enough for buggies, wheelchair users and people meeting head on. With the streets open during the day, this would ease access into the town centre for all users.

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The paths in Ennis are far too narrow, really enjoyed no cars on the streets, felt more relaxed when shopping, gave more room for outdoor dining. Think Clare County Council need to look to Cork for examples to encourage more people into town centre. More Garda presence needed, not sure why this should be a problem, would deter any anti-social behaviour in town centre. If week days not an option, should definitely look at weekends to encourage footfall

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I went to town Saturday with 2 small children and planned to spend the afternoon shopping. With them in tow I would have spent a lot more than I do on my own. However I didn't realise the streets were again open to cars and couldn't wait to get out. I had forgotten how stressful it is negotiating people on footpaths avoiding parked cars and constantly standing back for moving vehicles. The fun of going to town with the kids is gone again. Even the social aspect is impacted. There is no room to stop and talk on the footpath and for many who are working from home or have other reasons for not socialising as much as pre-pandemic this was a great opportunity to meet people when the streets were closed. I see no reason why the centre can't be pedestrianised. People are too lazy to walk or are only driving through town to see who is around.

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I think I would start soon even if it meant limited public streetscape enhancements in short term..if the traffic is out people can use the street at Christmas and then you can spend more money next year of public realm work.

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624	<p>The vulnerable people of Ennis are being ignored. Pensioners, those with disability, illness, health issues and impairments. As usual their special needs are not prioritised and just forgotten about. While the wealthy, healthy and young have their say loud &amp; clear. I can't believe anyone thinks it's acceptable to cut these people off from society. Total discrimination. No wonder people are shopping elsewhere. Other towns are welcoming of customers and have respect for the disabled and elderly. Ennis clearly couldn't care less about their vulnerable citizens. Disgraceful that my elderly family can no longer access the town if it is pedestrianised. Why fix what wasn't broken. There was never a problem with cars travelling before. Put some decent and essential shops in some of the empty business parks so the vulnerable can still do some shopping and have a bit of independence and socialise. It's an absolute disgrace</p>
	<p>Having the streets pedestrianised it has give me some comfort and ease to allow my child to walk with me up and down the streets and explore the shops in Ennis.</p>
625	<p>Even with all the upgrades that have been done in Ennis by the council, the paths are still too narrow in my opinion for having the traffic flowing and the unrelenting hustle and bustle of people. Before the pedestrianisation of Ennis I would never have brought my child with me shopping in Ennis, I would go to the essential shops and drive straight home.</p>
626	<p>Would be great if they are pedestrian street. Will be more opportunities for customers visit local business.</p>
627	<p>I would really like to see the return of the pedestrianisation. I visited the town more for shopping and loved the freedom and safety with children.</p>
628	<p>The Town centre streets are really too narrow for cars and pedestrians to share. It worked very well during Covid and cars were still able to travel around Ennis without having to go through the Town centre. Deliveries for businesses can still be catered for and I'm sure extra parking can be added in areas surrounding the Town Centre.</p>
629	<p>It is a much nicer environment and more relaxing when the town is pedestrianised. It gives the town a buzz when everyone is walking around and filling up the streets. It also makes things easier for people like my father who has walking difficulties due to a stroke when the streets are pedestrianised and there is more room to walk and less traffic to worry about and the streets are more child friendly and wheelchair friendly.</p>
630	<p>The atmosphere in town was much better when it was pedestrianized recently. Many more people using particularly o connell street In a safe situation. I've seen many near accidents particularly near the dunnes door end.</p>
631	<p>Since the pedestianisation began Ennis has become more pleasurable to be in. Easy access to shops and restaurants, no fuel emissions stinking up the town. Ability to walk with buggies and wheelchairs. The general feeling of wellbeing to walk around our beautiful town with all of it's beauty, culture and history. It's a winner!</p>
632	<p>I think it would really be in the interest of the town to be pedestrianized during the day for the elderly, the disabled and mum's with prams and pushchairs not to have to fight against traffic coming past you very close to the pavement and quite dangerous to all</p>
633	<p>Ennis does not have the necessary infrastructure in alternative routes or car parking facilities to support full time pedestrianisation.</p>
634	<p>Pedistrianisation would be a fantastic improvement for tourists and locals alike to get around town in comfort</p>

635	No
636	This is necessary immediately, streets are so much safer for pedestrians when closed to traffic.
637	<p>Pedestrianisation does not work for all. Both our children are Autistic I cannot walk them through busy areas without having my car very near buy to get back to in case they meltdown. I must hold their hand so it limits the amount I can carry- I cant make multi trips to the car as the boys assume its home time when we get back.</p> <p>I also bring my 90 year old granny to town to get her hair done, pension etc. She does not have a blue disability disk and we must park immediately outside the premises. It's only for a few minutes but those few minutes are what make the town she has lived in her whole life accessible</p>
638	<p>Ennis does not want your business if you choose to drive there. I am in favour of pedestrianised streets, but people who visit need to be able to park. Otherwise people will go elsewhere, at present you are not wanted in Ennis if you drive. Visiting Ennis is extremely stressful, much easier to go to the Crescent or even Shannon, free parking with no stress.</p> <p>If you pedestrianise the streets full time, then businesses will suffer significantly.</p> <p>Pedestrianisation is unnecessary and counter-productive on wet and cold winter month weekdays, when the streets are quiet anyway.</p> <p>There is little pleasure in strolling down the middle of the street when its wet &amp; windy. Let the cars in so that people can do their business and get in &amp; out comfortably.</p> <p>Businesses who own their premises, and/or pay rent and rates must not be negatively affected by pedestrianisation. But if the streets are closed to traffic in winter months, they WILL definitely be affected.</p>
640	<p>Pedestrianisation of Ennis is long overdue and would be a prime example to make the town more attractive. It's well known from other cities and towns that wherever pedestrianisation is introduced it's beneficial for business and people. It also provides the platform to develop more outdoor spaces and utilise the space better than for cars. Ideally this is connected to a new multi storey car park close to the town ie. the old national school grounds where you would be in very close proximity to everything. As it is currently its not a visitor friendly place</p>
641	<p>Given the small amount of existing on street parking in pedestrianised areas it is hard to see the claimed detrimental impact on business through reduced footfall. Pedestrians are safer and the town is much more attractive and enjoyable without traffic in the affected areas. Please keep the current system.</p>
642	Pedestrian during Covid-19 worked well
643	No



644	<p>Pedestrianisation also improves the safety of pedestrians, contributes to lower levels of noise, reduces air pollution as well as making it a far more enjoyable shopping experience. It also gives the town a sense of vibrancy thus making it a more attractive tourist destination. From a personal point of view, when the streets are open to traffic, I find it very frustrating trying to shop and walk around on the narrow footpaths with little or no room. I would spend more time shopping in Ennis and enjoying the experience if the streets were pedestrianised. It would also be nice to have the option to sit out and enjoy outdoor dining without the fumes and noise of cars.</p> <p>We have a beautiful town and we should be showcasing it in the best way possible.</p>
645	<p>Clearly marked where the car parks are in Ennis. If coming from out of town into Ennis would they know where they are.</p> <p>Bus service that bring people in from the outskirts of town into the center, like Sligo and Athlone.</p> <p>Town too spread out something could be done to bring it closer together, to facilitate the easy movement of people and goods.</p> <p>No proper shopping center considering the size of the town, A to bring people together, B reduce the need for cars. Athlone has two good shopping centers.</p> <p>Car parks on the outskirts where people can park and ride.</p>
646	Everyone should have their say not just business owners. The town has a much better vibe when pedestrianised.
647	No
648	<p>Weekdays 11 to 3pm</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>Weekends for pedestrians</p>
649	I think to close for a few hours a day is fine but not all day. Also I like it being pedestrianised at Christmas
650	I was in Brooklyn recently and they have pedestrianised an entire street called Berry Street. It was wonderful to see community spirit...
651	<p>I would much prefer that people would be able to drive freely into town, park and do their business. I firmly believe that this is the best way to bring people into the town centre and help businesses thrive. People from outside Ennis find it very hard to get parking unless they are allowed drive through the town, and this puts them off coming into town and has a consequent knock-on effect on businesses in the town.</p>
652	Temporary measures were great due to having a small child and made for an enjoyable experience walking around to shops and cafes etc. Since that had ended I have not wanted to to back into town again as it is not worth effort trying to get round.
653	<p>In order to encourage pedestrians in, and particularly older pedestrians without a car, they need to be able to reach the town centre in a convenient way.. Either a car drop off point or better and regular buses. More seating is required in general. There is unused space which needs optimizing.. Market building, temple gate /museum entrances, etc.. Also there are many derelict buildings on the streets which should be renovated as residences to bring life back to the centre of the town.. Sort out a new library and community space attached. Make better use of church buildings.</p>
654	No.

	A hire scheme for motorised wheelchairs is needed.
655	Perspex roofing is needed for outdoor dining. Every street needs a flat surface for ease of wheeled mobility.
656	It was much safer to walk on O'Connell's street when it was closed off. There are so many cars blocking the way now and drivers usually don't look out. I find it's very dangerous when walking there with my young child. It is a small enough street and it takes one wrong step or 1 driver going too fast... The benches on some of the parking spaces should be put back and the street should be open for deliveries only
657	Having the streets pedestrianised makes navigating the town far more pleasant, and has resulted in me spending far longer browsing and shopping in the town. When the streets are open to traffic the narrow footpaths make shopping and browsing more difficult and I generally will spend as little time as possible in the town centre
658	I'm involved with a community craft market. Our experience has been hugely positive during the trial pedestrianisation. More people walking, strolling means they have slowed down and enjoyed exploring Ennis and finding new places to shop. If they drive in, especially if they park on O'Connell Street, they just fly in and fly out again - no benefit to the wider business community
659	If it was done right, it would make Ennis a more attractive destination. Well done for considering the public.
660	It's much easier to navigate town with children with pedestrianisation. I would be more inclined to stroll and browse shops than if there are cars on the streets.
661	Ennis is not a huge town, it's easy to get about, In my opinion pedestrians require more space and the footpaths alone do not allow the space required. When there is no traffic in the town center, then the town feels much safer and allows more social interaction if one wishes to stop for a chat, It also provides a friendlier environment.
662	Ennis has been so much more enjoyable to have a wander about town with no cars on top of you, the streets are too narrow, it's nice to not have the fumes of cars going through town while you try to use the small footpaths...I think it actually brings more people into the town centre...as I say a much more enjoyable place Ennis town is without cars
663	It would help the elderly to walk about Ennis without the fear of getting pushed off the footpaths. Help parents with buggies also.
664	It would enhance the town especially now the pathways etc have been renovated. Same needs to happen in O'Connell street
665	Ennis is a vibrant town when you can walk freely
666	COVID-19 pedestrianisation has worked well. Main issue is knowing when the streets were pedestrianised and when they were not. I found this the most confusing part of the process. Electronic signage if the street is for pedestrians would be appreciated.
667	I bring my grandparents to town for different errands and they have mobility issues. The pedestrianisation of the town has made getting them around town 10x more difficult
668	No
669	Feels much safer without the cars on the road. The paths are crowded.

670	<p>Anti social behaviour during lockdown was an eye opener for everyone.</p> <p>I thought drinking and drug use in the streets was against the law</p> <p>Street furniture should be safe for everyone to use</p> <p>Street entertainment should be encouraged</p>
671	<p>More outdoor seating &amp; areas For restaurants &amp; pubs to have outdoor areas on street</p>
672	<p>O'Connell street needs to be upgraded similar to the wonderful job done to the road/footpaths at lower Parnell street. Removing footpaths and levelling road/path of O'Connell street would transform it into a multi use space, similar to Shop street in Galway. Existing footpaths stopped it from being fully utilised as a pedestrian area during lockdown.I've lived in Ennis my whole life and I really hope this project goes ahead this time.</p>
673	<p>pedestrian streets possibly Thursday to Saturday 11 to 6. maybe on Sundays at busy times. at school lunch times existing provisions are good for the few hours. parnell Street is a problem as it is the only way from kilrush Road area to get to car parks as carmody st very congested. but the Street surface seems to imply pedestrian area so not the safest. really there needs to be a way to get people in without cars. remember the wet days also so cycling is fine day solution</p>
674	<p>As a business owner in the town of Ennis i have asked customers on many occasions if they are in favour of pedestrianisation in the town and all have agreed that it is needed.. The last last 18 months has highlighted how much it has worked and has been a success..</p> <p>safety is one concern alone.. i have 2 young children and allowing cars, vans and other vehicles down o'connell street is very dangerous and is so difficult for people with buggies or wheelchairs to get up and down the street safely..</p> <p>I know that there is some businesses in the town saying that it has a negative impact on there business and they have had more than there share of publicity about this.. but i can assure you that most customers and most businesses i speak to want pedestrianisation.. i am confident that this survey will show that people would like to see pedestrianisation brought in full time ....</p>
675	<p>It wouldxadd great value to the town</p>
676	<p>It was fantastic when we had it lots of people walking around and general footfall was up much easier for young families to get around</p>
677	<p>Its been fantastic going around ennis since the cars have been removed</p>
678	<p>The town is far more attractive to visit when you don't have to worry about cars or vans .Our streets aren't wide enough to cope with traffic and pedestrians.Its more socialable to be able to stop and talk to people without blocking pavements .Galway city has it and it's brilliant.</p>
679	<p>Definitely need pedestrian on Saturday afternoon, even after 6pm on summertime, when the weather is nice and everyone like hanging around in the town.</p>
680	<p>The town is difficult for those with mobility issues to move around. There are narrow paths with steep and broken parts. This should also be addressed</p>

681	I have mobility issues and my mother is in a wheelchair. The footpaths on Abbey St are already a nightmare with that slippery surface at that steep incline. I can't imagine not being able to drive into town for any reason only to rely on dodgy footpaths when as it stands we can get near shops if we need to get in to them.
682	Loved when our small town was pedestrianised,gives you a sense of community spirit in the town rather than everyone pushing past people on pavements.
683	For our children's future and people with disability, let's keep our town as one of the best to visit and grow our streets to walking and entertainment areas instead of breathing in carbon monoxide. Most people use car parks anyway.
684	The town no longer leans towards cars driving through. The town could be a much more vibrant area with more outside dining/coffee where people would welcome a break and then shop for longer. This would be in line with other European Towns/Cities where it works extremely well. There are also an abundance of musicians who could perform much more safely and allow people to enjoy the atmosphere of a thriving town. Ennis is so quant and everyone I know who has travelled here loves it. Pedestrianisation would bring it alive.
685	I come into town from the Tulla or Quin Roads and generally park peripheral to the town centre, walking thereafter, generally using coins at the pay & display machines. Perhaps a fresh approach to parking charges needs to be considered as the current one is complicated by different pay zones. Consider a fresh roll-out of a digital method of payment and with the ability to move car location within the paid-for period. And an annual fee for using any of the car parks.
686	Pedestrianisation is no good when there are insufficient parking areas. It is ridiculous to block off the square when it is badly needed for parking.
687	It's so much more pleasant and inviting to navigate town with children when you have space to walk around, see people on the streets and dining outside, without fear of cars or additional noise and exhaust fumes. It makes the town so much more pleasant to spend time in and would absolutely entice us to spend more time and money in the town centre.
688	Its hard to understand why so much traffic travels through the town. It would be useful to do an origin/destination survey of motorists to understand reasons, and to implement additional measures to address these.
689	Possibly longer car parking time limits in current 1 / 2-hour car park spaces
690	I really noticed the difference on Saturday while in town. It felt squished on the paths and I feel the cars are only using the streets as a rat run. If you feel strongly that people with disabilities are missing out then every car space on the streets should be blue and only necessity cars should use the streets.
691	As someone who likes walking around Ennis town centre for business or pleasure, but also with experience of bringing children, buggies and adults with mobility issues along narrow streets and some unworkable footpaths I feel pedestrianised streets make the town centre so much more practical, safe and enjoyable. The measures have been proven to be a much needed success during lockdown restrictions and should be included in any future plans to develop and enhance the great character and experience of the town centre for residents, visitors and customers alike
692	Please provide more bins and please provide litter wardens and fines for street littering.

693	Current barriers are not effective enough, drivers moving timber barriers to gain access during pedestrianisation hours
694	I feel it will enhance the character and safety of the town, while enticing shoppers to stay a while longer and visit more shops.
695	Pedestrianisation of the town center will promote more on foot traffic to businesses and retailers around the town, it could help to reinvigorate the market at the same time.
696	Incentivise people to use multi-story car park in the Market Area. Possibly workers in town could park their cars there for the day at a reduced rate. This multi-storey car park is not optimised.
697	I feel with the main Streets, Abbey, O'Connell, High Street and Bank Place I can feel very safe not having people walking up on top of me, and its much easier to shop from shop to shop while walking on the lovely streets.
698	It worked well during this year
699	Nevermind the fools that don't want the town pedestrianized. The footpaths are narrow, each time you come against someone you take your life in your hands when cars are also travelling up O'Connell street!
700	It works well
701	The Covid 19, pedestrianisation of Ennis, experience showed how pleasant and how much easier it is to shop and visit the whole town. I have a family member who used a wheelchair, it was impossible to negotiate the town in a wheelchair on the narrow, misshapen paths.
702	There's a friendly atmosphere especially in O'Connell St without the traffic. People are more inclined to chat when they're not dodging noisy traffic.
703	Due to on going covid situation we need to have plenty space around us and not worry about cars.
704	The present pedestrisation is excellent for everyone, going back to a few years ago when traffic was travelling down these streets it was not only dangerous especially for people with children but impossible for the disabled to navigate along the narrow pavement. Shops do more trade and not less by people being able to enjoy roaming freely without the worry of dodging cars and pollution. Ennis is a beautiful town and would be even more enhanced if allowed to remain car free. Let's go forward and not go backwards.
705	It should be fully pedestrianised, the town is so much nicer when you can walk around freely. There is such limited access and parking tot the town centre anyway & such narrow streets it is not fit for cars. For everyone, including tourists, it is best to have pedestrianised streets full time
706	I suggest you get representatives from the most vulnerable groups to complete the survey - and plan around them - consider shopping with large volumes, heavy items - wet/cold weather. Make the main decisions from their perspective. They need to be part of the process. Walk in their shoes.
707	Need more gardai presence when full predestination
708	I believe the unique appeal of Ennis Town Centre would be considerably enhanced if it was fully pedestrianised
709	Ennis definitely needs more parking. My parents who are elderly & my father having a wheelchair parking card are finding it very difficult to find disabled parking in town

710	Need more parking..
711	Garda presence required to avoid anti-social behavior
712	I think it is positive thing for all ages, including those physical or visually impaired to get around our town.
713	Litter wardens badly needed to help keep new pedestrian and all other streets clean!
714	More outdoor eating/retail ie framers markets
715	Keep the way it was, hard enough finding any parking. NO for pedestrians
716	No
717	The town is definitely quieter now the street has reopened . Twice now I have seen young children run into the street with one being very close to being knocked down. Footpath too narrow and people congregate for a chat making pedestrians walk in road to pass.
718	Trying to get parking near to shops I need to visit is impossible as early as 10oc. Have difficulty walking distances. I've had to keep driving around boundaries to get where I need to go, having failed I've given up and gone home. Totally frustrated with the restrictions. Please think of older people who are not as Mobile. Too many parking places have been taken away.
719	Pedestrianisation will hinder businesses in town centre. Ok if people are only shopping for small items but if for anything big or heavy forget it. Town should be for everyone.
720	Having worked in Retail in O'Connell St for over twenty yrs I have clearly seen the advantages of pedestrianisation. A safer more leisurely type of experience for Shopping in town centre. There is an opportunity to admire the shops and the general ambiance of street shopping and browsing.
721	Look at the success of Galway as a tourist & shopping destination. Ennis has this potential
722	Allow planning permission for shopping centre outside town.
723	It makes sense to do this when we we will be living with COVID into the future. The town center is small enough to get around walking even for older people. It would greatly benefit people with disabilities. More outdoor covers even retractable ones should be used also as we saw how lovely the outdoor dining looked during the Summer.
724	Pedestrianisation is the way to go but options for people arriving to the towm by car/bike must be provided for parking and transport links to and from public transport such as trains must accommodate people with reduced mobility. Pedestrian zones will work well if people can be effectively moved in and out of the zones.
725	Ennis streets way too narrow for traffic passing through. Not safe .
726	Think it would improve the centre of town greatly and really increase the potential for cafe's and restaurants to have outdoor area's and increase footfall in the town for businesses. Pedestrianisation of town centres is happening in most major cities and towns and really is the way forward.
727	I love being able to walk around the town doing my shopping and business in town but have noticed town very rough especially in hot weather.Lots of people sitting at the height can be intimidating for some people.That is way more obvious when there's no cars.

728	The pedestrianisation of Ennis is a must, it is a more enjoyable experience when there is no traffic to contend with. Please remove the undesirables though!
729	I think the pedestrianisation during Covid was a fantastic idea! I grew up in the town and was very impressed by how the lack of cars added to the overall ambience and shopping experience. It also allows visitors and natives to enjoy the unique streetscape of our town. Thank you
730	It helps to create a buzz around town that will benefit businesses in the long run by making Ennis a better place for tourists to visit
731	No
732	Pedestrianisation during Covid made the streets of Ennis feel very safe to walk, plenty of room. During pedestrianisation period I was able to take in so much more of the history, buildings and lanes in our town which was a joy.
733	You can only put in pedestrianisation when you have enough parking on the edge or around the town ...shopping in the town is not just strolling around for coffee ..
734	I wouldn't agree with pedestrianisation on a full time basis as I feel the town doesn't have a big enough foot fall and have noticed it can be very quiet some days. I feel it's also unfair on the elderly
735	Improve the signs where parking is free. I parked in Dunnes car park and was told parking is free until Christmas. There was no sign indicating that. So I was not sure who to trust?
736	N/a
737	The provision of on street coffee shops and cafes has given a vibrant feel as you walk around the town centre and would love to see it to continue and expand
738	I find it wonderful to walk the narrow streets of Ennis and not have to worry about car traffic. I can pop in and out of the shops at leisure and I can easily make space for a lady with baby buggy or wheelchair user by popping onto the street without fear of being knocked down. Pedestrianisation really works in Cork and I hope Clare Co Co takes a leaf out of their book and keeps it. The trial period worked and with restrictions easing and shoppers browsing for Christmas gifts it is essential that pedestrianisation is kept.
739	More street seating would go hand in hand with pedestrianisation to encourage visitors/shoppers to spend longer in the town.
740	Town Centre has insufficient parking All streets need to be open to traffic to allow traffic to move freely Pedestrianisation will be fatal for many small retailers
741	To be able to walk on the streets is just fab :) we have a beautiful town
742	I've very much liked the pedestrianisation as done during the Covid plan

Ennis town centre has never been a comfortable place to drive through, and was built at a time when the horse & cart prevailed. The majority parking spaces for people with mobility issues (e.g. my mother) are outside of the proposed pedestrian area as it is. Galway is a prime example of an urban area where pedestrianisation works very well, and I've never heard anyone with mobility issues complain about it.

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Also, the suggestion that pedestrianisation during the COVID lockdowns had caused an increase in anti-social behaviour seems bizarre to me. There has always been a huge issue with anti-social behaviour in Ennis. It's quite a rough town, in my opinion. It may have been more apparent due to a lack of general movement in the town, but it has always been a huge issue. Far more of an issue than other urban areas I have lived in.

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It's a much nicer experience having the space to walk about the town. I see a lot more, can take in the shops that are around without having that feeling of blocking people's path if I stop to look about. It's more sociable as people can move around you easier if you stop to talk and it's less stressful when walking with children. I have spent more and appreciated more the town when it was pedestrianised during the pandemic.

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The pavements in Ennis are too narrow to allow two people walk beside each other or hold up an umbrella in the rain (because brilla hits off any lamps, poles or signs. If the decision is made not to pedestrianize the streets then the pavements need to be widened on each side and there should be no parking in Abbey or O'Connell Street except for loading / unloading early morning

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More outdoor events and markets

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The town is a lot easier to get around and you are not confined to small footpaths on O'Connell street it is more relaxed and ideal for parents with children also anyone with mobility issues.

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Automatic bollards and signs to let people know the street is closed and open

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It should involve carpark and delivery vans/truck plans. An improved market should be part of that, maybe bringing Roslevan and Chapel Lane market together in the Ennis center during the summer weekends. I would love to see Burren cheeses and salmon, local organic products, in the market.

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The footpaths are very narrow around Ennis, I have small kids the pedestrianisation has encouraged me in more as it's easier with kids

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We as a family have used Ennis much more because of pedestrianizing the streets. We had stopped going to Ennis because the streets were too difficult to navigate with children and also with older grandparents. We have been delighted to return to the town for shopping and outdoor socializing. Have nothing but positive things to say about the pedestrian streets, hopefully it lasts.

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Objectors have not studied the long term benefits and are dinosaurs

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It kills the town centre

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I am only speaking here for the street that I work on, but would welcome further streets being pedestrianised if the majority are in favour.

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It should be pedestrianised 24/7/365 the streets are way too narrow to have cars going up them it's very dangerous

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look at shop st galway! plenty of accessible parking, put door seating at cafes/bars/restaurants, buskers... always full and busy. Ennis could be like this! But we need more parking! Please!



757	It should have been done years ago. Stop wasting money with half measures trying to please everyone.
758	No
759	More parking is needed outside of the pedestrian streets.
760	It would be great to walk leisurely through the town, without fear of an accident.
761	Parking needs to be sorted before pedestrianisation is implemented.
762	Create a district ..O'Connell/High Street/Market .
763	No
764	Footpaths not adequate for social distancing especially as all shops open on to the streets parents with buggies elderly or slow pedestrians need space to feel safe and not bump off other street users not to mention anyone in a wheelchair or on a mobility aid.
765	fully in favour of it its a great idea
766	More seating and a platform to see over the river wall.
767	The streets are too narrow for cars. In the evenings cars do loops of the streets to people watch this is neither environmentally friendly or good for visitors. If the streets were pedestrianised restaurants could have structures outside for outdoor seating like abroad. Traffic just spoils the atmosphere of what is a lovely and quaint town.
768	No
769	I think it will be more appropriate for the town to be 100 percent pedestrianised as the drivers drive too fast down that street and also it doesn't make sense having that street to traffic it's pointless
770	Should be free park and ride into town Centre Marker Street car park should be turned into open air food court with mobile food units allowed to enter The town needs to be pedestrian.. any European city or town similar to Ennis would be pedestrian years ago eg Krakow or Toulouse
771	Outdoor public spaces, partial roofing over some of the streets
772	Let traffic flow up Abbey St on to Bank place
773	Additional car parking is required. The orbital bus should assist with access into, through and out of town
774	It has been wonderful to be able to come into town safely with my children - and I certainly hope it continues. When cars are travelling up and down the narrow streets it is unpleasant for all and best avoided.
775	Ennis is a beautiful town.Why you would want cars on the 3 narrow streets of this lovely town is beyond me.

The fact that during Christmas time and the pandemic the pedestrianisation is in place only shows that the streets are too busy and there is little room for pedestrians to walk safely. Considering people with mobility issues that need more room (wheelchair, walkers, etc.), Buggies, bags, children, dogs, slow traffic and very few parking spaces, it is indeed very surprising that our town centre hasn't been pedestrianised yet. It will help with safe walking, so people can actually slow down and look at shops and enjoying the town, which increases business, and not the other way round as many shop owners claim. Also, with more people taking the streets and enjoying the town, there will be less cases of antisocial behaviour. It will also be further incentive to develop public transportation and walking initiatives, thus helping the environment and our health.

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As a driver, I never drive through the town center as I find it too stressful and slow, and using the roads on the outskirts is so much better. So I really fail to understand the attachment of other citizens with driving through town.

Additionally, having the streets pedestrianised during certain times is very confusing, and even dangerous as you might be walking without realising there are cars too, as recent reports have shown.

Finally, system with bollards can be put in place for the elderly and disabled, and deliveries.

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777 Ya a lot of homeless and wine"Os in centre of town doesn't look good and sometimes intimidating because of that I do sometimes go to the retail parks in limerick and Galway

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778 Cars do not create a buzz, people do. Please open the streets up and let them come to life. If some form of pedestrianization does not happen it will be a travesty and embarrassment for our town. The future is one of sustainability and not backwards status quo.

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779 Narrow streets ideal for pedestrianisation no need for cars cutting up through streets taken short cuts, to walk through the streets without cars much easier and people browse more so more benefit for shops and people can stop and talk instead of doing a balancing act on narrow footpaths avoiding cars and stepping up and down on footpaths avoiding cars. Ennis hopefully will just get busier and more room needed for walkers in town centre but no need for cars taken short cuts.

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780 Summerhill to remain a one-way system

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781 The on street parking is not wheelchair friendly regardless and the foot[paths are too narrow for a chair or walking aid, pedestrianisation has allowed many more people to access the town enjoyably and safely.

I think Ennis is looking beautiful when pedestrianized, giving some businesses use of outdoor spaces has made the town look very inviting.

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782 Some sections of the pedestrianized streets eg O'Connell Street could easily be covered at roof level thus creating weather proof sections for outdoor dining/drinking, entertainment. Chapel Lane Car Park could also be covered in a similar manner to the Milk Market in Limerick, creating a market area that could be held two days a week. This would create a more desirable, all weather accessible and safe area for the public. It would also be far safer separating pedestrians and traffic that should be restricted to the market roundabout area. Deliveries and collections to any business located in pedestrianized sections can be arranged for early or late hours as in many towns and cities in Europe.

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783 Stop being bullied by a few influential business owners.

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785 Abbey St area has the potential to be a great public space to reconnect the city to the river. A park, rather than the current carpark, with the cafes and pubs surrounding it, would be just a gem for residents and visitors

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787 It stops older people from shopping in town due to mobility issues also footfall decreases in town when pedestrianized

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788 More seating areas Having car parks in the vicinity of the River Fergus is a missed opportunity

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789 Ennis needs a network of walking and cycling infrastructure suitable for all ages and abilities across the whole town and not just the core. People need to feel safe and comfortable from the minute they leave their homes. A network is only as strong as it's weakest point and parents need to feel confident their children are safe, if they are to start choosing more sustainable modes of transport. Ennis is a great town with huge potential but cars really are dominating it and taking away from its beauty and potential for active travel.

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790 The car is becoming obsolete with regard to large urban centres. Ennis can take a national lead in this regard and I urge Clare County Council to embrace and lead this positive change.

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791 It has been so pleasant, having no cars or lorries on the street. It has made me stay longer in the town and notice shops that I never knew were there. Previously I'd just run into Dunnes and grab what I needed and go.

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We want a cohesive cycling and walking network for the entire town - not solely the core streets.

People need to be able to choose to walk/cycle/wheel from their homes to where they are going in town or around town.

792 We need clean air and fume free streets.  
We need less noise in our lives.  
We need safer roads for all.  
We need accessible streets for all.  
We need reduced car emissions.

I stay in my family home in Clareen. I would cycle into town if there was a safe cycling network in which to do so.

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793	I visit Ennis regularly. I really enjoyed the pedestrianisation this year. It made Ennis a much nicer place.
794	Full pedestrianisation is preferable, but there needs to be areas outside the town where external users can switch modes. For example, Park and rides with cycle/walkway into town, with lots of EV charging, and a quick access local bike rental scheme.
795	Loitering by the drunks around the square should not be tolerated and should be moved on as well as troublesome youths.
796	People before cars. Give the streets back to the people to build a vibrant Ennis.
797	<p>The survival of ennis town as the capital town of county clare absolutley depends on looking to the future. We need to plan for its future. Tourism is one of the business opportunites which can help save ennis town. The whole of the "Wild Atlantic Way" is about to explode with tourism opportunities. Voted number 21 in the worlds top 500 destinations last year by "Lonely Planet". We have to reaccess ennis town and the experience of visitors using ennis as a possilbe base from which to explore the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>Ennis is such a pretty and instagramable town, the global pandemic has shown us that with pedestrian streets. We have many attractive shop fronts and lane ways and our iconic narrow streets. Photographs captured and shared around the world by visitors to our town is certainly the way forward, keeping ennis town a vibrant centre and desirable destination experience for visitors.</p> <p>Traffic blocking up our streets, air pollution, noise pollution, restricting access to people with moblitiy issues and creating a risk for those young families with young children. Seriously, what visitors would want to experience this in using ennis town as a base to explore county clare and its magnificent offerings along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>It has been a wonderful experience spending time in ennis town during the current pedestrainisation. We really need to embrace the future.</p>
798	<p>All deliveries before 11am.</p> <p>Busker friendly.</p> <p>Traffic warden/Garda to monitor unsocialble behaviour</p>
799	More seating is needed to aid people with mobility issues and to facilitate outdoor socialising - on pedestrianised streets but also key routes into town and along the river
800	During the fleadh a few years ago, park& ride was great. Walking around the town with kids was pleasant
801	It was so good to walk around the streets while that privilege was available to us.
802	<p>Ennis has been heaven to visit during covid with no cars passing through.</p> <p>No trying to pass people on the pavement</p> <p>Easier to stop and look at shop windows without people up your back and rushing you along out of their way</p> <p>People seem to look happier walking along the streets.</p>
803	Vehicle access to town center via High Street and bank place should be maintained for those who have mobility challenges

804	We would be more likely to take the train if we knew we could get around the wider area by bike. For that we'd need to see a comprehensive cycle network.
805	We have a beautiful town and great credit to Clare Co Co for work on streets, paths and laneways and for keeping our streets so clean
806	No
807	Ennis is a beautiful town and pedestrianisation has now been trialed and is shown to work. However, the town is in need of additional car parking spaces that has been lost during the enhancement works and to make it more accessible for all. Most people drive into the town and as a '10 minute walking town' provide the parking and people will come. I've seen programmable ground retractable bollards used in European cities that can control access easily for cleaning and emergency vehicles.
808	Its safer for young and old. Enhances the overall experience of Ennis town for residents and visitors. Existing business and possibly new business will thrive.
809	No
810	Its lovely to walk around Ennis at your leisure instead of having to look out for cars. Theres very little parking on the main streets anyways. A park and ride service like the fleadh would be fabulous. Also run the park and ride to 9pm so people can enjoy dinner and a few drinks if they wish. More bus stops are needed in the town instead of dropping and picking up at the bus station only.
811	O Connell St and Parnell St have adequate parking in large car parks either side of both streets. Allow permit drivers and business delivery access from 8am to 10 am.
812	All available areas adjacent to the town centre be made available for parking . Generous parking rates to apply to encourage use of parking areas. Suitable bi-lingual signage be provided to inform visitors/tourists of parking locations / tariffs.
813	Is not convenient for people with disabilities not been able to get close to shops car parks to fare from shops. A lot of disability parking has been taken away from town its not good enough
814	Ennis town centre is so much better since pedestrianisation...its a pleasure to walk around. I can only imagine the difficulty for people with mobility issues, people with buggies etc have when the traffic is moving through town. The atmosphere is so much better in town with no cars. I haven't met any person outside of a few business owners who think this is not the right way to go.
815	I feel pedestrianisation has given Ennis a new way forward to develop our town in a way that does not impact on our environment and is a positive step in our action for climate change. We have a very accessible town.
816	The narrow streets of Ennis are very difficult for those in wheelchairs and parents with buggys to share with vehicles. Pedestrianisation has worked very well in other towns, e.g. Galway and the Covid experiment in Ennis has also been a great success. It might also be useful to promote the scheme with free parking for the first 6 months or even a year to get people accustomed to the benefits of pedestrianisation.
817	I believe it would be highly beneficial to the town businesses, and could result in Ennis being turned into a destination for music and food, shopping and hospitality. It would have a lovely effect on the town, similar to Killarney or Galway.

	I think additional parking is required to allow the pedestrianisation to be fully successful. Car parks such as the Cloister have proven very useful as it is so convenient to the town centre.
818	The old national school site on the kilrush road would be an ideal spot if it was expanded. The grounds of Waterpark House and the vacant site beside it would also be a good location for parking.
819	Two years ago when my boy was in a buggy I used to find it really hard walking with a buggy around town. It was hard to get up and down off some footpaths. The town isn't really buggy friendly. Maybe with the new footpaths and paving completed this year it has improved for buggy users and wheelchair users.
820	Business owners in town agree pedestrianisation has had a negative effect on their business
821	Additional parking needs to be provided
822	More incentive for encourage couples or small families to move into town, live over shops. Greater diversity of shops than mobile phone shops.
823	Shuttle bus service could be provided for car parks further out from the town.
824	Multi storey or underground parking to be built and existing parking should be turned in green spaces
825	businesses should be allowed to spill out onto pavements with displays, seating tables etc. seats for public use along streets, good lighting at pedestrian level, attractive street furniture, awnings for shelter
826	The outer roads cannot take the extra traffic, which results in Mill Road chaos. Frustration all round one wrong turn could add 30 min y a short journey. If access to our roads had better flow maybe it might work. Right now not enough shops to warrant walking around town not everyone wants coffee at every corner. Easier to go to crescent for shopping and easy parking.
827	If there is a proper traffic plan put in place maybe, but at the moment no. When the pedestrianisation is in place the traffic backs up all over the town. For instance it has taken me the bones of 40 minutes to get from the club bridge to Parnell Street going by the Maid Of Erin roundabout and Mill Road.
	Footpaths are too small, a lot are barely wide enough for one person, zero space for wheelchairs. walkers, prams, buggies, no ability to hold a childs hands and walk side by side as a lot of paths are too narrow, often forced out onto the road where drivers get aggressive with you as people like to walk side by side on paths and don't make room for you.
828	Most people with kids or mobility issues go to limerick to shop, it's far too dangerous to try to get around Ennis Town , there's more room for cars to safely move around than people , there's often advertisement boards blocking the paths too , some wheelchair parking spaces have been changed to age friendly spaces so they are of no use to the very people who need them.
	Ennis is not friendly or safe for pedestrians . I have no mobility issues and I find it awful to try to navigate town due to all the cars
829	Could we please have cycle lanes on the Lahinch road. Mabey make it one way.
830	the more the better, it's lovely to be able to walk around without fear of being mowed down

831	I find pedestrianisation of the streets much easier and safer as a parent. The streets in Ennis are narrow and walking on the footpath with children and one in a buggy is a nightmare. I love shopping in Ennis and I've enjoyed it while it's been pedestrianised during Covid.
832	It is a much nicer experience to walk around Ennis without cars especially with young children.
833	Thank you for taking the time to check in with the people of Clare in relation to the pedestrianisation of our town streets. We're looking forward to the enhancements that you make in making active travel a safe experience for us all in Clare.
<p>It all needs consistency. Plenty of signage to let everyone know. Market it as child friendly, family friendly, age friendly, mobility friendly. Put options in place for people with mobility issues ... up Parnell Street Car Park, up thru Lane, turn left and park. Only those displaying specific car stickers should be allowed do this. Aim for up to 11 am only but it might be too early for some.</p> <p>Work with the retailers. No harm bring out the Christmas Radio earlier ( not specifically for Christmas anymore). Record ads, play on radio. If they paying their rates, they get a certain number of ads. Then obviously if they want to purchase some, you are generating revenue.</p> <p>Look at having more places open for parking. Holy Family School ... needs to be promoted. Down by the Cloister, advertise it. These may not be bringing in Revenue directly to Clare CoCo but without people knowing and using these car parks, they won't come to Ennis.</p>	
834	<p>I can drop to school at 9 am and drive from Lissycasey to the Crescent in Limerick and be parked up ready for shopping for 10 am. Most shops don't open in Ennis until 9.30/10 am. Maybe retailers could open their doors at 9, and we could shop earlier and park in town centre if we want. Retailers need to give a little too if they are to get the footfall. That is probably a job for another day!!!</p> <p>Signage and Communication are key. Let's make Ennis vibrant again. We have the shops. We have the parking spaces. Let's get out of our cars and take to the streets.</p> <p>I am a very proud townie and want to see this work for everyone... the rate payers, the delivery drivers, the young and not so young, the mobile and not so mobile.</p>
835	Pedestrianise but no seating as it draws in undesirable characters making the town feel unsafe.
836	No
837	It felt so lovely being in ennis since pedestrianisation, as compared to before. I hope it can be improved. The car parks are so close that it makes no sense to have people driving through.
838	I like the fact that I can drive and park in the town when I need to visit my Doctor & Chemist...visit my Optician...do my shopping etc.,

The town needs rapid consistent local bus service

As well as bike and walk lanes separate from the road system. Lots of great routes have been  
839 suggested at the call for ideas in 2017 and 2018

right now in the town, I feel there is too much bollards, barricades, painted warning signs  
etc on the road system, they are unnecessary and take away from the beauty of the town.

840	It improves the air quality, sense of community and fits with the original town planning
841	Not being able to drive from the market area to Parnell Street car park is extremely awkward and makes getting from one side of town to other very difficult as Mill Road is always very congested.
842	I'm from Ennis originally but live elsewhere now. When visiting family I will avoid town and therefore shopping and eating out but with pedestrianisation I want to go to town and can spend substantial amount when I do due to fabulous shops.
843	Lanes are looking nice now. It would be great if the downpipes / gutters on buildings could be fixed to save us from getting extra soaked in the rain ☔ also to build up the availability/ usability of outdoor dining and seating.
844	N/A
845	The level of comfort in being able to walk through Ennis without being shoved off footpaths and dodging buggys is fantastic. It's the way forward. Never once in my 38 years have I purposely driven to a business on O'Connell Street. There is no logical reason. You can't park on O'Connell Street and you can't just pull up outside a shop leave the car running a pop in for something. Bring Ennis into the future and embrace it. Don't go backwards it's not nice to see local business suffer but it's ridiculous for any to claim it's because of cars not being able to drive through town.
846	Bring back the seating areas with plants, maybe one on each street and continue to support businesses with on-street seating/dining.
847	This is Ennis' chance to create a truly welcoming centre with outdoor seating.
848	It's a significantly nicer town to walk around when no cars are allowed through the town, make it like Galway city
849	Pedestrianisation will lead to a more attractive town centre for everyone with a cleaner environment. It will create a better experience which is essential for declining town centres that will attract people to live, work and invest in Ennis as well as visiting the town. It will showcase the attractiveness of Ennis town centre while maximising the opportunities offered by this medieval town with its unique lanes and bow-ways.
850	As mobility is a major issue for me, I need to drive and park near where I shop.
851	It is impossible to go up town with a buggy so I am less inclined to walk into town and more inclined to drive elsewhere to shop.
852	O'Connell Street should be pedestrianised all year round.
853	I feel it opens up the town far more
854	It is much safer to walk the streets with no traffic
855	The town is so much more enjoyable when there are no cars and trucks



856	I believe it would be beneficial for all businesses and also a more enjoyable visit by everyone. Those roads are too narrow for traffic and shoppers/tourists on foot.
857	Opening of Cloister carpark and incentives to use multi storey
858	Many other towns strive with pedestrian streets. In this day and age it's archaic that we can't do the same. The streets are far too narrow to allow for safe passage and social distancing. I have a buggy and prior to Covid it was difficult to get around it is now a nightmare since the streets have reopened. I often drive to the town centre in Shannon for ease of access and avoid Ennis. Extremely difficult to pass at Permanent TSB in particular with the queue on the path. I drovd through Ennis at 5pm yesterday and pedestrians constantly walked out in front of my car not realising the streets were open. Poor signage to notify of opening times. Flash lighting notification would allow for this perhaps. Certain times to allow access to shops with cars might accomodate people collecting bulky items. I think we should close our streets. It's safer for everyone in my opinion. The atmosphere in Ennis is more welcoming when people can stroll freely
859	Ennis is too small for penetration. Closing streets reduces parking. I found during covid it was difficult to get parking so I just went elsewhere. I think it's best not to close streets for the sake of elderly people. Its important for them to park or be dropped off outside places they have appointments. I really dont see any benefits to Ennis being pedestrianised .
860	Ennis came alive when the streets were pedestrianised during the summer.
861	For people with mobility issues, pedestrianisation would make getting around the town a lot more difficult. My mother would have mobility issues as would I & I feel pedestrianising the town would be a bad choice. Another issue I found during the recent pedestrianisation of the town was the already strain that our parking facilities is under was worse for some reason & Abbey Street car park was simply, mayhem.
862	Barrack Street could be partially covered it and promoted as restaurant hub - as could High St area.
863	More cycling infrastructure and a local bus service would also help.
864	I've lived in Abbey St for over 20 years and can see no benefit to anyone driving their cars around the town centre.
865	Pedestrianisation will only work if there are park and ride facilities and FREE shuttle buses to take people around the town.
866	Pedestrianisation would greatly assist in efforts to make Ennis an attractive place to visit, shop, relax, eat and drink and generally enjoy.
867	More shops
868	pedestrianisation will facilitate development of 'on street' activity such as seating areas for cafes, entertainment, stalls etc
869	No
870	Would strongly recommend pedestrianisation. From experience in Europe it brings atmosphere and contributes positively to the visitor experience.
871	Have free parking in the off peak hours
872	Public seating and more litter bins would be an added benefit for the streets in my opinion.

873	<p>Ennis town is a great town to implement pedestrianisation and we should take the opportunity to promote active travel around the town. I myself don't have any mobility issues, however I have a special needs sibling who uses a wheelchair around town, and I am also mum to a 5 week old baby who I bring into town in the buggy. It is very difficult to navigate the narrow footpaths in the town pushing either the wheelchair or buggy, and I believe pedestrianisation would greatly benefit those with mobility issues and parents. I have found that I will plan my trips into town when I know the streets are empty. For me, pedestrianisation encourages shopping in the town. I am less likely to shop in town when streets are full of cars.</p>
874	<p>Some of the recent pedestrian measures were a headache. Unable to drive from Colaiste to Cathedral side without going all the way around town. The removal of parking on Bank Place was needless. Prefer to see pedestrianization of O'Connell St., or perhaps part of the Market + Parnell St. Needs to be focused on areas with shops and footfall (like Galway) and not just providing outside drinking areas. If only doing it a few hours a day or some days at weekends, people will never get familiar with it. However, I do understand shops need to be allowed continue deliveries, so perhaps that can still be worked.</p>
875	<p>As mentioned, leave High Street open for drop offs only (wheelchair/elderly focused), then give free to very cheap parking within 1km of O'Connell Street. Use electrical bollards for deliveries only. Add some secure bicycle parking.</p>
876	<p>I believe it will help the town center become a better focal point for locals &amp; visitors alike.</p>
877	<p>The new layout of Parnell St is excellent except that cars are parking on the footpaths as they are the same level of the road. Causes traffic to drive on the opposite footpath in order to get by parked cars. Extremely dangerous for pedestrians.</p>
878	<p>I think that pedestrianisation will have a detrimental impact on Ennis Town. Parnell Street is pedestrianised and there are many derelict shop units. One of the main issues with the town is the lack of parking. At least 500 more spaces needed ASAP.</p>
879	<p>With reasonable parking provision it would provide great quality of life, be of positive impact for tourism and frankly I would love it! And thanks for surveying us</p>
880	<p>The drivers are parking on sidewalk on Parnell Street and highchair and buggys have to go on the road, nobody doesn't care.</p>
881	<p>It would add a relaxed yet vibrant atmosphere to the town. Special consideration needs to be given to older people.</p>
882	<p>I think for me as a mother of 3 children the current pedestrianisation is brilliant. I have comfort walking around with my kids and don't have to worry about cars in our way and the kids can run/walk freely on the main streets. I dread to think of bringing the kids into town when it's open to cars again. Extra parking is needed around the town and especially for the older folks coming to town.</p>
883	<p>Mask wearing advised Seating geared towards elderly and those with mobility issues.</p>
884	<p>I feel it's very important this happen as cars driving Abbey st and O'Connell street makes walking around difficult and unsafe - it's a much nicer experience of shopping in town with no cars going thru the town centre</p>
885	<p>Remove the bollards down by flannans they are dangerous</p>

886	Streets are far safer to all users when pedestrian. Ease of access to onstreet shops and keeps the town cleaner.
887	Ennis is a medieval town and is too narrow to be choked up with traffic. The beauty of our town is visible when clear of cars and vans. It is a much more relaxed place...
888	Ennis is its streets, streets that are far older than and not intended for cars.
889	Ennis is a much nicer town to be in when there are no cars there. Feels safer as well
890	Need more permanent out door structures .. like they have in the milk market in Limerick city ..
891	Cycles permitted in ped streets. We have so few, and would encourage people to cycle in. Could be tied to a mini bus service that goes round the estates and into town. Plenty of reasonably priced parking, with half an hour free.
892	Yes my mother is 89 and needs to go to various businesses in abbey street and o Connell street. It's very difficult to get her there since I can't drive through the town after 11
893	I visited Ennis solely during Covid-19 mobility measures because of them. It's beggars belief how any town can turn their back on the atmosphere that those measures created in favour of Diesel engines. I urge Clare CoCo to do the right thing
894	No
895	Ennis badly needs to modernise (actually catch-up). The lack of such is adversely affecting businesses (contrary to otherwise adverse/immature assertions of some 'traditional' businesses in this regard). Post COVID Ennis badly needs to re-establish its sense of self. Pedestrianisation is absolutely crucial to attracting people into the epi-centre of the town and therein people (both locals and people from outside of Ennis) to feel relaxed, to enjoy the offerings of local restaurants, cafes, clothes shops, etc. in a serene setting. The predominant main streets of O'Connell St., Abbey St. and Parnell St. (noting such as already predominantly pedestrianised) are not sufficiently wide in terms of road/street and footpath widths. Further to such, there's no reason why private car users should drive through these streets as there are numerous parking facilities around such. Business delivery logistics to local businesses treated as similar or otherwise as per Shop St. in Galway and similar towns that have already addressed/embraced this. Ennis has an opportunity to be hub (within the mid-west) to all of the local tourist attractions - particularly the Cliffs of Moher, and as such having a pleasant town centre, rich in character with al-fresco dining and possibly local art exhibits at the 'Height' will reinvigorate the town as a whole.
896	Town is not accessible for wheelchair users of buggies . . . Impossible to travel on footpaths. It has been a pleasure to walk the streets of the town while it has been pedestrianised . . So much safer and comfortable
897	I find i have to go to Ennis early morning otherwise there is little or no room to walk on the footpaths later in the day when it gets busier and with the streets open to traffic . Its a far more enjoyable experience shopping and meeting people when the streets are closed to traffic. I think its time to move forward and give pedestrianisation a chance and put Ennis on the map and encourage not just the locals to shop local but also to attract tourists and visitors from other counties. ENNIS is a medium sized town and most shops can be easily accessed from the local car parks.

898	Cannot social distance in my wheelchair on narrow footpaths. Almost fallen off kerbs many times while trying to social distance
899	No
900	The system during Covid and extent of it was perfect. It made the town a far more enjoyable place to visit, do all my shopping and socialise. The added accessibility for friends and family with limited or reduced mobility was a godsend.
901	Ennis town centre is too narrow for vehicles and pedestrians. As an older resident I would feel much safer if O'Connell St. and The Square were pedestrianised. The town is so suitable for pedestrianisation I'm amazed we're still at planning stage. Furthermore, contrary to what some business people think I would expect an increase in their turnover as has happened in other towns.
902	Would not like to see pedestrianisation as it inhibits older residents from accessing businesses. shops, religious places etc. It also sucks the life out of a town, Ennis needs some cars and parking. Agree main street is too narrow (O'Connell Street) but other than that street the rest of it is fine the way it is. Pedestrianisation would put me off coming to Ennis
903	No
904	Pedestrianisation should be accompanied by urban tree planting..it also helps deliver on the UN SDGs
905	The paths and streets in Ennis town centre are too narrow for cars . The centre of town is compact enough that there is no need for vehicle access during the day . Pedestrianisation will make the town centre more accessible and pleasant for all
906	Need to utilise the new building in the market , as a food market or a place for entertainment and NOT a carpark. Public toilet somewhere close to the Coach Park. Encourage more small shops into the town centre and stop giving planning to large retail units on the outskirts of the town.
907	The streets of Ennis are not wheelchair or buggy friendly unless pedestrianised.
908	The family friendly atmosphere that being car free brings is a joy to behold.
909	A consultation where you do not have to register online.
910	It would increase the time I spend in the town
911	parking is already completely insane, there needs to be more parking no matter what happens
912	Some pedestrianisation would be fine but not all. Traffic needs consideration too
913	It is essential to the future of the town. Narrow footpaths particularly on O'Connell street and high street are a real problem not only for those with mobility issues but everyone who uses them. And sharing space with cars is not only dangerous but unhealthy too.
914	We loved our visit to Ennis when the streets were opened up for people. It allowed us to stop and look in shops that we had to hurry past before to avoid blocking the narrow footpaths. I was also able to allow my youngest to safely walk around herself which was not possible before. We later booked a hotel stay based entirely on this experience. I would avoid Ennis if cars are allowed on the narrow streets again as it is dangerous for children, the air is full of fumes and it just not a nice place to visit.
915	Introduce trees flowers and outdoor/ Street cafes. Like in all European centres.

916	Barrack street was not listed in the previous question, but I think it should be a top priority for pedestrianisation. So many great businesses, it could be such a great part of the town if it was changed. There are very few parking spaces, and they're all very awkward to park in. Parking cars there is a huge waste of space. Making that a pavilion type area would be great for the businesses in that area too. The gourmet store, passatempo and cairde are some of the towns nicest restaurants and cafes.
917	Would like to see permanent shelters , umbrellas to create our door social / dining areas ‘
918	Seating areas on O'Connell Street are often a spot for anti-social behavior, making them inaccessible to those with small children, the elderly and those with mobility issues.
919	Add seating elements with covered seating options, reduce car parks scattered around the town that serve no purpose, and replaced with green area/seating for example car park across from the clare champion/ cairde/ ennis gourmet store. Raise level of roads to the level of footpaths which are currently ridiculously narrow, 3 days ago witnessed a wheelchair user have their wheelchair fall off of the footpath at a point where the footpath narrowed to the point of almost not existing outside of the ennis second hand bookstore. Renovate housing above shops in town center, add rent a bike around the town.
920	Wheelchair access on the footpaths is terrible. Pedestrianisation would help solve this. There are almost no covered benches in Ennis. People, including elderly people who may not be able to walk far without resting, have to sit on wet, cold and wind-exposed benches.
921	I have stopped spending time in Ennis since cars were allowed back through. The fumes are unpleasant and my small child finds O'Connell St terrifying. I would also like to see safe routes to work/school/leisure from the surrounding areas- safe walking /cycling, public transport, park and stride. I live in Clarecastle and don't feel safe cycling due to motorist behaviours and lack of parking enforcement.
922	I & many others feel so much safer when shopping around Ennis not bumping to others especially during lunch hours with school lunch breaks
923	The beauty of Ennis is that you can drive around and stop where required. Pedestrianisation means I would avoid Ennis with kids as there is too much walking required to get to shops for a quick purchase. As a previous business owner in Ennis Town I think it's important that Ennis is not Pedestrianised. However, more parking must be made available in Parnell Streer car park as the taxi rank is taking up a lot of spaces required for shoppers to Ennis.
924	I don't feel safe walking in the streets of Ennis when cars are allowed on them. The footpaths are too congested. It's actually dangerous for small children.
925	I felt so safe shopping etc in the past few weeks during the experiment fase
926	No effort was made by the Council and Chamber of Commerce to fund Large outdoor umbrella seating areas to make it safe and dry for eating outdoors. We need to look at covid implications for the years ahead. Sponsored umbrellas are too small and take from the general appearance.

Parnell st is a good example of how pedestrianisation has failed badly in Ennis, it is over 25 years and still lots a vacant business.

We need stop the sprawl and try to encourage more in town business. Extra rates for outside of town boundaries shops to help encourage take up in town vacant "to let" premises.

927 Heavy fine for the likes of Homemakers for breaching planning.

Town business can't complete with free parking.

Ennis has loads to offer , pedestrianation is not the answer...I don't hear people say I would go to town if I could walk around ..it is if it has the shops I want.

(This platform should only be for Ennis town users and not Dublin green part)

928	Would really enhance quality of life in Ennis
929	Love walking the streets child friendly and I use the local shops regularly and never drive into town just park on station road dunes or temple gate OConnell street esp great fir pedestrians weekends a good compromise
930	N/A
931	Outdoor dining areas in abbey street car park
932	Need to encourage attractive business and events in these areas eg weekly busy market, cafes and restaurants with outdoor seating, events etc
933	Much safer to have town pedestrianised especially when in town with children
934	No
935	Very difficult to use a buggy in town as the footpaths are so narrow, pedestrianisation made this much easier. There was also a much nicer atmosphere in the town.
936	That Summerhill remains One Way.
937	Hi I ticked mobility issues on behalf of my sister that I take with me to Ennis weekly she has special needs and is unable to take the survey herself, So for her and from my own point of view I need to be able to drive to the area we wish to shop in and walk short distances alone each street , for instead, The walk to O'Connell st from the post office or from the car parks was too far for someone with mobile issues. And it's not possible to get her up organised and in shopping and finish by 11am when the streets closed Thank you
938	It's important that elderly & those with mobility issues can drive & park in the town.

939	<p>I think pedestrianised streets are restrictive for the elderly and wheelchair users</p> <p>I have a friend who has special needs and loves to go to town and walking is difficult for her we find a place on O'Connell St approx brogans and we walk in one direction and visit the shops then return to our car rest for a few minutes and then walk in the opposite direction and visit the other shops. She loves to do this as do many of her friends and why should we stop them.</p> <p>The elderly should be able to park up town and do their business.</p> <p>As well as this I think the town looked like a ghost town when pedestrianised ,scooters and intimidating groups gathered rendering the street dangerous and unpopular to visit</p> <p>Also if I were a passer by I would drive through the town centre and that would show me the beautiful shops and restaurants and I would park up and visit the town centre</p>
	<p>I think the lack of pedestrianisation makes the town less attractive to visit.</p> <p>At the very minimum O Connell St needs to be pedestrianised.</p>
940	<p>More parking - is the cloister car park fully open?</p> <p>Could a smart parking system be installed to show people where the free parking is in town.</p> <p>I don't see public transport as a meaningful solution for Ennis.</p>
941	<p>I would like to see public website access to all feasibility studies carried out to date. The data proposed by those against pedestrianisation does not stack up. All relevant docs and minutes are subject to FOI.</p>
942	<p>Parking for Disabled people needs to be made a priority in ALL the Car Parking areas. e.g. the ENTIRE front 2 rows of Dunne's Car Park for Disabled People ONLY. the Second 2 rows for Mothers and Babies. Similar accommodations in Market and Abbey Street Car Parks and on Bank Place. A Full time Parole Person on duty to ensure this is honored.</p>
943	<p>It's much easier to get around town</p>
944	<p>We need more carpark space!</p>

A full Mobility Plan to prioritise people walking and cycling is requested, including one-way systems, reduction in lane capacity and carriageway width in order to provide segregated cycle lanes, easier crossing times for pedestrians, and using DMURS as guidelines, provide a less hostile environment for people taking up walking and cycling as their mode of choice and particularly for people with mobility impairments.

945 Additional public seating on the routes in to town to enable people who need to rest along the way the option to walk or cycle.

Cycle lanes need to be connected and especially provide good access to the train station, schools, business parks etc. Additional sheltered bike parking throughout the town is requested.

Paths, particularly around Mill Road, need to be implemented with priority crossing times for pedestrians at all traffic signals and longer crossing times.

Thank you!

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946 I feel very vulnerable on streets with narrow footpaths, this needs to be tackled. O'Connell street .... would wider footpaths help here.

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Pedestrianisation really made Ennis a more accessible town during the last year. I cannot see any disadvantages. The only people moaning about it are the older businesses that obviously have an issue with change. All of these businesses cannot be adversely affected.

947 The rest of the businesses have nothing to whinge about. Listen to the majority. Also having to set up an account to take the survey is not accessible to everybody.

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	<p>The covid period worked extremely well on streets once public became aware of it, It was well received, streets were really nice, business was done and town prospered in so far as it could in that period.</p> <p>The closure of the streets to cars was very well received by clients and the feedback was positive. Even on a rainy day it was easy to use umbrellas and get somewhere.</p> <p>The staycation feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Possibly Irish visitors are the most neutral for feedback not having any preconceived opinions and this really needs to be listened to.</p> <p>Unfortunately the debate within the town to date has been divisive and politics has played with people's concerns about their businesses during a very difficult covid period.</p> <p>It is crucial that abbey street, O'Connell street and Parnell street be pedestrianised as a town centre unit. To isolate one street against the other will create huge damage as has been seen at Christmas when Abbey street was not included resulting in massively decreased footfall and consequential loss of business to retail, food and beverage. Excluding abbey street directly signals that it is not part of town centre plans and relegates it to 2nd degree status. Excluding abbey street or high street from any town centre pedestrianisation plans would be pertinent information in respect of the current re-rating process being carried out by valuation office as it would be a direct confirmation that local authority do not support and do not want to see any expansion retail or day time food and beverage outside of the O'Connell street area,</p> <p>Unfortunately a large number of retailers/ older businesses are under pressure from changing consumer attitudes and a massive evolution is taking place on the main streets that has nothing to do with pedestrianisation.</p> <p>Parking as always is the serious issue in the town, it has been for in excess 20 years and it's the one issue that the local authority have consistently failed to tackle. Expensive reports have been carried out and not implemented. In 2016 a promise was given by executive and by councillors on the availability of more spaces, no action was taken. The new 2040 plan does not provide any parking to allow the town to grow. A good immediate supply of parking is needed as evidenced by full occupancy of the Cloister Carpark.</p> <p>Immediate temporary parking needs to be provided by engaging with the developers who own 1. Rowan tree site extending from new bridge, harmony row and up to bank place. 2) National school site kilrush road road,</p> <p>Evidence on the streets is that certainly families and the elderly are actively avoiding town since pedestrianisation has been lifted.</p>
949	<p>Total insanity! My late husband had mobility issues and the current arrangement on Bank Place would make it impossible for us to find convenient parking in order for him to access the post office and banking services in Ennis with any form of dignity or independence.</p>
950	<p>During the Summer I visited Ennis for a few days on holiday and was very impressed with the transformation of the town centre compared to the last time I was there. The pedestrianisation of several streets drastically improved the town. There was a much more relaxed vibe both day and night. It felt more like a town centre in France or Italy with all the extra space available for outdoor socialising. I fully support the re-pedestrianisation of Ennis and will definitely visit again next year. On the other hand if none of the pedestrian streets are restored it is unlikely I will consider Ennis for another holiday stay.</p>
951	<p>It is much nicer to walk and shop in Ennis when it is pedestrianised</p>
952	<p>There is a need for satellite hubs for park and ride and or a delivery updated service for customers purchases</p>

953	I believe looking at the major shopping streets in the country ie Grafton street/Shop street (Galway), the pedestrianisation of Ennis could be a huge benefit. If there was a possibility of attracting a couple more restaurants and boutiques to the town centre as well as having it open to pedestrians only the town would thrive. Looking at this from a young persons view and having grown up in the town I've seen the danger that the narrow streets can cause with vehicles especially for people with disabilities/buggeys however I've also seen the town be alive and vibrant with the streets close. Allowing restaurants to open out onto the street would add a lot of character to what I would class as an ageing town centre.
954	A repeat of the hardship and intolerable conditions that the residents of Summer Hill had to endure during the Temporary Mobility Covid 19 Plan which lasted 18 months must never be imposed on the residents ever again. Summer Hill and its residents must never be the collateral damage for pedestrianisation. The public realm of Summer Hill which is a residential area must be protected and the rights and amenities of the residents there be protected and kept as they area and improved in full consultation with the residents.
955	As an elderly person I find it exceedingly impossible to get near the Main Streets for access to my chemist etc, as does my husband
956	Keeps the town centre family friendly and enjoyable to visit
957	Due to inclement climate, appropriate rainwater fall on the surface
958	Pedestrianisation needs to link to parking. Businesses need to be consulted and bought into process. Council need to provide better public realm spaces, planning, outdoor spaces, etc
959	Ennis is best enjoyed on foot, strolling along its streets, exploring its quaint laneways and browsing its retail and hospitality offering. Town is blessed with convenient parking too.
960	Ennis needs more Gardaí patrolling the town on a daily basis which would curb anti social behaviour and give a sense of safety to pedestrians. This would attract more people to the centre of the town.
961	It really will make Ennis an attractive town to shop in. Cleaner environment, safer and certainly will open up more opportunities
962	More parking with shuttle bus outside town. More street furniture especially seating. Plaza in Square with outdoor events, performance area. Include trees and better wayfinding signage.
963	There is less parking spaces in both Abbey Street & Parnell street car parks that we had 5/6 years ago, more required so that all the businesses can survive as they require increased footfall to sustain the cost of providing a service.
964	Key to creating a pleasant atmosphere for ALL activities(shopping and other) is that they take place with a relaxing backdrop of outdoor cafes/restaurants (weatherproofed as necessary) and gentle creative activities. ABSOLUTELY NO PIPED MUSIC (at Xmas or any other time): AWFUL!!!
965	This is a fantastic opportunity for the town for better street usage etc. As a buggy user, the current footpaths do not suffice. When cars came back into the town after covid rules lifted I noticed the smells of fumes straight away. Oxford Circus in London is being pedestrianised. If one of the world's busiest shopping streets in the world can do it, I think we can manage it in Ennis!

966	Nobody parks on the main street to go shopping. Many visitors commented on how lovely it was sthisbsummer to walk down the streets with no cars
967	Have a good map of parking spaces on web. Put chairs on Parnell street, make the street an enjoyable place to walk and stop. It is dark and wet feeling now. Make the streets between the market and Parnell street a cafe hub for eating outside. We need more cafes opening the the evening and a nice place to eat out and talk. This is the one good thing Covid has shown us, we can eat outside if the facilities are there and bring life into the town in the evening instead of being stuck drinking in a pub.
968	Most places are within walking distance from Dunnes car park or near Cathedral. I am 74 years and can manage it. Maybe for disabled people have a permit to drive.
969	Permit for people with mobility issues / most places are accessible from Dunnes/Abbey Street Car Park, or Parnell Street Car Park or Cathedral
970	If you pedestrianize O'Connell Street I would prefer only a small amount of timber seating there, as there can be an element of undesirables, some people who are homeless or are antisocial using this seating area.
971	Make sure mobility access is a priority.
972	Use Galway city as an example. Creates positive vibe and attractive to tourists.
973	I visited the town more often and shopped more when it was pedestrianised.
974	I enjoy these streets being pedestrianised. Relaxing shopping and not fearing being knocked down crossing to the other side.
975	More room, less fumes.
976	No easy access to shops in Ennis town.
977	Pedestrianisation was a disaster for my daily business.
978	Not fair to anyone with mobility issues.
979	Don't think cars should park in street. Our streets are too narrow for cars parking during the day and people have to be able to walk safely.
980	A few more trees would be nice.
981	no
982	As i have mobility issues I would like to have car access to the cathedral area for parking.
983	Structures on street are already there so keep going as it is. How about a happy medium of M/WF for cars and Tues/Thurs/Weekend for pedestrianisation. While I am able bodied with no mobility issues I often bring my mother to Ennis. She has mobility issues so extra disabled parking spaces close to O'Connell Street (properly enforced) would be great.
984	Outdoor seating and public toilet facilities
985	No
986	No
987	None
988	can't think
989	full time would be best, but shops need deliveries.
990	as soon as possible
991	Well done on pedestrianisation. More car parks outside Market Area, ie. have car parks on key routes into town, not in town.
992	More Seating / Bike Stands

993	Consider walkers and cyclists. The traffic is stressful on the narrow streets. It would be more of a destination if families felt safer in navigating the main streets - look at Westport example. Make more seating areas.
994	All should be open to cars. No Pedestrianisation.
995	None
996	I feel Ennis Town Centre is small enough to facilitate pedestrianisation and benefiting the town as well as making it safe and accessible. Having Dunnes Car Park makes it accessible for all including wheelchair users, buggies etc.
997	More parking
998	Would open up ore outdoor dining, shopping and happening upon the unknown.
999	Footpaths are not wide enough so on busy weekends having the streets open would be beneficial
1000	It give great space for walking up town
1001	I don't agree with pedestrianisation. I feel it holds up all the traffic around the town and prevents a lot of passing trade from cars going through the streets of Ennis, preventing them looking at the shop windows and letting older people get dropped off outside certain shops.
1002	86
1003	It will only be successful for ALL stakeholders if there is adequate infrastructure to support it, ie. 1. Additional multi storey car parking in Ennis. 2. Deliveries access for businesses - not just banks. 3. Respect for older people and people with mobility issues who need to be dropped off and collected in cars.
1004	Allowance of course for deliveries

From a safety point of view, full time pedestrianisation of O'Connell Street especially is desirable as other options might lead to confusion amongst the public.

That said, to facilitate traders, people with mobility issues and those who want to do a fast shop I recommend that O'Connell Street remain open in the mornings from perhaps 8am to 11am (something similar to what's in place in Shop Street Galway city centre).

the main shopping street of our county town is much too narrow for it to be a safe, shared space between motorists and pedestrians. During the Summer when the Covid restrictions were in place, it was a very joyful experience to stroll through the quaint street, taking in the shops, having a coffee on the go or just sitting on a bench watching the world go by! It made for a lovely carefree atmosphere.

It gave people an opportunity to enjoy the street and see what it had to offer in a stress free manner. It was brilliant not to have to worry about passing traffic or having to be mindful of motorists attempting to park in the 7 or 8 spaces that are available in the upper section of the street.

To support my suggestion, the existing parking spaces could be repurposed to provide parking for shoppers with mobility issues, those who would like to avail of click and collect or to do a fast shop. For the benefit of the business community extra loading bays could be added or existing ones extended. A set down stop could also be included if space allowed.

With my motorist's hat on it can be quite a challenge to drive through O'Connell Street when it's busy, pedestrians often step out on to the street to avoid others or walk so close to the edge of the footpath that motorists are fearful that they will stumble out in front of them.

- 1005 There is another issue that needs to be considered when it comes to pedestrianisation and that's to do with the conditions that prevail on the footpaths when it's raining. On very wet days it's not a very pleasant or a safe experience when pedestrians are trying to negotiate their way up or down the street.

Trying to use an umbrella on the narrow footpaths can be quite a challenge. As well as watching out for traffic they have to endeavour to avoid getting their footwear drenched from the water that comes gushing out from the down pipes onto the footpath.

To compound the issue motorists who drive at inappropriate speeds for the conditions that prevail splash water onto the footpath.

There is also the added problem of water dripping from rooftops as some eave shoots are damaged or blocked, also in some buildings there is a gap between the eaves shoot and the roof which doesn't help the situation.

If the street was closed to traffic, residents, shoppers and visitors alike would be able to make their way without getting drenched.

On a different matter altogether I'd like to make a comment about parking in the Parnell Street car park. To exit from the majority of the spaces in the upper section, motorists have to reverse out onto the flow of traffic (unless they have reversed in and that can lead to other issues) making it quite a dangerous undertaking.

I'd like to see the layout of the parking spaces in the area revised but I know that it would prove very costly. It was a lovely space before it was upgraded, it was so nice to sit on the benches and enjoy the river. I appreciate fully that the river wall had to be raised, pity that there wasn't an elevated seated area included so that people could continue to enjoy the space. The taxi rank being located along by the river now doesn't help. Perhaps the taxi rank could be relocated to Bank Place or elsewhere.

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Finally, on a positive note I'd like to compliment all concerned on the revamp of Parnell Street, I was on the street last week and I never saw it looking as good.

1006	no
1007	None. Simple. NOT a good idea.
1008	Need to consider how the elderly can get around as we cannot walk from car parks to chemist/doctor, etc.
1009	It is so much better in Ennis since "Temporary Plan" instead of being gassed by petrol/diesel fumes everywhere. If we are serious about reducing carbon emissions Pedestrianisation is a MUST. People will be healthier fitter and happier for it. Wheelchair users will be more evident when they don't have to negotiate traffic - it is too dangerous for them at the moment on those narrow streets. Pavements are not wide enough to accommodate them.
1010	Its always a better plan to remove vehicles from town and city centres. Improve public services.
1011	Consider Cycle lanes
1012	No
1013	O'Connell Street should be fully pedestrianised, also all streets that allow parking should only have parking on one side.
1014	Seating for older people to sit on to enjoy the town more. Less cars, less pollution. During Covid it was a joy to walk the streets car free. No pollution from cars. Healthier for people, safer for elderly and your alike.

	Additional parking (like the space behind the cloister).
1015	Essential to have parking on the outskirts of the town like Waterpark House, back of Cloister, Holy Family & Colaiste Car Parks available at weekends.
1016	Enhancement of quality of life Environmental considerations
1017	no
1018	I enjoy walking the streets in Ennis for shopping etc and can get around much faster when there is NO traffic. Ennis streets are too narrow and dangerous for cars driving through. I am lucky of course that I can and do enjoy walking!
1019	Park & Ride Facilities, more easily accessible car parking.
1020	Wider footpaths. Cycle Routes into town to allow for less cars.
1021	None. As an employee in the town I observe people dropping their elderly parents outside pharmacies and Dunnes Stores. Because they are not able to walk very far. If the town is pedestrianised they wont be able to do that.
1022	By pedestrianizing the town I think it will be bad for business and take away the general hustle and bustle which was always part of the town.
1023	Increased accessibility - no seating around the Height to minimise unsocialable behaviour. Drinking fountains like in Ennistymon. Increased availability of full access toilets and changing rooms for persons with disabilities. Recycle Bins on streets.
1024	Public Transport to Ennis. Parking facilities on outskirts of Ennis centre. Create more pedestrian friendly seating and toilet access.
1025	Many zebra crossings were removed from town centre which sends out a negative message about pedestrians. Zebra crossings at Causeway/Francis Street junction particularly missed. Much pleasanter to wander the narrow shopping streets without worrying about stepping off the footpath. Would enable more outdoor eating and drinking and street entertainment.
1026	Well done on the Covid measures. Please invest in mobility scooters for elderly to encourage them to visit town.
1027	Have a town bus service - circling the town both ways. Buy electric.
1028	Cycle Lanes into town
1029	I find present Covid plan excellent for shopping. Advertise parking off Abbey Street (beside Garda Station). People from other side of town are not aware of parking here and at College Road.
1030	Wheelchair friendly pavements on pedestrianised streets. Local bus service on main roads into Ennis (drop off pedestrian shoppers). Safe cycling routes (see below) into town. Would like to have safe cycle routes to a 10km radius around the town. Make cycling a safe way in and out of Ennis from nearby villages and areas, school, commuting, shopping. This would lessen the need for car parking and during busy times.

1031	Most people like to drive through Ennis town centre. They don't like diversion, they like to drop old people to the shops and to view what is available. What we need is more parking, when the streets are closed. This town is like a ghost town. Leave our streets open, don't fix something that's not broken.
1032	Adequate Car Parking135
1033	The way the streets currently operate it does not benefit either pedestrians or motorists. The footpaths are too narrow and the road way has the same complaint.
1034	<p>You have already done improvements.  No streets should be pedestrianised.  Dun Laoighaire Main Street was pedestrianised. After 10 years when business was destroyed they had to reopen the street. Business never came back. Same thing happened to a street in Sligo.</p> <p>Would Dunnes, Tesco, Aldi, Lidl, Roslevin, Westgate survive without the motor car and parking and other petrol stations with supermarkets. What makes you think O'Connell Street can survive without car and parking. It is a separate business complex with over 60 businesses competing against the other 6 malls. What about the hardship to traders who will have to close.</p>
1035	<p>More parking spaces required for the elderly.  Elderly persons if they wish to shop or socialise in Ennis have no alternative to using a car. the only contribution which the Co. Council have made to Ennis in recent times have been eyesores in Bank Place (now removed) and O'Connell Street (now removed) and seating used by only alcoholics and vagrants which nobody else will use.</p>
1036	There are inadequate spaces at the moment and present available spaces are being eroded by works being carried out on Abbey Street Car Park. Customers will stop coming into the town as it can be so frustrating. Maybe it will encourage people to shop in Shannon or at Coonagh (Free parking in both places!)
1037	It keeps town alive if you can drive through it. It means you can park for a few minutes and do your shopping - no pedestrianisation please.
1038	<p>Replace car parking spaces with seating. Simple seating - benches.  Getting rid of pedestrianisation was like reintroducing smoking indoors and in public places.  Ageing pedestrians have to cope with the fumes of cars as they make their way down O'Connell Street looking for 1 of 15 car park spaces. Again parents have to have a tight grip of children's hands. Again no buggies or wheelchairs welcome in centre of Ennis.</p>
1039	Wider footpaths
1040	Allow cars up Abbey Street and one way down Bank Place. Pedestrianise other half of Bank Place.
1041	I don't want the town to be just a tourist attraction. I want it to be alive, breathing, proper shopping town, not a cardboard cut-out of a town.
1042	Closing streets makes shopping difficult especially in wet weather.
1043	Since pedestrianisation was suspended I have gone to shops that I hadn't visited since the streets were closed.
1044	When pedestrianisation, absolutely impossible to get from Tesco side of town to anywhere in Abbey Street or O'Connell Street.
1045	Please ban ALL Electric cars from the town. They are very silent and very dangerous to pedestrians.



1046	When the town was pedestrianised during Covid, I enjoyed it more. I could window shop and buy at leisure. If i saw something I liked in a shop window, I was more inclined to go into the shop and investigate further, which sometimes resulted in a purchase, and which can only be good for local businesses. when Ennis was pedestrianised I was more inclined to wander. This is not the case when it is choc-a-block with traffic.
1047	Pedestrianisation has been successful in many towns and cities across Europe. It has increased shoppers and business. It has improved peoples health. It has reduced pollution and improved the quality of life.
1048	A few seating places for a cup of coffee.
1049	Additional parking near to town centre. Shops made pedestrian/mobility friendly, more seating. Other towns/cities worldwide are adapting this approach. Ennis is perfect for pedestrianisation of the main streets. Continue the great work on lanes into O'Connell Street and Abbey Street, making both shared space and eliminating the different heights of footpaths, etc.
1050	Closed streets did not work out during imposed trial period. Town was invaded by those who had nothing to offer but violence, drinking, littering. Lucky visitors were few in number during that time. Older people struggled to access services.
1051	I walked to town daily when cars were not allowed and it was a bleak place and over-run with undesirable teenagers and adults. It simply did not work and will not work. Did not work for older or people with mobility issues.
1052	A huge need for seats around the town, timber preferably, not cold.
1053	Only some streets to be pedestrianised in Summer. Total pedestrianisation will be bad for businesses, particularly on wet days. People will go to The Crescent to shop instead. Covering over some streets with clear material might help this.
1054	More waste bins, more seating by river.
1055	Pedestrianisation is being done in many places around the world. It gives life to the towns, reduces fumes from the cars and encourages people to walk more.
1056	Need a lot more parking spaces
1057	None
1058	More parking on outskirts of town with Park & Ride/bus every 15 mins. bus free included in parking fee.
1059	Many footpaths are too narrow for passing pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs, causing older people to step on to the road on busy streets.
1060	no
1061	Safer cycle lanes on footpaths so we can cycle to school and into town. Designated areas to lock up bicycles.
1062	Since limited pedestrianisation has been introduced I have found it far easier and thus more pleasant to walk in town and enjoy the space, actually taking in my surroundings. I don't feel Ennis town centre is suitable for traffic; narrow streets and thin pavements, but is very suited to walking around (without having to side-step oncoming pedestrians onto traffic!)
1063	High curbs need lowering at various locations.
1064	It is a pleasure to walk around Ennis at present when it is pedestrianised.

Look at something innovative for Post Office Field. More/better walkways/cycle ways. More plug-in facilities for Electric bikes and cars.  
 Look at other modules in other towns and cities. Talk to business people. Great things going on around Ennis and other towns around Clare. Needs to be even more.

All Streets could be pedestrianised but on a time rotation basis Close / Open. Suitable times to suit business.

1066 parking lots outside town centre

1067 With pedestrianisation it is no town elderly with no car spaces in car parks or on the street. Ennis 2020 - 10 Minute Town - joke.

1068 Leave well enough alone. Stop non residents changing the town on my 5 times generations past.

1069 I do not agree with pedestrianisation of Ennis since it was temporarily introduced we have seen a drop off of at least 30% in business. The vibrancy of traffic flow is essential throughout this town - Dublin city and all other county towns allow traffic flow through its main streets so it must remain in Ennis for all business to survive. The absence of traffic flow in town has encouraged anti social behaviour on a regular basis. We regularly see bicycles, skateboards and scooters go in both directions on the street and football kicking - leading to serious health and safety issues. Pedestrianisation of street must not be allowed under any circumstances.

1070 More parking spaces.  
 More outdoor seating.

1071 the way the streets are at the moment don't benefit either pedestrian or motorist. The roads are too narrow and so are the footpaths.

1072 Parking is hard to find especially since pedestrianisation.

1073 Access to Ennis is unsuitable, proper parking facilities would make pedestrianisation more favourable.  
 Business owners should and employees should have to park in designated carpark as to not take customer spaces.

1074 Healthier. Safer for younger and older residents/visitors.  
 I would also love to see a more bike friendly environment in immediate surrounds of town centre.

1075 Better signage.

1076 Better signage to get to each part of the town and time of pedestrianisation Monday to Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

1077 Parking is now a huge issue due to current pedestrianisation.

1078 Question 9 would like answered. Why close down our one arch through town. Would Limerick close down O'Connell St - Cork Patrick Street - Killarney close down High Street - Westport close down Bridge Street etc. No would be the answer.  
 Ref Ennis 2040 = 10 Min town. Try get to Queens Hotel to Old Ground.

1079 Please remember the elderly and those with mobility issues

1080 Watch ETC signage, blocking paths in numerous spaces around town, ie. outside Josie O'Sheas. I cant walk past with my double buggy as its across the road, as is the road block at the end of Abbey Street. The ---- don't allow me to pass and Kaffeine have a sign out as well so struggle to get to dropped kerbs. Thanks for widening path at Rowan Tree bridge. This was a nightmare as the path was so narrow. Please reinstate the benches though.

1081	Put nice seating around. thank you.
1082	Put a roof over the town centre
1083	There is a better atmosphere when no traffic in the streets.
	Zones for Parking.
1084	Better disabled parking, more and more visible. Outdoor Dining.
1085	Better wheelchair/pushchair access to narrow paths, not clog streets to excuse the narrow paths.
1086	More visible policing of the town centre every day not just PR stunts.
1087	Good signage is necessary for visitors
1088	None. I would be unable to go to town.
1089	No
	Bike Stands.
1090	Ennis is a perfect town for walking around and it would be lovely to see the current pedestrianisation continue.
1091	For a person who has a medical issue it is very important to be able to park in a disabled space to get to shops.
1092	Its good for one reason of air quality but real shoppers find the convenience of easy parking, Tesco has "click and collect". Some people are too lazy to shop for themselves. Dunnes Stores was the best for Ennis. You can park in the back with easy access to the town.
1093	Outdoor Dining. Upgrade O'Connell Monument. Ennis is ideally suited to pedestrianisation with its narrow historic streets.
	Car parks on routes around town as opposed to in town.
1094	Street Ambassadors who can push wheelchairs around for the disabled. Wheelchairs provided by Council for those with mobility issues. This can be booked.
1095	More car parking
1096	The businesses should have a big say.
1097	More street tables and chairs. Encourages more people into the town, tourism.
END OF REPORT	