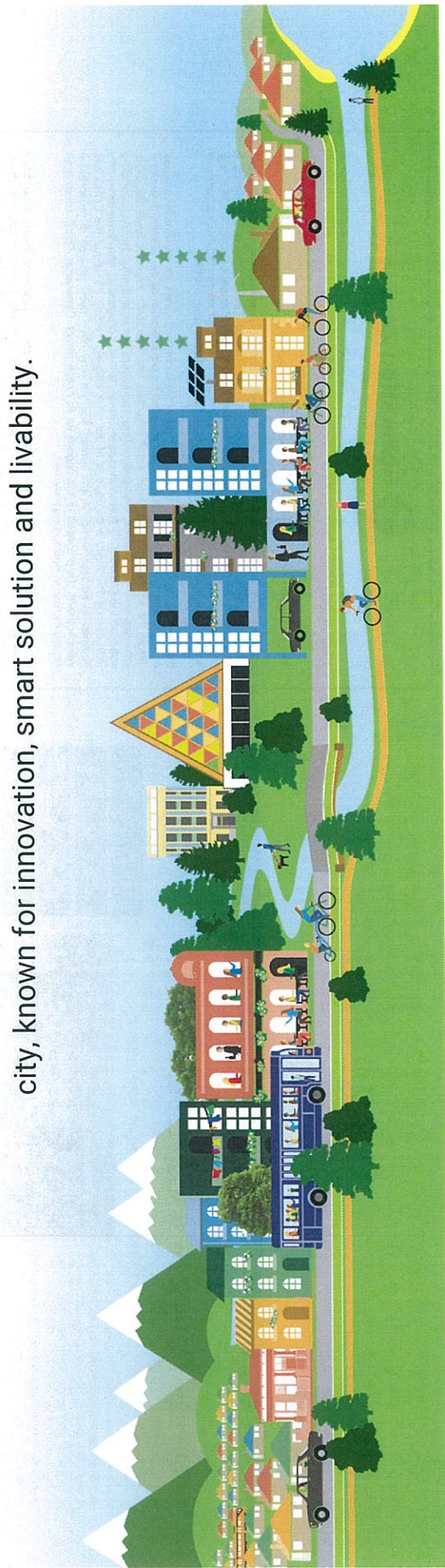


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Generation Zero

Tuesday 10th October 2017

To the Mayor and Councillors of the Christchurch City Council.

Generation Zero would like to express our concern for the state of democracy within our Council. We are incredibly disappointed to learn that the Christchurch City Council is considering a proposal for St Asaph Street tabled by the Christchurch City Business Group (CCBG). We understand that their proposal has become part of the current community feedback process as a result of a private meeting between the Mayor and these business owners.

It is alarming that a small group of vocal business owners can bypass the democratic process of local government, to have a proposal accepted for consideration by the Council. It poses a risk to the future of our city, when small minorities with short-term interests have this much influence over our Council. Generation Zero appreciates the recent effort by the Council to establish the Central City Transport Liaison Group. This is a progressive step towards equally representing the views and concerns of our city's different sectors. However, the CCBG has declined to be represented in this group, and yet they have been granted disproportional influence over the proposed layout options for St Asaph Street. Generation Zero is seeking an explanation as to how this was allowed.

Despite our organisation's continued efforts to encourage engagement in the local body democratic process, we are growing more and more frustrated with the biased influence short-sighted businesses have over our city's decision makers. Given the concessions that have been made for individual businesses on Victoria Street, Ferry Road and now St Asaph Street, we feel our voices are not given equal weight and that our efforts are proving ineffectual. How are we to continue to advocate for public engagement, when arrangements like this on St Asaph Street are being made behind closed doors?

Generation Zero would like to request a meeting with the Mayor this month to discuss a way forward from here. We would like to discuss the following.

1. How can we restore faith in the democratic functions of the Christchurch City Council?
2. How can we ensure the youth voice of our city is appropriately validated alongside vocal individual businesses?
3. How does the Mayor see the Central City Transport Liaison Group being effective in managing the different views of our city's future?

As the leader of our city, the Mayor's decisions have a direct impact on the behavioural change our city needs as we transition towards a lower carbon future. To future-proof our city against the challenges ahead, our city leaders need to take the public along with them as they make bold and informed decisions for the benefit of all.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response.

Ngā mihi,

Francesca and the Generation Zero Christchurch team

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Public input sought on St Asaph St options

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Community feedback is being sought on two options for changing the road lay-out on St Asaph St.



Over the past six months Christchurch City Council staff have been meeting with representatives from the Central City Business Group to discuss how the design of St Asaph St could be modified to address the group's concerns about the lack of parking spaces, the accessibility of the parking bays, and the narrow width of the traffic lanes.

The CCBG favour a \$1.2 million redesign option which involves:

- Reinstating approximately 53 carparks.
- Revising the tree pit design on the north side of the corridor and reducing the number of tree pits provided.
- Reducing the width of the northern footpath by a metre so the width of the traffic lanes can be increased.

Council staff have suggested an option, costing about \$210,000, which involves:

- Making minor enhancements to St Asaph St by modifying the entry and exit of parking bays so they are easier to get in and out of.
- Installing two goods vehicle loading zones.
- Installing additional cycle parking on identified islands.
- Modifying the tree pit kerb design so they cause less damage to car wheels.

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CCGB's independent survey

Are you happy with the roading changes in the Central City?

Central City Business Group is an incorporated Society whose members are CBD property and business owners concerned about the changes already, and being, made to the CBD traffic lay out as a result of the implementation by CCC of the "an Accessible City" initiative.

We would like to know your views so we can share these with CCC to ensure they are taken into account in CCC decision making processes which impact our central city.

An open letter to Christchurch City Councillors from members of The Central City Business Group

CHRISTCHURCH CBD TRAFFIC SHAMBLES



What is CCGB?
The Central City Business Group (CCGB) is an Incorporated Society, comprised of family members, who are responsible for looking after the day to day running of the Christchurch CBD. The group represents both a significant amount of investment in the city, but also more importantly, with family and business owners, family and business owners concerned about the standard of their businesses within the Christchurch CBD. Christchurch CBD is a busy area, and the goal of a vibrant, successful, accessible city centre.

CCGB is concerned about the changes that have been made to the CBD traffic lay out as a result of an implementation by Christchurch City Council (CCC) for the "Accessible City" initiative. This is just one of the proposed changes, with a great deal of other changes being implemented.

CCC is creating an "Inaccessible" City
Christchurch City Council (CCC) has been asked to make a number of changes to the CBD traffic lay out as a result of the Christchurch City Council (CCC) for the "Accessible City" initiative. This is just one of the proposed changes, with a great deal of other changes being implemented.

We are concerned that CCC has failed to engage in meaningful and appropriate consultation with the business community and its representatives.

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Looking at St Asaph Street as a finished example, how would you rate the following aspects

Aspect	Rate
Overall satisfaction	4.5
St Asaph Street	5.0
Other streets	4.0

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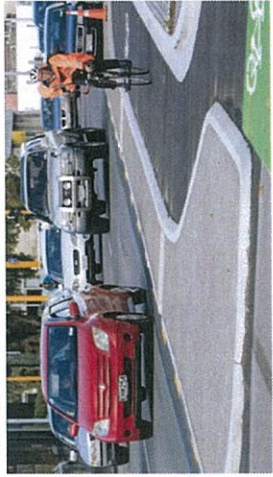
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BY DALE JENKIN AND FRANCIS BRADLEY

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MICHAEL HANNAH
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Christchurch City Council to consult on St Asaph St layout changes

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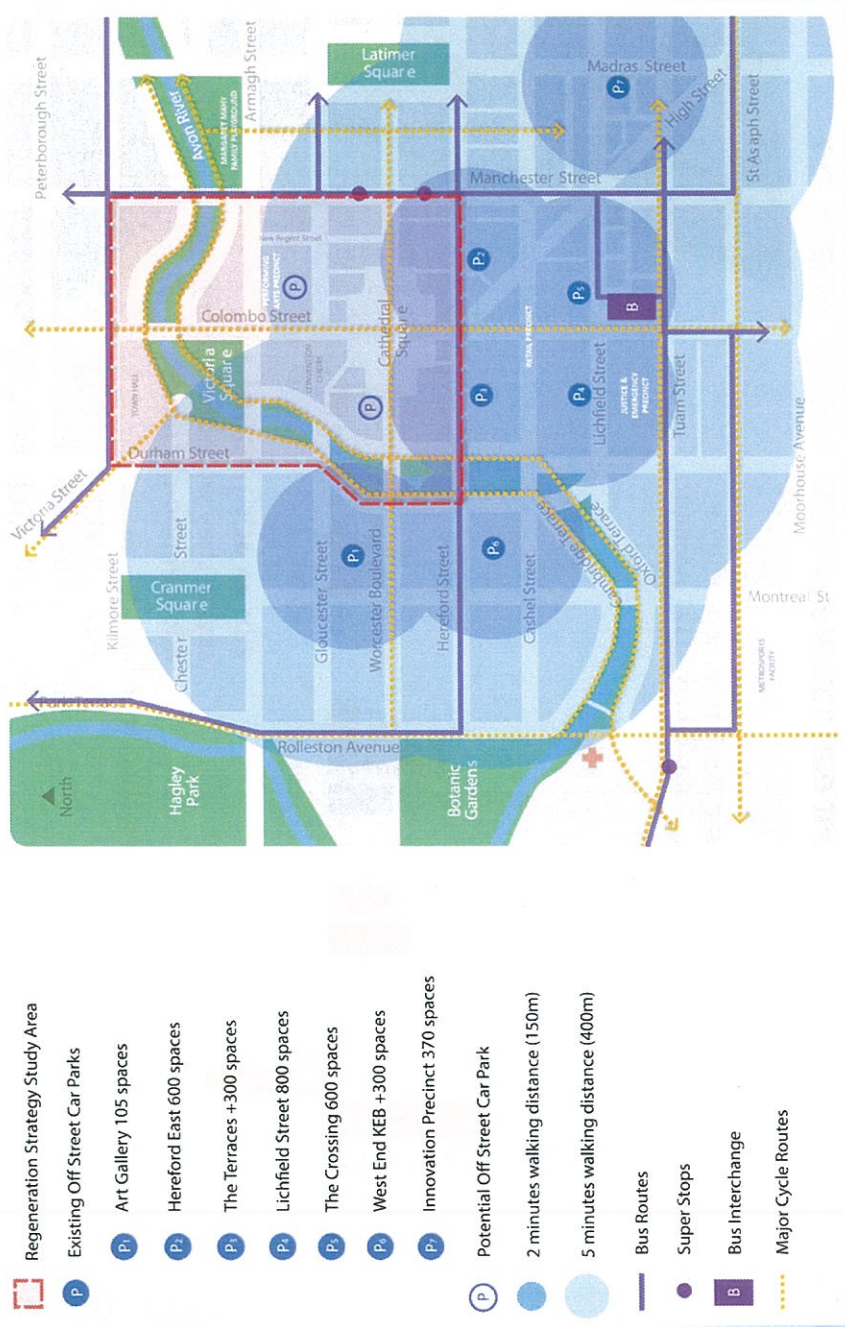


Research into controversial street layout divisive

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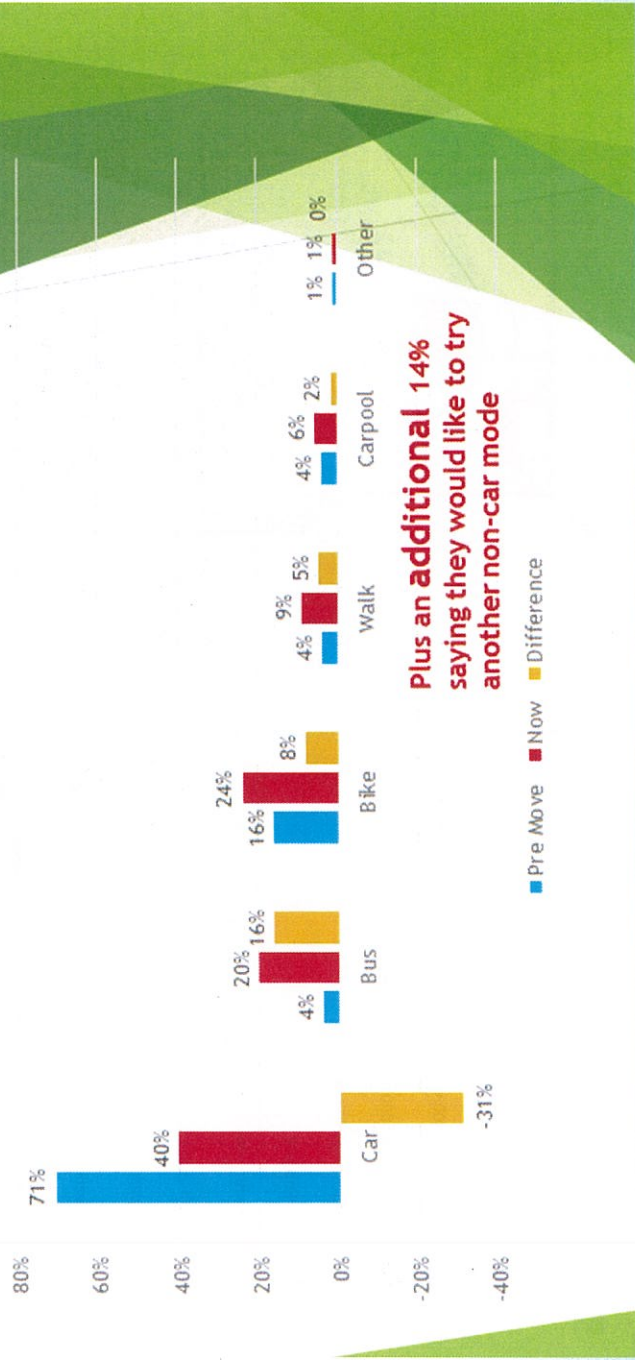
Car parking developments in the CBD



Source: Christchurch City Council

Travel mode choices made pre and post earthquake

Pre and Post move mode choice
Survey Data Results (1127 people)



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'Death trap' cycleway criticised over car parks

3:55 pm on 21 September 2017

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A Christchurch cycleway is being described as a death trap, with a cyclist left badly injured after a car turning into off-street parking hit him.



Cyclists on the St Asaph Street cycleway, in central Christchurch have to watch out for cars pulling across it. Photo: [Conan Young / RNZ](#)
The cycleway - part of a \$5.5 million redevelopment of St Asaph Street - has been open less than a year but has been plagued with problems.



Cyclist Chris Kitson after he was knocked off his bike. Photo: Supplied

