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A new Submission has been received to the Draft Thurles Local Area Plan 2024-2030

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Submission Text: The proposal put forward doesn't take into account the aging population of Thurles and the environment it looks like they are removing parking spaces from the streets of Thurles this will remove business from the town. The car parks in the town are not sufficient for the number of cars. Basically, with the ideas you have, you are closing down the town of Thurles. Recently I wanted to have my dinner in Thurles, but had to drive three times around the town in and out of car parks before I could find a parking spot. People in my organisations are not able to walk long-distance or travel by bicycle. There needs to be some age friendly parking spaces provided in the square on and on Slivenamon Road and in the area of Cathedral Street.

The proposals for Cathedral Street parking looks like as if they want to close down the church If tourists come to visit Thurles where are they expected to park as the car parks are full. Where are older People expected to park for mass not everybody can get into the cathedral yard, older, people find it very hard to park and stop off to do shopping in the centre of town. The shopkeepers in town have paid the rates and contributed to the town of Thurles over the years and this is the way you propose to close them down by having no parking spaces adjacent to the premises. There is not enough seating area around the square for people to Sesh and rest. There are so many different levels on the square – people can trip on. This is just not acceptable by our organisation. There is

very little ramps for wheelchairs provided in this plan.

I personally live in [REDACTED] and there is no rule transport serving my area so if I have to go to go to Thurles, I must bring my car where can I find a place to park it that is convenient to the shops that I go to. It looks like you are driving everyone to the large commercial unit on the outskirts of the town.

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