

# Consultation Summary Ohakune

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# 1

# INTRODUCTION

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## FUTURE OHAKUNE

The Future Ohakune Project was built up and developed by the community over several workshops and refined through community engagement in the form of public open days.

The process for developing the project was:

In early 2020 Council funded consultants Boffa Miskell to work with the community on developing a strategic revitalisation plan for Ohakune.

This resulted in the development of the Future Ohakune Reference Group (made up of representatives from the community, Ngāti Rangi, big and small local businesses, farming and market gardeners) to establish some initial ideas and propose some potential objectives, initiatives and projects for the future of Ohakune.

The community was asked for their feedback on this initial work over a series of open days in October 2020. This event successfully identified the things that are of the greatest importance to the Ohakune community including a large number of ideas and development opportunities.



# ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

## ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

The engagement took place over Friday the 21st and Sunday 23rd of October 2022. Below is an a summary of the sign in details of those who attended.

### FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

- Approximately 20 attendees (12 completed the sign in sheet)

### SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

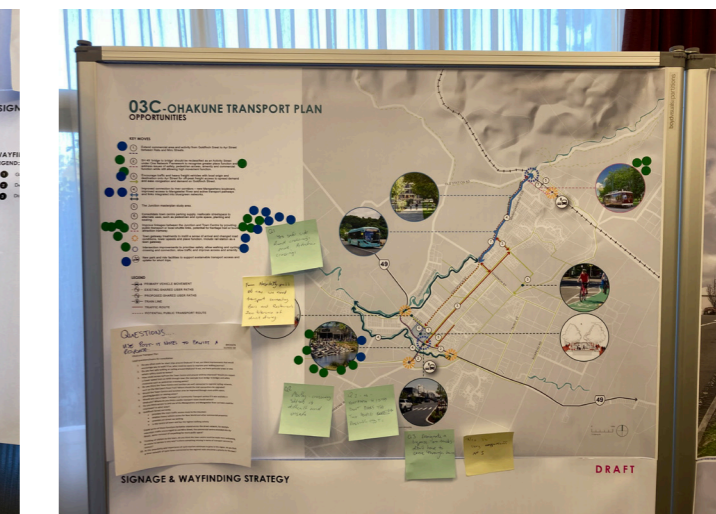
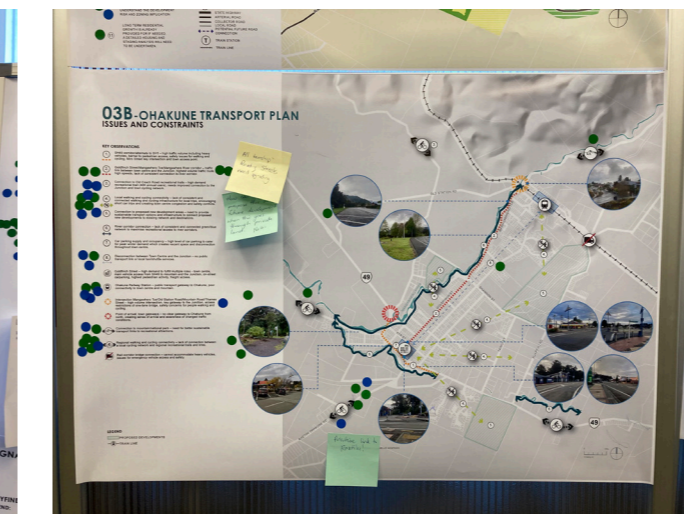
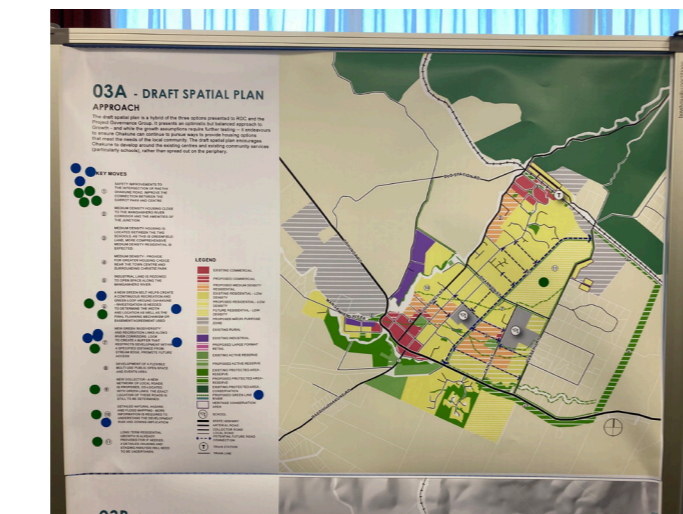
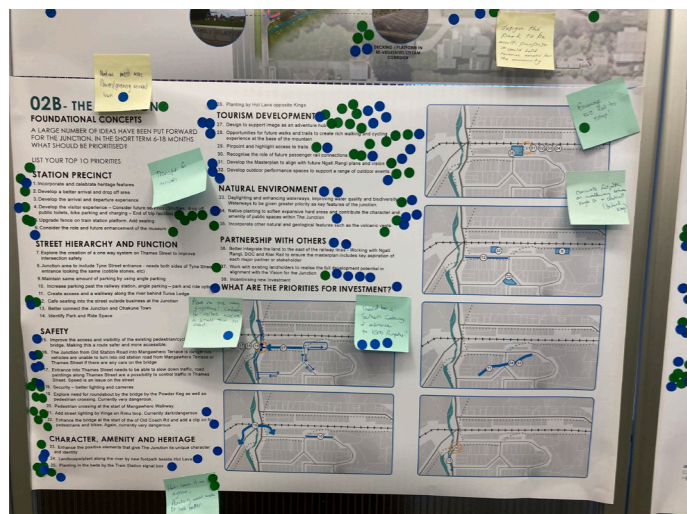
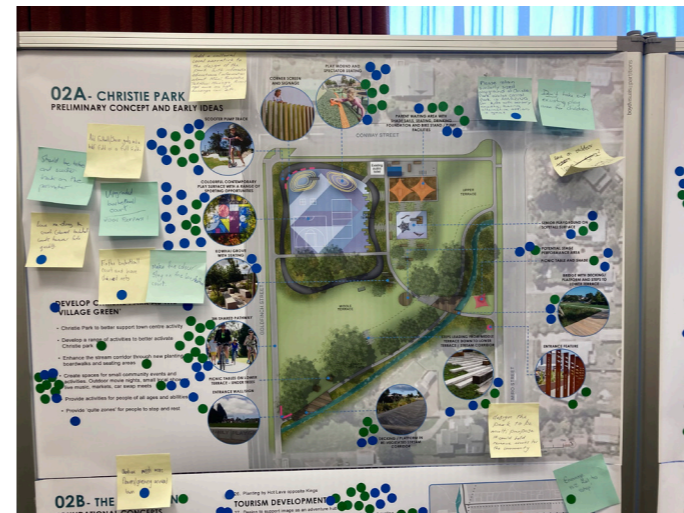
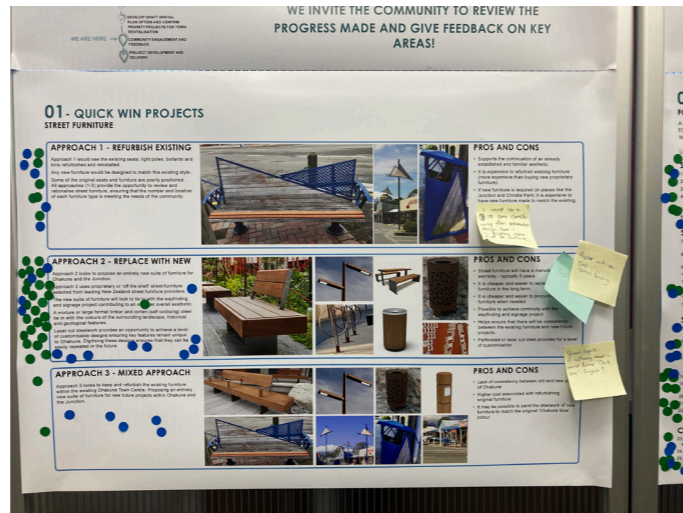
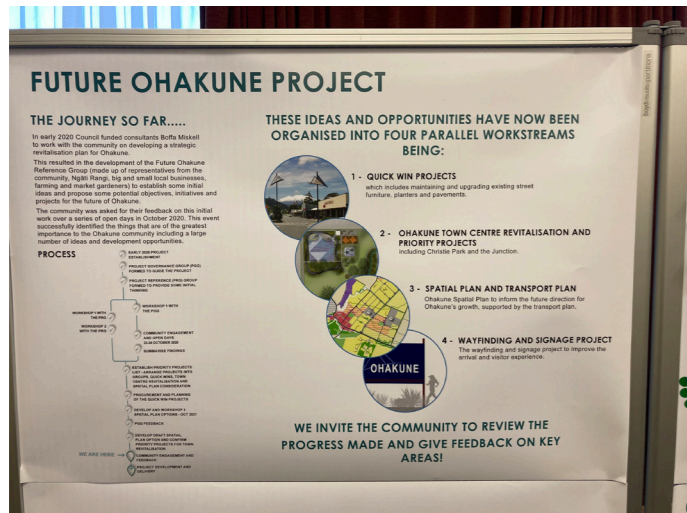
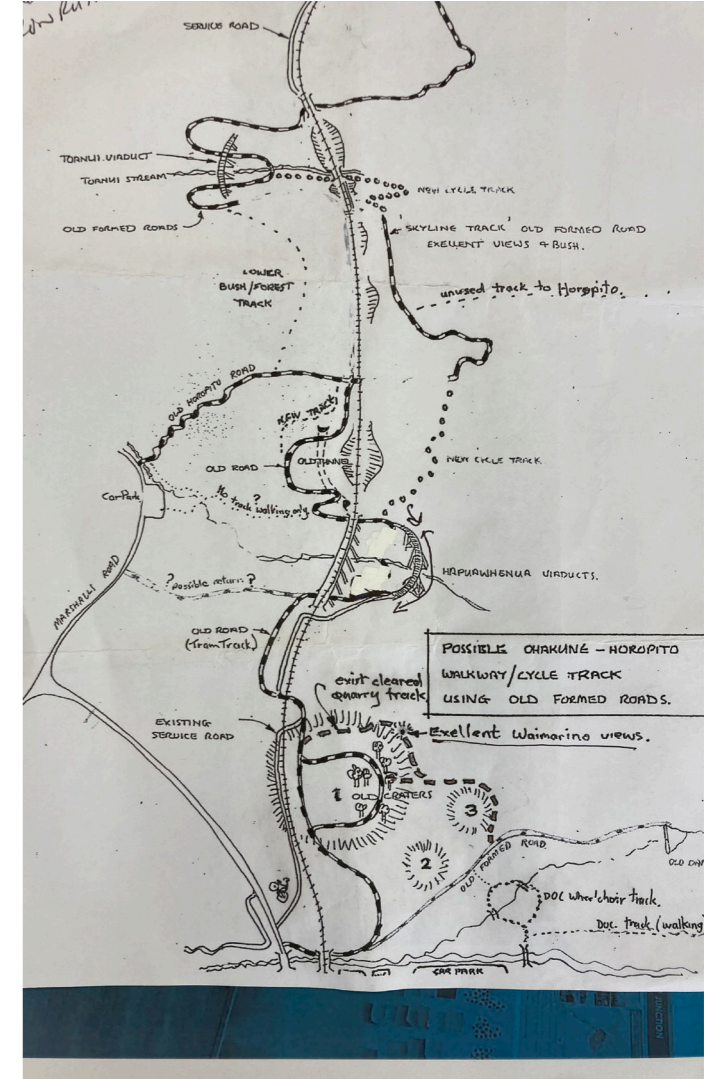
- Approximately 75 attendees (61 completed the sign in sheet)

### DEMOGRAPHICS

- Approximately 75 attendees (61 completed the sign in sheet)



# PHOTOS OF ENGAGEMENT



# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q1

## ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

The following results are from the 8 questions put to the community on the engagement boards used on Friday the 21st and Sunday 23rd of October 2022.

### QUESTION 1 - QUICK WIN PROJECTS

What approach should we take to address the upgrade of street furniture?

- A - Refurbish Existing
- B - Replace with new
- C - Mixed approach

Option C

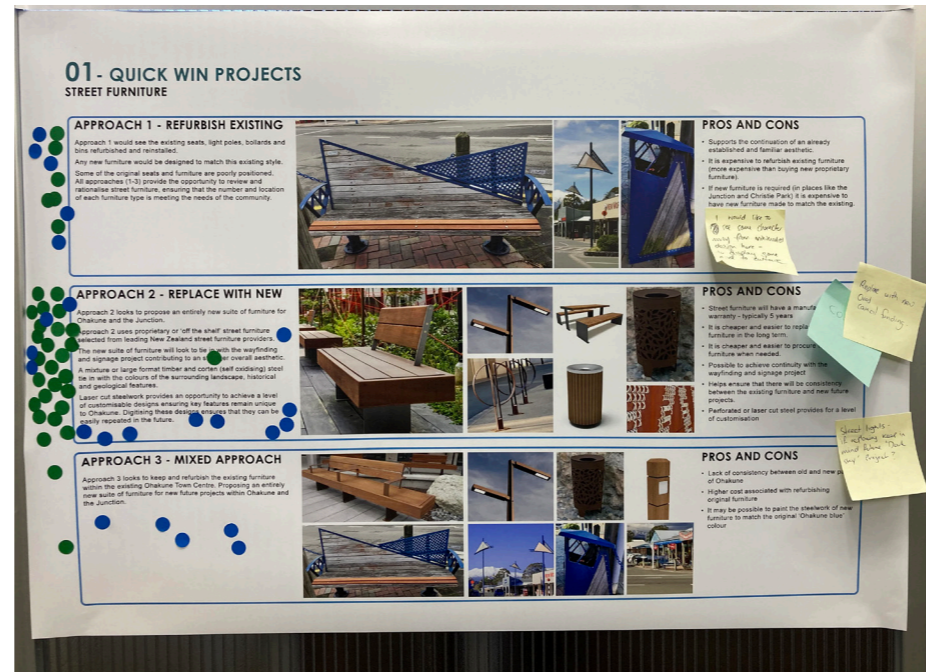
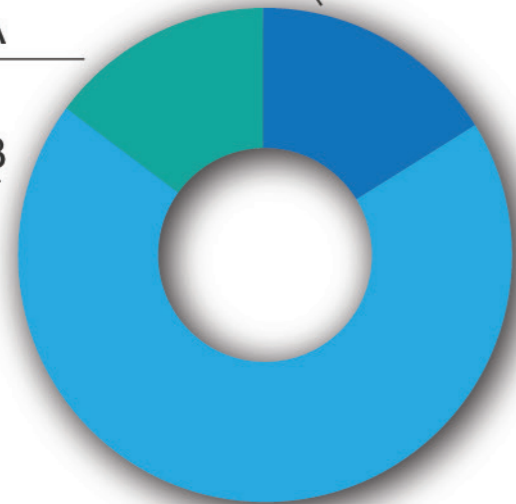
14.7%

Option A

16.2%

Option B

69.1%



### DOTS ON BOARDS

#### HIGH SUPPORT -

- Replace with new - 39 dots

This supports the survey findings.

#### MEDIUM - LOW SUPPORT -

- Refurbish - 11
- Mixed - 6

### COMMENTS - ON ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

I would like to see some character away from minimalist design here – to display some nod to culture.

Replace with new, owed Council funding

Cost?

Street lights if replacing keep in mind future 'Dark Sky' Project.

### COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Include cultural aspects in the new 2x

Include The Junction

More bike stands 3x (suitable for e-bikes)

Keep some of the lights in Town Centre – strike a balance

Cost of maintenance needs to be considered /Good maintenance programme documented 3x

Consistency 2x

Cost efficiency is important 3x

Cost dependent

Keep simple and modernised, not a fussy design 2x

Mixed and matched looks terrible

Mixed use model is good – for little kids but also older ones

New not a priority

Not a poor patch up

Balance between keeping old and making new

New furniture along the river and at Junction needed

### SO WHAT?

- Wide support for replace with new from dots and survey results
- In new furniture consider maintenance, unfussy design that is future proofed (i.e e bikes)



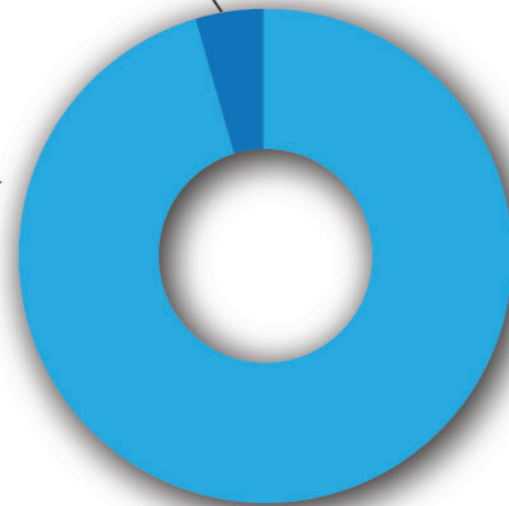
# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q2A

## QUESTION 2A - CHRISTIE PARK

Do you agree that investment should be made into the upgrade of Christie Park?

Yes  
No

No  
**4.3%**  
  
Yes  
**95.7%**



### DOTS ON BOARDS

#### HIGH SUPPORT - 12+ dots

- Colourful contemporary play surface with a range sporting opportunities
- Scooter pump track
- 3m shared pathway

#### MEDIUM SUPPORT - 3-5 dots

- Senior playground on softfall surface
- Decking/platform in re-vegetation stream corridor
- Steps leading down from middle terrace/stream corridor
- Bridge with decking/platform and steps to lower terrace
- Potential stage performance area



### COMMENTS - ON ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

Add a cultural local narrative to the design of the park with informative educational information about Māui Ruapehu TeKahui Maunga, Rivers, Ngā awa me ngā hononga iwi etc

Add football/soccer goals and a half Field or a full field

Upgraded basketball Court, widen footpath

Love re-doing the Court. Coloured basketball Court, however fade quickly

Fix the basketball Court and have chained nets

Make the colour stay on the basketball Court

Please retain similarly sized playground at Christie park. Whilst Carrot park is amazing for kids with sensory anxiety, having alternative options is great.

Dont take out existing play area for children

Have an outdoor learning space (Trees, interactive play, etc)

Design the park to be multi purpose i.e. could hold revenue Events for the community

Should be bike and scooter park on the perimeter

### COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Include iwi and cultural narratives 2x

Outdoor concerts and entertainment

Ensure a good link to town

Long overdue – needs it 3x

Focus on the carrot park, make Christie park different – ie swimming pool 2x

Create a space for outdoor community events

Demands upgrading

Great option for locals with young families

Make sure the colours on the court stay

Retain similar sized playground

Consistent theme with other parks

Senior playground, small children at the Carrot park

Another space for outside viewing of movies for families

Safe location with easy connection to town

Encourage further development and promote outdoor events and sport 2x

Not bright colour, fade in sun

Small spending with revegetation will go a long way

Entrance of our community looks broken and shabby

### SO WHAT?

- Dots support the comments in a change of court surface making the space useable to a range of groups. Concern that colour will fade, so careful consideration of longevity and maintenance to be considered during selection and design.
- Wide support for the widening of the footpath and scooter pump track.
- Support for cultural narratives and outdoor learning/movie space that is multi functional.
- Wide support generally that the Park is long overdue for an upgrade. It must ensure good linkages to town and serve a number of community functions (from play to community events).

# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q3

## QUESTION 3 - CHRISTIE PARK

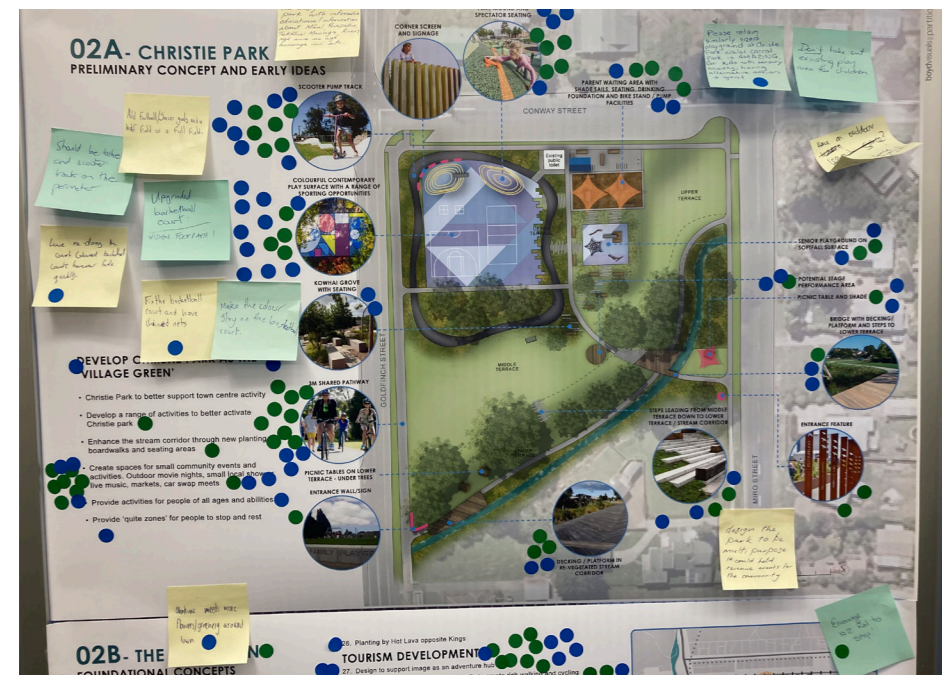
Do you support the options put forward or are there others you would like to see?

Yes

No

Comment

Yes  
100%



## COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Really like the Kowhai grove idea

Climbing wall

Ice skating in winter 2x

Bigger toilets 2x

Great to see a mix of activities included

More bike racks

Include a stage

Power access 2x

Big kids at the carrot park

Make multifunction

If redeveloped should be completely different to Carrot park

Visionary thinking on issues to support economic, social and environmental prosperity for the town

If adventure tourism during summer, need to be able to treat injuries.

Swimming pool

Volleyball sand pit, large chess set

Smaller park around Junction end

Skate park

Picnic areas, outdoor entertainment space, older children playground and pump track

Outdoor fireplaces

Village green

## SO WHAT?

- Consideration that Christie Park playground need to serve a different purpose to that of the Carrot Park.
- Strong support for making the park multifunctional including idea of power access (links to multifunctional support from Question 2).
- Both a range of activities (volleyball, skate, pump track, climbing wall) as well as furniture (bike racks, stage, outdoor fire places) were suggested again linking to the need for the space to be multifunctional
- Support for Kowhai Grove for creates shade for multifunctional spaces and increases amenity of the park space

# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q2B

## QUESTION 2B - THE JUNCTION

In the boxes below, please rank your preferred ideas for The Junction (with 1 having the highest priority)?

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
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- 10 Station Precinct
- 10 Tourism Development
- 8 Tourism Development
- 6 Safety
- 6 Street Hierarchy and Function
- 6 Station Precinct
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- 5 Tourism Development
- 5 Character, Amentiy and Heritage
- 4 Safety
- 4 Partnership with others
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- 2 Partnership with others
- 1 Character, Amentiy and Heritage
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- 1 Street Hierarchy and Function
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- not marked 19
- only marked 1 8 (option 10,10,5,5,4,4,3)
- marked up to 2 1
- marked up to 3 1
- marked up to 4 2
- marked up to 6 5
- marked up to 7 4
- marked up to 8 1
- marked up to 9 2
- marked up to 10 25
- own priorities stated 1
- unclear 1

### Priority



## COMMENTS - ON ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

Station precinct - Transport for arrivals

Please no one way systems! Confusing for visitors. Were a Small town. No need.

Should be a Southern Gateway at entrance to Koro Ruapehu?

Hot lava is an eyesore. Planting wont make it look better.

Encourage NZ Rail to stop.

Concrete footpath on walkway between Foyle Street and Utuhia Place (behind Kings)

## COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Adventure hub and better linking to TC are key

Replace one way bridge – make room for a shared path

Thames St oneway a good idea

More Ped crossing at the junction end

Train station and experience of people stopping is important 2x

Light refurbishment – focus on town infrastructure

More wet weather options

Make multifunction

Not too worried about the junction

Develop area with good infrastructure and traffic flow

Establish the Southern Gateway as entrance point to Koro

## SO WHAT?

- Tourism development, safety and the station precinct received the most support both from the dots and survey results highlighting the key areas the community would like to see improved.
- Mixed thoughts on the creation of any one way streets.
- Support for the Southern Gateway as an entrance to Koro Ruapehu which links to tourism development.
- The natural environment received medium support and supports tourism through increased amenity.

## DOTS ON BOARDS

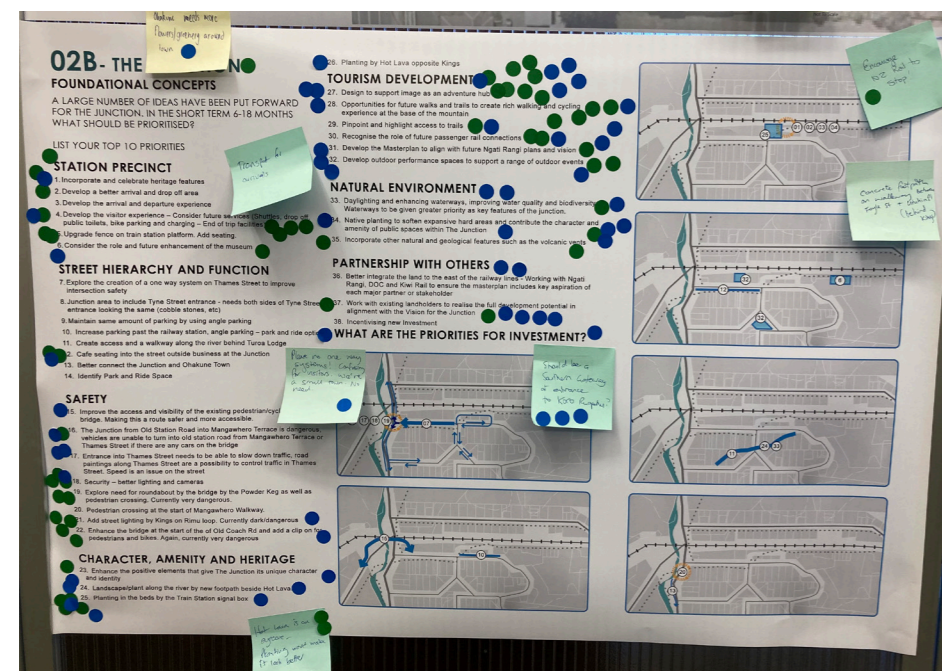
### HIGH SUPPORT -

- Tourism development - 38
- Safety - 17
- Station precinct - 14
- Natural environment - 10

This supports the high priority given to

### MEDIUM SUPPORT -

- Partnerships with others - 9
- Street hierarchy and function - 3



# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q3A

## QUESTION 3A - DRAFT SPATIAL PLAN

The Ohakune Spatial Plan sets out the key priorities for Ohakune looking at how Ohakune grows and responds to the key pressures that exist. Does the Spatial Plan and key moves provide the right direction?

Yes

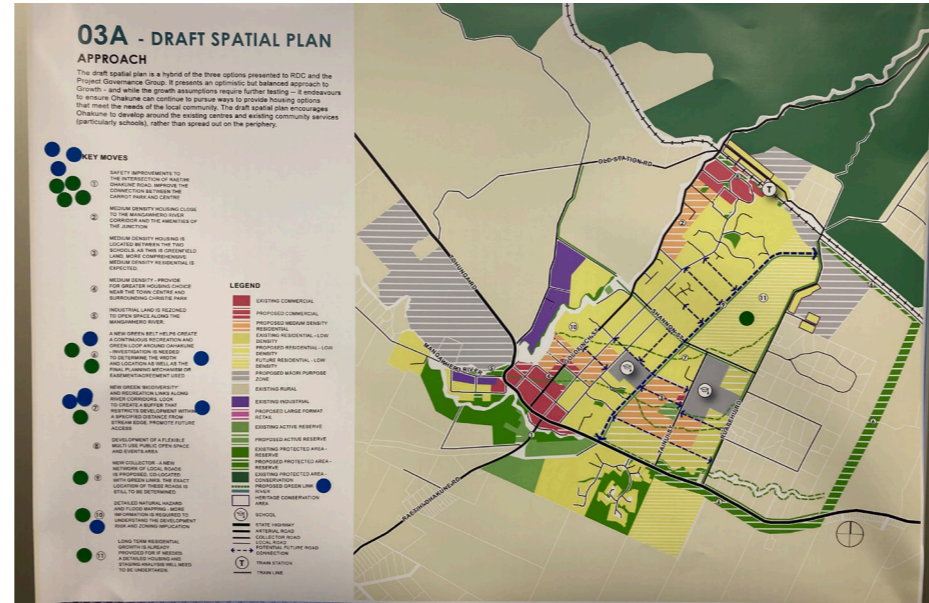
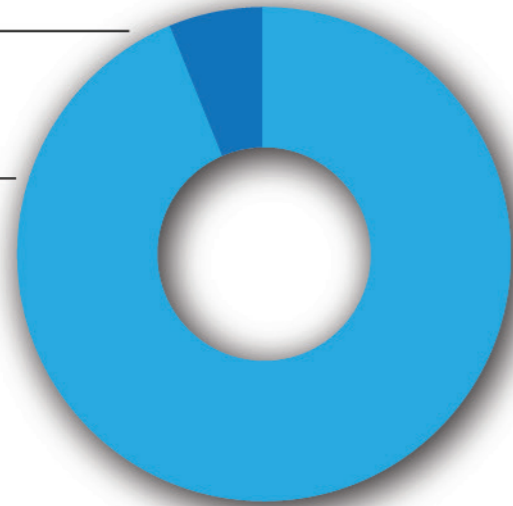
No

No

6.0%

Yes

94.0%



## COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Needs stronger open space and recreation focus

Keep existing commercial more or less to existing footprint

Keep all new development to the town side of SH – make sure things are consolidated with a key focal point

Needs to consider more industrial ie commercial area for new businesses 2x

Need to ensure you talk to landowners where open space is tag over private property

Take into account flooding and climate change 2x

Avoids sprawl good future focused options

Plan is fine but should be broader focus on coordination with DOC, Iwi, ect to improve summer activities

Mountain biking on lower mountain

1-day magnificent hike to view the crater late – “Ohakunes crossing”

Cycle link between Ohakune and Raetihi 3x

Attract events

Maori Purpose plan extended to Atham blocks

Good early engagement with property owners if land is tagged for public use 2x

Different zones for density not needed. To many sections under 300m2 already

## SO WHAT?

- High support for safety improvements to Raetihi Ohakune Road and the Carrot Park / link to the town centre.
- Doing further investigations into flood mapping was supported by both the dots and the survey comments.
- Several comments around keeping the commercial area focused and consolidated which supports a vibrant and compact centre for walkability and tourism
- Cycling and cycle links received several comments highlighting that future connections cross town and to key destinations needs to be accounted for in the spatial plan

## DOTS ON BOARDS

### HIGH SUPPORT - 5+ dots

- Safety improvements to the intersection of Raetihi Ohakune Road. Improve the connection between the carrot park and centre - 7
- New Green biodiversity and recreation links along river corridor. Look to create a buffer that restricts development within a specified distance from stream edge. Promote future Access - 5
- A new Green belt helps create a continuous recreation and Green loop around Ohakune – investigation is needed to determine the width and locatio as well as the final planning mechanism or easement/ agreement used - 4

### MEDIUM SUPPORT - 1-2 dots

- Detailed Natural hazard and flood mapping - 2
- Detailed housing and staging analysis - 1
- New collector - 1

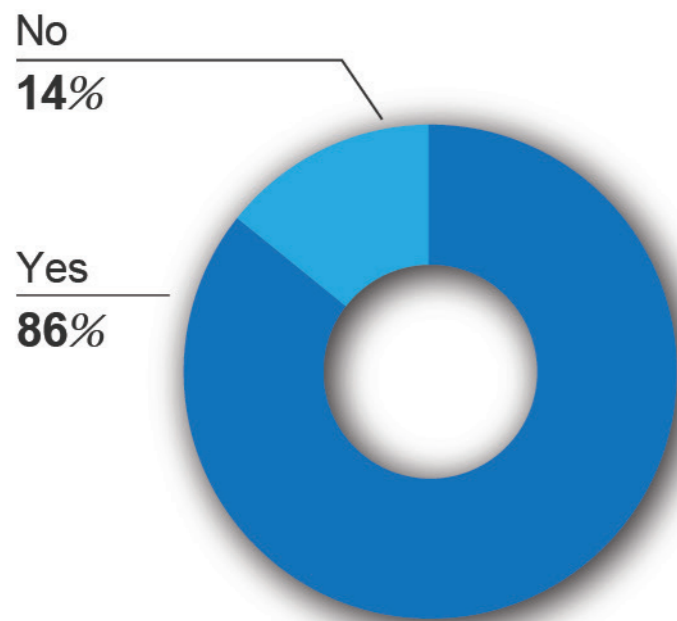
# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q3B

## QUESTION 3B - OHAKUNE TRANSPORT PLAN - ISSUES AND CONSTRAINTS

Are there any other transport related issues or constraints?

Yes

No



## COMMENTS - ON ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

All township roading streets need upgrading

How can you even propose this as future development when this goes through private land – No. 4

Prioritise link to Raetihi!

## COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

Public transport (between Junction and town) 2x

30 km speed limit bridge to bridge

Raetihi shuttle

Parking in town centre is dangerous. Pedestrians have little awareness of vehicles in this area

Hospitality linked with transport year around

Safe cycling – green belt trail / cycle lanes/ main road 3x

E-scooters/e-bikes 2x

Relocate SH49A away from Centre of Ohakune 2x

Slow down traffic – speed signs 2x

Speed signs

Walking and inclusive access around town

Shuttle for late at night 2x

Park and Ride up the mountain 4x

Encourage more walking – improve accessways between schools and CBD 2x

Shared paths need to be wider everywhere

Safe crossing in town to cross to the pool

Develop single focal point including retail, food and services in CBD

## SO WHAT?

- General themes of improved safety, public transport and cycle access comes through strongly in the survey comments
- Accessways/connections to wider destinations such as the school, hospitality venues and the pool from the CBD should be considered
- Safety is a priority in any upgrades of the CBD including design for inclusive access

# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY Q3C

## QUESTION 3C - OHAKUNE TRANSPORT PLAN - OPPORTUNITIES

Out of the key moves what do you see as being the top priority? Any other comments?



### DOTS ON BOARDS

HIGH SUPPORT FOR -

- Improve linkages between The Junction and Town Centre by providing public transport or local shuttle links

### COMMENTS - ON ENGAGEMENT BOARDS

- Yes safer side Road crossings. More pedestrian crossings
- From hospitality point of view we need transport connecting Bars and Restaurants. Zero tolerance of drink driving.
- Mostly crossing SH49 is difficult and unsafe
- Footpath widths dont Cross the two people passing test
- Designate a bypass so trucks dont have to come through town
- This is very important – No 5

### COMMENTS - ON SURVEYS

- Roads upgrade
- Remove parallel parking on SH49 to reduce congestion and improve visibility
- Encourage tourist activity also in the summer
- Join up junction to maintained walk/cycle ways 2x
- Development but also maintenance of the assets
- Safe crossing to the Carrot Park 2x
- Tram from Junction to town 3x
- Tidy up and plantings
- Growth of tourism, entertainment that support local community
- Cycling to be more connected to other places 4x
- Park and ride
- Green belt around Ohakune with walking and biking access
- Carvings or features that can be added by local Iwi
- Consider traffic flow into the supermarket. Now causes congestion
- Connect the junction to town
- Safety over aesthetics
- Activities to attract people to come to Ohakune
- Corten steel with wooden sleeper on the side for signs

### SO WHAT?

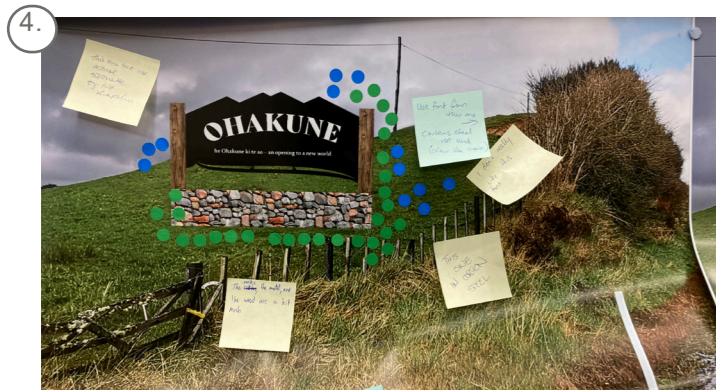
- Support from comments on engagement boards and surveys to making SH49 safer. Suggestions through removing car parking.
- Safe crossing to the Carrot Park is mentioned here and also in earlier survey comments.
- Wide support for increased cycling connections to other destinations. This links to several other survey question comments noting its high community support.
- Wide support also for connections via public transport from the town centre to The Junction.
- Several comments around improvements for tourism (summer activities, activities to attract people) links to the strong desire to consider tourism from question 2B.

# 2 SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

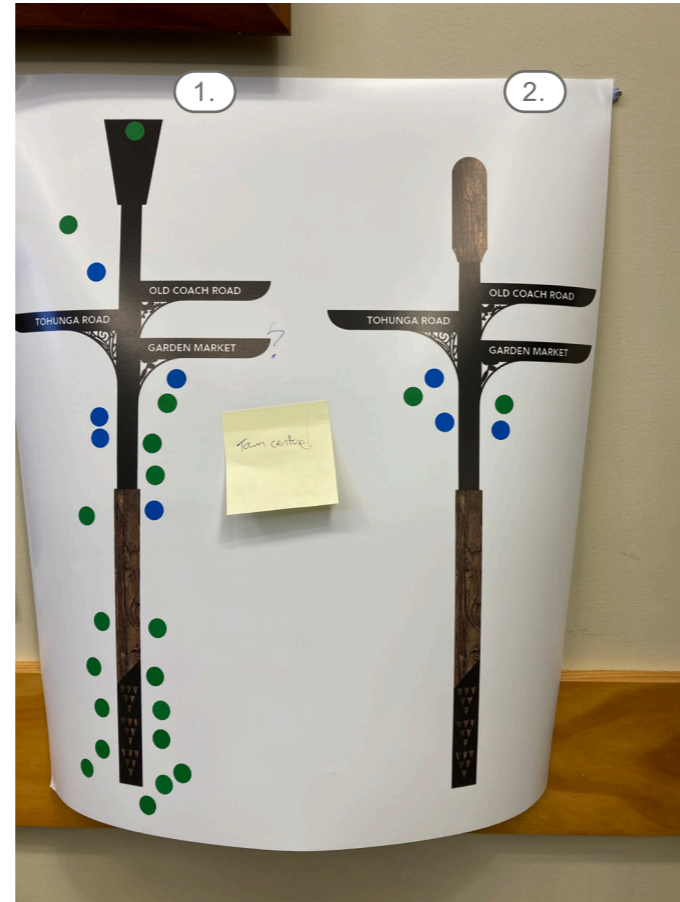
# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

## GATEWAY AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

### GATEWAY FEATURE SIGN



### DIRECTIONAL WAY FINDING



### COMMENTS

#### GATEWAY FEATURE SIGN -

This one but use actual silhouette of Mt Ruapehu.

Use font from this one, corten steel not Black (colour like scoria)

I dont really like this font

This one in corten steel

The rocks, the wood and the metal are a bit much

Corten steel

### SO WHAT?

#### GATEWAY FEATURE SIGN -

Wide support for option 4, then option 2. Font is preferred from option 1 over option 4. Wide support for the use of corten steel. Care will be required in final design to ensure the multi use of materials work well together.

#### DIRECTIONAL WAY FINDING SIGN -

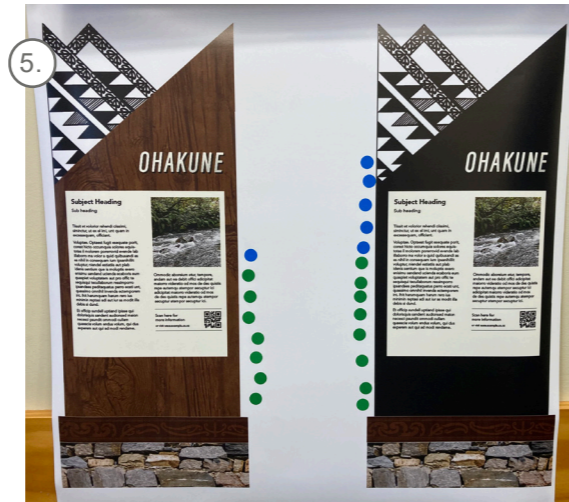
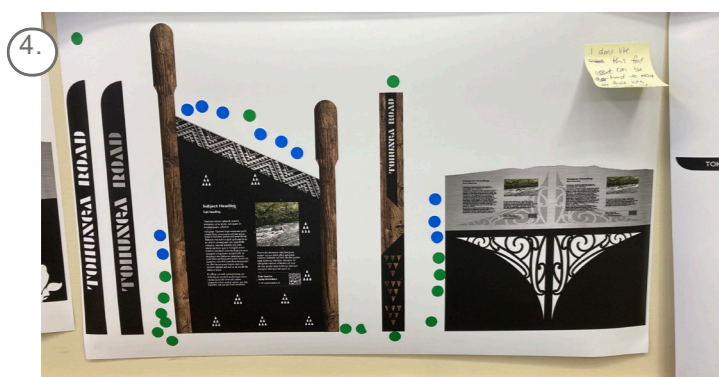
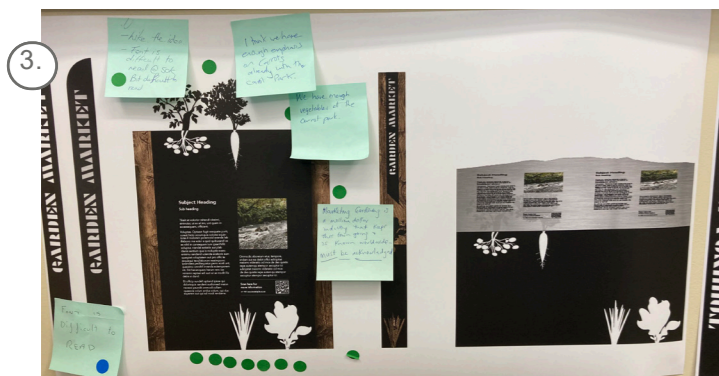
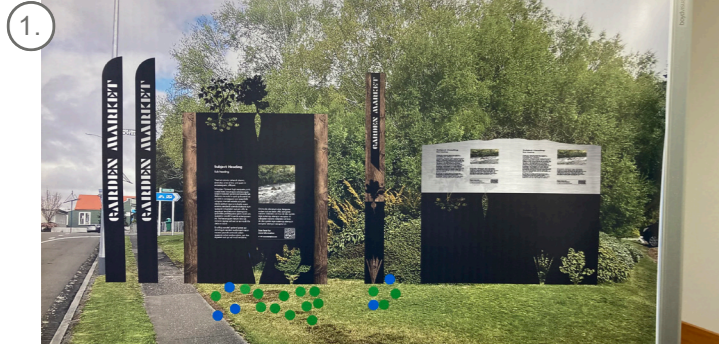
Most support through dots was given to option 1.



# ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

## DESTINATIONAL SIGNAGE

### DESTINATIONAL WAY FINDING



### COMMENTS

#### OPTION 3

Like the idea, font is difficult to read

I think we have enough emphasis on carrots already with the carrot park

We have enough vegetables at the carrot park

Market gardening is a million dollar industry that keeps this town going and is known worldwide. Must be acknowledged.

Font is difficult to read (Comment on tall thin signs)

#### OPTION 4

I dont like this font can be hard to read for those who might not use english. Eg arabic/script

### SO WHAT?

#### DOT RANKING

Option 2 centre - 21

Option 1 and 4 - 15

Option 5 - 13

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