

Appendix Three

Vision CBD 2030: Submissions Analysis Report

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the results from the Draft Vision CBD 2030 public consultation submission process that occurred during November-December 2008.

In total, the Council received 105 submissions and a petition.

This report has the following sections:

- Section A summarises the overall results for the Vision Themes
- Section B summarises the overall results for the Vision Outcomes
- Section C provides further details of the submission analysis

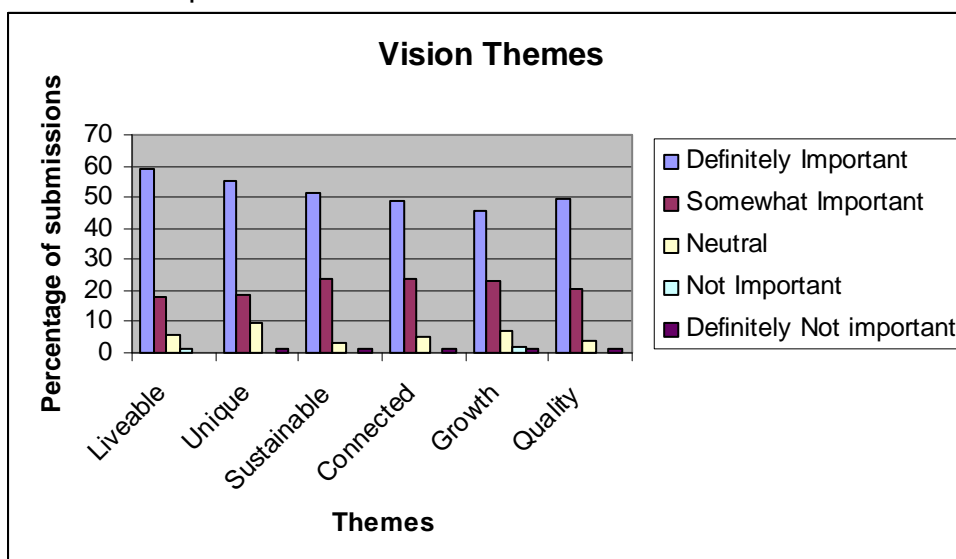
Section A – Vision Themes

There are six Themes identified in the Draft Vision CBD 2030:

- Liveable
- Unique
- Sustainable
- Connected
- Growth
- Quality

1. All six Themes are believed to be important.

The chart below shows the percentage of total submissions that chose the themes as important.



2. 'Liveable' is the most important Theme, followed by 'Unique' and 'Sustainable'.

The table below shows the percentage of total submissions that chose 'definitely important' or 'somewhat important'.

Theme	Percentage
Liveable	77.2
Sustainable	75.3
Unique	74.2
Connected	72.3
Quality	70.3
Growth	68.3

Section B – Vision Outcomes

For each Theme, the Draft Vision CBD 2030 presents a list of Outcomes and Suggested Initiatives. This section looks at the overall results for the Outcomes.

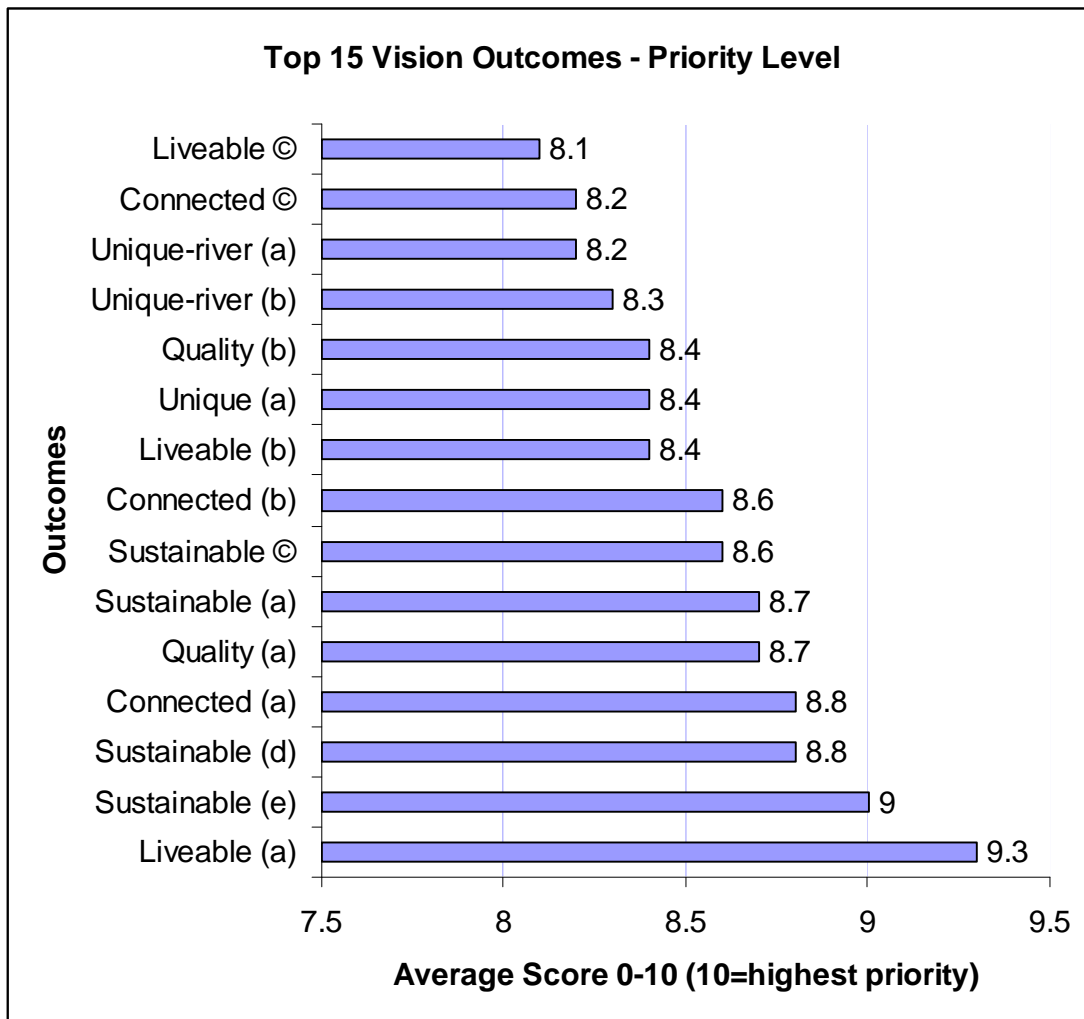
3. The top Vision Outcome is to “provide a safe and people-friendly environment” in our CBD – 'Liveable' Theme. Putting people first, or a City designed for people comes through as the single most important Outcome for our CBD Vision. This is clearly communicated across all Themes by the submitters.

4. In second place, submitters want to “reduce waste generated in the CBD” – 'Sustainable' Theme.

5. In third place, submitters want to:

- **encourage sustainable water usage in the CBD – 'Sustainable' Theme; and**
- **ensure people-friendly connections – 'Connected' Theme.**

The chart below shows the top 15 Vision Outcomes based on the average score of priority levels (10-highest) chosen by the submitters.



6. The petition received raised the following as important:

- **Plan for an agreed future CBD skyline – ‘Quality’ Theme***
- **Commit to a sense of community and people-friendly CBD – ‘Quality’ Theme**
- **Improve entrances to the CBD – ‘Connected’ Theme**

*Note: Details are provided in Section C page 20 of this report.

7. Overall, across all Themes, every Outcome was ranked 7 or above except one which was ranked below 6.9. This means that submitters are of the view that all the identified Vision Outcomes are worth considering as part of a long-term vision.

Section C – Detail Analysis

This section provides further details received from submitters through the submission questionnaire. Key comments provided by submitters, either for each Vision Theme or in general are included.

A few submissions came through as reports and/or letters; the key comments from these submissions are extracted and included in the analysis below.

Liveable

Questionnaire Question 1

“A CBD that offers an exceptional quality of life.”

To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Number	Percent
Definitely important	60	59.4
Somewhat important	18	17.8
Neutral	6	5.9
Not important	1	1
Definitely not important		

Note: Percentages in the table shown may not add to 100 because not every submitter chose to select a preference for every question.

Questionnaire Question 2

Please indicate the priority level for each of the outcomes identified in the Liveable theme (10=highest priority, 1=lowest priority and 0 is not needed at all).

The table below show the number and percentage of submitters that selected the priority level for each Vision Outcome. For this analysis, priority levels are grouped as follows: 8-10= ‘High’, 5-7= ‘Medium’ and 0-4= ‘Low’. The Vision Outcomes that scored the highest ratings are highlighted.

Vision Outcomes	Low	Percent	Medium	Percent	High	Percent	Average score (out of 10)
2.a.	2	2	6	5.9	93	92.1	9.3
2.b.	4	4	25	24.8	71	70.3	8.4
2.c.	6	5.9	27	26.7	67	66.3	8.1
2.d.	15	14.9	27	26.7	58	57.4	7.4
2.e.	19	18.8	22	21.8	59	58.4	7.4
2.f.	12	11.9	29	28.7	58	57.4	7.3
2.g.	15	14.9	25	24.8	59	58.4	7.6
2.h.	14	13.9	24	23.8	62	61.4	7.6

Vision Outcomes (taken from Theme 1 'Liveable' Vision CBD 2030)

OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
a. Provide a safe and people-friendly environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create safe pedestrian- and cycle-friendly streets enabling people to easily connect with places • Introduce community safety volunteers 	Community, iwi, Māori Wardens, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Greater Wellington, planners
b. Enhance our natural surroundings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance our existing natural environment • Create new gardens, parks and community green spaces including community gardens throughout the CBD • Encourage more pedestrians and cyclists by making our walkways and cycle paths enjoyable and attractive • Increase tree planting along streets, sidewalks and service lanes 	Community, iwi, Greater Wellington
c. Beautify our urban space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop urban spaces and buildings that harness the views of our river and the surrounding hills • Create elevated green spaces, e.g. roof gardens and balconies • Increase the range of urban spaces, e.g. pleasant pocket areas and sidewalks 	Business, architects, iwi, Urban Design Protocol partners, developers, planners

Other comments from submitters:

Our river is not safe - algae, spray.
Women feeling unsafe walking in the city.
Tree planting around Westfield.
Develop Hutt Recreation for other events.
Encourage a 'Parnell type village' environment.
Roundabouts are hard for pedestrians to cross.
Much more inner city residential development and attract young professionals.
Have a vehicle free centre.
"Design a bike-friendly CBD"- I am a keen cyclist and a more accessible Hutt City is a great idea.
"Enhance youth engagement in the CBD in activities and leadership programmes"- I am 15 years old and believe that more youth leadership and mentoring programmes are needed to promote youths out of drugs and alcohol and into a more productive and well balanced lifestyle. The youth are our future and they need to be brought up to deliver a good one.
"LIVEABLE"- this for me is the most important aspect of 'Vision CBD 2030'. For me this sums up everything this document discusses. Enhanced entertainment, travel, parks, environment, businesses, buildings, youth involvement and the list goes on. This, for me is all part of the 'liveable' idea. It is all about having the right atmosphere at the right time all rolled up in an effective and enjoyable city. This is, I know what urban designers and developers are constantly trying to achieve; I believe that Hutt City has not quite made it there but I believe that this document is a step in the right direction.
The biggest problem for the CBD is its lack of community. Few people identify with the CBD as a part of "their" city. It is full of workers who have their own communities in the suburbs of the city, in Wellington, Upper Hutt etc. At the end of the work day, they generally go home. I believe the best way to have a more vibrant CBD is to encourage city living – i.e. apartments. People who live in the CBD will want to use the services available in the CBD. That will

encourage more cafés, restaurants, entertainment venues and retailing.
As the HCC is committed to infill housing and intensification I would like to see a concentration of lower-cost high-density European-style housing round railway stations – Ava would be a good one to start with, Naenae, on the Oxford Terrace side would be another – and a rail connection to the CBD would tie it all together and make the valley all that much more attractive as a place to live.
Bring the young people’s skateboard park into the CBD instead of banishing it to the other side of the river.
Involving the elderly in the CBD, be it through housing or amenities including medical and day time activities is one of many community groups that would benefit from better integration into the CBD. An opportunity exists to expand the focus of the CBD from retail to include the greater community including education, the arts and youth.
Providing housing for a diverse range of residents including the likes of senior citizens would be an advantage over letting the market speculatively construct for apartment investors alone.
Inner city living – most appropriate at southern end of the city.
Library better connected to CBD. Currently very isolated. Replace the Dowse/court car park with art/sculpture garden.
Vision Outcomes (e) – learning opportunities and (g) – enhance youth engagement – to me the missing overall word is “magnets”. I strongly endorse many of the outcomes sought (referring to Liveable Table of Outcomes), and would particularly emphasise (e) and (g). At one time, when the costly refurbishment of the present library was proposed, I was part of a group that suggested the central library should be relocated to the middle of the city centre, while the existing library became a centre for community activities and organisations. The idea was that the new central library would be family friendly so that mothers could leave their children there when shopping and also provide for learning opportunities for youngsters e.g. computer literacy.
NO to all education centres.
Provide for learning opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria University is an excellent example of how dispersing departments throughout a city can improve the CBD for all. Hutt City is equally well suited to encouraging a similar condition through Weltec and collaboration with well established industry throughout the region. • These amenities also allow for community use, e.g. evening lectures, national conferences, weekend continued education learning.
Who walks? Currently unsafe to do so in CBD. Likewise cycling, but it needs higher priority so that I can cycle into CBD safely and then around CBD also.
Promote diverse cultural heritage with improved social services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the Wakefield Markets closed in Wellington, there is surprisingly no replacement indoor craft and ethnic weekend market that has replaced it. This is an immense opportunity as a magnet to attract regional visitors as well as encouraging visitors from Westfield Mall to walk further outwards into the CBD.
Points (e), (f) and (g) - the suggested outcomes and initiatives are worthy and important, but not appropriate to a “vision” for the CBD.
Free community art gallery for all aspects of art – close to the CBD.
No community safety volunteers needed if there is no crime – ban criminal gangs living and operating here. Investigate how Singapore does it and how New York has reduced crime.
Careful consideration needed in establishing “an entertainment strip”, e.g. Courtney Place’s problems! More interesting shops a good idea – have an area with affordable rentals for alternative, experimental shops, businesses or services.
No point trying to compete with universities in Wellington. Instead, develop HAS as a craft-

learning centre, complimenting Dowse craft identity.
Provide a safe and people-friendly environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “CPTED – Crime Prevention through Environment Design” should be considered during design. • “Policing” environments once built, even through the use of volunteers is detrimental to the image of a community.
It’s a must that we sustain this type of environment that creates a very friendly spirit around the community – we must appreciate and acknowledge our cultural differences.
We need a CBD that attracts more people over an extended period of time. More people may mean greater safety. Mix of residential and commercial. Pedestrian access at CBD fringes is poor e.g. to bulk retail area i.e. Harvey Norman/Animates.
Define section of the city for leased garden allotments at a low cost rental for those in flats/apartments.
Enhance our natural surroundings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle lanes need to accommodate commuter cycling in a radial pattern from the CBD not only recreational cyclists along the river. • The surrounding area around the CBD incorporates positive amounts of greened areas. Yet very little within the CBD.

**Unique
Questionnaire Question 3**

“A CBD with a creative, vibrant and cultural Heart.”
To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely important	56	55.4
Somewhat important	19	18.8
Neutral	10	9.9
Not important		
Definitely not important	1	1

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Questionnaire Question 4

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	Low	Percent	Medium	Percent	High	Percent	Average score (out of 10)
CBD Heart							

4.a.	4	4	22	21.8	73	72.3	8.4
4.b.	7	6.9	23	22.8	66	65.3	7.9
4.c.	6	5.9	30	29.7	62	61.4	7.8
River							
4.a.	6	5.9	24	23.8	69	68.3	8.2
4.b.	6	5.9	20	19.8	74	73.3	8.3

Vision Outcomes (taken from Theme 2 'Unique' Vision CBD 2030)		
OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
CBD heart		
a. Create a CBD heart or centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicate a public theatre space for cultural performances and activities • Develop a square or piazza area for public festivities and gatherings, e.g. New Year's Eve celebrations • Connect the heart to the river promenade • Celebrate the uniqueness of our heritage buildings where applicable 	Artists and creative organisations within the community, iwi, business, architects, urban designers, planners, developers
River corridor		
a. Establish an ecological and cultural corridor ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and preserve the natural environment of the river and along the river corridor with natives and wildlife habitats, e.g. kōura, whitebait and trout spawning grounds • Explore opportunities for traditional cultural access and use of the river, e.g. for waka and eel fishing • Create a River Heritage Trail with boardwalk • Preserve river views • Clean up river banks 	Greater Wellington, iwi, Hutt Rotary, community, Department of Conservation, local Māori and eco-tourism providers, Fish and Game NZ
b. Develop a river promenade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An elevated promenade for public enjoyment with cafés, galleries and restaurants connected to the CBD heart 	Iwi, community, businesses, developers, architects, urban developers

Note 2: Recognising that the Hutt River corridor offers the best opportunity for creating a functioning ecological corridor – from the Hutt River Environmental Strategy 2001.

Note 3: The Hutt City Economic Development Strategy 2009-2014 recognises the importance of vibrancy as a key factor in attracting new businesses.

Other comments from submitters about CBD heart:

The CBD needs its heart - The heart is linked to all the other zones and will thrive when its links with the other zones are improved.
The CBD needs people 24 hours of the day – more high rise residential development and entertainment.
Suggest having a covered market space
Vehicle free area around Bunny Street, Queens Drive from car park building, Waterloo Road and Margaret Street and develop Bunny Street for small shops or market stalls
The Westfield/Margaret/Queen crossroads should be a centre covered area
Have several outdoor areas for concerts and events – we will still require parking at Riverbank car park
I think it would be good to have a large unique sculpture, statue, or monument somewhere in Lower Hutt. Wellington has plenty, several by the airport.

The liquor ban in the CBD needs to be suspended when there are events such as Christmas in the park or summer festival events where liquor consumption and behaviour is easy to police. We are forced to go into Wellington city for our summer picnic which often means that we take our business to Wellington as well.

Convert Laings Rd into a 'town square' and remove that terrible court building in the long term, we could have a superb "heart" for the city. City Halls, gardens, art museum, theatre (?) performance shells.....

The heart of the CBD should be vehicle free during normal hours.

An over arching AIM could be to Have a "Creative & Vibrant Heart", and drawing out from the various themes, the aspects, and strategy to implement which would bring it about. CBD Plus already has a logo made up of hearts, so seems to be thinking already along those lines.

We could market the Hutt as a centre of NZ Science – IRL, GNS Science, Polytechnic etc.

Enhance the 1950s buildings in the CBD along the lines of Napier Art Deco's theme. St James Church, Council chambers, CNL building and Dudley Street. Base CBD heart on Council building and TheNewDowse and another "iconic" building i.e. around Hutt Museum.

Get rid of "City of lights" – bad message and anyway meaningless.

Celebrate each area e.g. Petone, Alicetown for unique qualities and link them to the CBD.

Major issue – we need a facelift – new name, entrances with impact.

We need to present a more modern, green and engaging Brand, entrance to city and central flow to the city. Suggestions: 1) Change our names – eliminate 'Hutt' from everything excluding the river; strongly negative brand name and 2) Major changes to main entrance - Lower Hutt – more vegetation , avenues of trees; Create a 'boulevard' entrance, structure symmetry e.g. along Hutt Road, Railway Avenue.

A landmark building is one way of identifying and symbolising a civic entrance.

Develop a unique craft learning centre (Re: HAS and Dowse) and develop organic food market. Both of these will be unique in the region and need good "marketing" – i.e. 'cycle city', 'craft city', 'organic food city'.

As far as I can see the only notable building in the CBD is the Georgian styled one opposite the HCC offices – it is unidentified but may be a telephone exchange. The Gibson Sheat Building was notable until they "modernized" its façade a few years back. I suggest that good architecture doesn't have to be costly but does require the approving authorities to have an understanding of what's out there at the very least. When it comes to architecture Lower Hutt city has been badly let down perhaps for short term commercial gain.

Incorporate a creative environment in the CBD

- Use the Dowse as a node to weave a pedestrian pathway into the CBD and across to the river.
- The existing civic area of Hutt City including the library, Dowse and adjacent garden areas should be better integrated into the CBD.

There are a number of indoor and outdoor facilities dispersed through the existing CBD that would allow it to promote itself for large events that require multiple locations. E.g. The Wellington Cuba Street Carnival spans various locations away from Cuba St to include Allen / Blair St. The addition of an outdoor square and indoor municipal theatre would add the ability to service a large range of events

Other comments from submitters about the River:

River Corridor

- Outcome – understand and recognise the flood risk
- Suggested initiative – manage the flood risk by upgrading and maintaining flood

<p>protection assets and recognising the residual risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely partners – Greater Wellington Regional Council, Fish and Game, recreational groups and the wider community
<p>Making the area around the River bank enjoyable should be a high priority. Possibly a natural reserve with many native trees and bush walks would be a good idea.</p>
<p>I think we can do without the ‘meaningless’ pieces of art that get put out on the streets i.e. steel cages full of rocks that block the pavement. With the funding used for that, it could be benefited by fixing the Hutt River. It’s a shame to see the condition the river is in now when I know it never used to look like it does now.</p>
<p>“Develop a river promenade”- this is a key aspect I would like to see in the Hutt City in 2030. Well developed walking and cycling tracks lining the banks of the Hutt River with well planned links to and from the CBD are very important. I am reminded of Hamilton’s Waikato River and the walkway on the CBD side of the river- well accessible, used and designed</p>
<p>I moved to Lower Hutt three years ago and it seems to me that the river is treated as a liability rather than an asset. I tried to go for a run along the flood bank path one night only to find that most of it has no lighting. Some of the recent work south of the Ewen Bridge could have added lighting and also a shallow pool for kids to sail boats in and perhaps a bog garden or wetland-natural wildlife reserve. What about a rowing course?</p>
<p>Clip a ‘promenade’ onto the north side of Ewen Bridge linked to the river walks. Café, restaurant, shops with views up river to the Tararuas.</p>
<p>Absolutely support maximising the access to our beautiful river. Suggestions: 1) Improve views of river from bridges. Currently the bridge infrastructures block views up & down the river e.g. bridge leading to Eastbourne roundabout blocks views of river and beautiful golf course and 2) Open up the city to the river.</p>
<p>To create an integrated river – CBD experience, a more open approach is required. To be fully effective the current policy of flood control measure needs to be abandoned in favour of wetlands and wider flood plains.</p>
<p>River flow must be maintained (draw off) spawning grounds</p>
<p>The river environs should be the key to CBD development.</p>
<p>Further development or use of the river needs careful consideration due to the already heavily damaged and threatened river ecosystems.</p>
<p>River trail bike route accessible to bike trailers. My trailer does not fit through most access points.</p>
<p>Ensure that the river remains sustainable – ensure there is enough water to allow swimming and toxic algae free. If the river is to be a drawcard and focus for the CBD, it must have water!</p>
<p>To make a river corridor between Ava and Avalon as a natural extension of the CBD experience, and so make this city a more attractive place to choose to live, work and play.</p>
<p>Between Ewen and Melling bridges, create a high grade ‘City Riverwalk’ which invites people to use it and enjoy the river corridor. Encourage restaurants with a view over the river.</p>
<p>Using the riverfront for cafes, restaurants etc. – competing for high quality leisure with Wellington</p>
<p>Any ecological corridor would need to consider the implications of developing in a flood plain i.e. cost to replace plants etc. after a flood event. Also, many parts of the river are dog friendly and any development should ensure these remain so.</p>
<p>Develop cycle lanes from Wellington to Hutt River extending to Upper Hutt re Akatarua valley - make this the cycle corridor.</p>

**Sustainable
Questionnaire Question 5**

“A CBD that is sustainable every day and in every way.”
To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely important	52	51.5
Somewhat important	24	23.8
Neutral	3	3
Not important		
Definitely not important	1	1

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Questionnaire Question 6

Please indicate the priority level for each of the outcomes identified in the Liveable theme (10=highest priority, 1=lowest priority and 0 is not needed at all).

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	Low	Percent	Medium	Percent	High	Percent	Average score (out of 10)
6.a.	4	4.0	16	15.8	78	77.2	8.7
6.b.	6	5.9	25	24.8	67	66.3	8.1
6.c.	1	1.0	23	22.8	71	70.3	8.6
6.d.	1	1.0	21	20.8	75	74.3	8.8
6.e.	2	2.0	15	14.9	83	82.2	9.0

Vision Outcomes (taken from Theme 3 'Sustainable' Vision CBD 2030)

OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
a. A commitment ² to nature and the environment – from day-to-day living to long-term projects, we consider the environmental implications of the decisions we make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate the principles of sustainability in whatever we do for our CBD • Develop partnerships with environmentally related organisations 	Community, iwi, business, research and educational institutions
b. Promote sustainability in communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a small-scale education centre to actively promote sustainability as part of our everyday living • Produce and promote local products 	Environmentally related businesses, community, iwi, educational institutions
c. Encourage sustainable energy usage in the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate energy efficient and environmentally friendly buildings and streets • Promote exploration and research into renewable energy sources • Investigate alternate energy uses in the CBD, e.g. small windmills and solar • Encourage better building designs 	Research and development institutions, business, EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority), individual entrepreneurs, inventors, planners, Building Officials Institute of New Zealand (BOINZ)
d. Encourage sustainable water usage in the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and preserve our streams, river, aquifer and wetlands • Collect and recycle grey water • Manage stormwater and road run-offs 	Department of Conservation, Greater Wellington, Ministry for the Environment, local iwi, community, business
e. Reduce waste generated in the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support local businesses to reduce waste, e.g. refilling, bulk purchasing • Investigate a CBD-wide foodscrap collection for sustainable composting, e.g. central worm farm • Focus on reuse of products and packaging 	Business, environmental organisations and community groups

Note 4: The Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2009-2014 is a key step that Council has taken in adopting sustainability principles in practice.

Other comments from submitters:

Sustainability should be the most vital aspect of the Hutt City Council's plan as this is a global problem. Buildings should be built as 'green' buildings and the council should subsidise environmentally friendly products. Renewable energy is also a very strong issue; the council should put more money into research. Lower Hutt should also start initialising its own renewable energy sources like wind turbines on the Wainuiomata Hill could possibly power the Lower Hutt area. Also Wellingtonians have a bad habit of using vast quantities of water, thus wasting it. Recycling of water and promoting a reduction of water usage would benefit. Ultimately increasing the Council's recycling system by providing larger bins, or separate bins for paper, plastic or glass would increase peoples recycling habits.

The main aspect is to create a sustainable CBD. Renewable energy sources should be developed for Lower Hutt as well as promoting the recycling system. Creating an environmentally friendly building plan will help with the sustainable image.

<p>There needs to be a push for the council to promote sustainable transport, water usage and energy usage. Bus lanes will increase public transport users as well as reduce congestion times.</p>
<p>Rates should decrease with individual usage of solar and wind power or other alternate power sources. Look at local group use of wind turbines to add to grid and decrease electricity usage. Business in CBD should decrease lighting in non business hours.</p>
<p>We need a rail link with local bus services and increase regularity of services to decrease car usage. Increase carpark areas at rail links. DO NOT BUILD MORE ROADS!</p>
<p>Any planning for the future needs to take account of the vulnerability of the Hutt Valley to “the Big One” (not if but when) and the inevitable major flood. If housing density is to be increased then stormwater capacity needs to be increased and its management improved. All new development should be to the current highest earthquake engineering standards. The sewage disposal system needs to be strengthened and enhanced to cope with major flooding and “the Big One”.</p>
<p>So much power is wasted. Three quarters fewer street light. Street light turned off at 1am to dawn. This would allow better environment for sleep. Not strictly CBD only. We should charge double for places using electricity for Christmas decorations.</p>
<p>Encourage and approve of community vegetable gardens. Keep up the beautiful floral and nature green “islands” and street verges – well done there.</p>
<p>Sustainable – it has to be the way of the future. A Council commitment would be a strong signal to every business and household in the city.</p>
<p>Would not support any windmills (big or small) - would rather look a solar power generation if necessary.</p>
<p>Points (c) and (d) – critical importance, too important to be constrained to ‘encouragement’. All these should be mandatory requirements.</p>
<p>Encouraging composting in CBD by educating and supporting local business. Explore the reduction of water usage by considering the introduction of water meters in Lower Hutt. E.g. if we had to pay individually for our own water use (i.e. each household) we would hopefully conserve more water. Nelson city has water meters and this has cut down the consumption of water.</p>
<p>Sustainability has to be the basis for all other activity. All the other areas are “nice to haves” once we have cleaned up our act and have dealt with the huge issues around energy and water supply to the city.</p>
<p>All waterways need to be regularly dredged and the banks cleared of debris and overgrowth – as they were in the past when the risk was less. I think that the ratio of permeable to impermeable land surface needs to be policed – I see lawns being concreted over time and again and I bet there is no requirement for a permit to do so.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set real targets e.g. carbon neutral CBD • Do not just have an education centre but include garden, compost plant, mini wetland. Have a model ecohouse to promote simple steps - Waitakere has done this. • Sydney Olympic park good example – refers to point (d)-sustainable water usage • Have a compost scheme that includes restaurants and Westfield food outlets – refers to point (e) – reduce waste • We need sustainable transport
<p>Many suggestions are tangible – referring to Page 18 Sustainable Outcomes and Suggested initiatives. I applaud the reference to public transport and specific suggestions. The education centre, as I indicated before needs to be family oriented.</p>

**Connected
Questionnaire Question 7**

“A CBD that is compact with choices.”

To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely important	49	48.5
Somewhat important	24	23.8
Neutral	5	4.9
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8.d.	14	13.9	23	22.8	59	58.4	7.6
8.e.	10	9.9	12	11.9	74	73.3	8.1
8.f.	21	20.8	19	18.8	55	54.5	6.9
8.g.	11	10.9	23	22.8	62	61.4	7.8

Note: 8.d. is a key part of the petition received.

Vision Outcomes (taken from Theme 4 'Connected' Vision CBD 2030)

OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
a. Ensure people-friendly connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport (PT) • Create safe and accessible connections for everyone with sufficient shelter from the weather • Create enjoyable and pleasant walkways and cycle paths with views and gardens • Allow for car-free areas within the CBD • Implement appropriate signage to enable people to find their way around the CBD • Allow people to connect from surrounding residential and industrial areas to the CBD through walkways and cycle paths 	NZTA, Greater Wellington, local cycling groups, urban designers
b. Improve PT (buses and trains) into and around the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a PT terminal in the CBD that integrates PT options • Investigate an affordable hop-on hop-off service to key places in the CBD • Provide better shelters for bus stops • Improve flexibility and frequency of PT services • Explore opportunities for better connections with other centres – Porirua, Wellington and Paraparaumu 	PT organisations, Greater Wellington, other authorities
c. Create "10 minutes' walk anywhere" connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design walkways and cycle lanes that connect key places in the CBD including the library, shops, museum, the CBD heart and the river • Establish walking routes – City Walk, River Promenade Stroll, Garden and Arts Meander 	Developers, architects, iwi, local artists, other organisations such as cycling groups, Lions and Hutt Rotary, urban designers
d. Improve entrances to the CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve entrances, particularly Railway Avenue and Melling Bridge, that create an impact on people entering the CBD 	Community, planners, architects, iwi, local artists
e. Design a bike-friendly CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of bikes by making bike racks widely available in the CBD • Develop a bike-sharing system 	Greater Wellington, NZTA, business, cycling groups, other organisations

Other comments from submitters:

It is important that disability options are considered e.g. bike friendly should incorporate wheelchair and other disability friendly aspects. "People friendly" connections needs to be inclusive of all people and cultures including disability.

More bus stops out of Bunny Street – we should have central bus depot again.

Create High St back to where it used to be – second highest pedestrian count in Wellington region behind Lambton Quay.

A public transport terminal is an opportunity to also add amenities of other value. E.g. A specialist food market. A precedent is the publicly funded rejuvenation initiative in Grand Central Station in New York City several years back.

Move bus depot back to Stevens Grove and Myrtle St area – where Wholly Bagels and Lighting Direct are now

Have regular trams or light rail along Knights Road linking Waterloo Interchange to CBD

Build a new Melling Bridge or add extra lanes

Cycle ways must be well defined –use coloured surface?

Broadband provided by Council is unnecessary - there are already providers.
There needs to be a turn towards leaving cars at home and using public transport or personal power to get around, tying in with sustainability. Creating links between Waterloo Station and Queensgate is a good idea and also increasing the number of bike lanes. Also the introduction of Bus lanes, to promote the use of public transport. Using Bus lanes will show people that using Public Transport is easier than taking the car. These would be good around the CBD and main streets.
There should be a parking plan which will encourage workers not to park on the road in inner city residential streets. Zoning on the fringes of Hutt CBD would make for a gentle buffer between commercial and residential. Residential sites on the immediate border should be zoned so that private car parking is predominant. Areas concerned - Pretoria and Kings Crescents, Knights Road, Waterloo Road, Hautara, Penrose and Bloomfield Terrace.
We need much better road signs e.g. Petone Jackson Street.
Little Theatre has no car access at the front and only limited parking in a graveyard. Is this a good image or encouraging? See Expressions Upper Hutt or the Pataka complex in Porirua.
Would like to see the development of a 'Hub' to the city – I would like to see roading simplified for traffic to get from one side of the city to the other.
Signage for the Dowse is poor especially at the entry to Ewen bridge on the western side. There should be signage for the Dowse at the roundabout on the east side of Ewen bridge. We need to definitely improve entrance to the CBD at Railway Avenue and Melling and landscape it with trees and features e.g. carvings, sculptures etc.
Enhance entries at Ewen bridge and Melling bridge.
Place a greater emphasis on taking traffic away from the CBD and boundaries; there is already over congestion in these areas.
Ensure people friendly connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritising pedestrians, cyclists and public transport will involve some revolutionary replanning of the major vehicle routes. This is an opportunity to reinvigorate the CBD. • The flatness and relatively current low rise density of the CBD is an opportunity to master plan a CBD which will continue to provide excellent sunlight in public areas. • Connecting to the stop bank should be an event not only a pragmatic need.
Provide better shelter for bus stops. Create safe and accessible connection for everyone with sufficient shelter from the weather.
Continue Melling line into CBD. Provide bus shelters that actually provide shelter rather than ones focused on advertising income. Suburban bus stops that connect to CBD need to be improved e.g. Randarck Road is exposed to winter southerly.
Improved walkways through the CBD could explore the typology of arcades that is already present.
Better organised public transport – buses should flow through the city with stops at convenient points to promote better cross-shopping.
Shoppers in the CBD need more car parking.

Growth

Questionnaire Question 9

“A CBD that takes a balanced approach to prosperity and growth for total wellbeing.”

To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely important	46	45.5
Somewhat important	23	22.8
Neutral	7	6.9
Not important	2	2
Definitely not important	1	1

Note: Percentages in the table shown may not add to 100 because not every submitter chose to select a preference for every question.

Questionnaire Question 10

Please indicate the priority level for each of the outcomes identified in the Liveable theme (10=highest priority, 1=lowest priority and 0 is not needed at all).

The table below show the number and percentage of submitters that selected the priority level for each Vision Outcome. For this analysis, priority levels are grouped as follows: 8-10= 'High', 5-7= 'Medium' and 0-4= 'Low'. The Vision Outcomes that scored the highest ratings are highlighted.

	Low	Percent	Medium	Percent	High	Percent	Average score (out of 10)
10.a.	13	12.9	27	26.7	57	56.4	7.3
10.b.	9	8.9	33	32.7	55	54.5	7.3
10.c.	15	14.9	25	24.8	57	56.4	7.4
10.d.	12	11.9	34	33.7	51	50.5	7.3
10.e.	6	5.9	28	27.7	63	62.4	7.8

Vision Outcome (taken from Theme 5 'Growth' Vision CBD 2030)		
OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
e. Identify strategic sites	• Investigate and identify potential sites for reuse and development in the CBD	Developers, investors, architects, business, community, iwi, planners, urban designers

Other comments from submitters:

Focus on developing Southern High Street. This originally was the City heart. It is nonsensical for it to be under-utilised.
Consider closing streets (or parts of) for walkways or malls to encourage inner City focused activities
Another problem is the isolationist nature of the Queensgate-Westfield Mall and TheNewDowse. These facilities attract the largest number of visitors to Lower Hutt, but neither venue encourages visitors to venture past their doors and car parks. In the case of Westfield, visitors drive in under cover, pay nothing for parking, do their shopping and drive out again. It's

tough for main street retailers when their customers have to pay for parking and brave whatever the weather has to offer. If visitors do go out of the Dowse, they are likely to go straight to Westfield! Again, urban planning should encourage walking (not necessarily driving) into Queens Drive and High Street.
The CBD lacks a top quality conference venue. The Town Hall and Horticultural Hall have good space, but they are dated and lack the sort of facilities a good conference venue should have.
Something needs to be done about Queensgate – it needs to be “opened out”.
Growth via partnerships – TheNewdowse and a new auditorium and piazza or town square in place of Laings Rd would be an excellent node for this kind of development.
We need to encourage firms to grow and stay.
Queensgate dominates the CBD at present with its large number of retailers free parking (4 hrs), covered walkways and being the centre point for public transport. Because of this I think connection of it and easier access to other areas of the CBD is probably the most important item in the plan. As it is at present access is not user friendly with traffic impeding pedestrians.
Need to encourage people away from Queensgate i.e. the empty shops in the mall and arcades between Queen and High streets are not good and do not bring people into the shopping area beyond Queensgate.
We need more jobs close to Hutt residents.
Westfield shopping centre is designed to keep shoppers in; no visual connection to Queens Drive/Margaret Street intersection; proposed solution – a “grand Entrance” type connection with the traditional Hutt CBD to allow free interactions.
Improve foot traffic on High Street by changing the theme – attract leisure uses such as cafes, fill up first floor, change external appearance of the buildings e.g. verandah/balconies, urban park, weekly markets. Town square –at junction of Westfield/Margaret/Queens.
Other growth stimulators include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential apartments on Daly Street • Gateways and signage for the traditional Hutt CBD • Traffic circulation around traditional Hutt CBD • Creation of special retail clusters with targeted retailers e.g. galleries, “Lighthouse Theatre”, cafes, restaurants, “Fashion City” etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘No rates’ holidays for businesses! • Increase retail space for interesting, unique retailers that create an unique point of difference. Presently shopping in Lower Hutt is BORING.

Quality Questionnaire Question 11

“A CBD that has a quality accessible environment.”
To what extent do you believe this is an important element of the vision?

	Frequency	Percent
Definitely important	50	49.5
Somewhat important	21	20.8
Neutral	4	4
Not important		
Definitely not important	1	1

Note: Percentages in the table shown may not add to 100 because not every submitter chose to select a preference for every question.

Questionnaire Question 12

Please indicate the priority level for each of the outcomes identified in the Liveable theme (10=highest priority, 1=lowest priority and 0 is not needed at all).

The table below show the number and percentage of submitters that selected the priority level for each Vision Outcome. For this analysis, priority levels are grouped as follows: 8-10= 'High', 5-7= 'Medium' and 0-4= 'Low'. The Vision Outcomes that scored the highest ratings are highlighted.

Vision Outcomes	Low	Percent	Medium	Percent	High	Percent	Average score (out of 10)
12.a.	2	2.0	16	15.8	79	78.2	8.7
12.b.	4	4.0	13	12.9	78	77.2	8.4
12.c.	20	19.8	18	17.8	57	56.4	7.0
12.d.	15	14.9	11	10.9	71	70.3	7.8
12.e.	11	10.9	18	17.8	65	64.4	7.7

Note: 12.a. and c. are key parts of the petition received.

Vision Outcomes (taken from Theme 6 'Quality' Vision CBD 2030)		
OUTCOMES	SUGGESTED INITIATIVES	LIKELY PARTNERS
a. Commitment to develop a sense of community and people-friendly CBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate people priority in strategies and other relevant policies, including the needs of the elderly and people with disabilities Improve accessibility and availability of public facilities, e.g. toilets 	Community, iwi, business, architects, planners, developers, urban designers
b. Adhere to quality development and management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with developers to establish environmentally friendly and sustainable buildings Encourage buildings that make the best use of natural light, views and surroundings Create easily accessible pocket parks, community gardens, and rooftop spaces, in addition to our large city parks Regenerate unused and unsightly areas into green spaces, habitats and gardens, attractive and pleasant streets, service lanes, foot and cycle paths Reuse and recycle old buildings where feasible Use local and sustainable materials where feasible District Plan to encourage sustainable urban form and quality urban design 	Community, iwi, business, architects, planners, developers, EECA, Ministry for the Environment, urban designers, BOINZ
c. Plan for an agreed future CBD skyline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include in the CBD planning the need to maintain views from within and around the CBD Set approach for long-term city skyline District Plan to provide for possible developments 	Community, iwi, business, architects, planners, developers

Other comments from submitters:

Improve public facilities – toilets high priority

Quality architecture needed, not just “boxes”. How can Westfield and Briscoes (on Queens Drive) buildings be made more attractive?
Bring in an overall height restriction within the entire CBD (with discretion for dispensations). None presently exists. Hutt is traditionally low rise and this is in keeping with the valley. At the interface of the CBD with the recreational and residential areas – support and encourage predominantly low rise commercial development (historically 12 m cap) and trees/reserves. Considerations for the Council/Vision here are the already permitted Angus Inn and other known commitments to developers along Cornwall Street. Also the water table plays a part.
Keep new commercial and residential development away from the river (including shading), so as not to encroach on public use and enjoyment.
Ensure that all remaining heritage buildings are protected.
A recession plane (i.e. the slope or gradient for the allowable height of buildings) for the eastern area should be set at an angle from ground level on Cornwall Street to meet the parapet of the Westfield Development. There is ample scope for taller developments in the city centre and at the western end of the CBD. The recession plane can provide for this. [Note: This excerpt is taken from the petition of 119 residents received as part of the public submission process for Vision CBD 2030]
“Develop quality commercial buildings in the CBD” – this not only needs to appreciate environmental impacts and key development possibilities but also aesthetic quality. In my CBD 2030 I want to be able to appreciate the architecture of buildings. Proposals need to be put in place to stop businesses building pre-fabricated concrete and steel monstrosities.
I would like to see an aesthetic standard applied to the design of commercial/industrial/retail buildings. In my view the Hutt CBD stands out as an example of probably the least attractive architecture overall for a CBD in NZ.
Avoid ugly CBD structures like Westfield, Rebel Sports on Queens Drive etc.
Te Awakairangi (currently situated off Laings Road near TheNewDowse offering community services) is now an important source of community information and should be part of the CBD enhancement.
Support regeneration of unsightly areas into green spaces.
Allow for disabled access – ramps, wide doorways, lifts, wide footpaths.
The importance of the District Plan in guiding and enforcing development in accordance with the communities’ wishes cannot be over emphasised. It must include design criteria, covering both function and appearance.
Less focus on buildings (there’s plenty of these) but on the use of buildings. Create spaces with flexible uses to encourage and support community initiatives.
Make an effort by all business and the Council etc. to get rid of visual pollution – e.g. graffiti in the form of poor advertising on buildings.
Lower Hutt City Council should develop “quality urban design” framework and require property developers to comply with it!
Plan for an agreed future CBD skyline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing CBD allows a unique panoramic of the western and eastern hills. Elevated buildings would capitalise on the horizon line to the north and south. This would need considerate master planning and sun path analysis to maintain the excellent distribution of sunlight the CBD has.
Develop quality commercial buildings in the CBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equally the CBD has a reasonable number of existing quality buildings that would benefit from refurbishment both inside and out. Existing buildings can also be modified to form new connections across the CBD.

Other Information /top three aspects for Vision CBD 2030

In the submission questionnaire, submitters were asked if they would like to provide any other further information, including their top three aspects for the CBD. We received a range of ideas and comments in this section.

Other comments provided by submitters:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve public transport into and around the CBD 2. Encourage sustainable water usage in the CBD 3. Provide a safe and people friendly environment
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bar all vehicles or traffic from High Street! 2. Break a mall atmosphere 3. Cover over High Street or provide protection from the weather
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need other permanent attractions additional to Westfield, TheNewDowse and the river such as exhibitions, concerts, market and smaller unique retailers 2. We need a vehicle free centre with a bus depot outside, fast regular links to Waterloo interchange plus adequate parking. Melling Bridge requires upgrade. Cycle ways need to be clearly marked. 3. Develop Hutt recreation not just for rugby/cricket but for multiuse, also have small amphitheatre areas in front of the library and TheNewDowse.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A CBD that is sustainable 2. Unique 3. Culturally vibrant
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less shops 2. Better free parking
<p>The CBD will only be lively and vibrant when it is an attractive area for shoppers and businesses, and that can only happen in a positive economic climate. Having the council throw money into the CBD will achieve nothing, except wasting ratepayer's money.</p> <p>The council needs to take its lead from Auckland city, rein in its spending, and shelve any attempts to improve the CBD.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plant Kauris as street trees (see those opposite the Council Chamber to prove their suitability) 2. Seats provided on Andrews Avenue lawn 3. Recycling bins as well as litter bins
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. River promenade that connects to the mall – with mix of residential and restaurants 2. Public transport links with Melling and Waterloo e.g. light rail 3. Apartments – bring people into the CBD to live and the rest will follow
<p>The three top aspects for me would be liveable, unique, sustainable and encourage “growth potential”.</p>
<p>Long tern plans require the commitment from all stakeholders. Council cannot be all things to all people. Council should play a leadership and facilitation role in bringing all the stakeholders together to achieve predetermined goals.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete cross valley link to improve traffic flow into and around CBD 2. Redevelop lower High Street 3. Focus on a few objectives and achieve them rather than trying to implement too many ideas
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liveable – totally support community based and social services including youth career and educational organisations

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Growth – Hutt City to be supportive of the Te Lauhigano Tokelau initiative – education and social services 3. Quality - supportive of outcome point (a)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More service providers outside the Heart of the Centre 2. Residential (improve the quality of residents) 3. Top quality safety for everyone
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Like to see more CCTV cameras around CBD and parks behind HCC building 2. More frequent police patrol in CBD to deter crimes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not only a “heart” to the CBD but an iconic gateway e.g. walking/cycling bridge connection from Andrews Avenue to Marsden Street to connect to apartments on Western side. 2. Not only develop CBD river promenade – but include a weir to create a water area suitable for swimming, kayaking, fishing etc. to be enjoyed by families and “suits” 3. History (1st European settlement) and Maori occupation to be reflected in the infrastructure design – e.g. the walking/cycling bridge could be a giant Waka and carved Maori gateway to welcome 4. Finally, please do not use those Andrews Avenue trees in any future development – allergy sufferers and retailers nightmare!!!
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build Wakefield Street bridge. Sort out local main, primary, secondary and tertiary transport routes. 2. Establish “Citizens Link” from Petone foreshore to upper Hutt. The redevelopment of Petone Esplanade will act as a catalyst for the economy of Hutt CBD 3. Esplanade CBD Masterplan – links/bridges/transport interchange 4. Height limit to 5-6 stories within CBD
<p>Business will look after its own in many ways so the Council should emphasise social needs, Liveable, Unique and Quality.</p> <p>An excellent initiative and process – well done!</p>
<p>By 2030 the effects of climate change will be stronger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check for water levels • Tidal/flooding/drainage – other infrastructure effects • Keep away from river • Continuation of financial collapse – encourage prudent life styles • More water supply tanks on all new homes
<p>Some of the most important features of good CBD’s in cities around the world are they are people focussed, very walkable and cyclable, have good amenities, apply urban design principles, make good use of the natural environment and connectivity and most importantly the public space/public realm is welcoming and people want to be there and linger (that means a lot less traffic (cars)). Overall document was well put together, good language, general public friendly and certainly heads in the right direction.</p>
<p>In summary, great document but would like to see two major impacts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve brand – the name Hutt City generalises too much i.e. it doesn’t recognise unique qualities of individual districts e.g. Petone, Alicetown. 2. Improve symmetry – beautiful green entrances, avenues, green spaces, trees and beautiful vistas. Develop receding symmetry around central CBD and river entrances.
<p>Thanks – all my priorities are around access for the people</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disabled access 2. Pedestrian access 3. Cycle access and routes to CBD from suburbs
<p>Hutt CBD improvements in High Street and Margaret Street are fantastic with new beautiful</p>

<p>trees, seating, lighting etc. – WELL DONE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would be great to see similar improvements in Queens Drive (CBD area) 2. Wonderful to see “palm” trees transplanted in groups at the junctions of High Street and Waterloo Road (looks much better grouped together) 3. Would LOVE to see beautiful hanging baskets (with flowering plants) in the CBD as they have in Nelson city over the summer months
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure sustainable water and energy supply and management to the city before doing anything else 2. Ensure transport options and alternatives to cars are available and practical 3. Encourage and support community action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Piazza – which caters for cultural events, festivities and market days as well as being an enticing hub for people to gather and get together on a daily basis 2. Efficient, regular, cheap/free alternative transport (trains, buses, cycle ways) given priority over cars. Create main business district to be accessible by walking. Facility for cars on outskirts of CBD. 3. Productive trees and community vegetable gardens grown within the CBD. Locally sourced produce (meat, poultry) and handicrafts given priority space in business district. 4. Focus on redefining – ‘growth’, wealth and prosperity in order to move away from a “business as usual” model which assumes continued abundant energy supply and fails to understand that unlimited “growth” cannot continue on a finite planet
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public transport reliable and safe 2. Reuse areas and beautify them – gardens-seating-artwork-sculptures-public toilets-chess park 3. Encourage festivals activities for families and youth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies are developed with a people focus, emphasising equity for all Hutt City residents, workers and visitors. • Hutt City prioritise development of a central hub or plaza space for cultural and community events. • Hutt CBD is developed with recognition of the important relationship between environmental sustainability and health and wellbeing, and the future impacts of climate change. • Urban design initiatives prioritise and enable active transport such as walking and cycling, and public transport and reduce emphasis on private vehicle transport. • Growth in the Hutt CBD is developed in partnership with the community to ensure health and wellbeing for all. • CBD development is of high quality design, built to last and to meet current and future population and climate needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield shopping centre – not linked to external community • Improve foot traffic on High Street by changing the theme • Town square
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place where people want to be • Improve relationship with river – not block it out • A CBD Heart
<p>Please consider disability not just physical but intellectual when “people” are people are</p>

part of the mix.

1. Hutt City overall should generate income (input) especially from overseas, not merely recycle existing funds. For example, retailing and entertainment should be balanced by much greater growth in manufacturing and service industries including modern intelligent electronics.
2. CBD growth is important. But the Council should also prioritise and encourage suburban centres and areas.

1. Central hub should be near Queensgate Mall – across the street
2. Shift the Central Library to the hub and set it up in conjunction with an education/youth centre with car parks and a Settler's themed roof top garden as well as a native bird inner city park
3. Demolish Little Theatre, town and Horticultural Hall and convert area and adjacent area across Laings Road near Court house to Japanese gardens and parks (partnership with Japanese Sister City and Minoh House)

Traffic movement particularly at peak hours in the main CBD area (Westfield mall) and Knights Road must improve. Also the subsequent pedestrian problems especially for older folk most notably on Knights Road.