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While there is commendable attention paid to sports facilities, there is no mention whatsoever of Arts and leisure – equally important to the mental and general health of the population.

I am also very concerned that, amid all these wonderful development plans, no thought at all is being given to parking provision. Not for new houses or new, purpose-built business premises, but for use by commuters in to existing business (especially the supermarkets) or where former dwellings have undergone a change of use to business premises.

I live in Thame, so I can say from personal observation that the number of parked cars evident on the streets of Thame (outside of the town's very inadequate car-parking provision) is increasing by the week. Many residential side roads are clogged with them throughout the day and many cars are illegally parked, too close the end of road, where they block the view of drivers turning out. Thame is drowning in parked cars and because of this, it's no longer an 'attractive Market Town'. If visitors try the local historical walk these days, they will mostly see a random assortment of parked cars, all day every day. In addition, we seem to be allowing taxis (from Aylesbury) to be using the area around the Town Hall as additional rank, parking on the double yellow lines and endangering pedestrians by obscuring the line of sight along the Buttermarket for delivery vehicles.

I am disgusted by the apparent lack of interest in this issue. Do we need a serious incident, probably involving death, before it's given any serious consideration? I am fully aware that there are three councils potentially involved but I must point out that, in 2019, we do possess sufficient means of communication for the matter to be discussed, if only someone could be bothered!

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