

WAINUIOMATA STREETSCAPE BRIEFING



16 JUNE 2021 - 5.35PM

ATTENDEES

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Shaw and Cr Rasheed

Staff: Ms J Miller, Chief Executive, Ms H Oram, Director of Environment and Sustainability, Mr K Puketapu-Dentice, Director of Economy and Development, Mr G Craig, Head of Business and Economy, Ms C Allan, Place Making Advisor, Mr R Qian, Landscape Architect, Mr I Velasco, Urban Design Team Lead and Ms J Randall, Democracy Advisor

Presenters: Mr C McDonald from McIndoe Urban and Mr D Males from Local Landscape Architecture Collective

APOLOGIES

Elected Members: Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Sutton

ABSENCE

Elected Members: Cr Milne

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is for the Director Economy and Development to provide an update on the Wainuiomata Streetscape project to elected members.

PRESENTATION

The Head of Business and Economy outlined the engagement process for the project. He advised a revised concept had been developed as a result of feedback received from the public.

Slide 1 – **Purpose of the project:** Outline

Slide 2 – **Where are we at:** The design is almost finalised. Community feedback is to be integrated. Detailed design will commence from July.

Slide 3 – **Guiding principles**

Slide 4 – **Town centre framework:** An aspirational framework for the town centre. The area is expected to grow over the next few years.

- Slide 5 – **Preliminary concept for consultation:** A concept to create a new town square that links to the shopping centre and the civic square. A new accessible space for people with activity to enliven it.
- Slides 6-7 – **Preliminary concepts distributed for consultation**
- Slide 8 - **Budget:** The budget for the project remains unchanged.
- Slides 9-10 -**Queen Street area upgrade:** A summary of feedback received. The proposed new plan will include accessible public toilets by using existing toilets in the Memorial Hall. It will help business improve their facades, add interactive art and additional paving. An already proposed skate park will become part of the plan.
- Slide 11 - **Queen Street parking:** Shows existing parking. Feedback was received on parking near the butcher shop and the lawn mower shop.
- Slide 12 - **Preliminary concept for consultation:** An increase in parking spaces is proposed.
- Slide 13 - **Revised scheme:** The revised scheme provides mobility parking outside the pharmacy. There is more parking added to the plan including spaces outside the lawn mower and butcher shops. Access has been provided behind the lawn mower shop.
- Slide 14 – **Additional access lane parking:** Shows additional parking in the accessway.
- Slides 15-16 -**Queen Street Area upgrade after engagement feedback:** Incorporates a pavilion to activate the space. An operator will be found who is willing to work with the local community.
- Slides 17-18 –**Potential for a public toilet:** The importance of a public toilet was evident in the feedback. The existing Memorial Hall toilets made accessible externally will make better use of an existing facility.
- Slide 19 - **Memorial Hall interface and decking:** Council already own a container that could be used.
- Slide 20-23 –**Playful sculpture:** Proposed installation of an interactive piece of art that can be used by children. There is an opportunity for sponsorship and to work with the Dowse Sculpture Trust for funding.
- Slide 24-25- **Integrating cultural expression:** Materials used in paving and furniture will incorporate cultural features. The project board will work with the community on this.
- Slide 26-27 –**Te Ara Raukura:** The type of furniture used will help activate the area.
- Slide 28-29 –**Streetscape extension costs:** If paving is used to wrap around the ends of the streetscape area it would need additional funds. This is considered important to demarcate the space and welcome people.
- Slide 30-31 –**Shop frontage upgrades:** The project board is working with owners and occupiers to try to activate spaces in the shopping centres. A small fund could assist owners to upgrade their facades.

Slide 32-33 – **Designing for temporary activation:** Power will be installed in the space so that events can take place.

Slide 34-44 – The preliminary concept for consultation and the revised scheme images were presented. The project board is investigating the cost implications of the new scheme.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- The area will be well lit and the project board is looking at ways to ensure shop frontages are also well lit.
- The road is one way which provides more room for cars to swing in and out of car parks. In addition each parking bay will be a more generous size than before. Council's Transport Division is working on ensuring there is sufficient disabled car parking.
- There is provision for bike parking but parking for scooters may also be investigated. Seating has back and arm rests.
- A member requested that rubbish bins are not situated close to seating.
- Assessments of improvements are underway. The project group wants to discourage vandalism and build trust with retailers so they don't feel the need for roller doors.
- The new space is an opportunity for street art.
- There is a risk new developments of medium density housing in the area will encourage residential parking in the streetscape area. A traffic trial may be needed.
- It was suggested work in the shopping centre be avoided in the period before Christmas to provide less disruption to retailers.

NEXT STEPS

Options will be considered by the project board. The updated design will be reported to the Communities Committee on 14 July 2021. The design will then proceed to the detailed design phase and to final design and implementation. The project board have commissioned a survey of the site commencing in July as part of the detailed design stage.

Mayor Barry requested that the project be added to the list of major projects to help it progress.

The briefing closed at 6.20pm

Attachment: Powerpoint Presentation