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1) Writers of persuasive texts often use powerful, emotive words such as irresponsible and surely. Find more examples and underline them.

In my opinion, the council's decision to build a new car park in the town centre is wrong. I have several reasons for disagreeing with this irresponsible decision.

First, a new car park will encourage more people to drive into the town centre. More traffic means more road congestion, and therefore more pollution. All right-thinking residents must agree there is already too much traffic in the town centre.

Second, we urgently need more cycle paths into town, not more car parks. If there were more cycle paths, fewer people would use their cars so we wouldn't need the car park. This would be a healthier option for everyone.

Finally, car parks attract crime. There are frequent reports in local newspapers about thefts from cars. Surely we shouldn't provide thieves with a new venue to target?

Although some people might argue that a car park is convenient, I think I have shown that convenience comes at a cost. But it is not too late to reverse the decision. I urge you to voice your disapproval by writing to your local council member.