MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Agenda

Wednesday 16 September 2026, 8:30 am

The meeting will be held at the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding, and a video recording made available on

www.mdc.govt.nz

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson

His Worship the Mayor, Michael Ford

Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Grant Hadfield

Members

Councillor Bridget Bell
Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins
Councillor Rob Duindam
Councillor Colin Dyer
Councillor Sam Hill
Councillor Raewyn Loader
Councillor James McKelvie
Councillor Jerry Pickford
Councillor Andrew Quarrie
Councillor Alison Short

Shayne Harris
Chief Executive

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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1. MEETING OPENING

Cr Bridget Bell will open the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 7

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 02 September 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Notification from elected members of:

4.1 Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and

4.2 Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

5. PUBLIC FORUM

There are no public forum speakers scheduled for this meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 REPRESENTATIVE FUND - MANAWATU UNDER 14 REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL TEAM, NATIONALS TOURNAMENT IN NEW PLYMOUTH

Isla-Rose Hill will be in attendance speaking to Council.

6.2 REPRESENTATIVE FUND - NETBALL PACIFIC HORIZONS CUP

Ben Chase and Max Chase will be in attendance speaking to Council.

7. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, that item may be dealt with at that meeting if:

7.1 The Council by resolution so decides; and

7.2 The Chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item is not on the agenda, and the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

Recommendation in Public Excluded business.

9. NON-COUNCIL MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the following Council Committees and Community Committee meetings are uploaded to the Council's website, as they become available.

Liaison councillors will have the opportunity to provide a verbal update.

The below meetings took place from 02 September to 15 September 2026:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
District Development Committee	• 09 September 2026
Manawatū Water Services Committee	• 09 September 2026
https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/agendas-and-minutes	

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Halcombe – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 7 September 2026
Hiwinui – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 15 September 2026
Rongotea – Cr James McKelvie	• 7 September 2026
Sanson – Cr Alison Short	• 10 September 2026
https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/committees-and-organisations/community-committees-and-plans	

MARAE
Aorangi Marae – Cr Rob Duindam
Kauwhata Marae – Cr Raewyn Loader
Parewahawaha Marae – Cr Alison Short
Poupatatē Marae – Cr James McKelvie
Taumata-o-te-rā Marae – Cr Colin Dyer
Te Hiiri Marae – Cr Sam Hill
Te Rangimārie Marae – Cr Jerry Pickford
Te Tikanga Marae – Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins
Ngāti Te Au – Cr Grant Hadfield
Ngāwhakaraua marae – Cr Andrew Quarrie

10. OFFICER REPORTS

Report of the General Manager – Corporate.

Report of the Chief Financial Officer.

11. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

12. PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

COUNCIL TO RESOLVE:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 02 September 2026
2. Recommendation from Committee: Manawatu Water Services - Otamakapua Rural Water Supply Scheme - Kanoa Loan Pre-approval
3. Request for special resolution & CEDA funding re RIF loan for Te Utanganui development.

That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
13. Confirmation of Minutes; 02 September 2026	*To consider the accuracy of the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting on 02 September 2026.* *Any changes to previous minutes may require members to discuss the content of the public excluded session.*	s48(1)(a)
14.1 * Recommendation from Committee: Manawatu Water Services - Otamakapua Rural Water Supply Scheme - Kanoa Loan Pre-approval	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations *To protect Council's negotiating position while the terms of the Kānoa loan agreement remain subject to negotiation and finalisation*	s48(1)(a)
14.2 Request for special resolution & CEDA funding re RIF loan for Te Utanganui development.	s7(2)(i) – commercial negotiations *To protect Council's negotiating position while shareholder funding arrangements with CEDA and the associated RIF commitments are negotiated and finalised.*	s48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

*Also, that Mr Colin McFadzean be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of Rural Water Schemes. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter as he is the Chairperson of the Manawatū Water Services Committee.

16. MEETING CLOSURE

MEETING MINUTES	
COUNCIL	TIME
WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2026	8:31 AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 02 September 2026, which commenced at 8.31 am at the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mayor Michael Ford	Chairperson
	Councillor Bridget Bell	
	Councillor Shelley Dew-Hopkins	
	Councillor Rob Duindam	
	Councillor Colin Dyer	
	Councillor Grant Hadfield	
	Councillor Sam Hill	
	Councillor Raewyn Loader	
	Councillor James McKelvie	
	Councillor Jerry Pickford	
	Councillor Andrew Quarrie	
	Councillor Alison Short	

IN ATTENDANCE:	Shayne Harris	Chief Executive
	Hamish Waugh	General Manager – Infrastructure
	Frances Smorti	General Manager – Corporate
	Kate Jarvis	General Manager – People
	Lyn Daly	General Manager – Community
	Joel Richards	Chief Financial Officer
	Steph Skinner	Governance and Strategy Officer
	Adie Johansen	Community Services Manager
	Wayne Keightley	Roading Manager
	Amy West	Technical Infrastructure Support Officer

MDC 25-28/373

MEETING OPENING

Oriana Paewai from Aorangi Marae opened the meeting.

MDC 25-28/374

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MDC 25-28/375

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 19 August 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record, with the following amendment:

- **MDC 25-28/363: that the wording be corrected to Te iwa tekau ma iwa.**

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/376

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MDC 25-28/377

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests for public forum.

MDC 25-28/378

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – WORLD HIP HOP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, ARIZONA

Oscan Hansen Wall & Lenny Hansen Wall were in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Oscan and Lenny dance with Nova from Wellington – 23 members, ages 17 – 23 years.
- Three other dance troupes were also competing from New Zealand.
- They trained for 6 hours a day in 40 plus-degree heat while in Arizona, making the semifinals, and placed 16th overall.

MDC 25-28/379

PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE FUND – NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kaylee Miller was in attendance speaking to Council. Highlights:

- Competition was held in Auckland, over 3 days, with 175 schools competing and over 800 swimmers.
- Kaylee gained two personal bests, and two New Zealand short course qualifying times.
- Next year she plans to specialise in specific races rather than entering everything she qualified for.
- Kaylee adds gym work and netball academy to her fitness regime, which helps with her swimming fitness.

MDC 25-28/380

NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/381

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from committees.

MDC 25-28/382

COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION

The following Community Committee meetings were notified for information.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES	
Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader	• 19 August 2026
Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam	• 25 August 2026
Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford	• 27 August 2026
Rangiwahia – Cr Grant Hadfield	• 26 August 2026
https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/committees-and-organisations/community-committees-and-plans	

Liaison Councillors provided brief updates on their respective Committees.

- Bainesse-Rangiotu – Cr Raewyn Loader. The Hall Committee elected their new chair and treasurer. Hannah Tokona from MDC Civil Defence attended the Community Committee meeting where members learnt how to test the emergency radios. The Committee is looking at the roadside trees that need trimming on Rangiotu Road, signage for the rest area, and wanting to investigate stock crossing regulations in a Council bylaw.
- Cheltenham – Cr Rob Duindam. Old historic photos have been moved to the fire station and archived. Police came and gave a presentation on rural crime. Community photos and story boards being set up in the playground. Welcome village signs will be installed shortly. The Committee is looking at the new Halls Policy and any maintenance required.
- Himatangi Beach – Cr Jerry Pickford. A few issues were raised and have been passed onto Council staff. The Committee love the new tennis courts and fencing. A new café is opening in the area.
- Rangiwahia – Cr Grant Hadfield. Otara Bridge discussions and bridge restrictions saw a good turnout from residents at the Committee meeting. The judder bars were also a contentious issue. Overall, a robust, but civil discussion.

MDC 25-28/383

MARAE LIAISON COUNCILLORS

Councillors provided a verbal update on their attendance at marae meetings.

- Kauwhata Marae – Cr Raewyn Loader met with Melissa last week discussing strategic happenings at the marae. Kauwhata were very complementary on their meeting with Aorangi Marae and Iwa Tekau Iwa Marae.
- Cr Bridget Bell – awesome to see staff at the group marae meeting, held at Aorangi Marae, having held seven Monday meetings with a further fourteen to go. Also, there was discussion on 'where to from here' once the Māori Ward is disestablished.

MDC 25-28/384

SPORT MANAWATŪ 12-MONTH REPORT

Report of the General Manager – Community seeking Council's receipt of Sport Manawatū's report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, as required under the contract between Sport Manawatū and Manawatū District Council.

Presenting from Sport Manawatū – Carl Johnstone, Megan Hennessey, Katie Duff, and Kelly Shanks.

RESOLVED

That Council:

1. **Receives the Sport Manawatū 12-Month Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.**
2. **Accepts that Sport Manawatū has satisfactorily met its service delivery outcomes and reporting obligations specified for 2025/26.**

Moved by: Cr Sam Hill

Seconded by: Cr Colin Dyer

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/385

AMENDMENT TO SILVER FERN RALLY CLOSURE

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure seeking Council approval to add Sandon Block Road and Sandon Block Road Extension to the approved road closure for the Silver Fern Rally 2026, in order to allow a route change for the Peep-O-Day/Waipuru stage.

RESOLVED

That the Council, pursuant to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, permit the following roads to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic between 08.55am and 01.25pm on Thursday 3 December 2026, for the purpose of allowing Ultimate Rally Group Ltd to conduct the Silver Fern Rally 2026. This remains subject to the receipt of current Public Liability Insurance and an approved Traffic Management Plan.

Roads proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

Sandon Block Road - from its intersection with Waipuru Road/Mangamako Road until its change into Sandon Block Road Extension.

Sandon Block Road Extension - from its intersection with Sandon Block Road, until 200metres before its intersection with State Highway 54 (Cheltenham Hunterville Road)

*** Note: To assist with the stage security, the closure is also to include 120 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for.**

Adjoining Roads: Mangatieka Road (no exit).

Moved by: Cr Raewyn Loader

Seconded by: Cr Alison Short

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/386

SYSTEM OF VOTING

Report of the General Manager – Corporate seeking a Council resolution on which voting system should be used for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections, and any associated elections.

RESOLVED

That the Council retains First Past the Post (FPP) as its system of voting for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections, and any associated elections.

Moved by: Cr Grant Hadfield

Seconded by: Cr James McKelvie

CARRIED (12-0)

MDC 25-28/387

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

MDC 25-28/388

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Confirmation of Minutes; 19 August 2026

That the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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Moved by: Mayor Michael Ford

Seconded by: Cr Grant Hadfield

CARRIED (12-0)

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.53 am. For items MDC 25-28/389 to MDC 25-28/390 refer to public excluded proceedings. The meeting returned to open session at 9.54 am.

MDC 25-28/391

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 9.54 am.

Meeting Video

https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/videos-of-council-and-committee-meetings/manawatu-district-council-meeting-videos

Council

Meeting of 16 September 2026

Business Unit: Corporate
Date Created: 01 September 2026

Proposed Changes to the District Development Committee

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To seek Council approval to amend the terms of reference for the District Development Committee and Finance and Performance Committee, strengthening the District Development Committee's oversight of community development and transferring responsibility for Council's community grant funding to it.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Council:

1. Adopt the amended District Development Committee terms of reference (attachment 1), specifically to:

    a. Provide broader governance oversight of community development.

    b. Add responsibility for Council's community grant funding oversight.

    c. Add two additional elected members to the membership list, being Cr Rob Duindam and Cr James McKelvie, in recognition of the expanded governance oversight.

2. Adopt the amended Finance & Performance Committee terms of reference (attachment 2), specifically to:

    a. Remove responsibility for Council's community grant funding oversight.

Report prepared by:
Ash Garstang
Governance & Assurance Manager

Approved for submission by:
Frances Smorti
General Manager - Corporate

1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 Council established the District Development Committee to provide focused governance oversight of matters contributing to the future development of the Manawatū District.

1.2 The Committee's current Terms of Reference bring together:

- Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms and implications
- District Growth Framework and associated village plans
- Housing Capacity Model and related planning tools
- District Plan programme progress and escalation of strategic risks
- Feilding Town Centre Refresh initiatives within LTP-approved scope
- Economic development opportunities (outside CEDA / FDP scope)
- Community development opportunities outside existing levels of service.

1.3 Community development is currently included within the Committee's responsibilities, however this is limited to opportunities outside Council's existing levels of service or Council grant-funded services.

1.4 Responsibility for Council's community grants currently sits with the Finance and Performance Committee. This includes consideration and approval of Priority Services contracts, consideration of grant applications exceeding $20,000, noting grant approvals made under staff delegation, and oversight of alignment with the Grants Policy, strategic priorities and approved budgets.

1.5 The current arrangements separate Council's community development activity from governance oversight of much of the investment Council makes to support community outcomes.

1.6 It is proposed that these responsibilities are brought together within the District Development Committee.

1.7 This would provide clearer governance oversight for community development alongside the Committee's existing responsibilities for district and economic development, while allowing the Finance and Performance Committee to retain its primary focus on financial and organisational performance, risk, audit and assurance.

1.8 The current members of the District Development Committee are Cr Dyer (Chair), Cr Loader (Deputy), Cr Bell, Cr Hill, Cr Short and Mayor Ford.

1.9 If the change is approved, it is proposed that two additional elected members, Cr Duindam and Cr McKelvie, be appointed to the District Development Committee in recognition of the expanded governance oversight.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 The proposed changes support the Long-term Plan outcome of "A place to belong and grow", through Council's role in supporting community activities and social and cultural wellbeing.

2.2 They also support “A future planned together”, by providing a governance forum where community development, community needs, partnerships and investment can be considered alongside the wider development of the district.

2.3 Bringing these functions together will provide greater visibility of how Council’s community investment contributes to its strategic priorities and community outcomes.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

3.1 The District Development Committee currently considers district growth, planning, the Feilding Town Centre Refresh, economic development opportunities and community development opportunities.

3.2 It is proposed to strengthen the community development component of the Committee’s responsibilities so that it can consider community development more broadly, including community needs, partnerships, opportunities and initiatives that contribute to community wellbeing and Council’s strategic outcomes.

3.3 It is also proposed to transfer the grants responsibilities currently delegated to the Finance and Performance Committee to the District Development Committee.

3.4 This would include:

- Consideration and approval of Priority Services contracts.
- Receipt of performance reporting from Priority Services contract holders.
- Consideration of grant applications exceeding $20,000 and approval of allocations where applicable.
- Oversight of grant approvals made under delegated authority.
- Ensuring grant decisions align with Council’s Grants Policy, strategic priorities and approved budgets.

3.5 Council has a small number of direct strategic relationships with organisations that are broader than the community grants function. Performance reporting relating to these would therefore continue to be presented directly to Council rather than the District Development Committee. Examples include Central Economic Development Agency, Feilding and District Promotions, Manfeild Park, and Sport Manawatū.

3.6 This recognises the strategic nature and broader Council interest in these relationships while providing District Development Committee with oversight of the wider community grants programme.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

4.1 The proposed changes are governance and administrative in nature and do not change Council’s Grants Policy, existing funding budgets or staff delegations. There are no risks relevant to this item.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

5.2 The decision discussed in this report is considered to be of low significance, in accordance with schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The Special Consultative Procedure (s83, LGA 2002) is not required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

5.3 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

5.4 No community engagement is required as the proposed changes relate to Council's governance arrangements and do not alter the availability of community grant funding or existing funding criteria.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 There are minor operational implications associated with redirecting reports and work programmes to the appropriate governance forum.

6.2 Community Development and Grants staff will coordinate relevant grant decisions, Priority Services contract reporting and wider community development matters through the District Development Committee.

6.3 Performance reporting relating to Council's direct strategic relationships with CEDA, Feilding and District Promotions, Manfeild and Sport Manawatū will continue to be scheduled directly with Council.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from the proposed changes. The proposal changes governance responsibility only and does not alter existing grant budgets, contractual commitments or financial delegations.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 The LGA 2002 (clause 32, schedule 7) gives Council the authority to make delegations to committees, subcommittees, subordinate decision-making bodies and officers.

8.2 The Delegations Manual is the formal record of these delegations, and committee terms of references are recorded here. Council's adoption of the amended terms of reference would give officers the authority to update the Delegations Manual accordingly.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 If approved, the District Development Committee and Finance and Performance Committee terms of references will be updated within the Delegations Manual.

9.2 Future community grant decisions, Priority Services contracts and associated performance reporting will be scheduled through the District Development Committee.

9.3 Performance reporting relating to Council's direct strategic relationships will continue to be scheduled directly with Council.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Proposed amended District Development Committee Terms of Reference.
- Proposed amended Finance and Performance Committee Terms of Reference.

District Development Committee

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The District Development Committee is established to support the Manawatu District Council's strategic direction in fostering sustainable growth, community wellbeing, and economic vitality across the Manawatū District. The Committee provides focused governance oversight of district planning, land use, and development matters, ensuring these activities advance the outcomes and priorities set out in the Long-Term Plan and other key strategic frameworks.

The Committee operates under delegated authority from the Council and provides recommendations on matters of district development policy, strategy, and implementation that have significant community, economic, or social implications. It also serves as a key interface between planning, economic, and community development functions to ensure coordinated and future-focused decision-making that enhances the liveability and prosperity of the district.

Purpose

The purpose of the District Development Committee is to guide and oversee the planning and development of the district in a manner that promotes sustainable growth, vibrant communities, and a resilient local economy. The Committee ensures that development initiatives, planning frameworks, and related policy work align with Council's strategic objectives, legislative requirements, and community aspirations.

Through its oversight and recommendations, the Committee supports informed Council decision-making that balances growth with community wellbeing, inclusion, and the creation of thriving places where people and businesses can succeed.

Responsibilities

1 Consider the impact of the Government's Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms. Make recommendations to Council for consideration and / or approval, noting any strategic risks.

2 Consider the districts Growth Framework, associated village plans, and other related planning work such as the Housing Capacity Model. Make recommendations to Council for consideration and / or approval, noting any strategic risks.

3 Receive the progress reports on the District Plan programme of work, and escalate any strategic risks and make recommendations to Council for approval as required.

4 Approve the initiatives to be delivered for the Feilding Town Centre Refresh project that was approved by Council in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan.

5 Consider potential economic development opportunities (outside of those delivered by the Central Economic Development Agency or Feilding and District Promotions). Make recommendations to Council for consideration and / or approval, noting any strategic risks.

6 Consider matters relating to community development, including opportunities, partnerships, community needs and initiatives that contribute to community wellbeing and Council's strategic outcomes. Make recommendations to Council for consideration and/or approval, noting any strategic risks.

7 Provide governance oversight of Council's community grant funding in accordance with the Grants Policy, Community Committees Policy and Marae and Hapū Committees Policy including:

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a. receive and consider for approval all Priority Services contracts;

b. receive an annual performance summary report on Priority Services contracts, with Priority Services contract holders presenting annually to the Committee;

c. receive and consider reports on grant applications exceeding $20,000, and approve the allocations where applicable;

d. receive six-monthly or annual summary reports outlining grant decisions made under delegation by the Grant Connector (up to $1,000 in accordance with the Grants Policy), General Manager – Community (up to $5,000), and the Executive Leadership Team ($5,001–$20,000);

e. receive six-monthly and annual summary reports on funding allocated through Community Committees and Marae and Hapū Committees; and

f. ensure that all grant decisions align with Council policy, strategic priorities, and approved budgets.

Note performance reporting relating to Council's direct strategic relationships will continue to be presented directly to Council. These include organisations like Central Economic Development Agency, Feilding and District Promotions, Manfeild, and Sport Manawatū.

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Membership

Chairperson:	Cr Colin Dyer
Deputy Chairperson:	Cr Raewyn Loader
Members:	Cr Bridget Bell, Cr Alison Short, Cr Sam Hill, Cr Duindam, Cr McKelvie, and the Mayor

Quorum

Three members of the committee.

Meeting Cycle

Meetings held 2-monthly on a Wednesday at 8.30 am.

4.3 Finance & Performance Committee

<u>Terms of Reference</u>

Purpose

To check and ensure continuity of business, enhance governance framework, risk management practices and the controls used to monitor Council's achievements.

Responsibilities

1 Financial reporting

- a. review and adopt quarterly financial and KPI performance reports, and treasury reports;
- b. evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies and practices; and
- c. review the annual report, approve its release to external auditors and recommend its final adoption to Council;

2 Risk management:

- a. review the effectiveness of Council's risk management framework;
- b. annually review the Council's risk appetite;
- c. quarterly review and discuss deep dives on key strategic and operational risks;
- d. monitor the effectiveness of internal controls; and
- e. review compliance with key local government legislation.

3 External audit:

- a. receive and consider the audit engagement letter and audit plan;
- b. understand scope and engagement with Audit NZ;
- c. review significant audit findings/recommendations; and
- d. monitor progress on recommendations.

4 Internal audit:

- a. adopt the internal audit programme;
- b. review completed audit reports; and
- c. oversee management's response to internal audit recommendations, ensuring timely implementation.

5 Additional responsibilities:

- a. review organisational performance reports, including key projects and service delivery metrics;

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a. receive and consider for approval all priority services contracts;¶
b. receive and consider reports on grant applications exceeding $20,000, and approve the allocations where applicable;¶
c. note grant approvals made under delegation by the Grant Connector (up to $1,000 in accordance with the Grants Policy), General Manager – Community (up to $5,000) and by the Executive Leadership Team ($5,001 – $20,000);¶
d. ensure that all grant decisions align with Council policy, strategic priorities, and approved budgets; and¶
Note: Six-monthly or annual summary reports outlining grant decisions made under delegation will be presented to Council.¶
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b. receive quarterly reports on staff and contractor safety and wellbeing, and monitor Council's compliance with health and safety obligations; and

c. escalate any issues, anomalies, or risks to Council for review.

Delegated Authority

Committee delegated authority to act on all matters within its Terms of Reference (except those excluded by Clause 32(1) Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002).

Membership

Chairperson:	Stuart Campbell (external)
Deputy Chairperson:	John Fowke (external)
Members:	Cr Alison Short, Cr Grant Hadfield, Cr Colin Dyer, Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Cr Rob Duindam and His Worship the Mayor.

Quorum

Four members of the committee.

Meeting Cycle

Meetings held quarterly, with additional meetings convened when necessary.

Council

Meeting of 16 September 2026

Business Unit: Finance
Date Created: 03 September 2026

Budget Carry Forwards Requests from 2025-26 to 2026-27

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To approve the requested financial budget carry forward expenditure along with relevant funding as listed on the attached document from the 2024-25 financial year to the 2025-26 financial year as per the Delegations Policy.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Council:

1. Approve the requested financial carry forwards of $18.4M for capital budgets into the 2026-27 financial year to be funded from a mix of development contributions, renewal reserve and loan funding.

2. Note the capital and operational budget carry forwards approved by the Chief Executive of $9.7M capital expenditure and $1.6M of operational expenditure under section 10.4 of the Delegations Manual.

Report prepared by:
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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 The 2025-26 financial year resulted in a range of both operational and capital budgets being underspent. Budget managers have reviewed the underspent budgets and identified those budgets that are required to be carried forward to ensure levels of service are maintained, these have been reviewed by the Executive team.

1.2 The Delegations manual section 10.4 outlines the financial delegation for the Chief Executive approving expenditure carry overs – per project is $500,000. The approvals made by the Chief Executive are outlined as in the attachment.

1.3 The carry forwards that are outside of the Chief Executive delegation require Council approval and are attached.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 The budgets requested to be carried forward were approved in the 2025-26 Annual Plan adopted by Council and therefore align with all key priorities.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

3.1 The Capital Budget carry forwards that require Council approval come to a total of $18.4M across 16 projects. Three of the projects are growth related for a total of $1.8M, six are renewals at a total of $8.3M, and seven are for new works at a total of $6.1M.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

4.1 Not applicable.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

5.1 The Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

5.3 There are no known community considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No community engagement required.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 The carry forward approvals allow for work budgeted, planned or committed in the previous financial year to be progressed and completed. If carry forward approvals are declined then some capital projects will not be completed.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 The growth-related capital expenditure budgets are funded via Development contributions any shortfall between the expenditure and the Development contributions received are funded via debt with the ongoing cost of servicing that debt being built into future development contributions.

7.2 The new levels of service relating to the Council sought approval of capital expenditure is funded via $10.5M of debt to be drawn when the work is done.

7.3 The renewal expenditure is funded via the renewal reserve which is replenished by the rates taken for depreciation.

7.4 The new levels of service relating to the Chief Executive approval of capital expenditure is funded via $3.1M of debt to be drawn when the work is done.

7.5 The operational expenditure is funded via rates received in 2025/26 which are reflected in the Council Equity Reserves.

7.6 The debt requirements associated with point 7.2 and 7.3 is covered under the debt resolution from 2025/26 which remains undrawn at 30 June 2026.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 There are no statutory requirements for this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 Should Council approve the carry forward requests then the associate works will be able to continue.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Carry forward requests

Capital Budget Carry Forwards from 2025-26 to 2026-27

Activity	Job Description	2026/27 Capex Carry Forward	2026/27 New Loan Required	Type of Project	Approval Required
Roading	RD1025. Roading Growth	$ 704,718		Growth	Council
Stormwater and Drainage	ST1009. Stormwater Growth Feilding	$ 627,117		Growth	Council
Water Supply	WS2090. Turners Road Extension Growth	$ 501,357		Growth	Council
Roading	RD4021. Non Sub Road Works	$ 1,866,091	$ 1,866,091	New	Council
Watewater	WW2013. Feilding WWTP Upgrade	$ 3,369,365	$ 3,369,365	New	Council
Stormwater and Drainage	ST2001. Stormwater - District Wide New	$ 1,544,950	$ 1,544,950	New	Council
Stormwater and Drainage	ST2050. Growth Associated Works	$ 647,496	$ 647,496	New	Council
District Development	CB3000. Town Centre Refresh	$ 808,112	$ 808,112	New	Council
Stormwater and Drainage	ST1031. Stormwater Flooding New Works	$ 1,147,531	$ 1,147,531	New	Council
Water Supply	WS2041. Stanway/Halcombe WTP New Works	$ 1,089,957	$ 1,089,957	New	Council
Watewater	WW2002. Feilding WWTP Asset Renewal	$ 2,144,008		Renewal	Council
Watewater	WW2003. Feilding WW Retic Renewals	$ 730,932		Renewal	Council
Watewater	WW3004. Wastewater Centralisation	$ 1,268,877		Renewal	Council
Community Facilities	HL4007. Feilding Civic Centre	$ 885,914		Renewal	Council
Organisational Management	AB4000. Admin Building Renewals	$ 510,268		Renewal	Council
Organisational Management	IT1015. SAAS Renewal & ERP Replacement	$ 570,879		Renewal	Council
Total Capital carry forwards requested from Council		**$ 18,417,570**	**$ 10,473,501**		

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Capital Budget Carry Forwards from 2025-26 to 2026-27

Activity	Job Description	2026/27 Capex Carry Forward	2026/27 New Loan Required	Type of Project	Approval Required
Roading	RD1030. Sub Drainage Renewals	$ 139,538		Renewal	Chief Executive
Watewater	WW2016. Feilding Wastewater Growth	$ 111,009		Growth	Chief Executive
Watewater	WW2090. Turners Road Extension Growth	$ 290,567		Growth	Chief Executive
Stormwater and Drainage	ST2090. Turners Road Extension Growth	$ 451,535		Growth	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2024. Feilding Water Supply Growth	$ 383,762		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2003. Himatangi Walk Growth Project	$ 30,682		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2010. Kowhai Park Growth Projects	$ 22,980		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2013. Korotangi Growth	$ 293,170		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2015. Parakaraka Growth	$ 371,193		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2018. Waughs Road Amenity Growth	$ 200,457		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2019. Feilding Walkway Growth	$ 465,212		Growth	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2020. Johnston Park Growth Projects	$ 6,189		Growth	Chief Executive
Stormwater and Drainage	ST1012. Stormwater New Work Feilding	$ 388,679	$ 388,679	New	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1057. 357 Resilience Improvements	$ 221,800	$ 108,682	New	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1060. Sub Renewal Emergency Works	$ 403,702		Renewal	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1061. Land Purchase 37 Roots St	$ 36,547	$ 36,547	New	Chief Executive
Roading	RD2050. Growth Associated Works	$ 192,268	$ 192,268	New	Chief Executive
Solid Waste	SW2005. Resource Recovery Centre	$ 77,566	$ 77,566	New	Chief Executive
Solid Waste	SW2010. Himatangi RTS	$ 9,110	$ 9,110	New	Chief Executive
Solid Waste	SW3500. New Bin Purchases	$ 20,000		New	Chief Executive
Watewater	WW2038. Feilding WWTP - Irrigation	$ 184,293	$ 184,293	New	Chief Executive
Watewater	WW2050. Growth Associated Works	$ 185,847	$ 185,847	New	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2023. Himatangi Water Supply New	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	New	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2029. Feilding Water Pressure Zones	$ 15,674	$ 15,674	New	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2055. Growth Associated Works	$ 182,450	$ 182,450	New	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2070. Vinegar Hill RWS New Works	$ 23,714	$ 23,714	New	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2071. District Wide Improvements	$ 296,260	$ 296,260	New	Chief Executive
Emergency Management	EM3000. Civil Defence Emergency Mgmt	$ 8,180	$ 8,180	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	CM1002. Feilding Cemetery Extension	$ 6,348	$ 6,348	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	CM3004. Rongotea Cem New Works	$ 24,891	$ 24,891	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	LB3200. Community Hub New Works	$ 2,888	$ 2,888	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR2050. Growth Associated Works	$ 349,933	$ 349,933	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3000. AF-KP New Works	$ 317,618	$ 317,618	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3002. Districtwide Reserve New Works	$ 3,781	$ 3,781	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3004. Feilding Reserves New Works	$ 24,967	$ 24,967	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3007. Himatangi Beach Res New Works	$ 7,119	$ 7,119	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3008. Johnston Park New Works	$ 52,874	$ 52,874	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3010. Kowhai Park New Work	$ 82,643	$ 82,643	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR3012. Mt Lees New Works	$ 334,205	$ 334,205	New	Chief Executive
Organisational Management	MV2001. Motor Vehicles NEW	$ 48,500	$ 48,500	New	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1031. Sub Structures Renewals	$ 278,078		Renewal	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1034. Sub Pavement Rehabilitation	$ 394,940		Renewal	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1054. 324 Road Improvements	$ 68,426		Renewal	Chief Executive
Roading	RD1062. Sub New Emergency Works	$ 25,548	$ 25,548	New	Chief Executive
Roading	RD4034. Non Subsidised Roading Renewal	$ 277,993		Renewal	Chief Executive
Roading	RD4039. Non Sub Mitigation Sealing	$ 2,628		Renewal	Chief Executive
Watewater	WW2012. Himatangi WW Asset Replacement	$ 15,262		Renewal	Chief Executive

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Watewater	WW2035. Kimbolton WWTP Renewals	$ 13,670		Renewal	Chief Executive
Stormwater and Drainage	ST1013. Unplanned Renewals Feilding	$ 71,369		Renewal	Chief Executive
Stormwater and Drainage	ST1024. SW Unplanned Renewals-Villages	$ 40,430		Renewal	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2001. Feilding WTP Renewals	$ 215,528		Renewal	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2002. Feilding WS Reticulation Renew	$ 136,732		Renewal	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2004. Himatangi Water Asset Renewals	$ 20,860		Renewal	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2007. Stanway/Halcombe RWS Renewals	$ 197,314		Renewal	Chief Executive
Water Supply	WS2008. Waituna West RWS Renewals	$ 124,305		Renewal	Chief Executive
Emergency Management	EM4000. Emergency Management Renewals	$ 36,824		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	CM3001. Feilding Cem New Works	$ 12,861	$ 12,861	New	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	HL4001. Hall Renewals	$ 70,002		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	LB4000. Library Renewals	$ 13,883		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	MA4000. Makino Pool Renewals	$ 12,657		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	MA4100. Indoor Complex Renewals	$ 33,462		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	MA4400. MAC Facility Renewals	$ 393,774		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PP2006. Property Feilding Depot	$ 101,422		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PP3003. Coach House Museum	$ 106,327		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR4051. Johnston Park Renewals	$ 252,033		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR4054. Kowhai Park Renewals	$ 199,232		Renewal	Chief Executive
Community Facilities	PR4056. Mt Lees Reserve Renewals	$ 16,065		Renewal	Chief Executive
Organisational Management	MV2000. Motor Vehicle Renewals	$ 186,456		Renewal	Chief Executive
Total Capital carry forwards requested from Chief Executive		**$ 9,686,232**	**$ 3,103,444**		

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Operational Budget Carry Forwards from 2025-26 to 2026-27

Group	Description	Carry Forward Requested	Reasoning	Approval Required
Corporate	Regional Rural Aerial Photography MWLASS	$ 11,823	Due to bad weather not all aerial photography was able to be captured in this flying season	Chief Executive
Corporate	Advertising	$ 5,884	Carry forward to use towards LTP advertising	Chief Executive
Community	Oroua Downs Hall - investigate ownership & gifting	$ 15,405	Community group investigating feasibility of taking on ownership of Hall	Chief Executive
Community	Feilding Civic Centre - Maintenance	$ 50,362	Works on hold pending Council decision on the future of the Feilding Civic Centre	Chief Executive
Community	Feilding Cemetery - gardens/trees/walkways - garden tidy	$ 29,664	Work started prior to year end, will be completed 2026/27	Chief Executive
Community	Awahuri Forest/Kitchener Park annual operational grant	$ 37,095	Budget will be used to fund planting and pest plant projects	Chief Executive
Community	Awahuri Forest/Kitchener Park wetland power pole removal	$ 15,227	Budget to support the planned work in the park	Chief Executive
Community	Awahuri Forest/Kitchener Park Henson's Bush survey	$ 22,985	Funding required for existing AF walkway that will link to Henson's Bush track	Chief Executive
Community	Reserve Management Plan review	$ 45,082	RMP review well underway - funding committed - consultant will produce the draft plan during 2026/27	Chief Executive
Community	Feilding CBD Ops - street furniture refurbishment	$ 14,616	Waiting for the Town Centre Refresh design theme to be finalised before replacing existing furniture	Chief Executive
Community	Feilding Town Centre develop detailed design	$ 44,826	Allocation for design concepts - however this will likely be captialised against individual projects. The funding will now	Chief Executive
Community	Himatangi Dunes recontouring	$ 12,554	Ongoing consultation with Hāpu re the development of a sunset viewing platform within the dunes	Chief Executive
Community	Johnston Park - refurb of grandstand changing rooms	$ 28,342	Initial maintenance completed, further planned work on hold until the master plan is completed	Chief Executive
Community	Johnston Park - reseal Drake St carpark and roadway to Yellows	$ 27,034	This funding is committee for leveling, sealing and line marking around the new toilet block	Chief Executive
Community	Johnston Park - grandstand rust treatment	$ 3,303	Initial maintenance completed, further planned work on hold until the master plan is completed	Chief Executive
Community	Kimbolton Domain - Removal of grandstand	$ 30,449	Funding committed to either remove the existing grandstand or the FOBO clubrooms at Johnston Park	Chief Executive
Community	Kowhai Park - refurbish gravel walkway	$ 63,286	Planned work delayed due to contractor availability	Chief Executive
Community	Mt Lees - establish forestry practices to optimise existing wood lots	$ 56,896	Seek approval for the remaining budget to be used at Mt Lees for refurbishing existing outbuildings	Chief Executive
Community	Pohangina Valley Op Projects	$ 7,139	Maintenance work still to be completed	Chief Executive
Community	Ohakea Domain - demolish outbuildings and pool	$ 15,411	On hold pending outcome of request by local family to purchase the domain.	Chief Executive
Community	Timona Park - relocate floodlights	$ 10,578	Rquest that budget to be used to repair field lighting	Chief Executive
Community	Community Development Funds	$ 51,041	Unspent grant funding to be carried forward for the contracts for 2026-2027 as agreed with Council	Chief Executive
Community	Creative Communities Fund	$ 34,213	Not council funding - needs to be carried forward	Chief Executive
Community	Youth initiatives fund	$ 18,812	Youth Officer position vacant for much of the year & funding not spent .	Chief Executive
Community	Community Committee Funds	$ 8,144	Committee requests unspent funds to go towards their projects still to be completed in the new financial year	Chief Executive
Community	Community Planning Projects	$ 33,274	Cfwd request from Kimbolton due to a change in committee	Chief Executive
Community	Economic Development Internal	$ 13,722	MTFJ membership not paid - request carry forward to pay in 2026/27 as we look into a contract with them	Chief Executive
Community	District Plan Review	$ 164,788	Request for cfwd for DP and regional spatial planning	Chief Executive
Community	District Plan Growth Planning	$ 84,836	Request for cfwd for DP and regional spatial planning	Chief Executive
Community	District Plan Strategic Planning	$ 62,976	Request for cfwd for DP and regional spatial planning	Chief Executive
Community	CCO General Management	$ 21,167	Request for cfwd re FCCT transition	Chief Executive
Community	CCO Legal Review	$ 5,687	Request for cfwd re FCCT transition	Chief Executive
Community	Economic Grants / Contracts	$ 40,430	Request for cfwd for Economic Development Service grants/contracts committed	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Closed Landfills - General Expenses	$ 76,929	CF unspent budget to cover outstanding lease costs from 2006 -2027	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Non Sub Street Cleaning	$ 15,013	Carry Forward to help offset increase in Fulton Hogan costs for sump clearing that NZTA doesn't pay for	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub VSL Operations and Monitoring	$ 9,066	CF for increasing costs	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Footpath Maint	$ 1,148	CF for increasing costs	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Minor Events	$ 47,263	CF to be used for smaller events other than large EW events.	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Traffic Services Maint	$ 56,253	CF to be used for streetlight power which has increased dramatically in the past two years.	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Structrues Maint	$ 61,505	CF required for additional programmed work 26-27, cost flux and overheads	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Drainage Maint	$ 48,430	CF required for additional programmed work 26-27, cost flux and overheads	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Drainage Maint	$ 149,234	CF required for additional programmed work 26-27, cost flux and overheads	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Roading Network and Asset Mgmt	$ 1,842	CF required for additional staff costs, traffic counts etc	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Unsealed Pavement Maint	$ 9,782	CF required for cost flux and additional works	Chief Executive
Infrastructure	Sub Unsealed Pavement Maint - metal extraction	$ 50,000	To use to extract gravel and crush metal for MDC use	Chief Executive
Total Operational Carry Forwards Requested		**$ 1,613,516**		

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MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council

Meeting of 16 September 2026

Business Unit: Community
Date Created: 06 August 2026

Town Centre Refresh Engagement Outcomes

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement on two proposed Feilding Town Centre Refresh projects and seek direction on the next steps for each proposal.

The engagement tested a proposed permanent all-weather cover over the Brick Quadrant in the Square; and proposed one-way traffic and placemaking changes to sections of Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohinga

That the Council:

1. Receives the Feilding Town Centre Refresh engagement outcomes set out in this report.

2. In relation to the proposed cover over the Brick Quadrant in the Square:

   a. Notes that 77.3% of the 753 formal submitters who answered the relevant question did not support the proposed cover, and that the independently collected short-form feedback also showed strong opposition.

   b. Note that a change in design is unlikely to address many of the matters raised, that these matters would need to be resolved to achieve a successful outcome through a publicly notified resource consenting process, and that there is a risk of appeal through the Environment Court.

   c. Agrees that Council does not progress with the proposed cover over the Brick Quadrant in the Square, and that officers provide a report on alternative Town Centre Refresh work programme projects to the District Development Committee.

3. In relation to the proposed one-way traffic and placemaking changes:

   a. Notes that 61.5% (437) of the 710 formal submitters who answered the relevant question supported the proposed Fergusson and Goodbehere Street traffic improvement and placemaking improvements.

   b. Agrees that Council progresses a 12-month Fergusson and Goodbehere Street traffic improvement trial that considers speed, safety, parking dimensions, reversing visibility, and business servicing.

c. Agrees that Council implements the Fergusson and Goodbehere Street streetscape placemaking improvements.

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1. Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

1.1 Council approved $5 million of capital funding through the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan for the Feilding Town Centre Refresh. The funding is phased at $500,000 a year over 10 years, with unspent capital able to accumulate to support larger projects.

1.2 The Town Centre Refresh is intended to strengthen the town centre as a community and economic asset for the district. The wider programme includes improvements to public spaces, direction signage to key public amenities, lighting to improve visibility and safety, refreshed planting, refreshed town entrance signage, public art and heritage storytelling, and other activities that activate the town centre.

1.3 A Town Centre Refresh Focus Group was established to prepare an overall strategy and develop the initial programme. An urban designer reviewed earlier reports, community engagement feedback and the Refresh Strategy and worked with the Focus Group to prepare concept designs that provide a consistent design theme and that "brings to life", through imagery, some of the proposed work programme.

1.4 On 18 September 2025, Council supported in principle the overall design themes and instructed officers to continue progressing a covered structure over the Brick Quadrant. On 15 April 2026, Council approved targeted stakeholder and wider community engagement before further design work or a resource consent application could be considered.

1.5 The two proposals presented through the 2026 engagement were:

- A covered, weather-protected community and event space over the Brick Quadrant in the Square; and
- One-way traffic and placemaking changes to sections of Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets, including additional parking and refreshed gardens, seating and streetscape elements.

2. Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

2.1 The programme goal is "a connected, vibrant and enjoyable central place to live, work, do business, play and grow". The programme supports Council's community outcomes by seeking to create a place where people belong and spend time, infrastructure that is fit for the future, and a prosperous and resilient local economy.

2.2 Responding transparently to the engagement outcomes also supports sound decision-making. The results provide a clear basis for Council to distinguish between elements that have community support and those that require reconsideration.

3. Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

Engagement Approach and Participation

3.1 Engagement was undertaken in two stages. Direct meetings with affected and interested groups began on 19 June 2026. Wider public engagement ran from 15 July to 14 August 2026 using the Council website, social media, newspaper advertising, CBD signage and a pop-up at the Feilding Farmers' Market.

3.2 Council received 766 formal submissions during the public engagement period. Not every submitter answered every question, so the results below use the number of responses to each question as the denominator. Theme counts are non-exclusive because one written comment may have been coded to more than one theme.

3.3 A further 22 responses were provided through an independently developed short form. As that form used different questions and response options, those results have been analysed separately and have not been combined with Council's formal submission results.

3.4 Demographic information was optional. Among the 757 submitters who provided their age, 595 were aged 40 or over and 41 were aged under 30.

3.5 Because younger people were under-represented in the formal submissions, officers also met with approximately 30-40 Year 12 and 13 students of the Feilding High School Council on 21 August 2026. Their feedback is reported separately as targeted youth input.

Formal Public Submission Results

3.6 The formal results show a clear difference between the two proposals. There was substantial opposition to the proposed cover over the Brick Quadrant, while the one-way trial and increased parking questions received majority support.

3.7 The percentages in this report are calculated using the number of respondents who answered each question. This is why the one-way traffic and additional parking percentages differ from the whole-record headline percentages in the public feedback presentation, which include records without an answer. The single respondent who selected both one-way options is shown separately below.

Question	Result among those who answered	Main messages
Cover over the Brick Quadrant	171 support (22.7%) 582 do not support (77.3%) **753 responses**	Opposition centred on cost, retaining the Square's openness and character, the visual fit and scale of the design, perceived security, maintenance, functionality issues, and effects on nearby businesses. Support focused on reliable shelter, vitality in the town centre, and opportunities for events and increasing year-round activity.
Planting option in Square	125 Option 1 (35.6%) 224 Option 2 (64.1%) **349 responses**	Option 2, with more planting, was preferred. Respondents also asked that the planting avoid unnecessary maintenance.
One-way traffic changes	437 support (61.5%) 273 do not support (38.4%) **710 responses**	A majority supported the change. Concerns focused on the one-way traffic direction, and resulting speed, safety, parking dimensions, reversing visibility, and business servicing.
Additional parking	470 yes (67.5%) 226 no (32.5%) **696 responses**	A majority considered that additional parking would improve access. Feedback sought safe and usable bay dimensions, mobility parking, suitable loading areas, parking enforcement and careful treatment of pedestrian space.

3.8 The independently collected short-form feedback reinforced the opposition to the covered-space proposal. Of 22 responses, none supported the proposed design, 20 opposed it and two did not answer. Three expressed qualified support for the overall concept, 18 opposed it and one did not answer. The strongest themes were retaining the Square's openness and character, the appearance of the design, cost and value for money, and whether sufficient need or use had been demonstrated.

Cover over the Brick Quadrant - Detailed Feedback

3.9 The strongest formal submission themes were opposition to proceeding or retaining the Square as it is (370 comments), cost and competing priorities (317), and the openness, character, heritage and visual fit of the structure (377). As the themes overlap, these counts should not be added together or read as separate groups of submitters.

3.10 Other recurring concerns included safety, security and antisocial behaviour (135), design alternatives or other locations (119), weather protection and event use (113), roof engineering and whole-of-life maintenance (104), effects on nearby businesses and town-centre activity (98), planting and green-space preferences (97), and accessibility and event logistics (91).

3.11 Submitters who supported aspects of the design most often identified weather protection and all-weather use (84), support for markets and town-centre activity (62), the overall appearance or character (44), a flexible multipurpose event space (31), and planting or stormwater treatment (23).

3.12 The feedback raises several matters that would need to be resolved before a permanent cover could be justified or considered for a resource consent. The key matters include:

- A preference that the site be left clear of any permanent structure, retaining the open nature of the Square;

- The suggestion that the proposed cost of the permanent cover could be better attributed to other infrastructure or asset development;

- The opinion that the design may not appropriately reflect the local identity and heritage character of Feilding - recognising that, like art, building design is subjective;

- Clarity on how effects on adjoining businesses would be mitigated versus the wider economic benefits that may be gained by a more defined, weather protecting space;

- Concerns about the potential for night-time security issues that could arise as a result of a covered space.

3.13 Given the overwhelming feedback was for the cover not to proceed, a change in design is unlikely to address the other matters raised by these submitters. If Council chooses to proceed with a resource consent, it will be subject to a publicly notified process, with a high likelihood that similar submissions will be made in opposition. As a result, there is a risk that the matter could be escalated to the Environment Court for a decision.

Traffic and Placemaking Improvements - Detailed Feedback

3.14 The road proposal received majority support, but the written comments show that support is conditional on the practical design working well. The themes most frequently identified as advantages were improved traffic flow (45), additional or more usable parking (35), and better pedestrian access and public space (33).

3.14 The most frequently identified disadvantages were cost and affordability (119), that the current arrangement is adequate (65), and concerns about angle parking, reversing and large-vehicle safety (52). As the themes are non-exclusive, some respondents supported the proposed changes overall while also identifying potential disadvantages or matters requiring further consideration.

3.15 A 12-month trial should test the impact of one-way travel, effects on nearby streets and intersections, vehicle speeds, parking and loading dimensions, reversing visibility, crossings, and mobility access. Construction should be staged to lessen impacts on businesses.

Targeted and Face-to-Face Feedback

3.16 The facilitated sessions allowed participants to ask questions and consider the proposals in more detail. These sessions were generally more positive than the open public submissions, although views differed between groups.

Group and timing	Key feedback
Businesses adjoining the Market Quadrant 19 June	Four of the five directly impacted businesses were strongly opposed to the cover, with one being in support of the cover. Their concerns were the effect of additional event-related road closures on trade, customer access and movement, and reduced business visibility.
Farmers' Market stallholders 19 June - 10 stallholder groups	Strong support for the proposed changes and a clear desire for the project to progress.

Group and timing	Key feedback
Fergusson and Goodbehere Street businesses and property owners 23 June - 10 attendees	General support for the one-way layout, additional parking and refreshed garden areas. Feedback on the cover was also generally positive, suggesting that additional events can have positive business impacts. Questions about management of the covered area and cost-effective maintenance.
Feilding Business Initiative 6 July - 21 members	Overall positive sentiment toward both proposals. Discussion on the cover focused on design, use, security and cost.
FDP Biz@5 15 July - 30 attendees	Initial concerns about procurement, use of non-local designers, security and whether events benefit businesses. The discussion became more positive about the cover's potential to attract people. The street changes were generally well received.
Manawatū District Residents and Ratepayers 22 July - 8 attendees	Generally positive sentiment after discussion of funding, security, use and activation.
Feilding High School Council 21 August - approximately 30-40 students	Strong support for both proposals. Students wanted the cover to modernise and increase the usefulness of the town centre while remaining sympathetic to Feilding's heritage and rural character. They also sought more places to socialise, entertainment, and food and retail variety.

3.17 The difference between the facilitated feedback and the open submissions should not be treated as a contradiction to be averaged away. The sessions provide useful qualitative insight from particular user and stakeholder groups; the formal submissions provide a clear signal from a much larger self-selected group. Both point to opinion on the covered structure design that could be considered, solutions needed for adjoining businesses, cost, possible security concerns and clarity on the operating model.

Options Considered and Recommended Direction

3.18 **Cover over the Brick Quadrant - Option 1:** do not proceed with this project at this time and focus on the wider Town Centre Refresh work programme (recommended).

This option responds directly to the 77.3% of submissions opposed to the current proposal, particularly those who were concerned about cost and the impact on the open nature of the Square. This would remove the objective of improved shelter and activation, which received support from market stallholders, youth and several business groups.

Alternative projects for the Town Centre Refresh work programme should be presented to Council's District Development Committee, that has oversight delegated authority for the Town Centre Refresh work programme.

3.19 **Cover over the Brick Quadrant - Option 2:** progress the current concept with design changes.

This would retain project momentum but would expose Council to reputational and significant consenting risk and additional cost if progressed in the current economic climate. The scale of opposition is directed not only at individual design features but also at cost, location, and a perceived lack of demonstrated need. Note the proposed design concept is a self-supporting roof design reported to require less structural support and less construction cost than many other roof options. Any further design work will likely attract additional design cost and the potential for higher construction costs.

3.20 **Street improvements - Option 1:** progress to a 12-month trial and implement the streetscape improvements (recommended)

This reflects majority support while recognising that the one-way street traffic change may have parking, safety, accessibility and business-servicing issues that need to be considered overtime before becoming permanent.

3.21 **Street improvements - Option 2:** do not progress the changes.

This would avoid disruption and project cost but would not reflect the majority support for one-way changes and additional parking or address the identified streetscape and accessibility opportunities.

4. Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

Reputational and decision-making risk:

4.1 Progressing the current cover concept despite the scale of opposition could undermine confidence in the engagement process. The proposed control is to stop the current concept, explain Council's response publicly and use the feedback to shape any future options.

4.2 Progressing any version of a cover over the Square to resource consenting stage is likely to attract significant opposition that may result in the matter being escalation to the Environment Court, which is time-consuming and costly.

Transport, accessibility and service-delivery risk:

4.3 Permanent street changes could create unintended effects on nearby streets, safety, mobility access or business activity. The controls include a 12-month trial to monitor potential effects before becoming a permanent change.

5. Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of decision:

5.1 Receiving the engagement outcomes does not in itself trigger the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The recommended direction remains within the approved Town Centre Refresh programme as approved in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan.

Māori and cultural engagement:

5.2 The source material does not record a separate Māori-specific engagement session as part of this phase. Earlier programme engagement identified interest from Ngāti Kauwhata in historical storytelling and cultural design elements but to date this engagement has not been realised and should continue to be an aspiration throughout the wider Town Centre Refresh work programme.

Community engagement:

5.3 The engagement combined direct stakeholder meetings, a four-week public submission process, a market pop-up and targeted youth engagement. The detailed group feedback, public theming summary and public feedback presentation are attached.

6. Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 The recommended direction will require officers to update the Town Centre Refresh work programme, communicate Council's decision, and undertake a 12-month trial for the street proposal. This work can be prioritised within the existing programme.

7. Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 The Town Centre Refresh has an approved capital budget of $5 million over 10 years that is accounted for in the current Long-term Plan. By not progressing the cover over the Square, the costs associated with determining a detailed design and by making a resource consent application, are mitigated. Any reallocation of the Town Centre Refresh work programme will be brought back to the District Development Committee for consideration.

8. Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 There are no statutory requirements arising from receipt of the engagement outcomes. If a permanent covered structure was progressed, all required planning and building approvals would need to be obtained.

9. Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 Subject to Council adopting the recommendations, officers will:

- Publish a summary of the engagement outcomes and Council's response;
- Stop work on progressing the cover over the Brick Quadrant;
- Prepare for a 12-month trial of the one-way street proposal and engage with affected-businesses on the construction timeframe; and
- Report back to the District Development Committee with relevant information on the Town Centre Refresh work programme.

10. Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Town Centre Refresh Engagement Group Feedback
- Town Centre Refresh Theming Summary
- Public Feedback on Town Centre Refresh Presentation

FTCR Engagement Group Feedback

19 June 2026 – Meetings with Businesses Adjacent to the Brick Quadrant

Individual meetings were held with business owners directly adjoining the Brick Quadrant. Appointments were arranged in advance with each business.

The hospitality businesses consulted expressed strong opposition to the proposed cover. Their main concerns related to the potential impact on trade, particularly during events where road closures are required. They noted that these events can already have a significant negative effect on turnover and were concerned that the proposed cover could result in more frequent events, further affecting access, customer movement and patronage.

Concerns were also raised about the cover potentially reducing the visibility of their businesses from surrounding areas, which could impact passing trade and their overall prominence within the town centre.

Businesses engaged:

- Prime Roast
- Big Barrel
- Paris Café
- You Travel
- ANZ Bank

19 June 2026 – Farmers Market Stallholder’s

A meeting was held with Feilding Farmers’ Market stallholders at the Feilding & District Promotion (FDP) Office. FDP coordinated the session and invited all stallholders to attend.

The meeting attracted a good cross-section of both long-standing and newer stallholders, providing a valuable range of perspectives. Participants were highly engaged, listened closely, and asked a number of thoughtful and constructive questions.

Overall, feedback on the proposed town centre changes was **strongly positive and supportive**. Stallholders were keen to see the project progress, with the general sentiment being:

“Get on and build it.”

Attendance: 10 stallholder groups

23 June 2026 – Fergusson & Goodbehere St's Business and Property Owner's

A street meeting was held with business and property owners from Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets to discuss the proposed town centre changes.

Invitations were personally delivered to all businesses on Fergusson Street between Stafford and Manchester Streets, as well as all businesses on Goodbehere Street.

The meeting attracted a good mix of business and property owners, many of whom were long-standing locals. Attendees were engaged throughout the session, asking a range of thoughtful questions and showing strong interest in both proposed projects.

There was **general support for the proposed Fergusson and Goodbehere Street improvements**, with attendees recognising the benefits of the proposed one-way traffic system, additional car parking, and the refresh of the existing raised garden areas.

Feedback on the **proposed cover over the brick quadrant was also generally positive**, although several questions were raised about the design and how the space would function. Most attendees considered events held in the Square to have a **positive impact on their businesses** and supported initiatives that could encourage greater activity within the town centre.

Venue: Delish Café **Attendance:** 10 business and property owners and 4 elected members

6 July 2026 – Feilding Business Initiative

Council presented the proposed Feilding Town Centre Refresh projects at the Feilding Business Initiative's weekly meeting, with Council providing the venue.

A broad mix of local people and businesses was represented. Attendees were engaged throughout the presentation and asked a range of thoughtful questions, demonstrating strong interest in both proposed projects.

The proposed **cover over the brick quadrant** generated the most discussion, with questions focused particularly on the design, potential uses of the covered space, security, and cost. Overall, the sentiment from the group towards the proposal was positive.

The proposed **Fergusson and Goodbehere Street traffic and placemaking changes** were also well received, with the group recognising the potential benefits of the proposed improvements. Overall feedback on these changes was positive.

Attendance:

- 21 Feilding Business Initiative members & 4 elected members

15 July 2026 – FDP Biz@5

The group was engaged throughout the presentation and asked a wide range of questions about both proposed projects.

The **cover over the brick quadrant** generated the most discussion. Early questions and concerns focused on the procurement process and the use of non-local designers, security and the potential for the covered area to attract antisocial behaviour, and whether events currently held in the Brick Quadrant generate meaningful benefits for CBD businesses.

As the discussion progressed, the conversation became more positive, with a number of attendees recognising the potential benefits of the cover and viewing it as a positive initiative to attract more people into the CBD and support increased activity in the town centre.

The proposed **Fergusson and Goodbehere Street traffic and placemaking changes** attracted fewer concerns and were generally well received. Overall, sentiment towards these proposed changes was positive.

Attendance:

- 30 people & 4 elected members

22 July 2026 – Manawatū District Residents & Ratepayers

The group comprised executive members and members of Manawatū District Residents & Ratepayers. The smaller group provided an opportunity for a more detailed and interactive presentation of the two proposed projects.

Questions were initially raised about how the wider **Feilding Town Centre Refresh** programme was being funded. Once the funding approach was explained, the discussion moved to the proposed projects, with particular interest in security, how the spaces would be used, and how events and activities would be generated.

Overall, the group was engaged throughout the discussion, and sentiment towards the proposed projects was generally positive.

Attendance:

- 8 people

F.A.H.S School Council

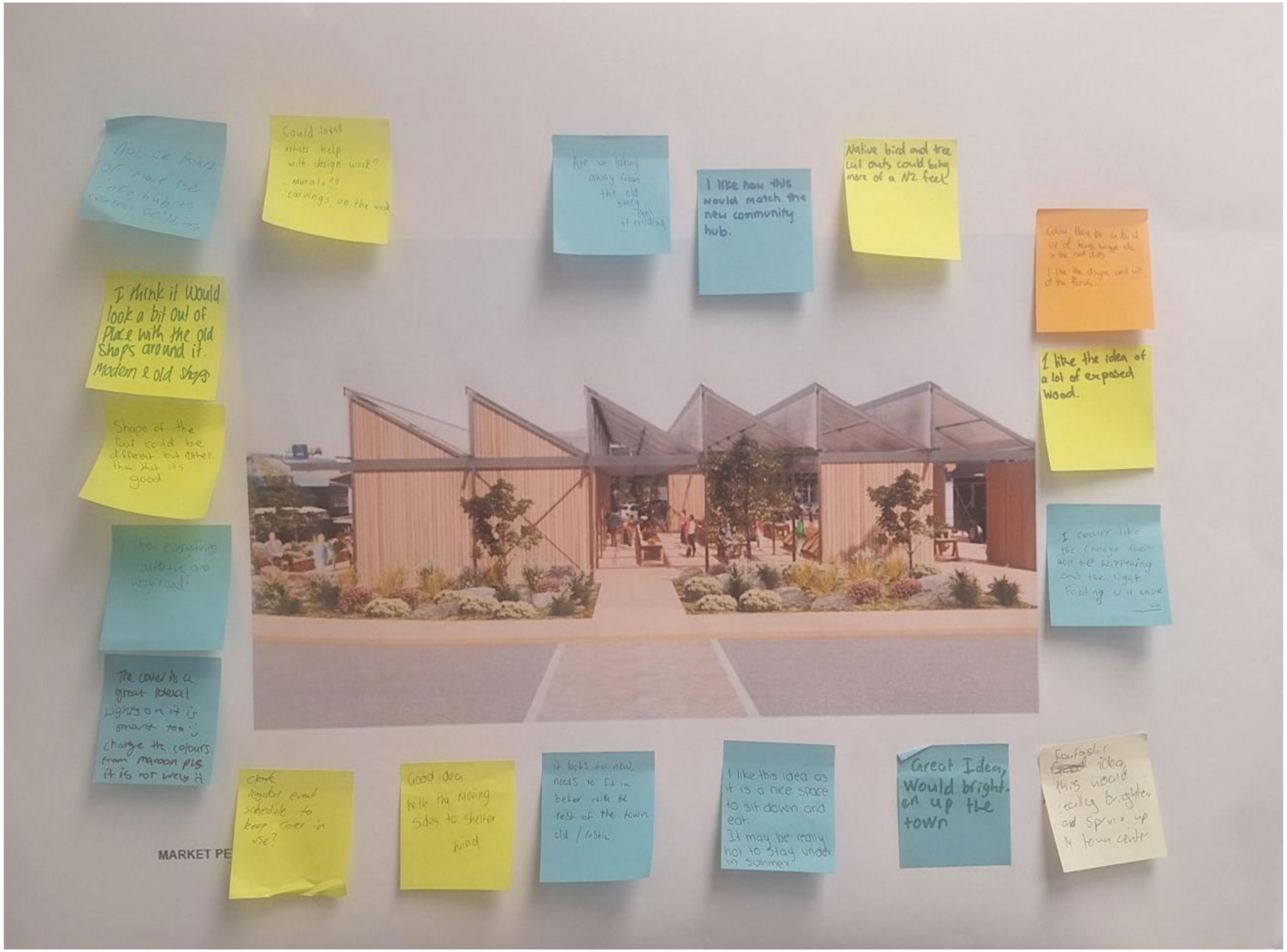
- **30–40 Year 12 and 13 students** (16–18-year-olds) who are members of the School Council attended the session.
- The purpose of the meeting was to seek their **feedback and ideas on the two proposed projects** currently being considered as part of the Feilding Town Centre Refresh (FTCR) community engagement. The under-20 age group was under-represented in the formal submissions received, so we specifically engaged with this group to ensure a younger perspective was captured. **We reinforced that they "didn't have to agree".**
- We provided a brief overview of the **FTCR project as a whole**, before presenting the two specific proposals: the **cover over the Market Quadrant** and the proposed **traffic and placemaking changes to Fergusson and Goodbehere Streets**.
- The students were engaged and interested throughout the presentation. Afterwards, we split them into five groups and provided plans of the proposed projects. Students used sticky notes to record their comments, suggestions and ideas directly onto the plans. They embraced the exercise and provided some very useful feedback.
- We then asked the students a broader question: **"What would you like to see happen in Feilding to better engage and attract people in your age group?"** They were enthusiastic and contributed a wide range of thoughts and ideas.
- The session lasted just under an hour and was very worthwhile. The students were an excellent group to engage with and demonstrated that they could provide a valuable youth perspective for **future Council engagement and projects**.

Market Quadrant Cover: Overall, the feedback was strongly supportive of erecting a cover over the Market Quadrant**,** with most comments seeing it as a positive way to brighten, modernise and increase the usefulness of the town centre. The main concerns relate to ensuring the design remains sympathetic to Feilding's heritage, rural character and surrounding historic buildings.

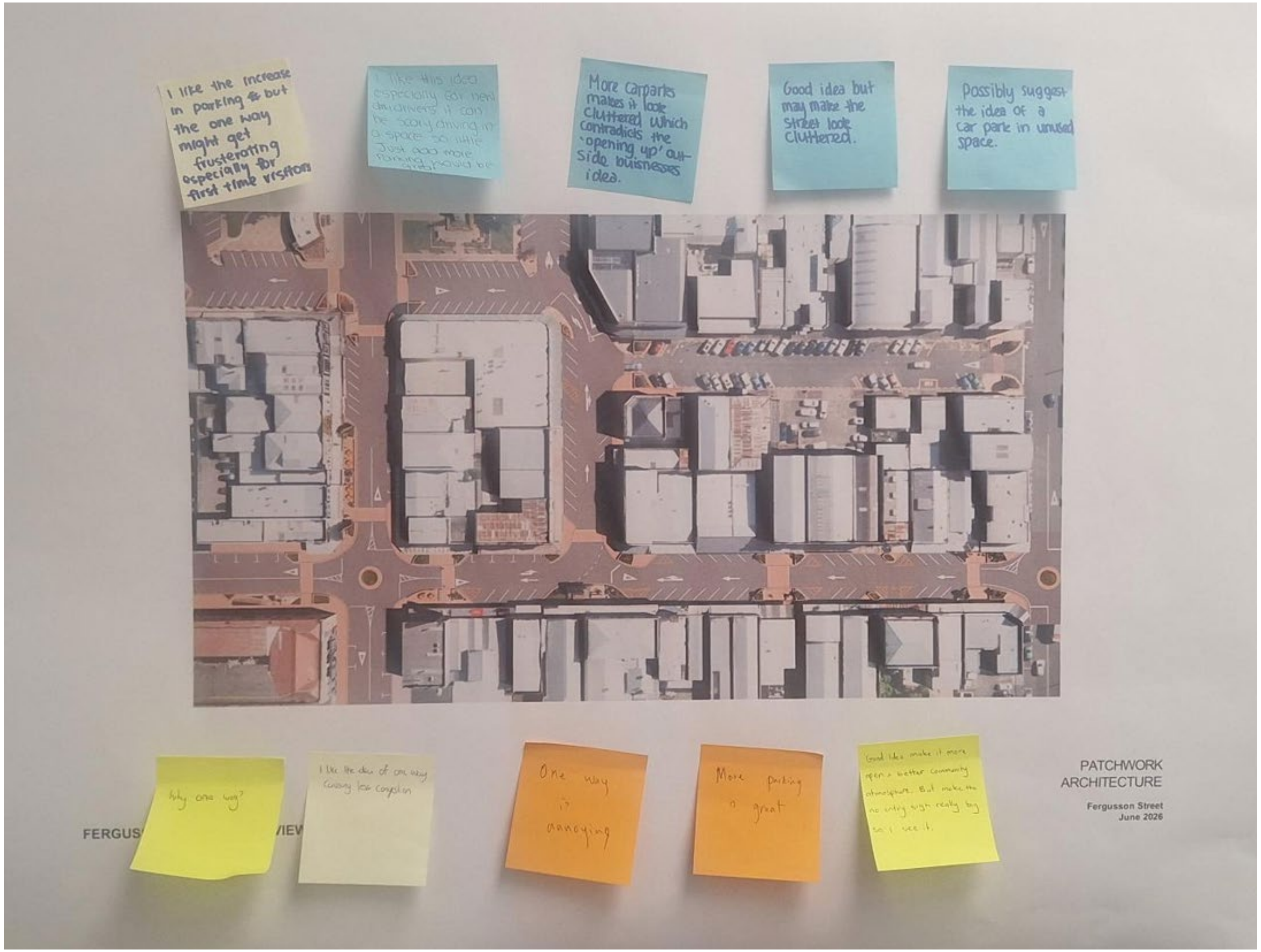
Fergusson & Goodbehere Street Changes: The feedback was positive towards the proposed traffic and placemaking changes**,** particularly the introduction of one-way traffic, improved lighting, additional seating and planting. The comments suggest support for making the streets safer, easier to navigate and more attractive, while retaining Feilding's traditional character.

What Young People Want to See in Feilding: The feedback shows a strong desire from young people for more places to socialise, more entertainment and a greater variety of food and retail options**.** A recurring theme was wanting activities they can enjoy with friends without having to travel to Palmerston North or Whanganui**.**

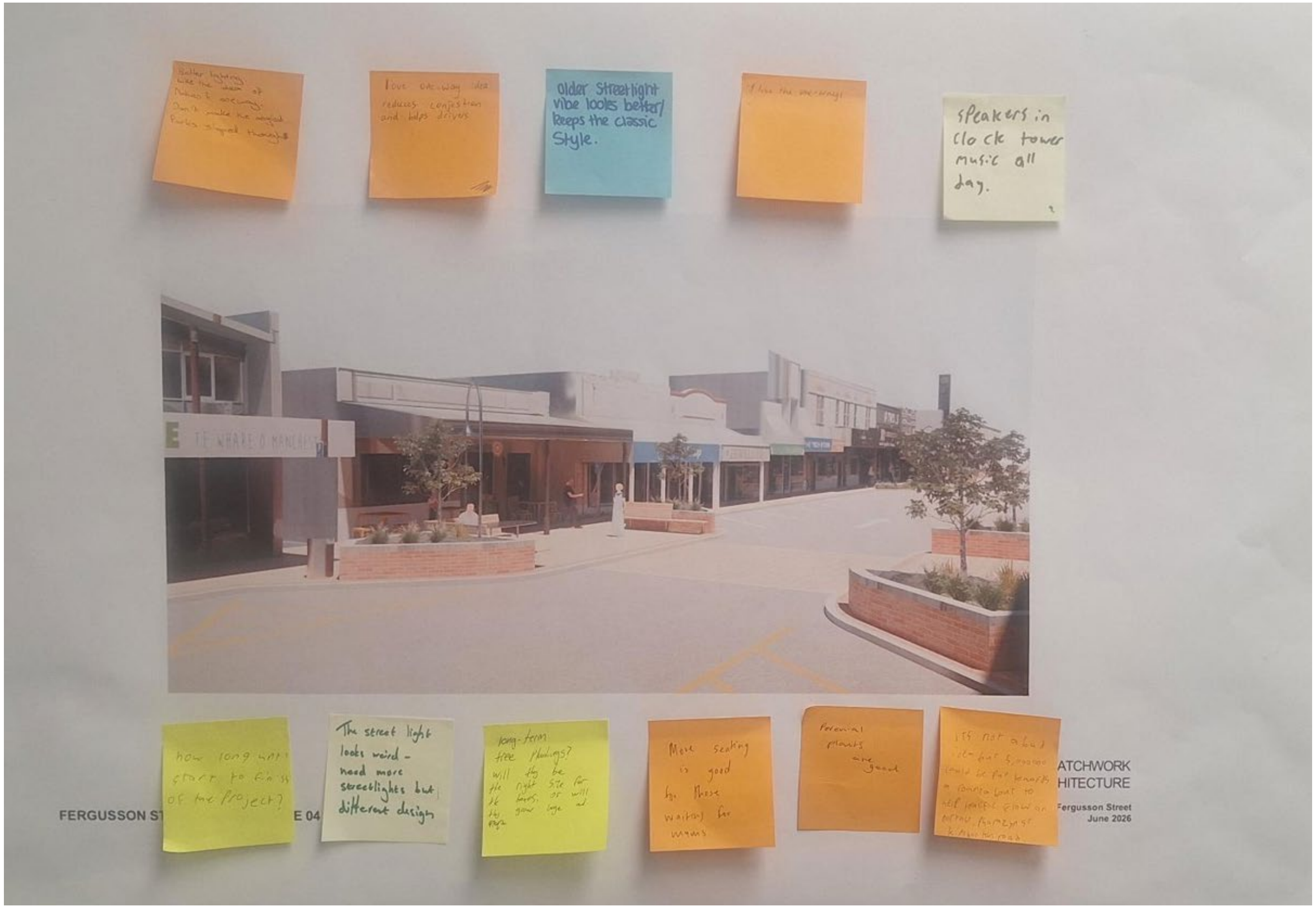
- Native bird & tree cut outs could bring more of a NZ feel.
- Are we taking away the old time feel of Feilding.
- Could local artists help with design work, murals, carvings on the wood.
- I like how this would match the new community hub.
- Love, looks rural fits the filly vibe.
- Mini water fall
- Good Idea
- Feris wheel, mini plaza.
- Yes I agree



- I like the idea a lot of the exposed wood.
- I really like the change that will be happening and the light Feilding will have.
- Fantastic idea this would really brighten and spruce up the town centre.
- Great idea would brighten up the town.
- I like this idea as it is a nice space to sit down and eat. It may be really hot to stay under in the summer.
- It looks too new needs to fit in better with the rest of the town old/rustic.
- Good idea with the moving sides to shelter the wind.
- Needs regular event schedule to keep cover in use.
- The cover is a great idea. Lights on it is smart too. Change the colours from maroon please it is not lively
- I like everything but the one way road.
- Shape of the roof could be different but other than that it's good.
- I think it would look a bit out of place with the old shops around it modern & old shops.
- Notice boards or move the info centre from the hub to the centre of Feilding

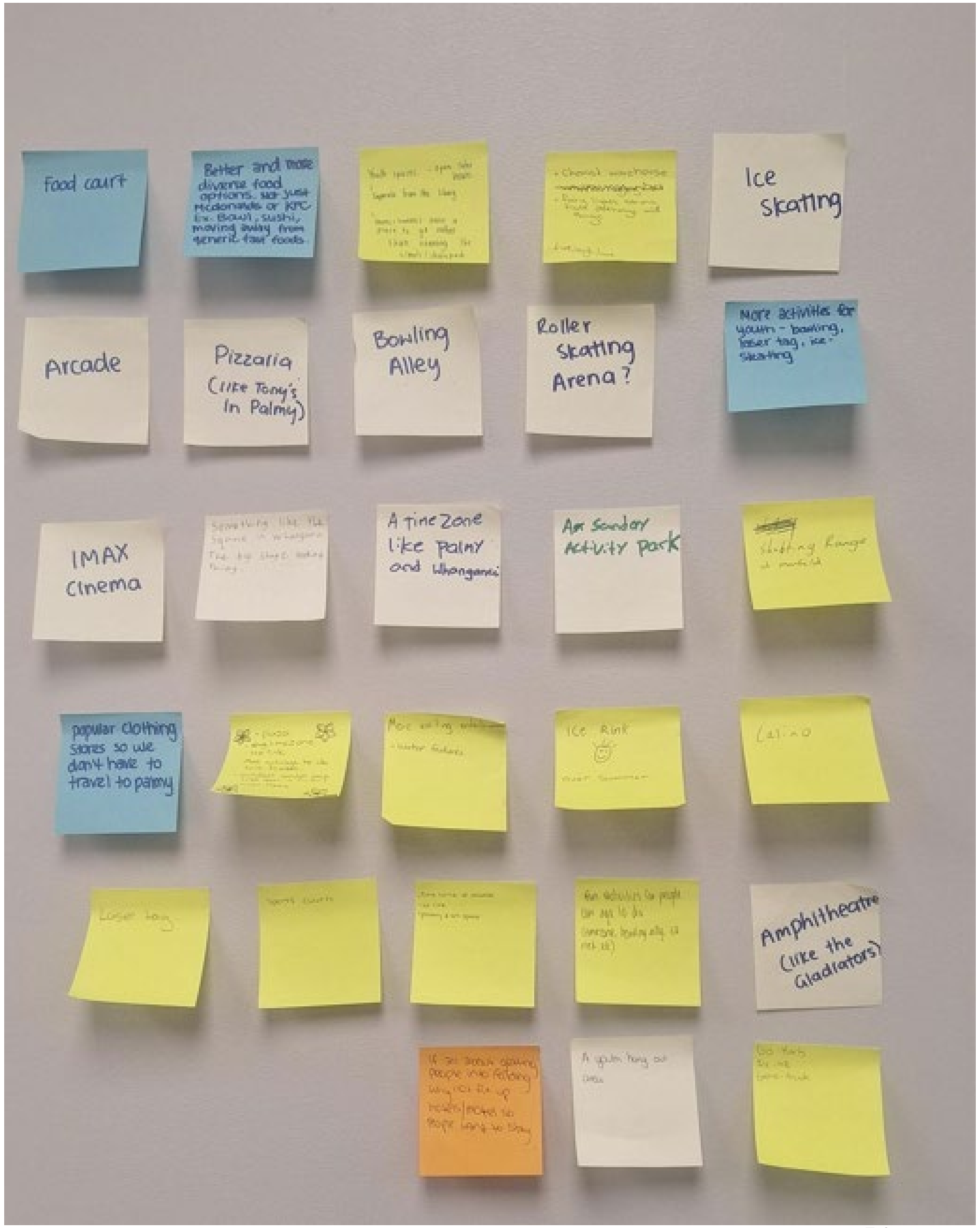


- I like the increase in parking but the one way might get frustrating especially for first time visitors.
- I like this idea especially for new drivers it can be scary driving in a space so little Just add more parking would be great.
- More carparks makes it look cluttered which contradicts the 'opening up' outside business idea.
- Good idea but may make the street look cluttered.
- Possibly suggest the idea of a carpark in unused space.
- Good idea make it more open, better community atmosphere. Make sign 'No Entry' big.
- More parking great.
- One way is annoying.
- I like the idea of one way, causing less congestion.
- Why one way?



- Better lighting. Like the idea of natives & one way. Don't make the angled parks, sloped though.
- Loved the one way idea reduces congestion and helps drivers.
- Older streetlight vibe looks better, keeps classic style.
- I love the one way.
- Speakers in clocktower music all day.
- How long until start to finish the project.
- The streetlight looks weird, need more streetlights but different design.
- Longterm tree planting? Will they be the right size for the boxes or will they grow to large.
- More seating is good for those waiting for mums.
- Perennial plants are a good idea.

- Under the tree less swampy looking & more nice fine cut grass.
- I like this idea I like how It's making a plain space bigger than what it already is.
- This space is not used a lot, this makes it more open and accessible, great way for pubic to engage and hangout . Compliments covered square greatly.
- Really cool space, great seating ideas.
- Please not the $5 m.
- Maybe include a water feature (like a water fall)
- Looks Cool
- Like the kids have space to play. More outdoor games would be good.
- I like the interactive activity idea.
- It would be good if businesses had money to paint exteriors of buildings. Design looks very cool.
- This is smart because grass gets muddy.
- Cool very little seating in town now so cool to add more.
- Perfect! Don't change



What else would you like to see happen in Feilding

- Food court
- Better & more diverse food options. Not just McDonalds or KFC, moving away from generic fast food.
- Youth spaces- open later hour. Separate from the library. Teens / tweens have a place to rather than roaming the streets / skatepark.
- Chemist Warehouse
- Fairy lights strung from overhangs and things.
- Ice Skating
- More activities for youth, bowling, laser tag, ice skating.
- Roller skating arena.
- Pizzaria (like Tonys in Palmy)
- Arcade
- Imax Cinema
- Something like the square in Whanganui, big stage looking thing.
- A time zone like Palmy & Whanganui
- A Sunday activity park
- Shooting range at Manfield
- Casino
- Ice Rink over Summer
- More exciting entertainment
- Plaza, time zone, ice rink, more activities to do with friends, outdoor water park, nicer trees.
- Popular clothing stores so we don't have to go to Palmy
- Laser tag
- Sports courts
- Time zone, Arcade, ice rink, pottery & art space.
- Fun activity for people our age to do, time zone, bowling alley, ice rink.
- Amphitheatre (like the Gladiators)
- Go – karts, Ice rink, game accade.
- Youth hang out area.
- If all about getting people into Feilding, why not fix up the Hotels / Motels so people want to stay.
- It's not a bad idea but $5m could go towards a roundabout at North St / Pharazyn St / Kimbolton Rd.

Feilding Town Centre Refresh Engagement Theming Summary In total 766 responses were received during the Feilding Town Centre Refresh (FTCR) engagement. Not all respondents answered every question.

- **Cover over Brick Quadrant :** Of 753 respondents, 171 (22.7%) supported the proposed covered community space, while 582 (77.3%) did not support it.
- **Planting preference:** Of 349 respondents, 224 (64.1%) preferred Option 2, 125 (35.6%) preferred Option 1.
- **One-way traffic changes:** Of 710 respondents, 437 (61.5%) supported the changes, 273 (38.4%) did not support the changes.
- **Additional parking improving access:** Of 696 respondents, 470 (67.5%) considered that additional parking would improve access, while 226 (32.5%) did not.

Key messages:

- **Covered over Brick Quadrant**: The most frequently recurring themes were opposition to the structure, the cost and priority of essential services, and desire to retain the Square's openness and character. Supportive comments focussed on reliable shelter, seating, and opportunities to activate the town centre. However, many respondents questioned whether a permanent structure would generate sufficient additional use.
- **Planting**: Option 2 was preferred by 64.1% of respondents who answered the question, although open-space flexibility, access and maintenance were relevant concerns.
- **Road Changes**: A majority supported the one-way changes; however, comments focussed heavily on parking, traffic effects, vehicle speeds, car-park dimensions, pedestrian safety, and consultation with local businesses.

Cover over Brick Quadrant:

Theme counts are non-exclusive; one contribution may be coded to several themes.

Responses	Theme	Comments
370	**Opposition to proceeding / preference to retain the square as is**	Many comments asked Council not to proceed, or to retain Manchester Square as an open flexible community space.
317	**Cost, affordability and preference for Council to prioritise of essential services**	Respondents questioned the expense and ongoing costs, affordability for ratepayers, and whether funding should instead support core infrastructure and services.
377	**Openness of the structure, CBD character, heritage, and visual fit**	Concerns focussed on the scale and restrictive nature of the structure, its sawtooth and industrial appearance, and whether it was compatible with Feilding's established Edwardian character.
113	**Weather protection, markets, and event use**	Positive comments addressed genuine shelter and reliable all-weather event use, as well as whether a permanent structure would materially increase use.

119	**Design alternatives, location or less-permanent options**	Suggestions included simpler roof forms, shade sails, pergola or temporary covers, a rotunda-style structure, or using existing and alternative venues, e.g., Manfeild, Civic Centre, Community Halls.
104	**Roof engineering, drainage and ongoing maintenance**	Concerns included internal gutters and valleys, debris, leaks, heat, acoustics, structural supports, cleaning, and whole-of-life maintenance.
135	**Safety, security and anti-social behaviour**	Respondents questioned safety, vandalism, graffiti, rough sleeping, loitering, the need for lighting and cameras and concerns for who would manage this.
97	**Planting, landscaping and green-space preferences**	Views varied between additional gardens and greenery, retaining more flexible grass/open space, and minimising planting that could obstruct access or increase maintenance.
91	**Accessibility, seating and event/vendor logistics**	Feedback covered accessibility, mobility parking, seating, vendor loading, power, storage and practical event infrastructure.
64	**Consultation, local involvement and governance**	Respondents asked Council to listen to the community and user feedback, involve local designers and businesses, and clarify who would govern the structure and control event management.
98	**Effects on nearby businesses and town-centre activity**	Potential benefits included increased visitation and activity in the CBD; concerns included visibility for businesses, competition, and reduced event/vendor flexibility.
17	**Environmental and sustainability opportunities**	Solar generation was proposed along with water-storage tanks, electric-vehicle charging stations, reduction of generator use and providing improved rubbish facilities.

Positive design features identified by respondents:

Responses	Theme	Comments
84	**Covered space, weather protection and all-weather use**	Shelter from rain and wind, greater certainty for activities and the ability to use the space throughout the year.
62	**Markets, events and community activation**	Support for the Farmers' Market, performances and community events; attracting people into town; and creating a more active community space.
44	**Overall design, appearance and welcoming character**	The modern, attractive or welcoming appearance, including comments that the design looked natural, picturesque or compatible with the library or Feilding's character.
31	**Flexible, open and adaptable space**	An open and spacious structure capable of accommodating different activities, layouts and user groups.
27	**Roof form, materials, natural light and local character**	The saw-tooth roof, timber elements, high roof, natural light and connections with Feilding's rural, industrial or heritage character.
23	**Planting, landscaping and stormwater treatment**	Positive comments about gardens, grass, landscaping, softened edges and the use of planting to manage stormwater runoff.
18	**Moveable screening and weather adaptability**	Moveable walls, panels and windbreaks that could be opened or closed according to weather conditions.

13	**Seating, kiosk/storage, lighting and energy features**	Seating, event storage, the kiosk, integrated and natural lighting.
11	**Access, pedestrian comfort and inclusive use**	User-friendly access, mobility access, pedestrian comfort, inclusive gathering space and places where people could stay and socialise.

Proposed road changes feedback: Advantages

Responses	Theme	Comments
45	**Improved traffic flow and easier passage.**	The most common perceived benefit was that one-way operation would remove opposing-vehicle conflicts on streets described as narrow, awkward or difficult to drive through, particularly when large vehicles were parked.
16	**Safer and clearer movement.**	Respondents expected fewer vehicle conflicts (e.g., trying to pass on narrow streets or manoeuvring around large, parked cars and oncoming traffic), better visibility and a safer environment for drivers and pedestrians. Several respondents described the current arrangement as dangerous.
35	**Additional or more usable parking.**	Respondents anticipated more convenient access to shops, easier angle parking and benefit from additional loading or mobility spaces. Some support was conditional on bays being large enough for utes, SUVs, vans and door opening.
33	**Better pedestrian access, accessibility and public space.**	Respondents saw one-way operation as an opportunity for safe crossings, shorter crossing distances, wider or more comfortable pedestrian areas, accessible movement, seating and outdoor dining.
20	**Support for businesses, activity and town-centre appeal.**	Respondents expected easier access, added parking, and improved streetscapes to increase visitation, support local shops and create a more attractive or active town centre.
25	**General endorsement without a detailed reason.**	Some written responses simply described the road proposal or design as sensible, attractive, well considered or a good idea, without explaining a single benefit.

Proposed road changes feedback: Disadvantages

Responses	Theme	Comments
65	The current arrangement is adequate or change is unnecessary.	Respondents said that the existing system works well enough, that problems occur only occasionally, or that maintenance and small adjustments would be preferable to a redesign.
119	Cost, affordability, priority and value for money.	Respondents questioned whether the number of additional parks or likely transport benefits justified construction, disruption and ongoing costs. Many preferred essential infrastructure, maintenance, debt reduction or lower rates.
42	Confusion, detours, wrong-way movements and inconvenience.	Concerns included unfamiliar drivers entering the wrong way, confusion where one- and two-way sections meet, having to travel around the block, and reduced

		convenience when trying to reach a business or return to a parking space.
44	Congestion and redistribution to adjoining roads.	Respondents were concerned that circulating traffic, parking searches and diverted movements could create bottlenecks at nearby intersections or shift pressure to Kimbolton Road, Manchester Street, MacArthur Street, Stafford Street and other routes.
52	Angle-parking, reversing and large-vehicle safety.	Respondents were concerned that angle parking on both sides of narrow streets. Respondents described blocked sightlines, vehicle protruding into the carriageway, risks when two vehicles reverse at once, and bays that may be too short or narrow for large vehicles.
45	Existing parking is adequate or demand is Friday-specific.	Some respondents said they can usually park within a short walk, that shortages mainly occur on Fridays or for major events, or that enforcement and business-parking behaviour should be addressed before adding spaces.
24	Too few additional parks to materially improve access.	A related concern was that roughly nine to twelve additional spaces would not deliver noticeable benefit, particularly when event closures could remove them or other parking areas were available.
38	More pedestrian or seating space is not needed.	Respondents said footpaths were rarely congested; existing seating was underused and widening pedestrian areas could reduce space for traffic or parking without attracting more activity.
40	Effects on business access, deliveries and trading.	Respondents were concerned that one-way circulation and parking changes could make shops harder to reach, discourage customers or adversely affect trading. Other concerns included maintaining loading and delivery access, the availability of parking for customers and businesses, disruption during construction, and the need to consult affected business owners.
36	Loss of direct access for visitors, older people and mobility-limited users.	Some respondents considered circuitous routes and parking changes less accessible, particularly for people who need to park near their destination or who may find one-way layouts difficult to navigate.
6	Higher vehicle speeds on one-way streets.	Six respondents suggested that removing opposing traffic could encourage higher speeds. One supportive respondent suggested speed-control measures if the proposal proceeds.

Additional 22 responses provided on short forms

Response	Supported	Opposed	No Response
Proposed design	0 (0.0%)	20 (90.9%)	2 (9.1%)
Overall concept	3 (13.6%)	18 (81.8%)	1 (4.5%)

Themes

Responses	Theme	Comments
12	**Retaining the Square's openness and existing character**	Respondents wanted Manchester Square to remain open and largely unchanged. Comments referred to its distinctive character, identity and value as an open public space.

7	**Appearance and compatibility of the proposed design**	Comments described the proposed structure as unattractive, “tent-like” or out of character with the town centre and the Square’s existing aesthetic.
7	**Cost, rates and value for money**	Respondents questioned the project’s cost, its value and potential future maintenance costs. Some considered the funding should be directed to other priorities or were concerned about further pressure on rates.
5	**Need, purpose and demonstrated benefit**	Comments questioned why the change was required, whether the existing Square was already functioning adequately and whether there was sufficient identified use beyond the market.
3	**Alternative location or use of existing venues**	Respondents suggested locating the facility elsewhere or using existing venues such as the Civic Centre or Manfeild.
2	**Use of local designers or providers**	Questioned why design work had been undertaken outside the District and suggested local expertise should have been used.
2	**Traffic and parking**	Respondents raised existing Friday parking pressures and considered a facility should be located where parking and future growth could be accommodated.
2	**Funding and operational conditions**	Comments suggested users should contribute to costs and the need to secure the facility after hours.
2	**Effects on existing features**	Specific concerns included shading other parts of the Square and the relationship with existing trees and time capsules.
1	**Design feature suggestion**	One respondent referred to the inclusion or use of louvres

Public Feedback

Feilding Town Centre Refresh: Engagement Update

MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL

Engagement Summary

Engagement period:15 July - 14 August 2026

- **Presentations delivered to:**
  - Business Owners Adjacent to the Brick Quadrant 19th June
  - Farmers Market Stallholders 19th June
  - Business & Property Owners on Fergusson & Goodbehere St 23rd June
  - Feilding Business Initiative 6th July
  - FDP Biz@5 15th July
  - Manawatū District Residents and Ratepayers 22nd July
  - FAHS School Council 21st Aug (post engagement timeline)

Engagement Summary

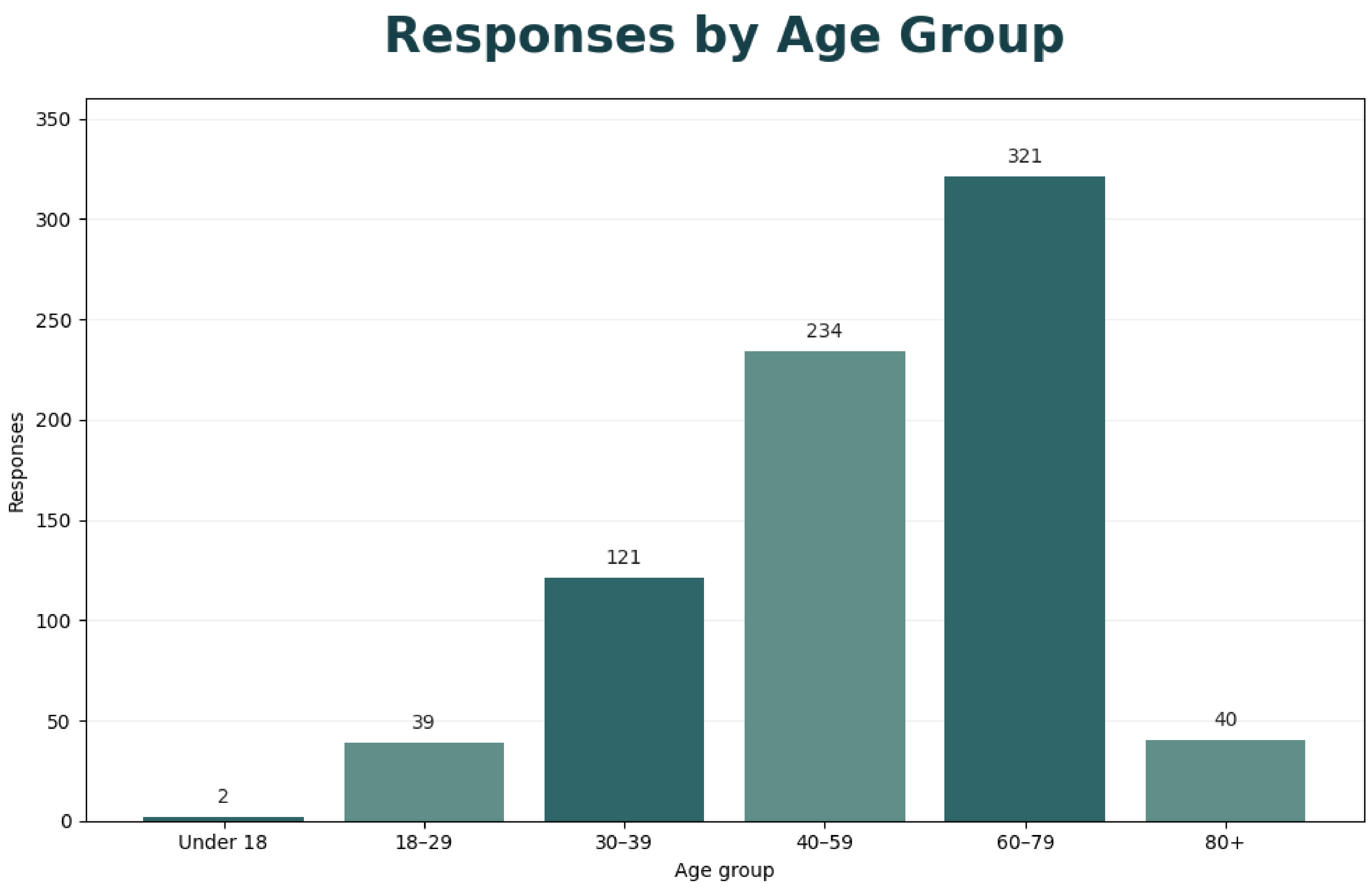
Engagement period:15 July - 14 August 2026

Community and media engagement:

- Feilding Farmers Market 24th July
- Signage Placed in the CBD
- 3 Facebook Post’s in July
- Feilding First 3 x ½ Page Adverts

Engagement Overview

766 submissions received between 15 July and 14 August 2026



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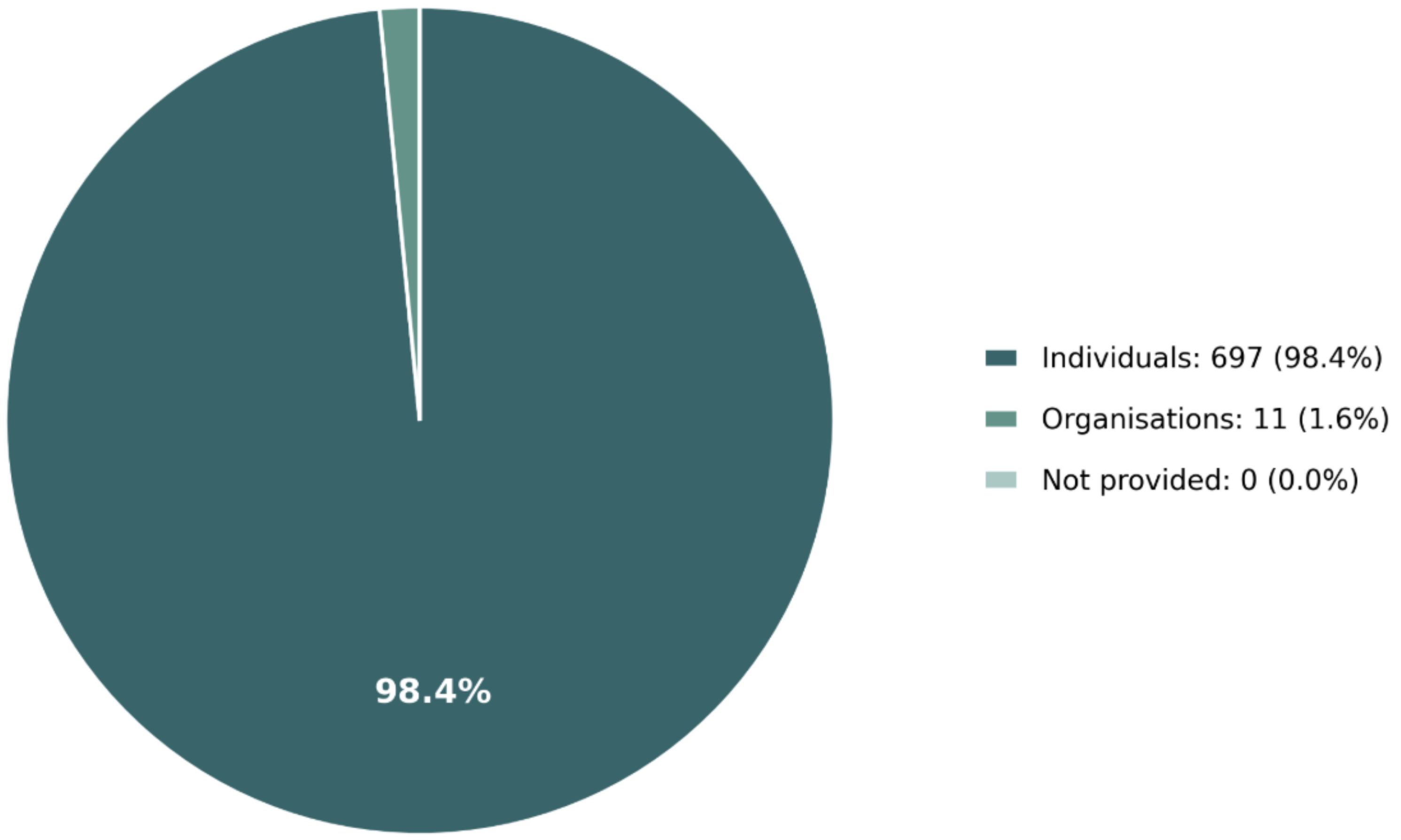

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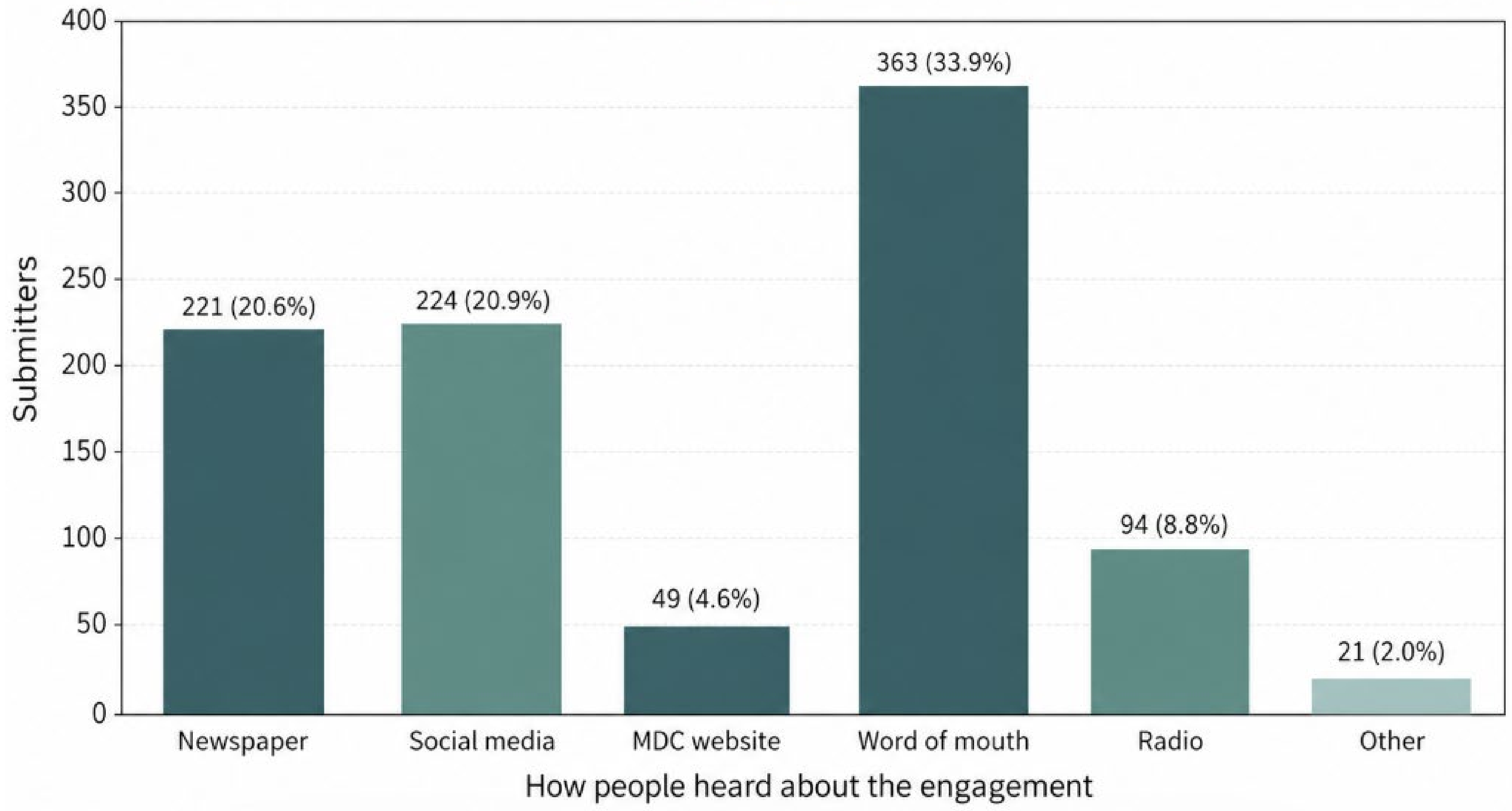

Proposal One

Cover over Brick Quadrant

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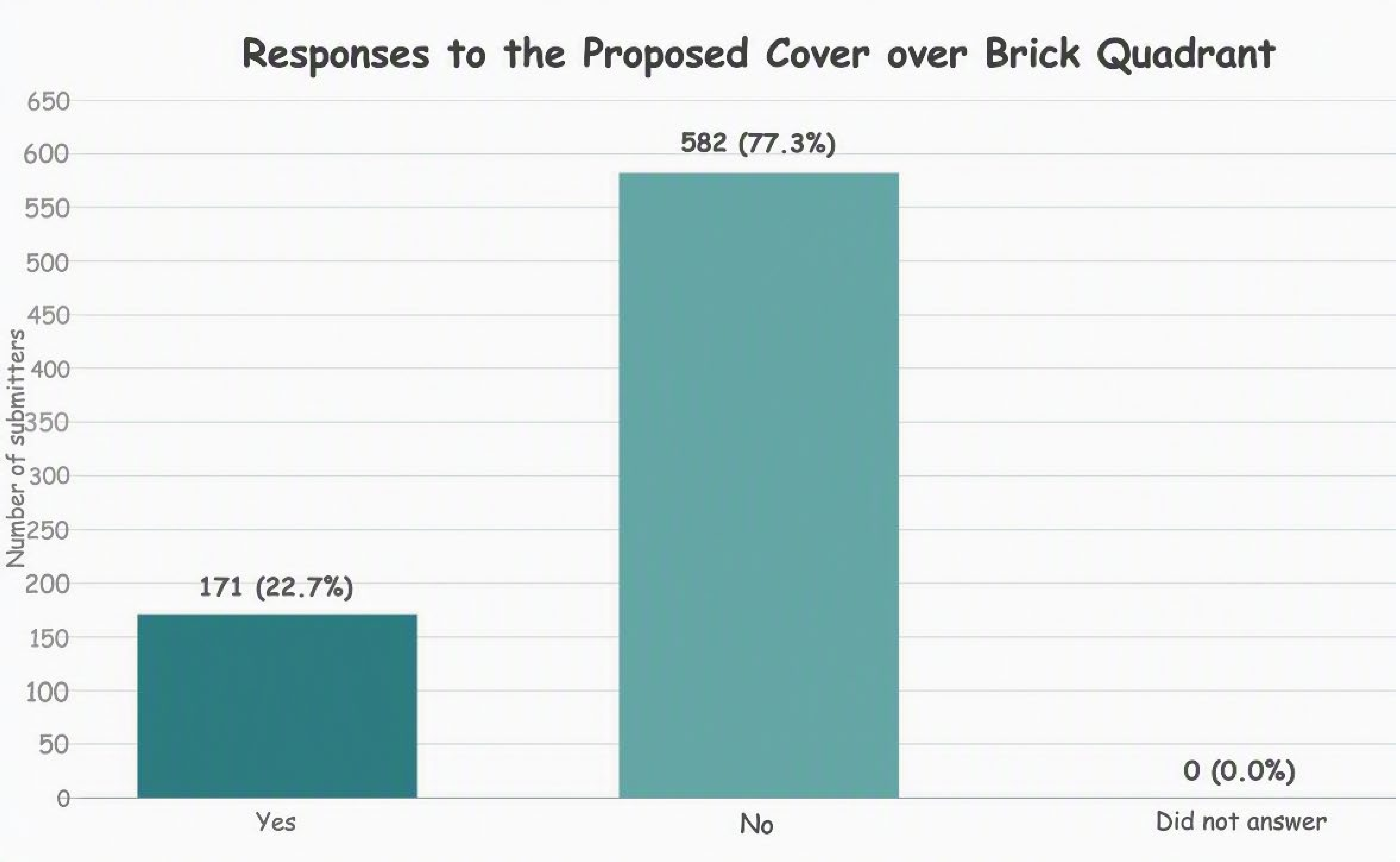


What features of the design do you like?

Themes Identified:

- Weather protection and year-round use (84)
- Support for the Farmers' Market and town-centre activity (62)
- Overall appearance, roof form, materials, and character (44)
- Flexible, multipurpose community and event space (31)
- Landscaping, planting and stormwater gardens (23)
- Adaptable, open-sided design and moveable screens (18)
- Lighting and natural light (13)
- Practical amenities, access and seating (7)

Are there any concerns or changes you would like Council to consider?

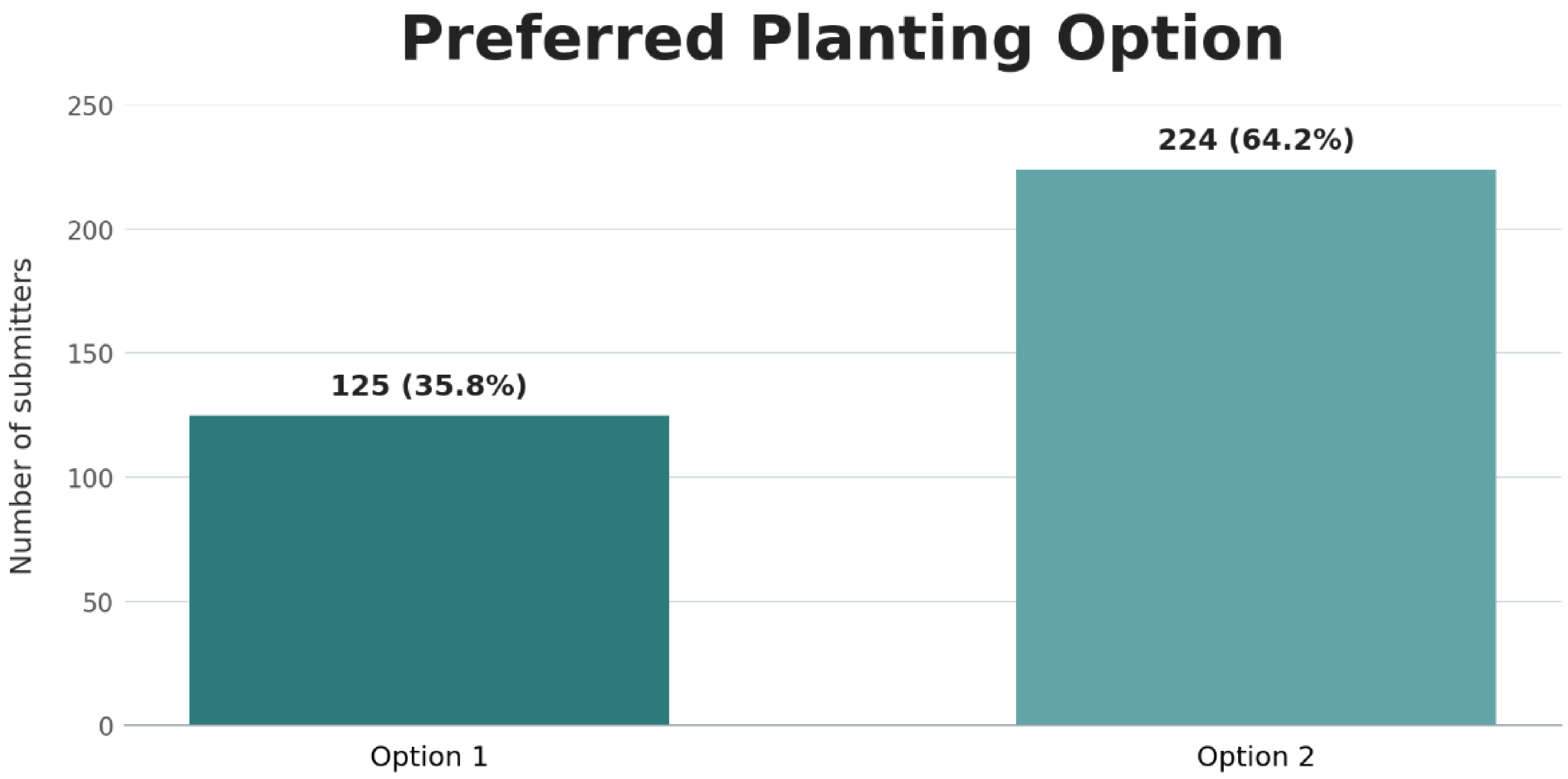
Themes Identified:

- Concerns regarding openness of structure and visual fit (377)
- Preference to retain square as is (370)
- Cost, rates and competing priorities (317)
- Safety, security and antisocial behaviour (135)
- Design alternatives, and locations, and less permanent options(119)
- Roof engineering, drainage and ongoing maintenance (104)
- Effects on nearby businesses and town-centre activity (98)

What planting option do you favour?

Option One

Option Two



Proposal Two

Traffic & Placemaking Improvements

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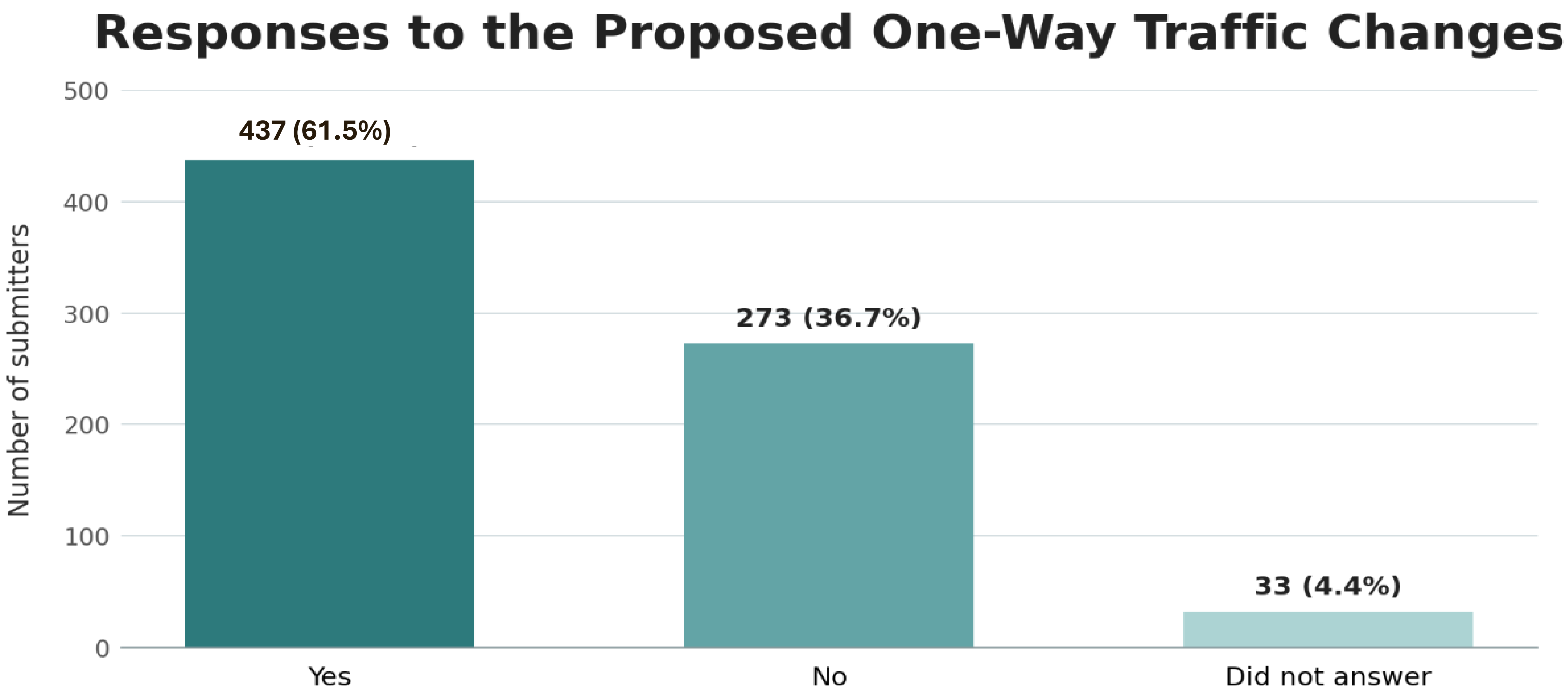
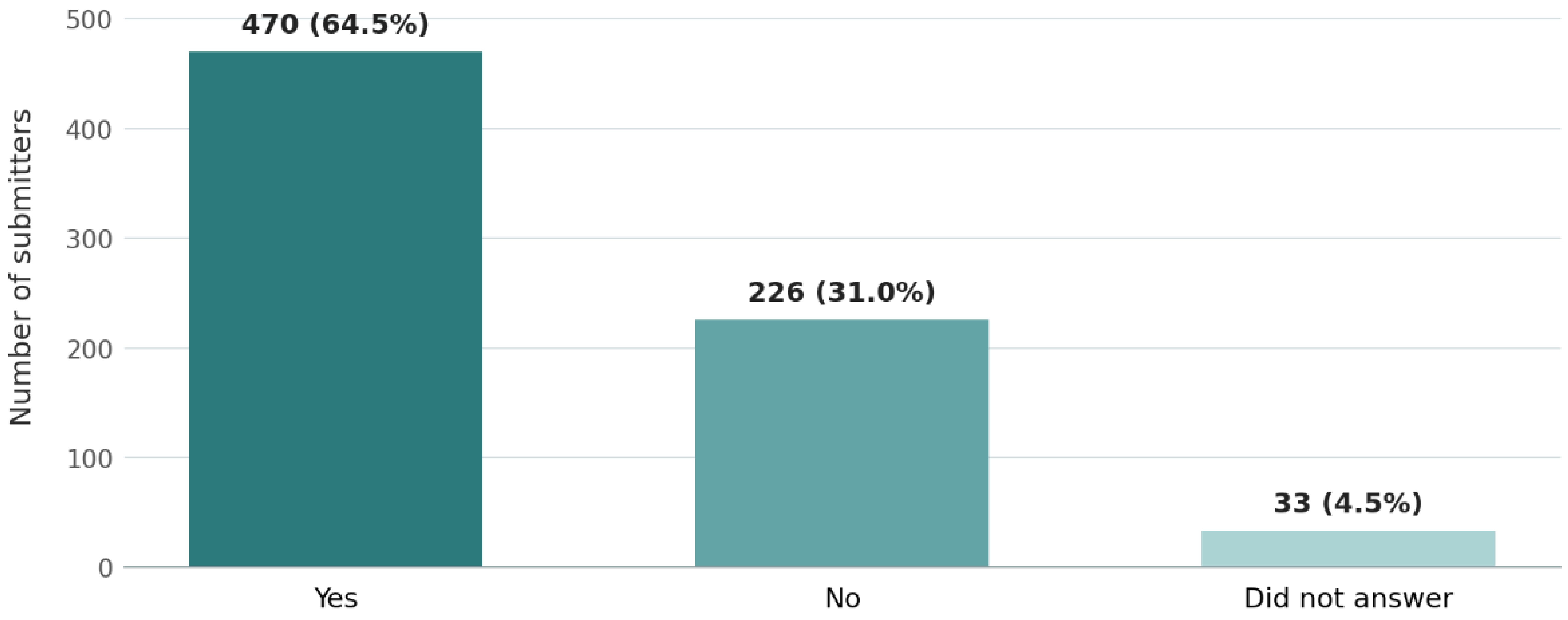
Do you support the proposed one-way traffic changes?



Would additional parking improve access to the town centre?



Advantages and disadvantages of road changes

Advantages:

- Improved traffic flow (45)
- Additional, more usable parking (35)
- Better pedestrian access and public space (33)

Disadvantages:

- Cost and affordability (119)
- Current arrangement adequate (65)
- Reversing large vehicle safety (52)

Note. As the themes are non-exclusive, some respondents supported the proposed changes overall while also identifying potential disadvantages or matters requiring further consideration.

Key Takeaways

77% Did not support the proposed cover over the brick quadrant.

61% Supported the proposed one-way traffic changes.

67% Considered that additional parking would improve access to the town centre.

Overall Message

Feedback indicates substantial opposition to the proposed cover over the brick quadrant, particularly because of concerns about its cost and design. However, the majority of respondents supported both the proposed one-way traffic changes and additional parking.

Questions?