

Save our Town from Pedestrianisation

'We the undersigned, are opposed to the closure of North Walsham market place to traffic which entails the removal of disabled parking and the free short term parking spaces from the market place. This parking is essential to the market place, giving shoppers the convenience of popping into local shops, chemists and banks. This has been the hub of the town for many years and the closure has already had a detrimental effect on local businesses.

We understand these are difficult times and social distancing is a vital part of fighting Covid 19. We have made many suggestions for a compromise that can still allow social distancing to be carried out in a safe environment without the closure of the town but we have not been listened to and not offered a compromise. So to save and local businesses we are asking for support to overturn this closure.

We are opposed to the removal of the flow of traffic, disabled parking plus the free short term parking spaces in the market place, North Walsham, Norfolk.'

Having assessed the petition, the following information was provided:

364 valid signatures – address and signature provided

306 – only a postcode and signature – no address details

135 – incomplete address – just the first line of the address provided, no postcode

75 – signature only – no address provided

4 – no signature provided

15 – outside of the District

The Council has already responded to the petition, agreeing to implement some changes to the traffic flow and parking. As required by the Council's Model Petition Scheme, the petition will be reported to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.