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OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Subject: Market Place Barriers	
Applicable Strategy: 1. Improve and increase facilities within the town. 2. Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups.	

Background

From the 15th June, to support the safe reopening of Oakham's High Streets and bring people back to shop safely, temporary safety measures were put in place around the town centre.

This included the Market Place. It was re-designed to allow for safe social distancing and was divided into two halves. One for car parking and other side for local businesses to allow for outdoor seating.

However, it appears there is a combination of them being blown over, being moved, and being hit by cars so ideally to ensure they are doing their job, they require a daily check. This is now being funded by Highways, resulting in less budget for reactive maintenance and taking officers away from other essential work.

Proposals

1. To ask for the Market Place to be returned to its original layout with two rows of parking
2. To keep the new layout but replace orange barriers with permanent retractable bollards and signage.
3. To ask the Clerk to investigate designs and costs