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To: Planning Policy NDDC
Subject: Neighbourhood Plan

Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2031
Regulation 16 Consultation 6 April to 25 May 2018
RESPONSE FORM

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Q.which document does the comment relate A.=Submission Plan
Whole document Object
to which part/page no.

part 1.1.3 page 1 "extensive consultation" only a small response from a population of over 4355
Lots of local people still seem to be un aware of the plan or its purpose. we could not see this consultation
period advertised in unity.com in last 2 issues and only a tiny ad in the bmv.
part 3.9.2 :ref"Parking could be better located"and "the route to it circuitous" In our opinion the location is
perfectly situated un fortunately access and poor signage due to recent closure by the town council of the
top part of station road has led to this .suggest modify and open top of station rd 1 way 20 mph to
increase passing trade, short term parking and diasabled parking to help retain post office as lost all banks,
improve access to car park.How could it be better placed when it is exactly where the neighbourhood plan
now see the new town centre where people can easily access all businesses the churches primary school
doctors dentists library etc.
policy 20 "creation of large outdoor motor traffic free public plaza" we think this would cause an
enormous amount of disruption to the businesses in the area and massive loss of trade ,for what gain, fail
to see how you can build all over the car park and retain as many spaces as we have now .a wide open
space could be very hard for disabled persons to cross with traffic passing through it.Do we need any more
space for market stalls as they seem in decline or any more retail shops as some on the market site remain
empty since construction 10 years ago and the lower site is still to be developed with retail potential
Solution use community space and building rather than the main road ie the railway gardens and the
exchange paved area
Adjacent to Station road car park 3 large businesses currently operate and employ local people all of these
could be in jeopardy if this plan goes ahead. When we have asked what would become of us they have
said we would probably get an offer from a developer to be bought out this does not sound like retaining
existing businesses to me .Having traded in Sturminster Newton for 49 years i m disappointed at the lack
of explanation and discussion with the business community.Also the loss of customer confidence by
showing existing businesses gone on plans handed out through unity .com