



Cc: Judith Rogerson, Andrew Jones MP, Mark Swards

Dear Judith, Andrew & Mark,

Re-generating Harrogate Town Centre

Independent Harrogate is now the voice for over 170 local businesses who are concerned about the recent decline in our town centre. We would be very grateful if each of you could let us have your responses to the following questions, so that our members can see where you stand and be better able to make their minds up as to how they are going to vote at the upcoming election.

- Q1 Do you agree that the town centre has declined and needs re-generating?
- Q2 Do you support an element of free on-street parking in the town centre to increase footfall and help even the playing field with out-of-town retailers?
- Q3 Would you support or resist any attempt to increase pedestrianisation in, or removal of cars from, the town centre?
- Q3 How could you help re-generate our town centre?
- Q4 Do you support a policy of a reduction in business rates which helps even the playing field between bricks and mortar and on-line businesses?

We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope you will be happy for us to circulate your replies to our members and the local media.

Yours sincerely

Robert Ogden
Independent Harrogate
