

Norton Radstock Regeneration Traffic Regulation Order Process - Consultation Breakdown

During the consultation period, the Council received a total of 40 responses to the request for feedback. Of those, 35 were in objection to the scheme, 1 was in favour, and the other 4 were just asking for some additional information.

As a general rule, most of the objections covered the same points. I've listed these out below for clarity.

1. Proposal will kill off local trade because:
 - People will no longer want to pop in to buy items on impulse,
 - The number of parking spaces has been greatly reduced,
 - There is not enough crossing points on the design to make it safe,
 - Deliveries to local shops will be affected by the increased traffic.
2. Proposal will add to congestion in the town centre, affecting pedestrians and bus times.
3. The proposed 360° turning manoeuvres will be dangerous to other road users and pedestrians.
4. It will produce greater air pollution in an already polluted town centre.
5. The proposal will mean the loss of the Jubilee oak tree, a significant local monument.
6. Increased vibrations from extra vehicles could damage the historic buildings and cellars in the area.
7. No provisions have been made to include the expected increase in cyclists using the NCN 24 cycle route through the area.
8. No-one can explain how the proposals will be of benefit to the residents and businesses.
9. The proposals are in breach of the Local Plan.