

## **Auckland City Centre Resident's Group**

### **Project Wave Feedback**

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CCRG support the full implementation of the city centre masterplan, along now with all and every measure to assist us to meet our agreed climate emergency mitigation efforts – encouraging active modes like walking and cycling being critical, and quite easily achievable in the city centre.

This much-planned project provides an excellent and much safer new connection between the Quay Street improvements and Nelson Street, as well as a new way around the viaduct to Victoria Park for people in the city centre to find safe cycleways around the city. It has also quietened down the streets in the area in terms of slowing traffic down. It really encourages a more relaxed people-friendly vibe to this area, an area full of residents walking about, visitors, shoppers, diners and so on - people on foot and bikes. Great that Loading zones are all still there and working as planned. Looks like there is pretty much the same amount of on street car storage/parking as before too - so a really impressive achievement to reallocate public street space back to people-friendly activities, while maintaining the essential functions that cities need. This will help with our really necessary climate goals, and the plans for the city centre.

This also supports walking as it removes some of the potential cyclist/walker conflicts from bicycles using often busy footpaths of the area.

Some of the cycleway surfaces could be made a bit better.

There seems to be some issues with cars parking in the cycleway - so maybe more work on enforcement or better still, prevention via design.

It does also appear to reduce rat running, allowing those who need to get somewhere to get there and generally slows vehicular traffic. So, the impact is a quieter, a calmer neighbourhood focussed on people movements, whether it be by car, walking, bikes and other ways like scootering.

It's a start, but more parking could be removed to provide more space for walking and short-term deliveries/loading and unloading. Maybe some more disabled parking? Widen the footpaths for more street activity like seating for cafes and pocket parks. Luckily, all the residential blocks in the area are very well supplied with onsite parking, and there are plenty of parking buildings in the immediate area to provide car parking to visitors who choose to or need to drive in.

Lastly, but importantly, it is very pleasing to see this project done so quickly, nimbly and apparently quite cheaply.

CCRG call for and support more of these connections joined up across the city centre, encouraging a safer move to active modes, and a more liveable, civilised, and progressive city for people.

It's all part of our many agreed plans for the city centre - bike lanes, more people spaces, less traffic, less pollution. Just in general a great initiative for people everywhere to use.

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