Reading: a newspaper article

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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.
Headline: Town Bans Cars from High Street — and Shops Say Thank You. Byline: By Sarah Lowe.

b) Which sentence is the lead (the summary of the whole story)?
Six months ago, the town council of Harrowby closed its high street to cars.

c) Which paragraph gives the other side of the argument? Quote the signal word that introduces it.
The second half: „Not everyone is happy, however." — signal word: however

2 Answer the questions in full sentences.

Use your own words where possible.

a) What did the council do and when? *The council closed the high street to cars six months ago.*

b) Why is Tom Riley quoted?
He is a local business owner who feared losing customers — his quote shows how the mood has changed.

c) What has changed on the high street? Name two things.
Cafés have tables outside; there is a weekly market on Saturdays; more people visit (footfall up 22 %).

d) Who is unhappy and why? *Residents of nearby streets (parked cars) and taxi drivers (lost income).*

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. *F — number, „according to council figures"*

b) „We thought we would lose half our customers." *O — direct quote, „we thought"*

c) Taxi drivers say they have lost income. *O / claim — „say"*

d) The council will review the scheme in March. *F — announced plan*

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.
Own text. Check: position in the first sentence, two reasons, one counter-argument with however, conclusion.