

Reading: a newspaper article

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Name: _____ Datum: _____

Town Bans Cars from High Street — and Shops Say Thank You. By Sarah Lowe. Six months ago, the town council of Harrowby closed its high street to cars. Local businesses feared the worst. „We thought we would lose half our customers," says baker Tom Riley. Instead, footfall has risen by 22 per cent, according to council figures released on Monday. Cafés have put tables outside, and a weekly market now fills the street on Saturdays. Not everyone is happy, however. Residents of the nearby streets complain about parked cars, and taxi drivers say they have lost income. The council will review the scheme in March.

1 Structure: Find the parts of the article.

Headline - byline - lead - body - outlook.

- a) Write down the headline and the byline. _____
- b) Which sentence is the lead (the summary of the whole story)?

- c) Which paragraph gives the other side of the argument? Quote the signal word that introduces it.

2 Answer the questions in full sentences.

Use your own words where possible.

- a) What did the council do and when? _____
- b) Why is Tom Riley quoted?

- c) What has changed on the high street? Name two things.

- d) Who is unhappy and why? _____

3 Fact or opinion? Write F or O and give the words that show it.

Facts: numbers, dates, sources (according to). Opinions and claims: says, thinks, feared.

- a) Footfall has risen by 22 per cent. _____
- b) „We thought we would lose half our customers." _____
- c) Taxi drivers say they have lost income. _____
- d) The council will review the scheme in March. _____

4 Write a comment (60 to 80 words): Should your town do the same?

In my opinion ... / Firstly ... / However ... / To sum up ...

- a) Take a clear position and give two reasons from the article or your own experience.

