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Wallsend Masterplan

Community Engagement Report – October 2020

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Executive summary

City of Newcastle (CN) carried out community engagement to build awareness about improvements proposed under the Wallsend PDP, and to obtain further community input on developing unifying themes and design character for Wallsend, the design of future construction stages and the prioritisation of future construction stages.

This report highlights the findings from the engagement period, which will help CN understand community views around project staging, support level towards a suite of proposed ideas and the progression from draft concepts through to detailed designs and implementation.

These insights were collected from 28 July and 28 August 2020 via an online survey. Online engagement was the main method due to the restrictions and concerns in relation to COVID-19 social distancing.

The survey was completed by 407 people from across the Newcastle LGA. The demographics captured show most respondents were females, aged 25-54 and lived in Wallsend or closely surrounded areas. Other than living in Wallsend (52%), respondents indicated their personal connection to the area was mainly for shopping (81%) and using Wallsend Library (30%).

Key engagement findings

Preferred design styles

- Design style perceived as best suiting the local area:
 - traditional urban centre style (emphasis on industrial/built heritage) (51%)
 - large village centre style (unique, local, quirky, community feel) (31%)
 - modern urban centre (contemporary CBD style) (18%).

- Style of landscaping perceived as best suiting the local area:
 - biodiversity planting (45%)
 - colourful flowers and foliage (40%)
 - manicured formal civic style (15%).

Prioritisation for future staged works

The top three areas identified as the highest priority areas were:

1. Main commercial area
2. Heritage area (near Rotunda Park, Post Office and Courthouse)
3. Wallsend Village Mall area (Wallsend Village street frontages and Bunn Street)

Project areas

The following received over 90% of respondents saying these were good ideas:

Laneway Commercial (Council Street) area

- Exploring the creation of a direct pedestrian link between Nelson Street and Wallsend Village Mall (92%)

Heritage Area near the Rotunda

- New tree plantings and landscaping (to cool the area in summer) (91%)

Ironbark Creek Channel

- Bridge upgrades to accommodate future widening of Hunter Water's channel (90%)

Cowper Street West (including northern end of Wallsend Park)

- Upgrading Ironbark Creek channel within Wallsend Park to increase flood capacity (91%).

Completed works improvement

Over two thirds of respondents said they considered these works as being an improvement to the town centre:

- Upgrade of Tyrrell Street Bridge to let more flood water through (73%)
- Providing larger disabled parking spaces outside Wallsend library (69%)
- Relocating and upgrading the bus stop from outside the Merindah childcare centre to outside Wallsend Library (68%).

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1. Introduction

City of Newcastle's (CN's) vision for Wallsend town centre is to revitalise the public domain to create a thriving, safe, functional, comfortable, unique and attractive town centre that people love, and is fit to meet the community's needs now and into the future.

In May 2015 Newcastle's elected Council resolved to develop a Town Centre Master Plan for Wallsend. This became part of the Local Centres Public Domain Renewal Program, which started in 2016.

The purpose of the Wallsend Public Domain Plan (PDP) is to revitalise and activate the precinct over 10 years. The plan also aims to improve traffic and mitigate flooding. The proposed improvements will be delivered in about 14 construction stages. Stages 1 and 2 have been completed and stage 3 is at detail design stage. Due to the long-term nature of the project, ongoing engagement with the community is required to ensure their needs and expectations are taken into consideration. Previous community consultation was carried out in November 2016 to inform the Wallsend PDP. The draft plan was exhibited to the public from 3 – 31 May 2017.

The current phase of engagement took place between 28 July and 28 August 2020. This report outlines the key communication methods used to promote the engagement activities and presents the key findings from the data collected.

2. Engagement activities

Engagement for the Wallsend Town Centre was carried out online through a survey and a Social Pinpoint 'Ask a Planner' mapping tool.

Objectives

The aim of the engagement was to come back to the community to talk about the improvements proposed under the Wallsend PDP and to get further community input on:

- unifying themes and design character for Wallsend
- design of future construction stages
- prioritisation of future construction stages
- ideas around placemaking within the town centre.

The project area was broken down into sections, see Figure 1.

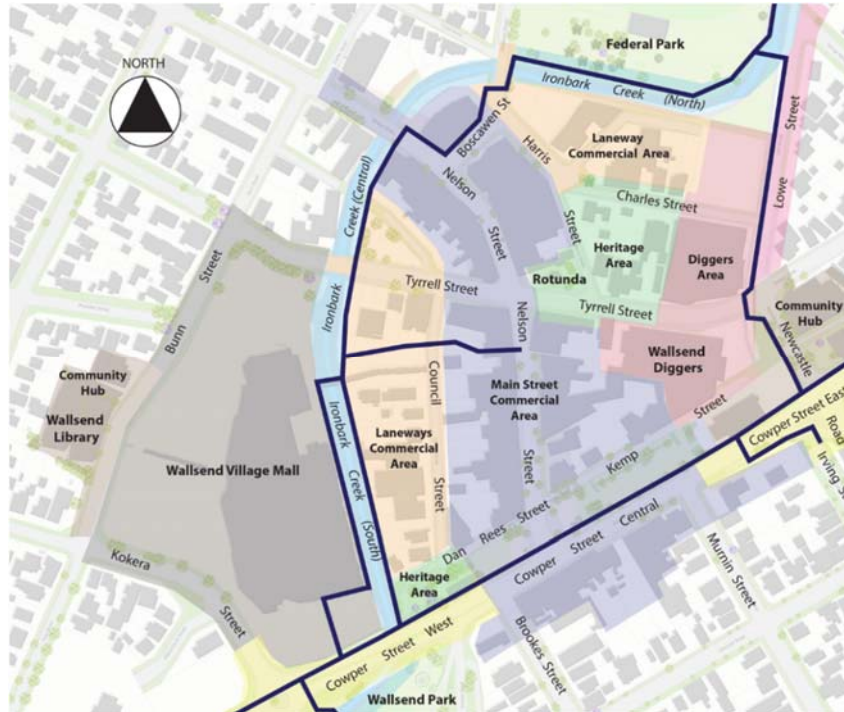


Figure 1 Wallsend map identifying key sections

3. Communication and promotion

A Communications and Engagement Plan was developed to outline the type of communication channels used to broadly promote the engagement activities.

The promotional channels used are outlined below. Where available, statistics summarising the reach and engagement of that channel have been provided. The promotional collateral can be found in Appendix 1: Communication and promotions.

Table 1 Communication and promotion

Online (internal platforms)

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
CN home page tile	28 July 2020	75 clicks
Media release	27 July 2020	n/a
Have Your Say webpage	28 July 2020	440 visits
Community Panel (Newcastle Voice)	29 July 2020	2,390 recipients
Have Your Say eDM	28 July 2020	2,500+ members

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
City e-news	31 July 2020	2,250+ recipients
Interagency Newsletter	29 July 2020	600+ recipients
NovoNews	29 July 2020	900+ recipients
Email to stakeholders	30 July 2020	53 recipients

Online (external)

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
In Touch Magazine	1 August 2020	6,000 - 10,000 unique visitors per month

Social Media

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
CN Facebook	1 August 2020	Facebook followers 50,000
CN Facebook (boosted)	Last week July	Wallsend and adjoining suburbs, young adults between 20 – 40 years. Reach 38,000
CN HYS Facebook Group	29 July 2020 14 August 2020	900+ members
CN HYS Facebook Group – pre-recorded information session	20 August 2020	900+ members
Wallsend MP Facebook post	24 August 2020	-

Paid social media

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
Newcastle Herald Digital Display	1 August 2020	20,000 impressions/views
In Touch Magazine	August 2020	Facebook followers 23,850 Instagram followers 2,700

Print media

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
Newcastle Weekly	30 July 2020	Circulation 44,375 Readership 95,400
Newcastle Weekly	13 August 2020	
In Touch Magazine	1 August 2020	Circulation 35,000 Readership 138,705

Printed materials

Channel	Date Published	Key statistics
Corflutes	Distributed 1 August 2020	12 corflutes
Flyers	Distributed 4 August 2020	6,200+ distributed to Wallsend residents
Street pavement decals	Distributed 1 August 2020	8 decals

4. Online survey methodology

Questionnaire

There was a total of 4 demographic questions and 13 quantitative questions. An additional 12 open-ended 'other' fields were incorporated within the survey to allow the respondents to expand upon specific quantitative questions. Two questions pertaining to signing up for future engagement were also asked.

The survey questions can be found in Appendix 2: Survey.

Data collection

The survey was open from 28 July to 28 August 2020.

The survey was promoted through social, digital and traditional media channels and was available to all community members via CN's website. The promotional channels and overall reach are outlined in Appendix 1: Communications and Promotion. Members of the City's community panel (Newcastle Voice) were also sent email invitations to take part in the survey.

Respondents

The survey was completed by 407 people from across the local government area (LGA). The demographics captured show most respondents were females, aged 25-54, that live in Wallsend and closely surrounding areas.

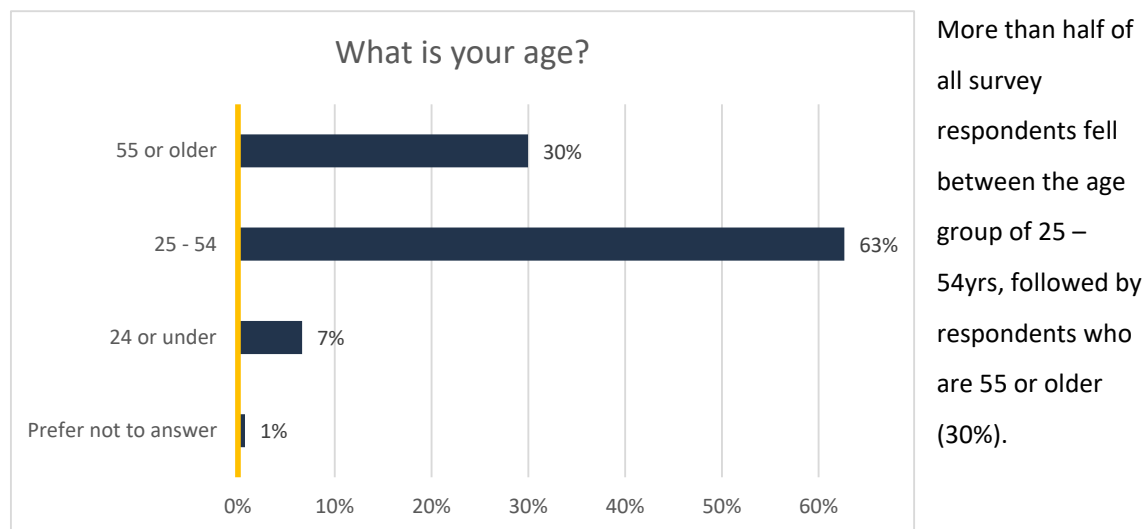
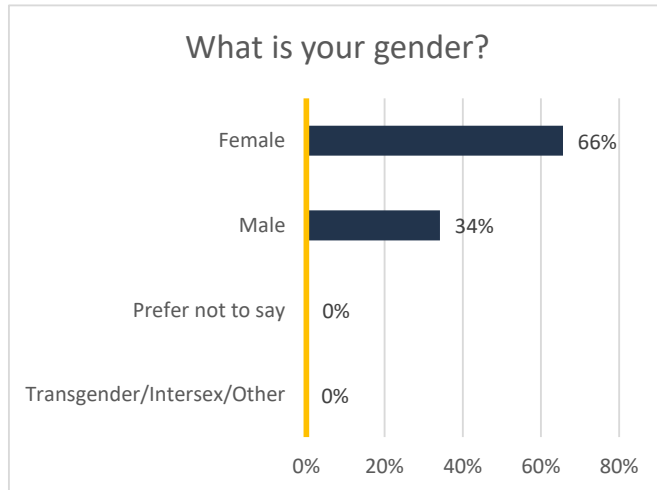


Figure 2 Demographics - age



More than half of the responses received came from women (66%), followed by men (34%).

Figure 3 Demographics - gender

A total of 390 survey respondents identified themselves as living within Newcastle LGA. The majority of respondents (n=197) lived in Wallsend itself (48%) with an additional 33 % living in surrounding suburbs.

Table 2 Demographics – residents

Suburb	%	Total
Wallsend	48%	197
Fletcher	10%	39
Maryland	10%	39
Elmore Vale	5%	20
I don't live in the Newcastle local government area	4%	17
Rankin Park	4%	15
New Lambton	2%	10
Shortland	2%	7
Birmingham Gardens	1%	6
North Lambton	1%	6
Jesmond	1%	5
Lambton	1%	5
Mayfield	1%	4
Minmi	1%	4
Carrington	1%	3
Islington	1%	3
Merewether	1%	3
New Lambton Heights	1%	3
Waratah West	1%	3
Adamstown	0.5%	2
Hamilton North	0.5%	2
Kotara	0.5%	2
Newcastle (CBD)	0.5%	2
The Junction	0.5%	2
Broadmeadow	0.2%	1
Callaghan	0.2%	1
Cooks Hill	0.2%	1
Hamilton	0.2%	1
Newcastle East	0.2%	1
Newcastle West	0.2%	1
Tighes Hill	0.2%	1
Wickham	0.2%	1

5. Online survey findings

The following pages outline both the quantitative and qualitative findings from the online survey. All qualitative comments can be found in Appendices.

The survey began by determining respondents' connection to Wallsend. Other than living in Wallsend (52%), connection to the area was shopping (81%) and Wallsend Library users (30%).

Connection to Wallsend

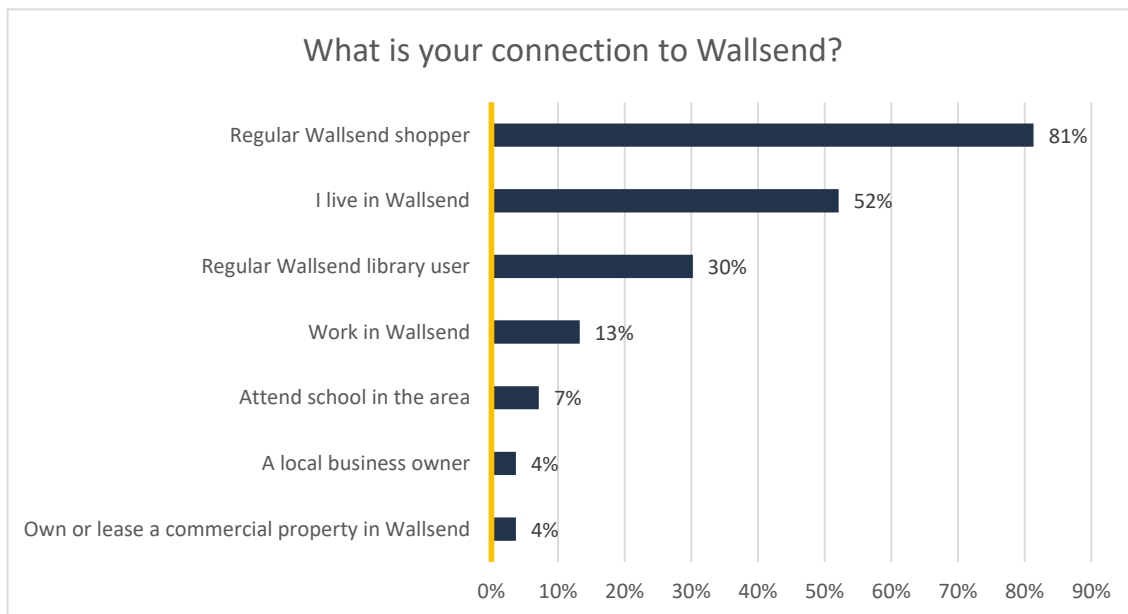


Figure 4: Connection to Wallsend

Note: Multiple responses permitted

Future engagement

Respondents were asked to indicate if they were interested in CN's Façade Improvement Scheme¹ and could provide their email address indicating agreement to be contacted by CN at a future date about the improvement scheme. There were 13 expressions of interest.

Respondents were also asked to again provide an email if they were interested in being contacted at a future date for a walking tour in Wallsend. Over 150 individuals provided their contact email

¹ * A Façade Improvement Scheme grant is a grant which encourages property owners and tenants to make improvements to facades e.g. cleaning, painting, repairs and landscaping for private building frontages.

illustrating that just over 1 in 5 survey respondents had an interest in CN organising a tour. From this group of respondents 75 lived in Wallsend and 63% were female.

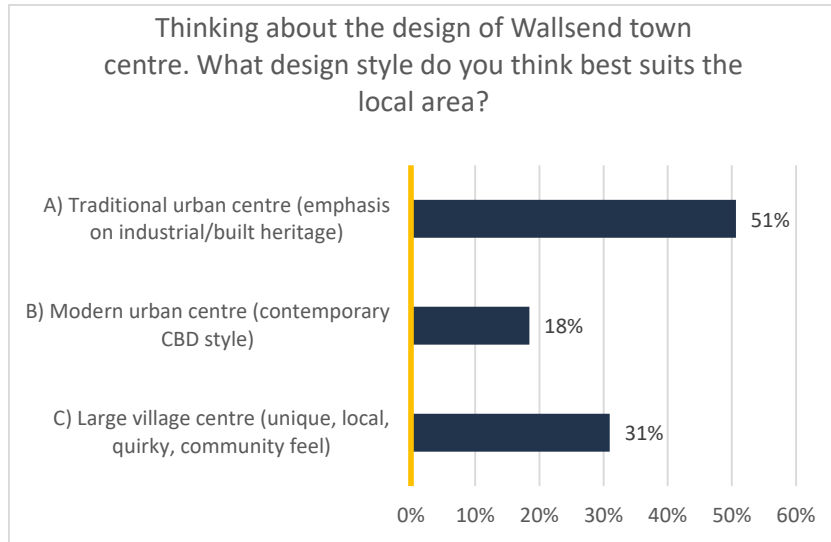


Design style

Respondents were given three design styles and asked which best suits the local area. The options were:

- traditional urban centre with emphasis on industrial/built heritage;
- modern urban centre (contemporary CBD style);
- large village centre with a unique, local, quirky, community feel.

Images were provided to assist respondents with examples of each style (see Figure 5)
Figure 5 Image used in survey to show examples of design styles



Half the respondents selected the traditional urban centre style (51%), followed by the large village centre style (31%) with modern urban centre receiving the lowest endorsement (18%).

Figure 6 Design style results

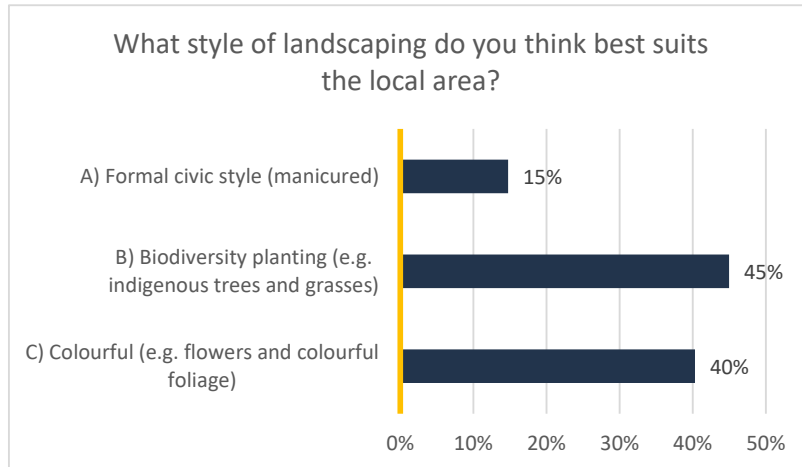
Landscaping style

Respondents were asked to select which style of landscape best suits the local area. The options were:

- manicured formal civic style;
- biodiversity planting;
- colourful flowers and foliage.



Figure 7: Image used in survey to show examples of landscaping styles



The landscaping results were close for two of the three options; Biodiversity planting (45%) and colourful flowers and foliage (40%). The manicured formal civic style was the least popular choice at 15%.

Prioritisation of future construction stages

Respondents were asked to identify the project areas that are of highest priority for construction. This helps CN understand where to focus their efforts. The main commercial area was identified as the highest priority area, followed by the heritage area and the Village Mall area. See table 3 below for further details.

Table 3 Priority rankings

Area	Rank
Main commercial area	1
Heritage area (near Rotunda Park, Post Office and Courthouse)	2
Wallsend Village Mall area (Wallsend Village street frontages and Bunn Street)	3
Cowper Street West (including northern end of Wallsend Park)	4
Community hub	5
Laneway Commercial area (Council Street)	6
Ironbark Creek Channel (South, Central and North)	7
Heritage area (near TPI House)	8
Cowper Street East	9
Laneway Commercial area (near Harris Street and William Street)	10
Diggers area (RSL and car parking frontages)	11
Low Street	12

Project Areas

The following 12 questions look at individual areas of Wallsend, results are presented in the section that follows. There was also an opportunity to suggest other ideas they may have.

The topics below show overall themes for the whole project area. Please note the small sample sizes.

- **Greenspace** – More greenery, trees, plantings not only for beautification but also for community building by introducing a community garden (potentially edible), more shade from the heat and planting of natives
- **Heritage and Indigenous heritage** – maintaining Wallsend’s rich history including tram and rail, military monuments (in particular Indigenous soldiers, women and non-human war heroes) and including Indigenous Heritage (in collaboration with elders) and being inclusive of multicultural heritage
- **Road safety** - Lack of crossings, pedestrian safety and cyclist safety, poor road visibility
- **Traffic** - calming required to assist with speeding and congestion
- **Maintenance** – general cleaning of the areas including, removal of rubbish, weeds, fixing cracked footpaths and fences.
- **Lighting** – more lighting to be installed was mentioned for all areas
- **Security improvements and crime deterrence** - Improving lighting, streetscape to assist with pride of the area and implement CCTV
- **Cycling** – shared pathways being an issue for pedestrians feeling lack of respect, potentially shared pathway etiquette education, make Wallsend more cycle friendly and improve connectivity.

Centrelink, Pioneer Hall and Wallsend Baptist Church area

There was strong agreement with one of the ideas presented to improve the Centrelink, Pioneer Hall and Wallsend Baptist church area with 87% stating they agree with providing missing sections of the pedestrian and cycle path.

The second idea put forth was the removal of the pedestrian bridge/cycleway and replace with a new shared path on Cowper Street to address crime concerns. Of all respondents, 65% agreed this was a good idea.

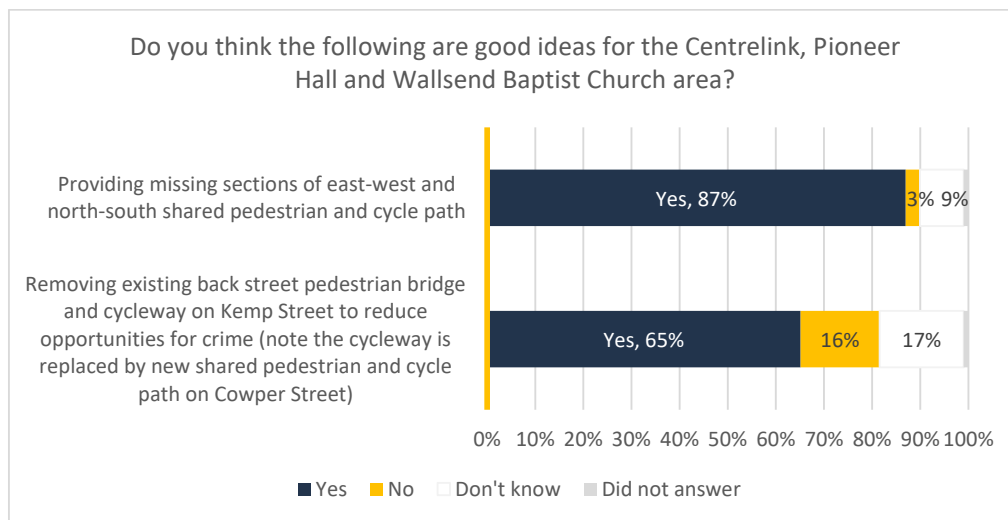


Figure 8 Ideas for Centrelink, Pioneer Hall and Wallsend Baptist Church area

Respondents were also asked if they had any other ideas for this area.

- Lighting (13% n=12) mentions of poor lighting and the need for it to be improved in this area.
- Greenspace (12% n=11) more greenery, plantings and trees and general greening of the area.

Verbatims sample:

Lighting! There's so much little street lighting

More green areas - but leave with good visibility for safety

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Nelson Street and Cowper Street Central Area

This area was ranked as highest priority. Respondents had reasonably strong responses for most of the ideas in this part of the town centre.

Providing new pedestrian and cyclist crossing at the traffic lights was the most supported idea (82%), followed by footpath widening for outdoor trading (80%), and kerb extensions to assist with pedestrians crossing (76%).

Respondents also commented on being supportive of the outdoor trading, provided pedestrians had adequate room.

The removal of the shade shelter was not overly supported by respondents with 45 % stating they didn't think the removal was a good idea, while 28 % selected that they didn't know. In the verbatims there were questions asked surrounding if it is being removed is there another one being installed elsewhere.

Respondents were also asked if they had any other ideas for this area.

- Road safety (17% n=13) pedestrian crossings and road markings.
- Traffic (16% n=12) reduction in traffic, poor visibility and lower speed limits.
- Greenspace (17% n=13) plantings, street trees and mention of natives to create a village feel.



Figure 9 Ideas for Nelson Street and Cowper Street Central

Verbatims sample:

Nelson street needs much more and clearer line markings as well as the proposed pedestrian crossings.

Would be lovely if we could see more street trees or plantings. The area really needs some additional greenery to help give a village feel.

Crossing Cowper St is really hard. It would be good to reduce traffic speeds on this road to make it feel less like a high speed through route.

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Laneway Commercial (Council Street)

Most respondents agreed that CN should explore a direct pedestrian link between Nelson Street and Wallsend Village Mall (92%). The next most supported idea for the area was kerb extensions at the Tyrrell Street intersection to improve sightlines for vehicles (76%), followed by footpath treatment at Tyrrell Street intersection (71%).

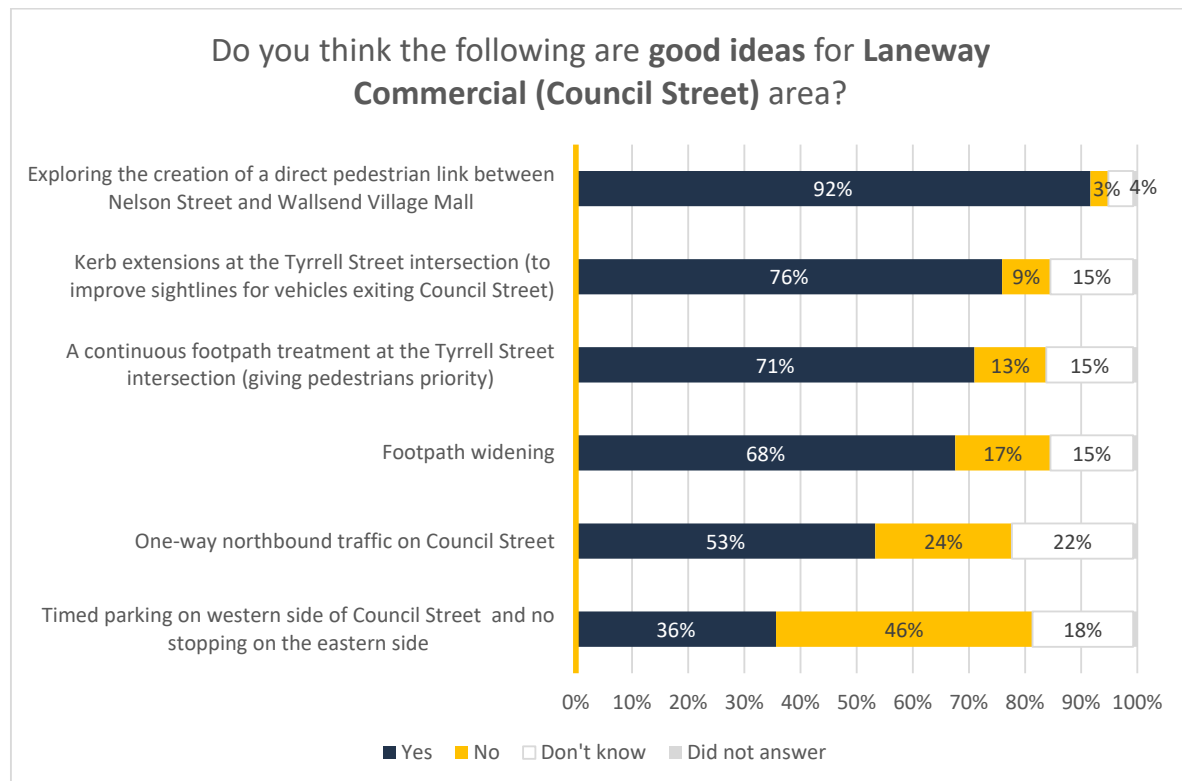


Figure 10 Ideas for Laneway Commercial (Council Street) area

Respondents were also asked if they had any other ideas for this area. Themes that came through were parking, maintenance and traffic. Maintenance refers to tidying up of the area, especially the derelict buildings and squash building. Cleaning of gutters and maintenance to footbridge.

There were concerns about lack of parking and generally asking for no paid parking to assist local businesses.

Verbatims sample:

Traffic and parking along our glorified laneway are awful. Sunday is the only day without issues.

We don't want less shop space. Don't want paid parking as this will not help. It will be like Newcastle. It will turn away people who can park in larger shopping centres with no parking fee.

We don't want less parking as we need more parking everywhere as it is a nightmare now.

Tidy it up. Messy, old and ugly at the moment.

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Laneway Commercial (Harris Street and William Street Area)

Half of the respondents agreed there should be a roundabout at the intersection of Harris, Charles and William streets.

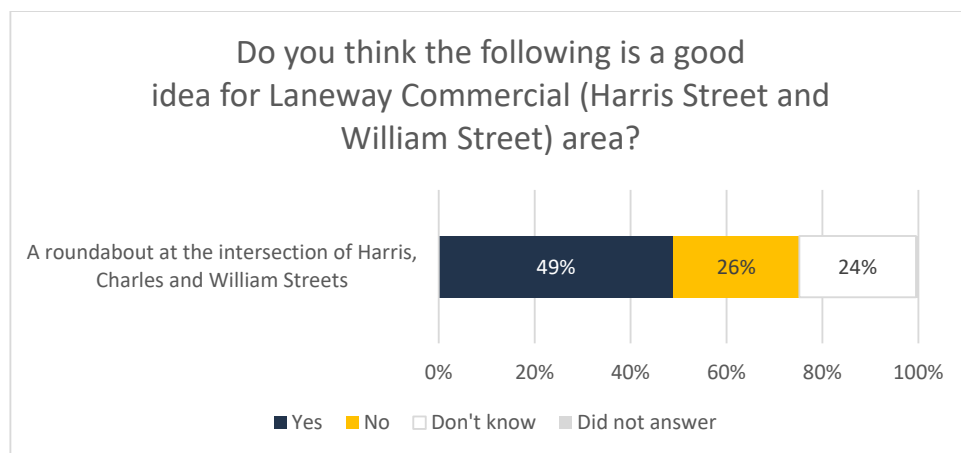


Figure 11 Ideas for Laneway Commercial (Harris Street and William Street) area

Respondents were asked if they had any other ideas Laneway Commercial Area (Harris Street and William streets).

Verbatims sample:

Smart lighting, to feel safer in that area of a night-time.

Improvements to kerbs when accessing the corner of Federal Park, I often have a pram and find it difficult to manoeuvre paths and kerbs to access the park. I love the Wallsend street art piece in this area (the train), it would be nice to see Wallsend history illustrated in this way

Signage to advise of the best way to access federal park and directions to other facilities like the library and the shopping mall.

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Diggers Area (RSL and car parking frontages)

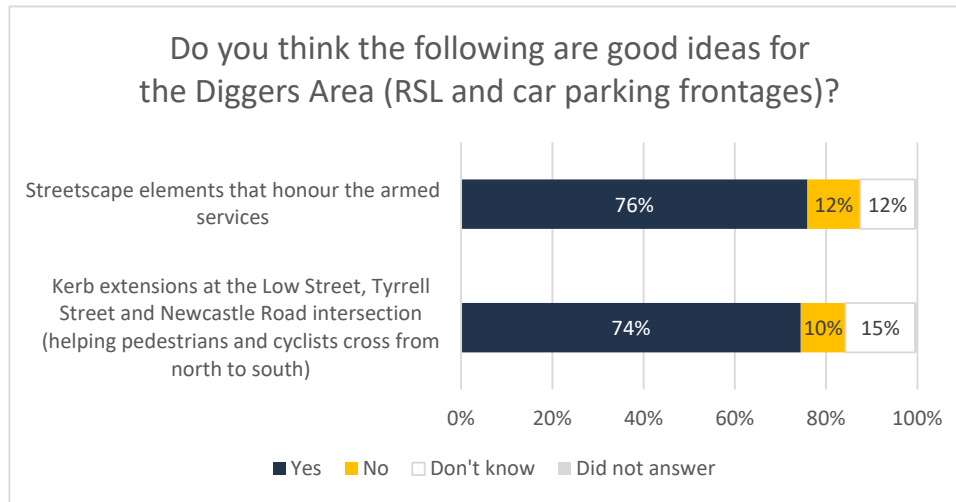


Figure 12 Ideas for Diggers Area

Respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to see in this area. Armed forces, streetscape and Indigenous culture were the main themes that arose.

- Armed forces (23% n=10) some respondents suggested there is already a heavy focus on the armed forces in Wallsend and mentioned indigenous soldiers and multicultural.
- Streetscape (19% n=8) said make the area look nicer, diggers frontage, plantings , paint rotunda.
- Indigenous culture (14% n=6) mentions of representing indigenous culture with native plantings and memorials or sculpture.

Verbatims sample:

More comfortable seating in the rotunda and the toilet block painted.

More trees. Trees in the carpark to provide shade for cars and shade for those walking from the carpark or closest public transport stop into the Diggers. Elderly patrons must find that pretty tough on a 40 degree day, with the summer heat reflecting off the bitumen.

Difficult to comment on generalist 'Streetscape elements that honour the armed services' without seeing the detail of the proposal. Wallsend already is very war-heavy (flags everywhere, TPI house, Diggers, cenotaph, etc), which needs to be balanced with a view to the future and attracting new businesses and new, younger residents. If the streetscape elements are simple, tasteful and not overbearing, then this may be worthwhile.

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Heritage Area near the Rotunda

New tree plantings and landscaping that cools the area and streetscape elements that interpret Wallsend’s heritage received the highest levels of support (91% and 90% respectively). These themes came through quite strongly in the open-ended question.

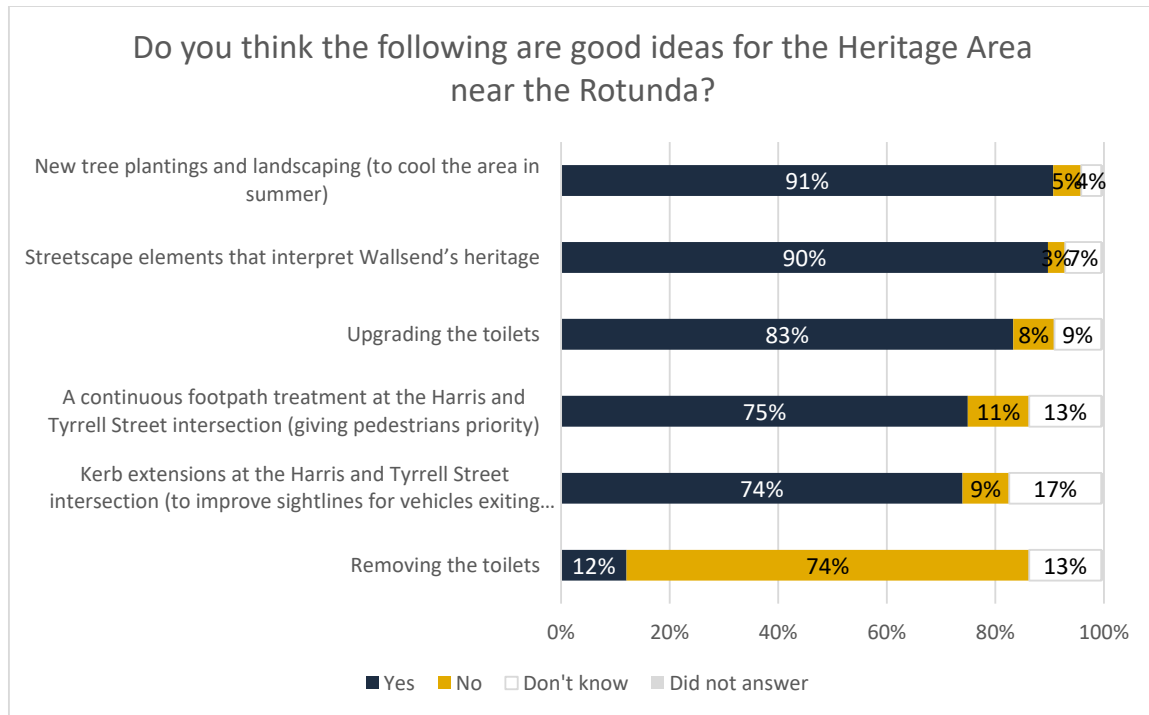


Figure 13 Ideas for heritage area near the Rotunda

There were comments around the removal of the toilets as shown in the graph above, respondents do not support the removal of the toilet amenities, instead they wish for them to be upgraded. With mentions of them needing better signage and being required for visitors/tourists, those exercising in the area and homeless.

Verbatims sample:

Public toilets are required in the street. The nicer you make them and maintain them constantly will discourage unsavoury types for hanging around and damaging property.

I would Aboriginal heritage and culture is also considered and showcased.

Also nice would be community gardens with edible vegetables, herbs, flowers, bush Tucker.

More comfortable seating in the rotunda.

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Heritage Area near TPI House

Designing elements that interpret Wallsend's Heritage had the highest levels of agreement for the Heritage Area (84%), followed by pedestrian accessibility (78%).

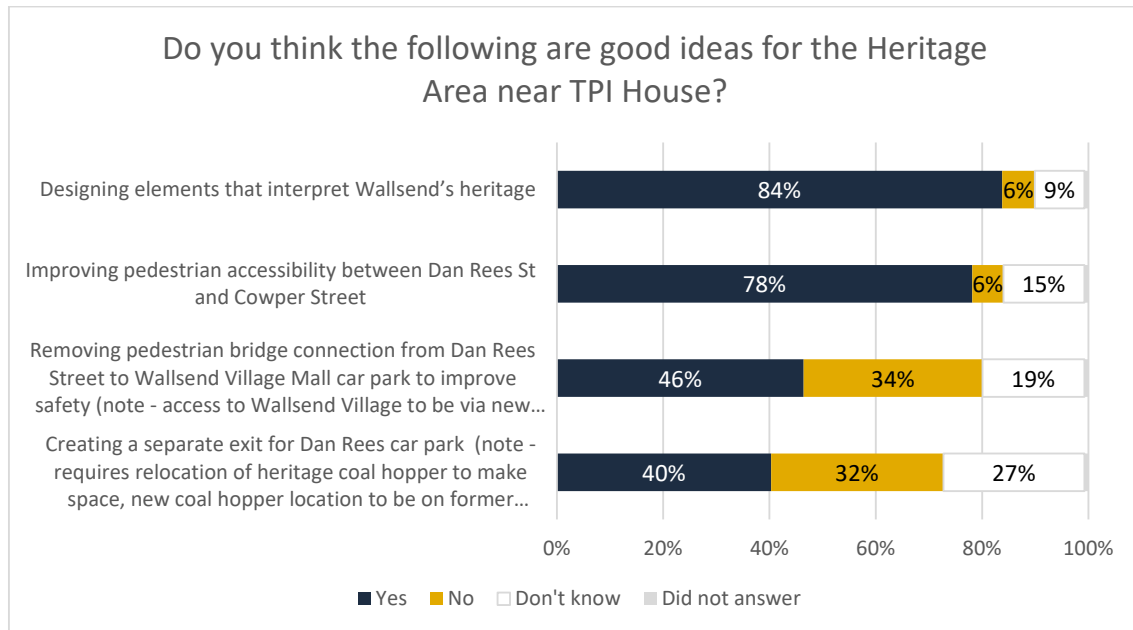


Figure 14 Ideas for Heritage area near TPI house

Respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any other ideas. Themes that arose were heritage value, pedestrian safety and rail and tram history.

- Heritage (18% n=7) safety for pedestrians, crossings, shared paths and connectivity
- Rail and tram history (13% n=5) reference rail and tram history.

Verbatims sample:

I believe TPI House is one of Wallsends most prized jewels and most beautiful buildings and I believe it is currently underutilised.

The foot bridge location is over 150 years old and a historical corridor in Wallsend, you should promote and sign post the area to show the real history of Wallsend's Train and Tram corridor.

Crossing Cowper st is hard and there are SO MANY reasons to cross (skate park, kids playground, sportsground, MacDonalds, wallsend village, etc). It would be great to have a pedestrian crossing

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Wallsend Village Mall Area (Wallsend Village street frontages and Bunn Street)

Improvements to the connections between the Wallsend Village Mall and public land had 85% agreement levels. The idea for additional calming devices to be added as part of the existing 40km/hr zone had just over half the respondents support.

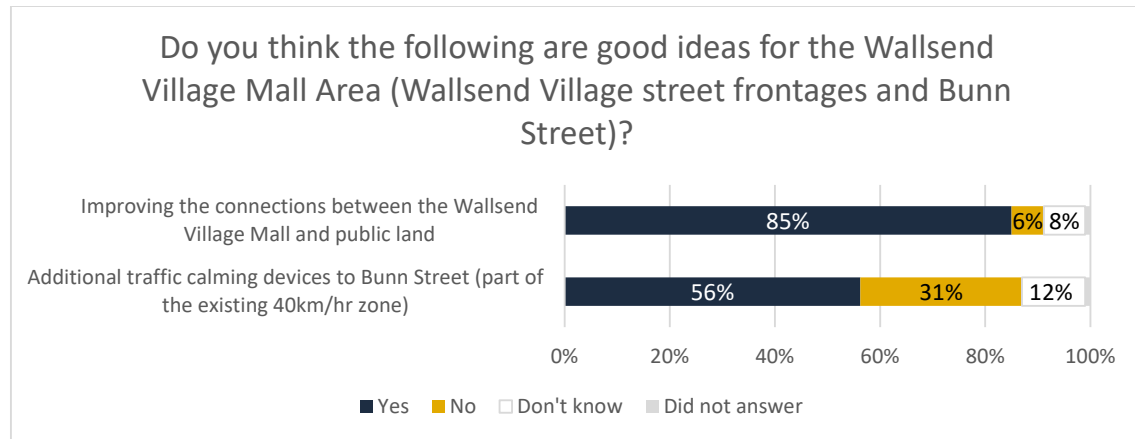


Figure 15 Ideas for Wallsend Village Mall Area

Respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any other ideas. Themes that arose were traffic, Village carpark and more greenspace.

- Traffic (25% n=13) safety concerns, agree with traffic calming and limit congestion.
- Village Carpark (18% n=9) safety concerns due to poor visibility, maintenance required.
- More greenspace (12% n=6) more plantings mention of natives. Mentions of trees to reduce heat. With mentions of the park, adding more seating and trees, streetscape and beautify

Verbatims sample:

The intersection of Bunn St and Nelson st needs upgrading. It's too narrow for the amount of buses that come through and the cars that park along that end of Bunn St.

No street parking outside bunn st entrance into village parking (very poor visibility due to parked cars in that area.

Yes, I'm a broken record: more trees!

Imagine being a single parent trying to lug a pram and a toddler from the bus stop to the shops or library; or an elderly person with mobility issues making their way from public transport to the pharmacy in the heat of summer.

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Ironbark Creek Channel (South, Central and North) area

All the ideas for the Ironbark Creek Channel had high support rates, widening of bridge and upgrades (90%), greening and tree planting (88%), naturalisation to create water flow and habitat (86%) and public access (86%).

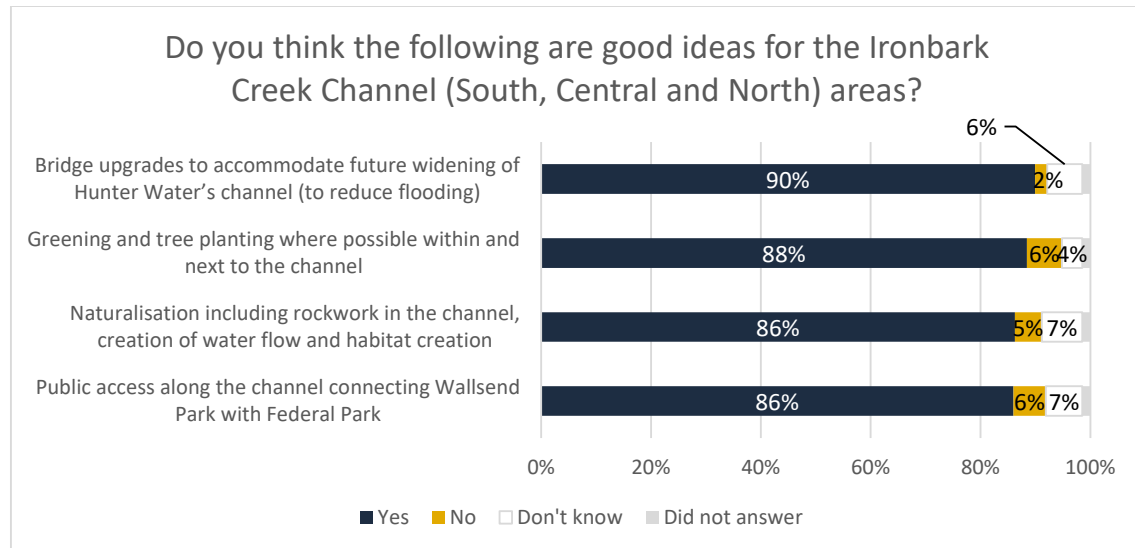


Figure 16 Ideas for Ironbark Creek Channel area

Respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any other ideas.

- Flooding (20% n=12) said slowing the water down widening of channel, mentions of collaborating with Hunter Water.
- Cleaning (16% n=10) rubbish and trolley dumping, requests for more cleaning in and around the creek.
- Streetscape (11% n=7) beautifying the area and maintenance to bridge.
- There was also a mention of the creating a community project with community members and local schools.

Verbatims sample:

This needs to be the highest priority. The flooding of Wallsend and the "Ugly" division of Wallsend by this giant concrete eyesore needs to be rectified.

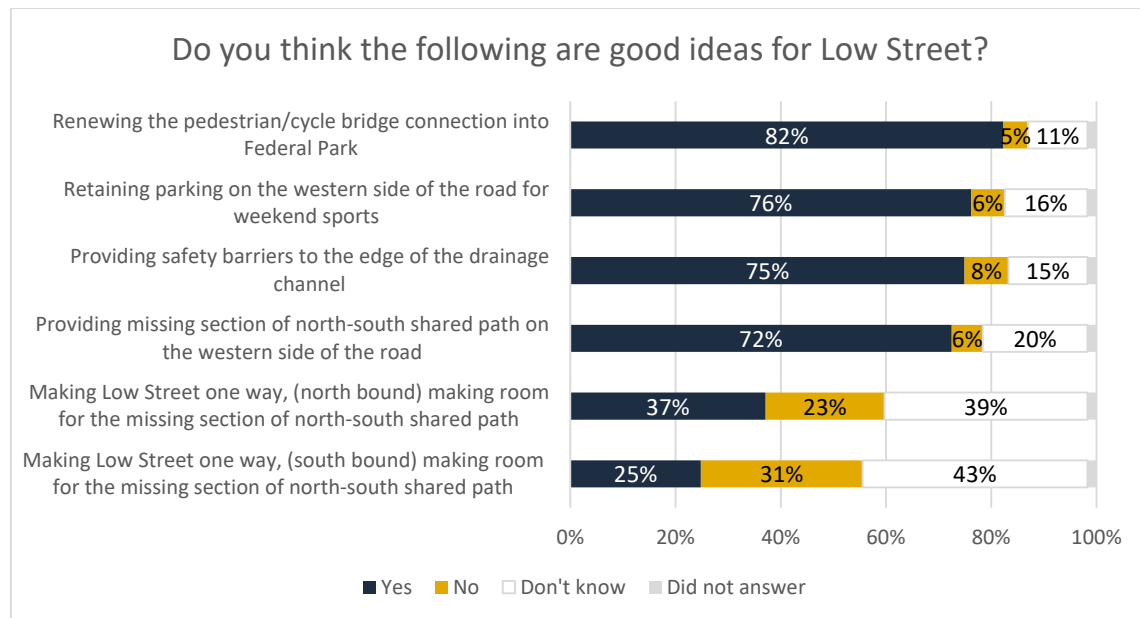
After rain there is so much rubbish down here and it never seems to be cleaned.

To clear the channel and beautify it would be FANTASTIC... right back through the park too

Support development of these concrete channels into artificial wetlands/waterways.

Low Street

Renewing the pedestrian/cycle bridge connection into Federal Park (82%) was the most supported retaining parking on the western side of the road (76%) and providing safety barriers to the edge of the drainage channel (75%).



Respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to see in this area. Due to small numbers (n=30) a brief overview is given. Some comments related to more greenspace with trees and flowers, traffic issues and support of one-way.

Verbatims sample:

Make sure the so-called shared section is wide enough and that cyclists are aware that pedestrians are using the walkway.

Good idea about parking, more parking is needed here for safer access to federal park for sports

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Cowper Street West (including northern end of Wallsend Park).

The most supported idea for the area was to upgrade Ironbark creek channel to increase flood capacity (91%), followed by upgrade shared bridge (85%) and providing missing section of the shared path (81%).

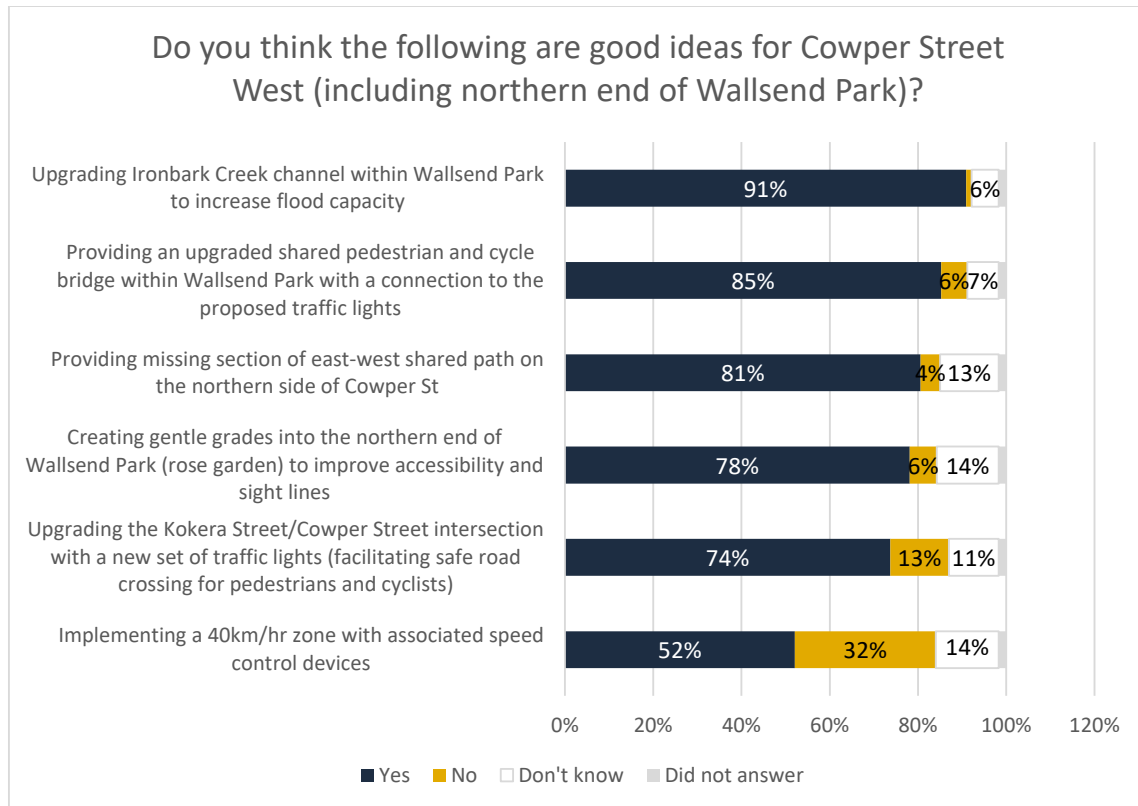


Figure 17 Ideas for Cowper Street West area

Respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any other ideas.

- Traffic (26% n=11) mentions of traffic lights and mixed comments about speed reduction.
- Road safety (14% n=6) safe pedestrian crossings and improvements to prevent car accidents.

Verbatims sample:

The intersection of Metcalf and Cowper st needs to be improved before you install lights.

Cowper/Metcalf st intersection is very dangerous for pedestrians with traffic turn in and out from many directions.

See Appendices 3 for the full verbatims table

Cowper Street East

The most supported idea for Cowper Street East was having Façade Improvement Grant Scheme (85%), followed by providing pedestrian refuges helping people cross at the proposed roundabout (78%) and providing the missing section of east west shared path on the northern side of Cowper street (75%).

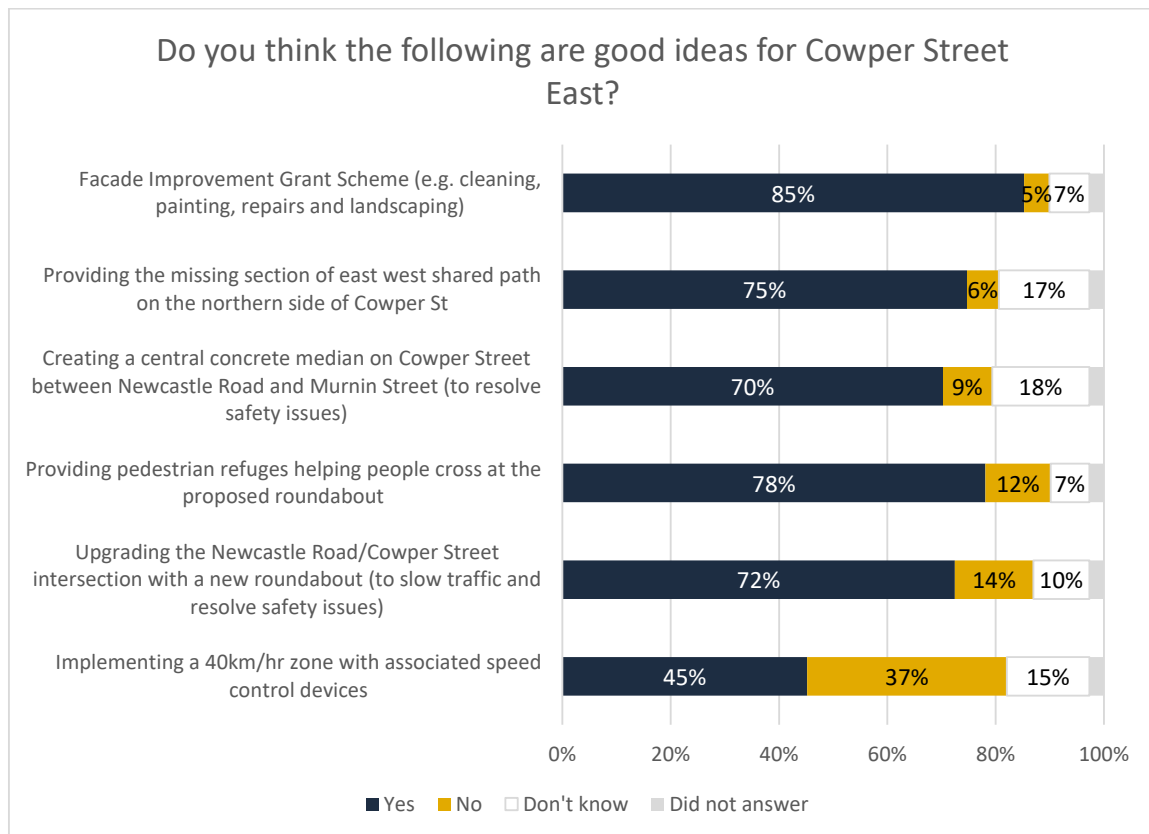


Figure 18 Ideas for Cowper Street East

Respondents were asked in an open-ended question if they had any other ideas.

- Greenspace (16% n=6) mentions of tree and garden plantings, with suggestions of natives.
- Road safety (16% n=6) concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety.

Verbatims sample:

Landscape with natives. Turn median strip and roundabout into native gardens

It is quite dangerous sometimes with so much traffic, and buses have very little room to try and dodge parked cars

See Appendices 3 for the full verbatims table

Completed works

Respondents were asked if completed works have made a positive difference around Wallsend. They were asked if the upgrade to Tyrrell Street Bridge has made a positive difference to let more flood water through 73% agreed that it has. Completed works at the Wallsend Library included larger disabled parking and allowance for mini-buses.

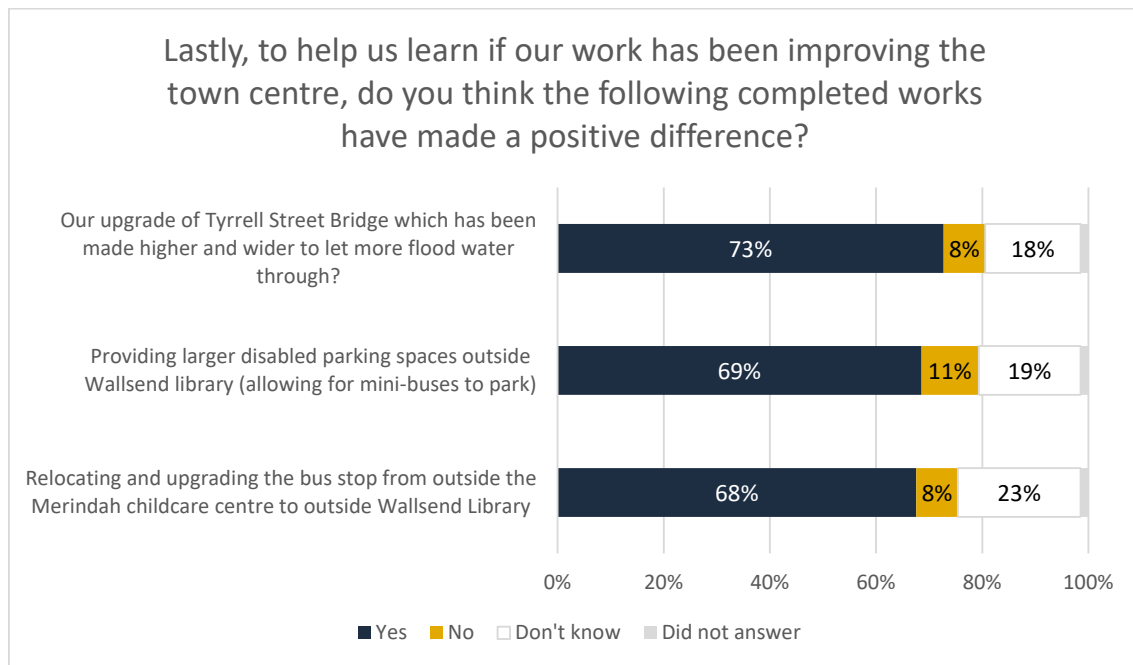


Figure 19 Feedback on completed works

Social Pinpoint – Ask a Planner Q&A

Recognising that due to COVID-19 public health orders, face-to-face engagement was a risk, community members were invited to 'Ask a Planner' by dropping pins with their questions onto a Social Pinpoint map. A total of 17 questions were received from the community and answers from a City of Newcastle Project Planner are in Appendix 4.



The map also presented information on both planned works and completed works in the town centre. Respondents were able to see each other's questions and add their own comments or questions.

The topics raised will be considered as part of the Wallsend Town Centre Revitalisation project unless they are outside the project scope. This document will also be distributed directly to those who submitted questions and forms part of the overall engagement reporting.

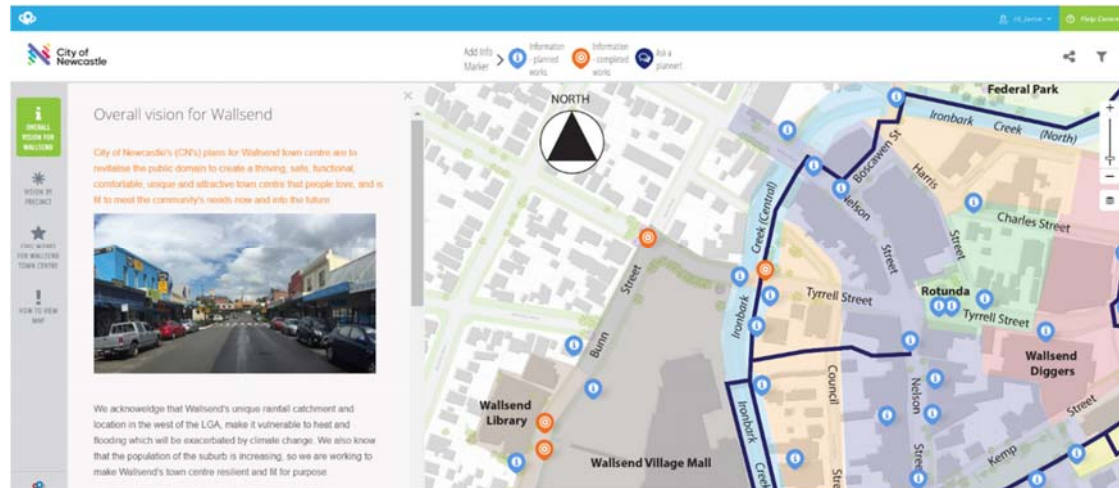


Figure 20 Social Pinpoint map (cropped)

Placemaking ideas generation

A second Social Pinpoint map was published encouraging individuals to start sharing ideas for making better places and spaces in Wallsend through placemaking. This map remains active and a separate report will be published presenting the ideas and insights by January 2021 at the end of the placemaking engagement period.

6. Information session/briefings

Online information session

One pre-recorded information session was produced and promoted to Councillors, community and key stakeholders. The purpose of the information session was to talk in detail about the staged plans for Wallsend and encourage participation in the survey.

The information session was hosted by Community Engagement and the Assets & Projects teams and published on Thursday 20 August 2020 to the Have Your Say engagement webpage.

Meeting with Wallsend BIA

A briefing occurred between members of the Wallsend BIA, CN's Economic Development Facilitator, Community Engagement, and the Assets & Projects Planner. Concern was raised around restricting access to the Wallsend Baptist Church in CN's proposed plans. BIA members advised they would assist in promoting the community engagement survey and social pinpoint to their local networks.

7. Next steps

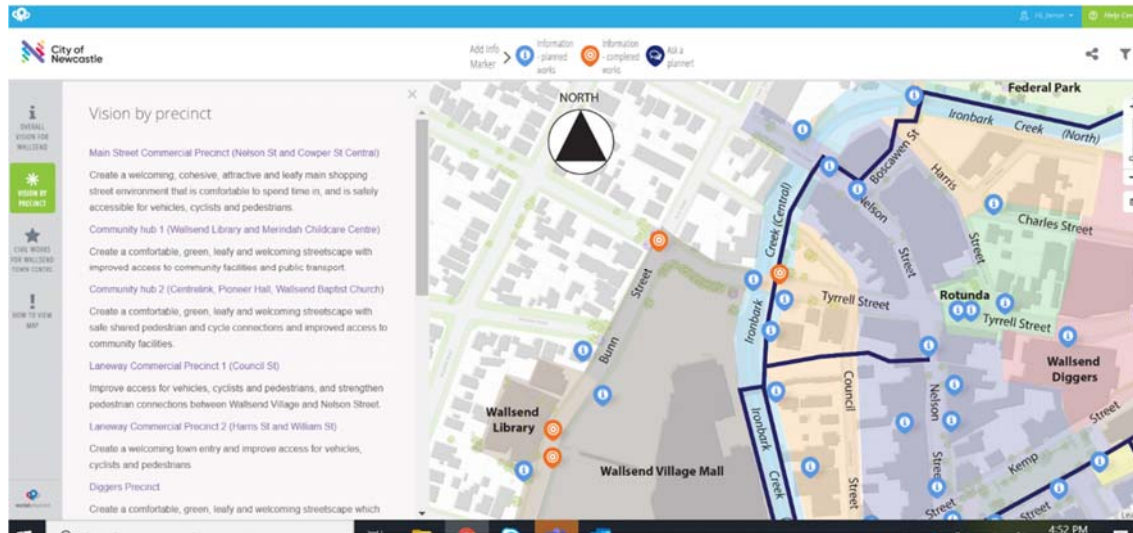
Alongside the community engagement outlined in this report, Phase 2 of community engagement focuses on placemaking, seeking information on locations within the Wallsend town centre that community members would like to see activated, updated or issues around safety addressed through design.

Recognising that Wallsend has a demographically vulnerable and growing population, and that the geographical context of the suburb makes it vulnerable to climate change impacts (including increasingly prolonged high summer temperatures and more frequent flooding), ongoing engagement is planned with the relevant members of the community and stakeholders to seek solutions to these issues.


As detailed designs progress across the next stages, further community and targeted engagement will be required.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Communications and promotion



Library Smart Screen



Get involved 

Community gets say on Wallsend's share in \$8 million upgrades.

Wallsend's long-awaited revitalisation will get a \$2 million boost as part of a series of urban centre upgrades across Newcastle under the City's new budget.

We're consulting with the community on improvements across Wallsend throughout August.

newcastle.nsw.gov.au/YourSay



Flyer display



DL Flyer



Get involved

Share your views on future improvements across Wallsend.

Our work aims to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and traffic as well as enhance amenity, accessibility and connectivity for the local community.

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Wallsend Local Centre

A long-term vision for the renewal of the Wallsend town centre is starting to take shape following the adoption of the Wallsend Local Centre Public Domain and Traffic Plan.

To make Wallsend's town centre a better place to work, shop, study and socialise we want to make sure everyone has a say in how the local area is developed.

This project is part of City of Newcastle's record \$116 million investment in infrastructure in the 2020/21 financial year.

Visit our community engagement online hub and take our survey until 5pm 25 August 2020.

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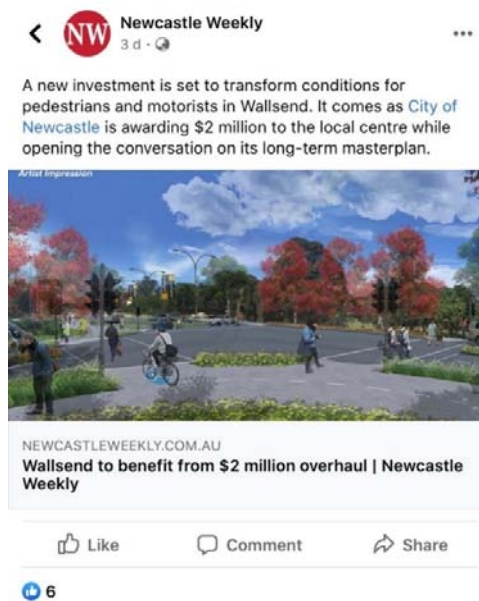
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City of Newcastle would love you to share your views on planned improvements across Wallsend's town centre by taking their survey: <https://tinyurl.co...> See more



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Here's what's been happening in Wallsend lately and a snapshot of work to come!
Find out what else we're doing to improve Wallsend's town centre and have your say on future upgrades: <https://bit.ly/3iqVbvK>



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Share your views on planned improvements across Wallsend's town centre by taking our survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y2syh3tw>
Our work aims to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and traffic.

Artist Impression



Wallsend Masterplan

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Artist Impression



Wallsend Masterplan



Do you Socialise, Work or Live in Wallsend?

Have Your Say in Wallsend's future

Complete the Survey on Your Town Centre

Have your say

Editorial – In Touch magazine

Wallsend Gets \$2 Million Overhaul



City of Newcastle is investing \$2 million to improve traffic and pedestrian conditions in Wallsend's local centre while upgrading the council estate on its long-term masterplan.

City staff will consult with the Wallsend community over the next month on local improvements ahead of a project to replace the busy Kokera/Cowper Street roundabout with traffic lights.

A joint public domain flood mitigation program over the next 12 months includes design of the Joscawen and Nelson Street bridge replacements – to facilitate widening and reallocation of the Hunter Water owned Lottbank Creek channel.

Flood mitigation work will also be completed on the channel within Wallsend Park, along with completion of a new shared pedestrian and cycle path.

Lord Mayor Nathan Williams said the City's local centres program would increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists and improve the overall look and appeal of commercial centres.

"As we have shown with upgrades to the Broadford and Carrington town centres, the work will significantly improve the appeal of Wallsend with high quality infrastructure, such as new seating, street trees and landscaping," the Lord Mayor said.

"Wallsend is a suburb brimming with history and character, which is why it's so important we work with the community to determine what's important as we make long-term improvements in the area.

"I encourage everyone to take part in the community engagement program for Wallsend before future projects transform Cowper Street into a high pedestrian activity zone with a reduced speed limit and safer connections."

In the past few months, City of Newcastle has completed the replacement of Tynes Street Bridge at the cost of \$3.3 million and committed \$20.7 million to reconstruct and raise the two other bridges as part of an overall flood-mitigation scheme.

Detailed design of upgraded traffic lights for the Nelson Street and Cowper Street intersection and a proposed roundabout at Cowper Street and Newcastle Road will also be carried out in the 2020/21 financial year.

Community members can have their say on the Wallsend upgrades from Tuesday 28 July at www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/YourSay. The local centre overhaul is part of an \$8 million investment into the revitalisation of eight suburban commercial precincts in the 2020/21 financial year.

Local centres and commercial precincts set for overhauls or planning work under the 2020/21 budget include:

- **Wallsend (\$2 million)** – New traffic lights at the intersection of Cowper and Kokera Street, including stormwater upgrades and completion of a missing section of shared pedestrian and cycle path at a maximum width of 2.5m as part of an important regional east-west cycle route.
- **Llewellyn Street, Merewether (\$2.2 million)** – Renewal of footpaths and drainage to make the shopping, dining and health care hub safer and more user friendly. The work includes the introduction of comfortable, fixed street furniture, new shade trees and low-level gardens.
- **Joelin Street, Kotara (\$1.4 million)** – Upgrade of the roadway, footpaths and drainage between Rae Crescent and the Joelin Street shops. The project will also deliver a new public open space based on community feedback.

- **Mitchell Street, Stockton (\$1.3 million)** – Footpath widening and pedestrian access plus safety improvements between Crown and King Streets, with drainage upgrades and new street trees.
- **Sherfield (\$900,000)** – Consultation currently underway with residents and businesses to have their say on upgrades to the Sandgate Road local centre, including pedestrian safety improvements and new street furniture.

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Print advertising

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Artist Impression

Artist impressions



NovoNews



Have Your Say on Wallsend Local Centre

To make Wallsend's town centre a great place to work, shop, study and play, we are asking everyone in the community to have a say in how this growing local area is being developed. Improving the local centre forms part of a multi-million-dollar program of work currently underway in Wallsend.

Our Community Engagement team has created an online engagement hub to make it easier for you to get involved as opportunities become available for community participation. Complete our survey to Have your say, and help inform and guide the vision to make Wallsend the best local centre in the west!

[Have Your Say](#)

Media release



Sunday 26 July 2020

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Media Release continued

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Appendix 2: Survey

WALLSEND TOWN CENTRE SURVEY

To make Wallsend's town centre a great place to work, shop, study and socialise we want to ensure you have a say in how the local area is renewed.

Improving Wallsend town centre forms part of a multi-million-dollar program of work under our Local Centres Public Domain Renewal program.

Please take our 15 minute survey.

Connection to Wallsend

1. Please select from the following your connection to the area:

- Attend school in the area
- I live in Wallsend
- Own or lease a commercial property in Wallsend
- A local business owner
- Work in Wallsend
- Regular Wallsend shopper
- Regular Wallsend library user

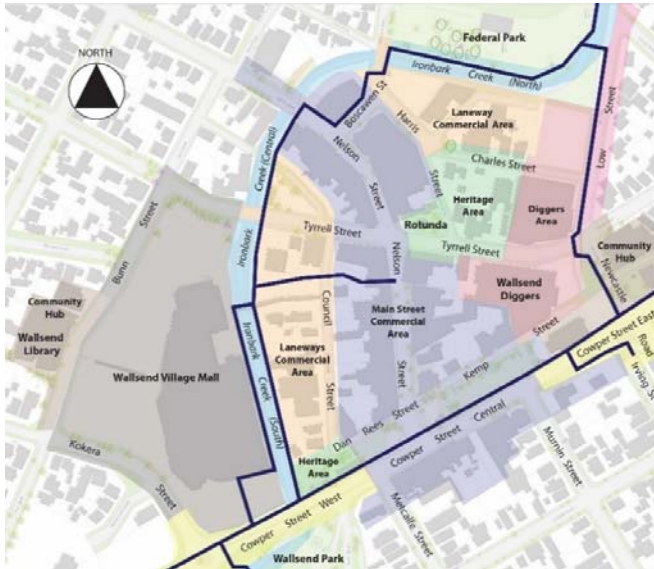
2. Thinking about the design of Wallsend town centre. What design style do you think best suits the local area? [single choice]

- Traditional urban centre (emphasis on industrial/built heritage)
- Modern urban centre (contemporary CBD style)
- Large village centre (unique, local, quirky, community feel)

3. Thinking about landscaping for Wallsend. What style of landscaping do you think best suits the local area? [single choice]

- Formal civic style (manicured)
- Biodiversity planting (e.g. indigenous trees and grasses)
- Colourful (e.g. flowers and colourful foliage)

The Wallsend town centre has been broken up into areas for CN to stage and prioritise the revitalisation.



4. Please rank the order of priority how you think the following areas should be prioritised for revitalisation (with 1 highest and 11 lowest).

Area	Rank (1 highest 11 lowest)
Community hub	
Main commercial area	
Laneway Commercial area	
Laneway Commercial area (near Harris Street and William Street)	
Heritage area (near TPI House)	
Diggers area (RSL and car parking frontages)	
Heritage area (near Rotunda Park, Post Office and Courthouse)	
Wallsend Village Mall area (Wallsend Village street frontages and Bunn Street)	
Ironbark Creek Channel (South, Central and North)	
Low Street	

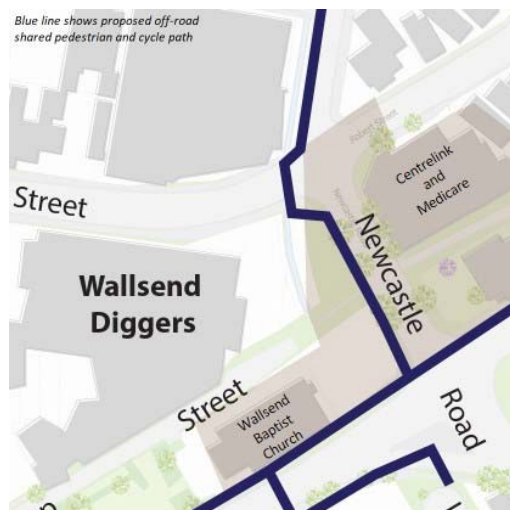
Cowper Street West (including northern end of Wallsend Park)	
Cowper Street East	

CN’s intended revitalisation work was approved by the elected Council in 2018 and therefore we want to check-in to understand your views on a range of planned works.

We have also divided the town centre into what we call “character areas”.

Centrelink, Pioneer Hall and Wallsend Baptist Church

[scale: Yes. No, Don’t know]



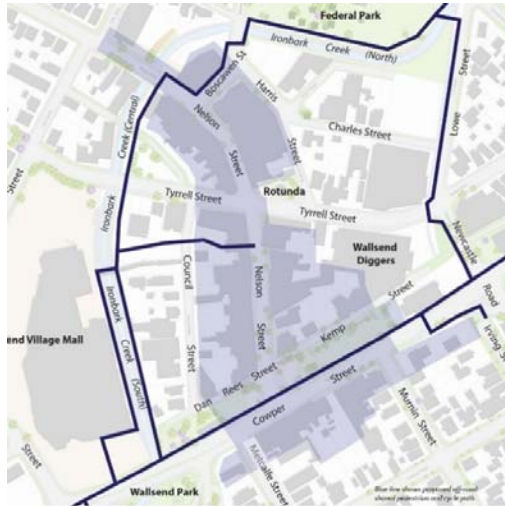
5. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Providing missing sections of east-west and north-south shared pedestrian and cycle path
 Removing existing back street pedestrian bridge and cycleway on Kemp Street to reduce opportunities for crime (note the cycleway is replaced by new shared pedestrian and cycle path on Cowper Street)

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Main commercial area - Nelson Street and Cowper Street Central

[scale: Yes. No, Don’t know]



6. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Footpath widening on Nelson Street to increase opportunity for outdoor trading
- Providing a continuous footpath treatment at the Kemp St/Nelson Street intersection giving pedestrians priority when crossing Kemp Street
- Kerb extensions at the Nelson Street/Dan Rees Street/Kemp Street intersection to help people cross Nelson Street
- Smart light poles providing free Wi-Fi
- Provision of a new pedestrian crossing on Nelson Street to the south of the Boscawen Street intersection
- Kerb extensions at the Nelson Street/Boscawen Street intersection to help pedestrians cross Boscawen Street
- Providing new pedestrian/cyclist crossing phase to the traffic signals at the Nelson Street/Cowper Street intersections to facilitate east west travel on the proposed shared path
- Upgrading the bus stop on Cowper Street
- Removing existing shade shelter at the corner of Nelson and Cowper Street

a. And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?

Laneway Commercial Area (Council Street)

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



7. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- One-way northbound traffic on Council Street
- Timed parking on western side of Council Street and no stopping on the eastern side
- Footpath widening
- Exploring the creation of a direct pedestrian link between Nelson Street and Wallsend Village Mall
- A continuous footpath treatment at the Tyrrell Street intersection (giving pedestrians priority)
- Kerb extensions at the Tyrrell Street intersection (to improve sightlines for vehicles exiting Council Street)

a. And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?

Laneway Commercial Area (Harris Street and William Street)

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



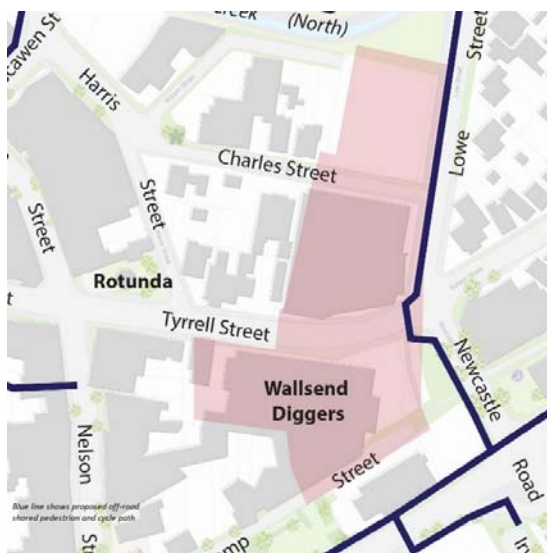
8. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- A roundabout at the intersection of Harris, Charles and William Streets

a. And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?

Diggers RSL Area (RSL and car parking frontages)

[scale: Yes, No, Don't know]



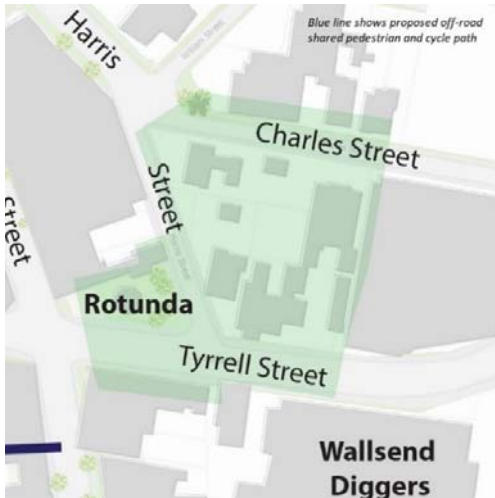
9. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Streetscape elements that honour the armed services
- Kerb extensions at the Lowe Street, Tyrrell Street and Newcastle Road intersection (helping pedestrians and cyclists cross from north to south)

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Heritage Area (Rotunda Park, Post Office and Courthouse)

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



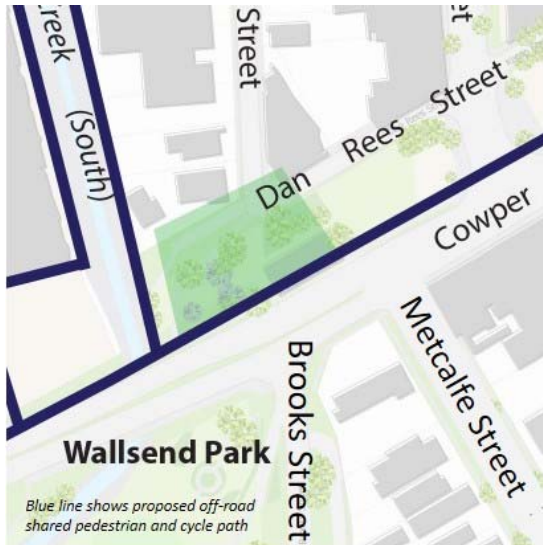
10. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Streetscape elements that interpret Wallsend's heritage
- A continuous footpath treatment at the Harris and Tyrrell Street intersection (giving pedestrians priority)
- Kerb extensions at the Harris and Tyrrell Street intersection (to improve sightlines for vehicles exiting Harris Street)
- New tree plantings and landscaping (to cool the area in summer)
- Removing the toilets
- Upgrading the toilets

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Heritage Area (TPI House)

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



11. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Removing pedestrian bridge connection from Dan Rees Street to Wallsend Village Mall car park to improve safety (note - access to Wallsend Village to be via new shared pedestrian and cycle path on Cowper Street.
- Improving pedestrian accessibility between Dan Rees St and Cowper Street
- Creating a separate exit for Dan Rees car park (note - requires relocation of heritage coal hopper to make space, new coal hopper location to be on former railway alignment)
- Designing elements that interpret Wallsend's heritage

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Wallsend Village Mall Area (Wallsend Village street frontages and Bunn Street)

[scale: Yes, No, Don't know]



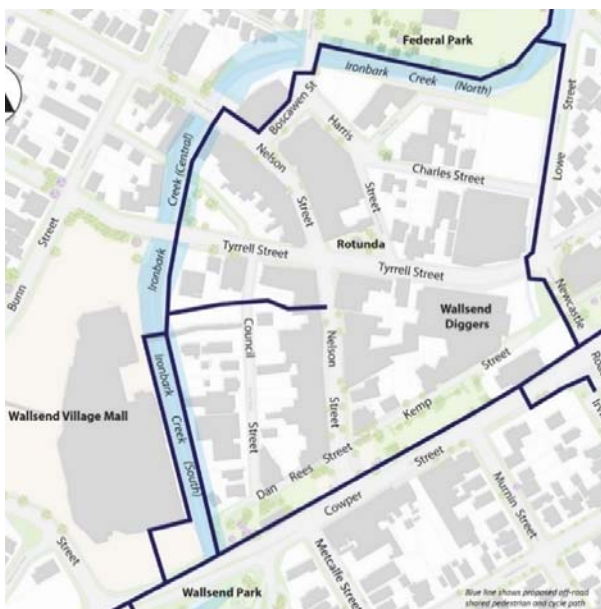
12. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Additional traffic calming devices to Bunn Street (part of the existing 40km/hr zone)
- Improving the connections between the Wallsend Village Mall and public land

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Ironbark Creek Channel (South, Central and North)

[scale: Yes, No, Don't know]



13. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Bridge upgrades to accommodate future widening of Hunter Water's channel (to reduce flooding)
- Naturalisation including rockwork in the channel, creation of water flow and habitat creation (Note – this will not increase mosquitos)
- Greening and tree planting where possible within and next to the channel
- Public access along the channel connecting Wallsend Park with Federal Park

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Low Street

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



14. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Providing safety barriers to the edge of the drainage channel
- Providing missing section of north-south shared path on the western side of the road
- Retaining parking on the western side of the road for weekend sports
- Renewing the pedestrian/cycle bridge connection into Federal Park
- Making Low Street one way, **(north bound)** making room for the missing section of north-south shared path
- Making Low Street one way, **(south bound)** making room for the missing section of north-south shared path

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Cowper Street West (including northern end of Wallsend Park)

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



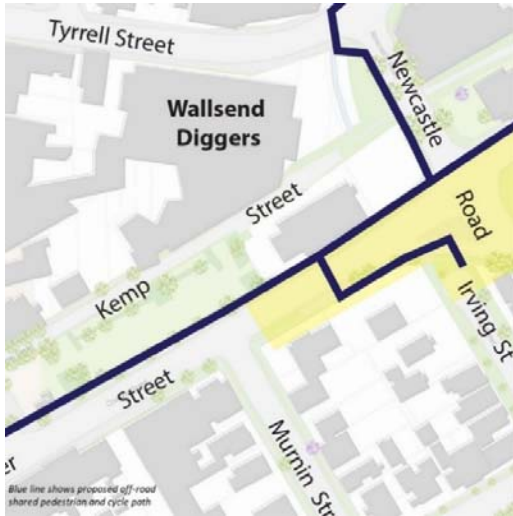
15. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Implementing a 40km/hr zone with associated speed control devices
- Upgrading the Kokera Street/Cowper Street intersection with a new set of traffic lights (facilitating safe road crossing for pedestrians and cyclists)
- Providing missing section of east-west shared path on the northern side of Cowper St
- Upgrading Ironbark Creek channel within Wallsend Park to increase flood capacity
- Providing an upgraded shared pedestrian and cycle bridge within Wallsend Park with a connection to the proposed traffic lights
- Creating gentle grades into the northern end of Wallsend Park (rose garden) to improve accessibility and sightlines

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Cowper Street East

[scale: Yes. No, Don't know]



16. Do you think the following are good ideas?

- Implementing a 40km/hr zone with associated speed control devices
- Upgrading the Newcastle Road/Cowper Street intersection with a new roundabout (to slow traffic and resolve safety issues)
- Providing pedestrian refuges helping people cross at the proposed roundabout
- Creating a central concrete median on Cowper Street between Newcastle Road and Murnin Street (to resolve safety issues)
- Providing the missing section of east west shared path on the northern side of Cowper St
- Facade Improvement Grant Scheme e.g. cleaning, painting, repairs and landscaping

a. *And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?*

Satisfaction with completed works

[scale: Yes, No, Don't know]

17. Lastly, to help us learn if our work has been improving the town centre, do you think the following completed works have made a positive difference?

- Relocating and upgrading the bus stop from outside the Merindah childcare centre to outside Wallsend Library
- Providing larger disabled parking spaces outside Wallsend library (allowing for mini-buses to park)
- Our upgrade of Tyrrell Street Bridge which has been made higher and wider to let more flood water through?

ABOUT YOU... A few questions

We are committed to involving the community in shaping the Wallsend town centre revitalisation.

18. Are you a property owner or tenant interested in taking part in a future Façade Improvement Grant Scheme for the upgrade of private building frontages in Wallsend town centre?

- *Yes/No*
- *If YES, ask for email*

19. CN want to make our centres welcoming and safe for everyone. Would you like to take part in a facilitated walk (or virtual site walk depending on COVID 19 restrictions) to help share ideas on how to improve community safety in Wallsend town centre?

- *Yes/No*
- *If YES, ask for email*

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. What is your age?

D2. What is your gender?

D3. Where do you live?

THANK YOU

Appendix 3: Verbatim (open-ended comments)

Any other ideas Centrelink, Pioneer Hall and Wallsend Baptist Church Areas
Cars use the cycle path to drive onto the grassed area at Wallsend Baptist Church, as a pedestrian that uses this area cars have almost hit me several times when I have been using the foot path. This needs to either be turned into a proper carpark or cars need to be barred from this area.
Good lighting
N/A
Stop the flooding. This should be the Only priority. Wallsend has continual flooding problems every t8me it rains. I have just spent thousands on plumber and ag pipe for flooding that comes down from properties behind my house.
Cycle way crossing at kokera st extremely dangerous due to Cars on the roundabout Turning into the Wallsend centre. Crossing needs improving.
Some sort of landscaping/parklett associated with the Centrelink office - an attractive and welcoming place for clients.
Kerbing and guttering to Cowper St. More street trees.
More native plants, more trees, and well-lit, well-maintained public toilets please!
Improve the look of the area.
lower speed limit
Shared paths would be a great idea for the larger area.
Seats and drinking water
More safe cross areas
Removal of exposed bonded asbestos!
I am a regular cyclist that uses this route daily (in normal circumstances), though I only travel in one direction on this route as I prefer on road via Roberts St/Tyrell St when traveling south. This is because I find the crossings of Newcastle Rd and Nelson St problematic (i.e. dangerous).
A shared path would be good but serious attention needs to be given to how cyclists and pedestrians will be able to cross Newcastle Rd and Nelson St. Improving these real risks to my safety will be much more appreciated than addressing the perceived risk of crime.
Better lighting
security cameras, cctv monitoring
tie the area into same design as main street
Yes Rejuvenating Wallsend could include Nelson St a non car strip with lots of plants. Could they also encourage a Chinatown?Also have parking nearby?
Thanks I really like Wall send but I'd hate to see it turned into a concrete jungle.Village look would be best. Sylvia
Fenced dog park
Pedestrian crossing near by
Police station wallsend is most important four wallsend ,when we had police station the crime was down.bring back curbside pick up four wallsend .
Increased parking.
No
Revitalizing derelict areas (eg old squash court)
Gardens
Kemp Street is high pedestrian traffic area due to parking area, flow to Thai Takeway, RSL, shopping strip. Footpaths and lighting should be updated as priority due to current state.
Make the area fun and friendly. Sculptures, art installations, gardens...
More off street parking
Parking
Combination of an 'eat street' in the are currently used as car parking along the western part old rail line with additional parking offered as part of a revamped eastern old rail line and Kemp st.
Cater for pedestrians more so than cyclists.

No
Smarten up the landscape with smart tree planting. A local ingenious themed mural on the telephone exchange on Cowper. It really is an ugly building
no
projects which would encourage the unemployed or teenagers to become involved in, encourage pride in our suburb discourage vandalism.
I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.
More police presence
More celebration of local talent and art. I would love to see more of a vibrant and bright hub. Centralised around local art and focus on food and beverage areas to bring others to the area as a tourism destination.
Modernism and move areas to encourage family activities
No
A well lit and cleaner wallsend. Please light up the skatepark to deter the wrong crowds (groups of high school kids etc) who hang out there and make it safer for the kids to use. Please also provide security cameras to local businesses such as the wallsend cricket club so reduce the chance of graffiti and break ins occurring.
Greening - more iconic trees like as historic markers
Art to mark start precinct that represents iWallsend
I support encouraging pedestrians and cyclists so improved pathways sounds good.
Re bridge - I'm not very fit and I'd prefer not to have to walk the short extra distance if given the choice so I'd imagine others would feel the same. Although, I've never walked this path in the 30yrs I've lived locally.
Surrounding city centre streets such as Clarke and Cross street, should be looked at to be upgraded also
I like the back street cycle way on Kemp st. I don't think it would feel safe to ride on Cowper street unless it is a path that is fully separate to cars.
I'd like to see all new garden areas when created to be filled with natives.
Yes, the curb and guttering in Wallsend area as a whole is terrible.
It's very dangerous when I go for a walk with my double pram and dog everyday.
Some roads don't even have a footpath and I am walking on the road around parked cars.
Maybe improved lighting
Your mapping description is not good enough for me to understand.
Photos in this survey a very very bad
More parking in public area
Improving the frontage of Centrelink to be more in keeping with the heritage buildings and housing of the street and proving a covered sitting area for the public who need to access Centrelink. Development of a car park to assist reduction of cars in the street to improve the environment for residents
Better flood management
Historic streets and buildings to be kept as heritage and catering services in the arcade
not far from the park and bridge on Nelson Street where the Winter Fair is on.
I would really like to see a round about put in on this intersection (Cowper-Newcastle Road) it can be a dangerously busy intersection when people try and cross Cowper Street.
A bus stop in MACQUARIE St near Francis street for the elderly & disabled .
If new paths are shared pedestrian and cycles...make them wide enough. current shared areas are dangerous for pedestrians I have been hit by cyclists twice causing serious bruising and broken skin and scared on numerous occasions....local cyclists are rude pushy and rarely observe courtesy like sounding a bell when they approach from behind....I walk often and make a point of keeping well to the left...but not withstanding I have had some very distressing experiences....also current walking areas end at roads with no crossings ...remember that when you are walking you need to cross roads safely to continue when the paths end....newcastle generally is NOT pedestrian friendly... and I speak as someone who lived in inner city sydney for 15 years...it was much easier to get around on foot than newcastle.....
Until the business backyards facing Council Street are fixed up, you should spend nothing. They had the opportunity to be like Lambton decades ago and unlike Lambton they refused to help themselves by turning their individual lots into shared parking.
Improve the existing back street pedestrian thoroughfare on Kemp street

Lighting! There's so much little street lighting
a light intersection at the Cowper St/ Newcastle Rd intersection
Na
Better lighting. Some seating. It's a pretty bland spot, mostly used as overflow parking for the pioneer hall. The little businesses always struggle.
More cycling paths
more clothes shops(boutiques), keep the second hand shops play grounds for families to have picnics, opportunity to have local bands perform/ concerts in a grass area, Different restaurants (Mexican, Greek).
Bakery
A Cycle path from Cardiff Road through to to Wallsend park and to connect to the main cycle path so it's safe for everyone
General improvements such as paved footpaths, new modern landscaping & lighting, sculptures etc.
Looks promising
Native gardens
A pedestrian crossing in line with danrees street and kemp street to facilitate pedestrian traffic without having to go to the crossing
Would love to see more open street cafes or a open piazza similar to Newtown or Charlestown for community connections
Making improvements to footpaths
No
How much crime has occurred at the Kemp Street cycleway and pedestrian bridge? Wouldn't it be better to put more lighting there?
How many people use the east west and north south pedestrian cycle path? Wouldn't money be better spent in other areas of the upgrade.
More native greenery
More entertainment, cinema, live entertainment or other draw cards. Things to do without leaving the suburb.
Better lighting
Speed humps Robert st between Bunnings / Centrelink to stop it being used as a through street
More / better street lighting.
Less hours for diggers. Especially on weeknights. After drunk people leave they regularly fight / damage in the surrounding streets.
Bring back the police station
Improved crossings along Cowper St for our older citizens. Improving safety to make sure people feel comfortable walking to facilities. Greater exercise opportunities by emphasising safety.
Pathways and parks / play equipment
Resurfacing of main street
Yes maybe safe pedestrian crossings
Rainbows everywhere!
Safe road crossings
more crossings in Newcastle road also a crossing near the roundabout om Newcastle rd &lake road walkers can not get across
Retain left turning 'slip lane' at the roundabout when coming down Newcastle Rd. Bringing the heritage tram here is a good idea (or at the Nelson St X Cowper intersection, where the shelter is).
I would like to see more gardens and places to sit.
More green areas - but leave with good visibility for safety
having another large opening under Minmi Rd like what was surposed to happen after the 2007 mega storm as taken onboard by the then Lord Mayor

Instead of getting rid of the bridges how about you think of creative ways to turn it into something better like what Melbourne dose in their laneways do art features light those places up at night so it makes it hard to find dark places to go Make it more like Darby st more inviting night life restaurants there is to many of the same shops in the Main Street it needs a complete up do or even like Belmont street there nothing there inviting people to wallsend even at the plaza Wallsend could be so much more at night it's sad dark and gloomy and at the day just look run down heap of the streets of wallsend need doing and not just patched up an actual proper job look I've lived here all my live and Wallsend has just been forgotten

Cleaning

Any other Ideas Nelson Street and Cowper Street Central (Open End)

I would like to see street trees retained and if possible more planted.

If removing existing shade shelter at corner of Nelson St & Cowper St, will a new one be erected?

Would be lovely if we could see more street trees or plantings. The area really needs some additional greenery to help give a village feel. There are some older style buildings in the area, which should help with that village feel, but at the moment the Nelson Street area appears old, dirty and unloved in many ways.

Smarten up footpaths. Work with Chamber of Commerce re smartening shop fronts, signage etc for freshened appearance of Nelson St etc.

Stop the flooding and get a Police Station back in Wallsend.

no

The traffic lights at Nelson/Cowper st intersection, so close to Metcalfe Street's entry to Cowper St are still confusing motorists coming from the direction of Wallsend Park. Also, the sudden ending of the second lane after the Wallsend Village roundabout is confusing too. In addition motorists exiting the carwash have a choice of turning left into the very narrow street above Wallsend Park, or crossing double unbroken lines to the right to get back into Cowper St.

Make Nelson Street, from Tyrrell street to Iron Bark Creek become Newcastle's little China Town.

Native gardens on the sidewalk similar to the new ones on Hunter Street along the light rail corridor.

Improve the intersection of Metcalf st and Cowper st. It is dangerous

lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles

Pedestrian crossing at Cowper Street and Murnin Street.

Crossing Cowper St is really hard. It would be good to reduce traffic speeds on this road to make it feel less like a high speed through route.

Please do not the Smart Poles as there is too much radiation in the atmosphere as it is.

Security cameras along Nelson street

Fenced dog park. Somewhere for kids to eat

More trees , plant boxes and seating with lighting etc

I think the parking on Nelson Street should not be lessened. It is important to understand that people want to drive to their destination and while providing facilities for pedestrians is important, if we removed parking on the main street, people would go elsewhere - to somewhere where they can park.

There are plenty of other places to cross without needing kerb extensions

I feel widening just one side of Nelson st would be appropriate for local business.
I don't believe Wallsend has enough businesses that would be able to utilise this if done on both sides. If done I feel this would lead to more empty shop fronts eventually.

I'm concerned that these options may lead to less access to cars. While increasing safe cycle and pedestrian access is a good idea, it should not result in decreased access to the businesses by car. Wallsend has a high population of older residents, this needs to be given a high priority during any planned changes to the area.

More greenery on Nelson Street. More heritage village focus.

More parking, especially disabled

increased outdoor trading for who ? this is not Darby Street, it is service type businesses and welfare shops. this is an area visited by necessity not regular desire or shopping such as the actual plaza area.

Kemp St can be hazardous to enter/exit particularly at peak times. Poor Visibility of oncoming cars on Nelson st and cars turning right from the traffic lights make for a difficult access to a narrow road. Perhaps making a no right turn from the traffic lights entering kemp st and left turn only exiting might make it safer?

Perfect area for suburban dining hotspot like Darby St. Or Beaumont st. Encourage Cafe & restaurants, include points of interest like art installations, greenery, sculptures. Home made markets each month. There are too many op shops, we need modern to revitalise the area not old fashioned and boring. A cafe/restaurant hub would encourage younger homeowners and more modern shops and more businesses.

Improve shade structure. Weather proofing and acoustic treatments to provide audible comfort when using the facility.
Would love to see restaurants open up on the streets
Pedestrian crossing with lights Cowper st close to Wallsend Village
Get the landlords of the butcher and fish and chipper on Nelson Street to repair the awning
no
Improved infrastructure to encourage commercial businesses. Would be great for council to invest in the infrastructure to create a cultured eat street environment with outdoor dining similar to Parramatta. The significant number of community that live in nearby large suburbs Fletcher and Maryland would strongly support. This would assist in gentrifying the suburb and create further much needed business investment.
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More street lighting and light placed in trees similar to main street of Orange NSW.
More outdoor dining for cafes
Keep it well lit up and proved some businesses with security cameras to deter vandals.
Revitalisation of greening efforts of business traders- currently bit haphazard and needs more.
Lighting /poles/furniture that reflects a Wallsend character .. not generic modern stuff that you see everywhere
Wifi yes - great idea but not a fan of black poles in town .. they don't suit Wallsend
Parking can be difficult enough/too limited without adding additional kerb extensions that will further decrease parking opportunities. I need to park as close as possible to the business I wish to visit. Without convenient parking spaces I will go elsewhere to shop.
Kerb extensions and also fix existing kerbs in cross st
More natives planted
Wallsend Park could have upgraded paths so that the west end could be better utilised, a circuit could be run/rode, linking up the whole park. More natives gardens planted.
As stated fixing footpaths, kerbs and guttering all over Wallsend. Not just the town centre.
Less cars. The stone kerb stones need to be incorporated in any planned path widening.
Outdoor seating for - resting / eating / coffee breaks for both shoppers and shop workers.
Do not widen any footpaths if it means reducing the number of car park spaces. There already are so few spaces as it is during busy times
Old Zone building in the lane knocked down and cleaned. Known drug den. Very unsafe area.
Define what a curb extension is before you ask us about them.
You haven't made provision for car parking much.
There are a lot of senior people in the Wallsend central area and we don't spend much time thinking about push bike.
Definitely widening of Nelson street, we need to get More dining opportunities in the street and make it more welcoming and have more places open weekends.
Stable footpath and low ridge lay backs on curb at crossings - helps everyone avoid trip hazards, smoother for wheelchair and pram users
Upgrade to ferdal park more play equipment bbq toilets better shelter for school kids in raining days..... unlock the pool car park so Plattsburgh parents have somewhere to park
Crossing Nelson street at the Cowper street end is a nightmare...pedestrian crossing is too far down the street to assist getting to the cowper street bus stophope the crossing will facilitate walking from the wallsend mall to the bus stop on cowper street...especially if it is upgraded with adequate shade...buses going to most destinations pass that stop....
Its amazing how much money Council has to spend. At Wall Lane North Lambton 12 households live with potholes and a lack of drainage which turns this public road into mud.
Something to improve pedestrian crossing on cowper down by the Diggers
more crossings for pedestrians at Nelson St/Cowper St light intersection
Dedicated bike parking,
increase provision for electric car parking (relocate NRMA power banks at Cowper street park?),
Solar Access considerations for shop awnings,

<p>Seek opportunities to extend green spaces (urban canopy from parks / surrounds). Consider investigation of opportunities to tie Nelson Street / Laneway district to the Wallsend Village - span over part iron bark creek at Dan Rees and or Tyrill Street to increase/encourage pedestrian use.</p>
<p>Please keep the little mosaic planters.</p>
<p>Widening the footpath sounds good, but there is just no space for it. Parking is already a problem, with many people parking on the grass verges and in an empty lot nearby.</p>
<p>Your current plan requires going through 2 private properties. This is a very good way to improve the connection from Nelson st to the village centre, however the empty lot there is currently being used as parking, and is very full on weekdays.</p>
<p>Wallsend currently is home to newcastles oldest mosque. I would suggest improving the pathways around it, they get quite heavily used and are not in the best condition, also have no pedestrian crossings.</p>
<p>I would also suggest increasing the signage for the wallsend electric vehicle charger, it's not at all obvious and a great asset to the community.</p>
<p>Wallsend is very proud of it's heritage, but very little of it remains in a publicly accessible way, due to it being largely privately owned buildings. Wallsend has great potential as a Multicultural hub, with many ethnic grocers on the main street, good evidence of a welcoming nature... as well as depressed property prices.</p>
<p>Upgrade the Metcalfe and Cowper St intersection. It's extremely dangerous for pedestrians to cross and traffic flow is poor. Solution is needed to fix both aspects</p>
<p>the shade area could be turned into a coffee shop?</p>
<p>Parks to have accessible equipment for children with disability</p>
<p>Extend curb for dining, trade etc, make nelson st one way traffic</p>
<p>More cafes & outdoor dining, encourage existing commercial tenants to improve/modernise the appearance of existing shops, encourage new tenants into Nelson St commercial area by cleaning up the whole area.</p>
<p>Nelson street needs much more and clearer line markings as well as the proposed pedestrian crossings.</p>
<p>Improving footpaths in Nelson Street as they are a hazard and dangerous to elderly people walking as there are so many trip hazards</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Foot path widening isn't required as plenty of room and outdoor trading only becomes a problem of avoiding running into people being served or being seated and dogs sitting with people.</p>
<p>Closing off Kemp and Nelson St for a continuous pathway will only make parking much harder to find which will turn customers away.</p>
<p>Don't need free Wifi as you are trying to have more turn around with people. Not people staying too long as this turns away business.</p>
<p>Better public transport integration to reduce the need for people to drive to and from the area.</p>
<p>Play equipment</p>
<p>More trees along Nelson street up the hill on the left through the suburb.</p>
<p>Return the creek back to natural or atleast part of it to beautify it.</p>
<p>Yes, also the traffic lights at nelson and Cowper street does this plan include pedestrian crossing on both sides of the lights, at the moment you can only cross from one side at the lights, makes it hard to get across cowper street if you just got off the bus to go to the Andrew nash clinic. i really think it would be good to have pedestrian access on both sides of the road at the lights.</p>
<p>More car parking</p>
<p>Rainbows??</p>
<p>These questions are very leading and lacking details.</p>
<p>A more aesthetically pleasing street scape on Nelson St and corner of Nelson/Cowper (shade house area). Refresh the second storey facades of businesses along Nelson St.</p>
<p>Suggested small business grants to be spent on cosmetic improvements to shops.</p>
<p>If the left-turn from Nelson Street to Cowper St is to be retained there should either be a pedestrian crossing across Nelson St for that lane or make a left only turning lane part of the traffic lights, with a 'left turn available after stopping' treatment.</p>
<p>What is proposed for the existing share shelter spot? It is definitely underutilised. This could also be a good place for the heritage tram and indigenous plantings, if sight lines are able to be maintained.</p>

Furthermore, on Cowper St travelling West, Nelson St is a bit of a bottleneck as many cars get stuck behind cars turning right onto Nelson. Could the few parking spaces out the front of the commercial premises on Cowper prior to this intersection (i.e. the coffee shop) be removed for safety, so that there are 2x clear lanes from the Newcastle St intersection to Bulkara St?

I believe I saw proposed pedestrian refuge island West of Murnin St. This is too far away from where people are crossing. The refuge island needs to be in between Murnin and Metcalf, essentially out the front of the Wildflower cafe, slightly West. People already don't cross at the lights, therefore they definitely aren't going to go down near Murnin to Cross!

Spaces for outdoor dining

Increased foot traffic holistically. Bring the bikes in and offer a pedestrian friendly community.

Put in shops that are for everyone not just the over 50s some nice plants trying lights bix up buildings give them a paint change the dark brown bricks on path ways to something prettier and actually stable and no hole ● think out side the box 📦

And is there anything else you would like to see in this area?

Any other ideas Laneway Commercial Area (Council Street)

NA

Gutters cleaned and water drainage area cleaned on a REGULAR basis. Be pro active not reactive.

More offroad parking is needed to improve Council street's safety

More trees (shade) and some street art to beautify the surrounding buildings.

Creek rehabilitation. Consultation with Awabakal Land Council and/or landcare groups to develop projects to help the water way return to the way it's supposed to run, in order to provide habitat and clean water for animals that may seek refuge in the area during drought and bushfires. If the creek flows better it will also become a better water source for trees along its path.

lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles

signs and lighting

Reduce kerbside parking and vehicle access and replace with wide pedestrian walkways. A larger (timed) parking lot can replace kerbside parking.

New Police Station

What is more important than any of the above suggestions is the presence of the ugly semi-industrial buildings which are an eyesore along Council Street. They should all be demolished and the area made into an open community space, or modest single-storey units.

Dog park fenced.

One way from Dan rees St to Tyrell St is priority

If parking is limited on Council St, an alternative that makes businesses at least as accessible as it is now, needs to be provided.

More parking

you can get from Nelson St to the plaza on foot via several routes. "direct access" might provide an alternative route but would only replace one of the current options which facilitate movement from the ends and centre of Nelson St. Probably a waste really.

Tidy it up. Messy, old and ugly at the moment.

Definitely like the idea of a direct link between mall and nelson st

No

no

I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.

iMPROVED LIGHTING FOR SAFETY

Keep metered parking out of Wallsend

More free parking available seperate of the plaza.

Being able to feature rehabilitated creek - turning the face of business / community to connect village and Nelson st
The eastern side is where I've always parked although my optometrist is no longer in Wallsend so I'm less likely to use Council Street from now on.
Fix Cross streets parking. Make it one way from Clarke st to Boscawen st
Native plantings around all developments
Engagement with landholders for the development of lane-way style access and dining/shopping precinct from Nelson Street to Council and from Council street across to Ironbark South channel edge (proposed cycleway).
Widening footpaths may necessitate the removal of many of the stone kerbs around the town. These were quarried in Wallsend. Some provision for the retention of these stones in some capacity within the town is important to we older Wallsend families.
Do not remove parking in this area. It would be better to make it one way traffic flow and keep all existing parking. Timed parking is fine as long as it is not paid parking.
Clean up the old Zone building
Kerb extension should only be on the corners, only me to the extinct where you legally must not park anyhow., th town will always be a vehicle town rather than a cycle of walking town as priority. Some areas will always be so narrow for cars but we need them.
More off street parking
I really think council street should be 1 way.
include some tree planting on Tyrrell Street.. It is hot as hell in summer and blinding with all the white concrete...does not facilitate walking between the mall and nelson street.... Again, unless the businesses are prepared to fix up their back yards give them nothing.
Maybe a few more trees planted
revitalisation of buildings i'm Council St to bring people from the main road into the back lanes
adequate lighting.
I live in here. Traffic and parking along our glorified laneway are awful. Sunday is the only day without issues. There hasn't been much crime in the street for the past year, but previously there have been some issues, mostly due it being fairly empty of an evening onward. Public urination is also an issue, usually at about midnight when the pubs let out and our st looks like a nice dark corner. The idea of connecting the main st through to the village centre is a good one. Though the shop you have marked for removal is one of the busiest and helps draw many people into the area. Can't you do anything about the abandoned squash and swim centre? People squat in it. Kids climb through it. It's ugly. It's been on fire twice. It's also got rubbish stacked around it. In short. Improved lighting, smoother paths, traffic and parking improvements. Lots of trucks use this street, so no making it narrower.
Maintain or improve the footbridge between dan rees Street and the village mall
Moving forward when the holspital development has finished, parking for staff with mini buses to take up to the hospital?
demolish the burnt out later tag / squash court get rid of the asbestos
I'm a fan of tidying this area up so that it can be used for cafes or stores
No
We don't want less shop space. Don't want paid parking as this will not help. It will be like Newcastle. It will turn away people who can park in larger shopping centres with no parking fee.

We don't want less parking as we need more parking every where as it is a nightmare now.
some day parking near pick-up areas for bus trips. Pre Covid Probus groups did day trips and the coach picked us up near the Baptist church. If there is only timed parking in this car park there is nowhere for older people to leave their cars for the day, until the coach returns for drop-off.
Timed/paid parking would be a nail in the coffin of Wallsend's commercial viability.
Community garden/herb garden
yes
Unicorns!
Some improved lighting
Clearer pedestrian access from Council St to the Wallsend Village foot bridge, currently you walk through the boom gates and through a carpark.
A more pleasant streetscape at the corner of Council St and Dan Rees Drive, there is a house on the corner with a high, ugly fence and it seems a bit suspicious and makes me feel unsafe.
Clearer road marking at the West end of Dan Rees drive (that only really services one house), hard to distinguish car access from pedestrian access.
No
Highest priority action in this area is connecting Wallsend Village Mall to Nelson St, which is currently fragmented. Can the carpark be removed?
i.e. could Council convert the existing carpark into a covered walkway? It seems to be only staff parking here. If staff need the parking, the Wallsend Village Mall should be providing free parking to staff (if they are already, they should make it easier to obtain - staff members are parking all over Wallsend suburban streets to get to work). The footbridge here over Ironbark also appears to be ageing, maintenance or cosmetic improvement may increase its use. Council could consider property acquisition to facilitate the connection if this is not an option.
Another allocated parking allotment to help the businesses trading in this street
The war memorial back where it was in the centre of town near the rotunda
I really enjoy walking around this area with my small children. I would really like the footpaths widened.
Derelict building (old squash courts/swimming pool) demolished & site redeveloped
Widen roads put traffics lights where needed like the road near the Matilda servo that really needs traffics lights the you can get stuck there for ages each way

Any other ideas Laneway Commercial Area (Harris Street and William Street)
Stop the flooding.
More offstreet parking. No timed parking should exist of less than 4 hours' duration.
Where is William St??
Signage to advise of the best way to access federal park and directions to other facilities like the library and the shopping mall.
As per previous answer - rehabilitation of Ironbark Creek.
lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles
Smart lighting, to feel safer in that area of a night time.
signs
this intersection is very confusing but i'm not sure it is regularly busy enough to justify a roundabout. the streets here are narrow so people know to drive slowly and take extra care
Very little traffic uses this area - spend money elsewhere
Fenced dog park
No
yes this is a difficult intersection
keep area clean and tidy. Add more greenery, planters. Keep it nice and respectful for mourners who use pettigrew and memories.
No

I don't think the cost is Justified.
Also, I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.
Well lit up.
It's a great space down bear creek and could be a great escape for lunches etc Parking available when no funeral in progress
Is the expense worth it though, hmm, perhaps.
It is a weird intersection, but I can't say if a roundabout would be good or not. Native gardens planted in and around all new roundabouts and median strips etc.
Streets need very much more conspicuous street names on the posts.
We Travel be streets but never know a name for them so this survey is difficult and takes a long time because we go to Google Maps to find out the names of the places.
this is a good idea but I will be sorry to see the end of the last remnants of old cow paths in the area....
Planners think they control the world and have a monopoly on what will happen in the future. They are not real that good at it. Plan for flexibility and you might get it right.
more commercial trading near the park to sprawl foot traffic further out of Nelson St
The scenery is a bit drab. But There isn't much reason to go back there unless you're going to a funeral.
I love the tram mural.
I suspect improvements to the drainage in the area and the bridge are needed to future proof us against extreme weather events. Your proposed cycleway would not fit on the existing bridge anyway, so perhaps a new bridge is in order?
If not a round about clearer signage and road markings or something. I use this intersection multiple times a day and the number of near misses caused by people ignoring stop sign and or give way sign or trying to go the wrong way up a one way street or chucking u turns in the middle of the intersection with no regard for other traffic is honestly scary.
A round about makes perfect sense, don't know why it wasn't done decades ago.
No
The traffic flows well in Harris, Charles and William Streets. There is no need for a roundabout. Too many in Wallsend now.
Yes
Improvements to kerbs when accessing the corner of Federal Park, I often have a pram and find it difficult to manoeuvre paths and kerbs to access the park. I love the Wallsend street art piece in this area (the train), it would be nice to see Wallsend history illustrated in this way.
No
Don't really go down this way but that seems like a sensible idea.
Something needs to be done to make the intersection and right of way clear. I don't know if a round about is the solution.
Widening of footpaths.

Any other ideas Diggers RSL Area

Review of signage, lighting etc at pedestrian crossing at Diggers Club
Stop the flooding!
Accessibility and priority to pedestrians and cyclists
More street planters and street trees, complementing the trees in Cowper St
more comfortable seating in the rotunda and the toilet block painted.
More trees. Trees in the carpark to provide shade for cars and shade for those walking from the carpark or closest public transport stop into the Diggers. Elderly patrons must find that pretty tough on a 40 degree day, with the summer heat reflecting off the bitumen.
lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles

trees seats water signs
upgrade footpaths in area to accommodate Anzac day and the elderly and handicapped in vicinity Lowe and Charles street
I'd like to honour the dead by having useful things like benches and gardens and bicycle ramps. Also making a point of honouring indigenous dead.
Fenced dog park. Fenced kids park
I would hope that Diggers would contribute to enhancement of their frontage. They do very well out of the community, they need to put more back.
No
perhaps the indigenous contribution to the armed services, in particular, could be recognised.
No
Get rid of the hedging at the front of the Tyrell Street carpark as you can't see to turn right into Tyrell
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Statue for local Military hero,
Area for markets or food stalls on weekends
Well lit up, and artwork reflecting our veterans
Unsure how to see this area in future refurbishment
Seems to be a transit space
I'm not sure what is meant by streetscape elements that honour the armed services. I think the Anzac memorial walk above bar beach has been done well. I think the streetscape should include native gardens planted around.
Plus talk with the aboriginal community to incorporate local indigenous culture to all developments.
When honouring armed services you could also do the same for early settlers. IE prior to King Coal.
Keep the streets ride but pedestrian crossings plenty 4. No traffic Islands or medium strips.
Everything in Wallsend has narrow roads so we need as much width for traffic.
do stuff for the armed services at the rotunda...that is what it is for....
Anything which helps poker machine use must be a plus. All social ills can be resolved by the poor losing their money on the poker machines!
Trees planted on the footpath. It's scorching in summer
Not a large amount of money on streetscape. Functional elements more important to Wallsend area.
Renovation of wallsend diggers
To describe the current look, "Another drab access lane"
this area could be so much more for wallsend. It connects the biggest local business to the park... but I don't often see people walking down that way, probably because low st isn't even fully guttered.
I think this area would benefit from landscaping the most, with plants, gravel beds and nice lighting.
I'd like to make sure any street art or street scape element look at all seas of armed forces. Women who were in the war, family legacy, indigenous soldiers, non frontline personelle
No
Streetscape elements only if not taking up too much footpath and not too expensive. As the vandals in Wallsend will only have a field day defacing them.
More street lighting from from diggers toward Bunnings
Yes
I think that streetscape elements would be good. I don't think they need to be in honour of the armed services though.
I would like to see a memorial or Sculpture or something that is a reminder of the Aboriginal people of the area
Make it more pleasant on the Kemp St side of building. I often walk along Kemp St and it feels like I am walking along a back laneway servicing businesses, it would be nicer if it felt more like a pedestrian/cycle path.
No

Difficult to comment on generalist 'Streetscape elements that honour the armed services' without seeing the detail of the proposal. Wallsend already is very war-heavy (flags everywhere, TPI house, Diggers, cenotaph, etc), which needs to be balanced with a view to the future and attracting new businesses and new, younger residents. If the streetscape elements are simple, tasteful and not overbearing, then this may be worthwhile.
Traffic lights or round about at Newcastle rd / Cowper St intersection
A footpath next to the car park that goes all the way to Federal Park.
If streetscape elements to honor armed forces, make sure there is an Indigenous element clearly added to show respect to past and present Indigenous, as well as multicultural aspect of armed forces.
Any other ideas Heritage Area
Improvement and continuing upkeep of Rotunda, park and historical plaques and same for TPI Building and surrounding area with regard to tram depot and perhaps info of some sort acknowledging history of this area.
Stop the bloody flooding!
More parking signage for the car parking behind the Diggers carpark, and kerb and gutter George St
More comfortable seating in the rotunda.
Don't take out the toilets! Newcastle has a shockingly limited number of public toilets and the ones that exist are dingy, poorly lit and badly maintained.
Tree plantings, native gardens, perhaps a community mental health/sensory garden would be awesome.
lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles
Upgrade the toilets like what is at Lambton Park.
keep present heritage and vegetation
Be careful with the landscaping, though a great idea, try to choose less-mosquito attracting varieties of trees & shrubs.
Fenced dog park. Fenced kids park.
The toilets are a vital part of Wallsend and many of the cafes rely on these for their customers. It is too far for small children and the elderly to access toilets at Wallsend Village.
No
if you remove the toilets there would be a lack of public facilities in the area.
public toilets are required in the street. The nicer you make them and maintain them constantly will discourage unsavoury types for hanging around and damaging property. Keep it well lit and attractive and clean and accessible to encourage users which in turn will discourage criminals. Maintain the rotunda, add gardens and art installations and seating areas. Maybe a Cafe there with seating at edge of grass area.
Indigenous elements in streetscaping
Something to acknowledge the mining history of the area
No
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Please upgrade toilets, don't remove them
Some form of acknowledgment / welcome to country of Aboriginal land.
Clean and safe public toilets that are well lit up. Proper seating area.
The options if trees should be across all areas .. the summer temperatures across Wallsend are very high
There is a wonderful sense of place that could be improved in this area
The rotunda is glorious
Honestly the nicer the area becomes the better. Hopefully this will entice more shoppers and then more cafes/restaurants. The people in the western corridor need a nice commercial main st hub. Love the ideas about the personal touches that directly represent the area such as the diggers elements
There should be toilets, drinking fountains/taps around the area.
The streetscape of Wallsend heritage should include local indigenous cultural significance as per talks with the local indigenous community leaders.
The gardens and tree plantings should be native.

Also nice would be community gardens with edible vegetables, herbs, flowers, bush Tucker.
Replacing our War Memorial back to the rotunda area would be appreciated by many older Wallsend Families.
The introduction of more trees need to be sympathetic to the environment and not cause root damage to the area.
DON'T YOU DARE REMOVE THAT TOILET BLOCK! They need to be upgraded not demolished!
Please leave the toilets where they are as they a community necessity. These are often used when people are waiting for buses that take them to concerts etc in the vineyards.
Don't separate the disabled persons toilet from the gender toilets. Put them in with them. Sometimes a disabled person is in the company of children and everyone needs to go.
put in as many trees as you can...consider flowering natives to support bees and birds...consider meadow plantings along the creek...better signage for the toilets
For goodness sake it was a mining village...Do you really expect the greenies to acknowledge that?
Trees trees trees please
more trees for shade
I would like to see important changes to the facilities available in respect to caring for our homeless ,eg, safe and appropriate toilets as it so often occurs to me what do the homeless do if they are affected by gastroenteritis. I am a registered nurse and during my time working in Emergency Departments in our area (30 yrs) i am constantly reminded of the simplest of challenges they face. It is heart breaking that we do so little to really help them. I am brought to tears just typing this. Their gratitude of some food or a chat is humbling. We as a society are so judgemental of these people despite the various number of reasons they become homeless (in its many forms). Domestic violence a blatant cause ! Any where in Wallsend i would like to see as many amenities available for them especially there safety.
I would Aboriginal heritage and culture is also considered and showcased.
Important to retain mining history mural adjacent to the rotunda.
More use of the rotunda. A local group of teens held a concert there last year. It was wonderful. I think we need more mini events like this. Bit of life.
This area holds the most obvious heritage buildings, it quite lovely but not very useful, as there is no public access and not much information. Putting heritage Information signs and panels here would do a great deal.
These toilets are an important public amenity and need a significant upgrade not removal. When shopping in Wallsend they are the only public toilets unless you walk to the shopping centre, library or go to one of the pubs.
Public toilets are useful for those that exercise in the area. Covid especially has made it much harder with businesses bring closed.
Native garden, picnic area
Could one of the heritage buildings become a museum for the local area, like the one in Morpeth court house
We need to include our Aboriginal community in the update
Again, as long as everyone is included where possible. Miners, founding families, indigenous groups, women, migrants
No
Street safe style cctv around the area
Yes certainly need better toilet.
Street art to portray the heritage of Wallsend rather than text-based interpretation signage.
The toilets are 100 years old, high quality amenities are a major draw card to every town throughout the world, it's a waste of money to improve and beautify a town and still have antique toilets. Where ever you travel in the world the first thing you look for is CLEAN toilets and amenities...probably not as flash as Harrods. They will be a talking point for locals and visitors more than a new pedestrian crossing....Regards, Greg Frame
No
should leave the toilets because if you are a walker around the area there bis nowhere else to go to the toilet unless you walk to the plaza
Great place for streetscape elements that interpret Wallsend's heritage. Existing wall and James Fletcher bust are good, they should definitely be retained. Unsure on toilets, I've never used them. If they're clearly aged then they should be upgraded. Some indigenous shrub plantings to provide some distance between the rotunda and Tyrrell St would be good to encourage it's use. It's currently too exposed.
I have never used the toilets but this is because I live locally and can walk home easily. I guess the toilets are important for people who want to visit Wallsend businesses but do not live in Wallsend
I feel it's a wasted space. I would love a playground located within the heritage area and a cafe. Maybe even a space for live music.

Tree planting always a good idea. Make sure the heritage is Indigenous as well as post colonisation.

Any other ideas Heritage Area TPI House

More historical signage re Wallsend history in particular Wallsend Vouncil and building plus rail and tram history at genuine locations or otherwise suitable site. Perhaps involve similar or same at Library.

Stop the flooding. Understand what the priority should be.

I think safety to be provided by usability, better amenity and increased use rather than removal of footbridge

Extend parking duration to all day to match the zone in Kemp St

Clean up the creek bed, remove weeds and add native plants.

Please factor in established trees and gardens when implementing pedestrian improvements - it would be great if you could preserve these and work around them where possible.

lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles

The pedestrian bridge is used by people coming along Council Lane as well as that carpark, and I actually prefer it to the one that sends you into the back of Wallsend Village.

be careful of changing area to the detriment

Make Dan Rees Carpark easier to access. Remove exposed bonded asbestos in the area. Upgrade the outdoor furniture/sitting area next to TPI house.

Remove the Dan Rees car park. It is only a few car spaces relative to the amount of land it occupies.

I regularly use the footbridge to Wallsend Village Mall car park. Existing alternatives are not as convenient. I would rather see it widened and access to it imporved.

Make the carpark entry wider to have an In and Out lane

More railway heritage items, a locomotive perhaps?

Remove ped bridge only if it improves flooding

Kids fenced park. Fenced dog park

No

No

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Also, there is no room for further heritage elements without reducing parking spaces.

Well lit up.

This is such an iconic part of Walksend

Needs to be reinvigorated To match with overall theme of works .. more brickwork/ rail themes

Linking Wallsend park to this area for pedestrians.

I enjoying walking/riding with my kids from Wallsend park to Nelson Street. The path from Cowper street to corner of dan Rees/council street has a nice feel. I like the native plants. It can be difficult to cross the road safely here. But would be a great link up spot from Wallsend park to then go either to Wallsend village or Nelson Street shopping area.

The Wallsend heritage streetscape should include local indigenous cultural significance as per talks with the local indigenous community leaders.

The gardens and tree plantings should be native.

Also nice would be community gardens with edible vegetables, herbs, flowers, bush Tucker etc. (Somewhere in Wallsend town area)

Wallsend heritage began before coal mining.

Improved lighting for added safety

I am curious what you think your definition of interpretation of History really mean.
Unique consultation with lots of local residents maybe a Facebook Wallsend history group or Newcastle history group rather than council opinion.

<p>be careful of consigning foot traffic to shared areas with bikes...old ladies need some space and not to be run down by pushy cyclists...there is some nice land here around TPI house...how about elements the honour service PEOPLE (not just men) here and also the possibility of a community garden in raised beds ...its a bit nothing at the moment...</p>
<p>The goods shed was saved against the wishes of Council officers. The railway gates were replaced. Unfortunately the fools in a previous Council moved the station to a stupid location and now its stuffed. Goodness knows what will happen when you "interpret Wallsend's heritage"</p>
<p>Please widen the pedestrian bridge access from Dan Rees St to the Village</p>
<p>Crossing Cowper st is hard and there are SO MANY reasons to cross (skate park, kids playground, sportsground, MacDonalds, wallsend village, etc). It would be great to have a pedestrian crossing</p>
<p>open it more to surrounding areas rather than a dark cut off park</p>
<p>Once again with a restricted amount of money.</p>
<p>I hope Aboriginal heritage and culture be incorporated also.</p>
<p>This a bit of a blind corner. Many a bingle or a near miss happen between cars at Dan Rees and Council.</p>
<p>The village centre closes the back door at 7.30pm so to get to the shops people use the bridge here to access it, and not the other bridge in Council st. Despite it being very narrow.</p>
<p>The little park is a dark scary hole at night, making me feel quite uneasy walking past. I would not be comfortable walking through it up to the road</p>
<p>The ground where the access to the bridge is, is very uneven, I have fallen here before.</p>
<p>Talk to the shopping centre about all this.</p>
<p>it would be good to have markings or different coloured pavers showing the alignment of the old tram and rail tracks</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Yes i agree with all except moving the pedestrian bridge to Wallsend village</p>
<p>The foot bridge location is over 150years old and a historical corridor in Wallsend, you should promote and sign post the area to show the real history of Wallsend's Train and Tram corridor. The section from Council Street to the foot bridge is probably one of the most historical sites in Wallsend, it has never been tar sealed or modified. Regards, Greg Frame</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>I believe TPI House is one of Wallsends most prized jewels and most beautiful buildings and I believe it is currently underutilised. I understand that currently it is owned by Council and available to be rented out as meeting rooms. I believe Council should lease out these premises to be used as a commercial cafe or restaurant so that it becomes more accessible to the public. For example, the cafe at Signal Box in Newcastle, along the old rail corridor is a shining example of this working. I ordered a coffee from there recently, and felt like I was a part of Newcastle history, observing the old building and enjoying the scenery. Furthermore, the signage visible through the windows on Cowper St is dusty and boring, this building should be brought to life again. I've never been in there despite wanting to (case in point) however I suspect some of the meeting rooms could be retained for bookings, if there is currently demand for this. For such an important, highly visible historic building, why should TPI organisation retain exclusive use? It should be available to the public to see and enjoy for the price of a cup of coffee, rather than exclusive use as meeting rooms. It would also encourage more people into the area, and be a place for Wallsend residents to meet, build community, share in our great history. There is already ample parking and is highly visible, it is already geared for commercial opportunity. Wildflower (no association to me) may be interested in this lease as they appear to do very well at their current location on Cowper St, however parking difficulties make access a safety issue. Whilst a commercial fitout of the building may be costly, compared to other rejuvenation works in Wallsend, I think this could be one of the best value for money improvements to Wallsend culture. Some of the trees here are too big, likely leading to antisocial behaviour due to reduced sight by the public. Trimming the trees back would also show more of TPI House on the Dan Rees side.</p>
<p>Please don't remove the walkway and pedestrian crossing from this space. I prefer to walk to space then next to the road on Cowper street.</p>
<p>I feel it's a wasted opportunity, more gardens could be added to complement the trees in that area. Also you could remove the tables and seating from under the trees as unsavoury people usually sit within that area.</p>

<p>Any other ideas Wallsend Village Mall Area</p>
<p>Without seeming repetitive....fix the flooding problems first.</p>
<p>Empty parkland to have a makeover to increase use and amenity</p>
<p>Traffic calming or other device to reduce the hazardous crossing of Kokera street by cyclists using the cyclway.</p>
<p>Library parking is now gone, more designated parking in the shopping centre at Bunn St frontage</p>

Tree planting to supplement the removed plaza carpark trees (shade and cooling effect please!)
seating and tables in the park area to the north of mall car park.
Yes, I'm a broken record: more trees!
Imagine being a single parent trying to lug a pram and a toddler from the bus stop to the shops or library; or an elderly person with mobility issues making their way from public transport to the pharmacy in the heat of summer.
The summers are only going to get hotter so we need to be planning ahead for vulnerable community members.
Make the public land near the mall into a park that can be used. Seating under trees. Picnic tables. Revisit the community garden.
lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles
Extend the curb to improve visibility coming out of the village carpark onto Bunn St, also not have as steep a drop off, in that same driveway.
Trees in carpark should not be removed as shade is necessary here. Replace those removed with Australian trees not and shrubs
Dedicated right turn lane from Bunn Street into front parking area of Wallsend Village.
Beautify the park on the corner of Bunn and Tyrrell Streets. It is a lovely area which is only half-done. Put seating there and discreet lighting for nighttime safety.
More parking required
Fenced dog park fenced kids park
Exiting mall carpark onto Kokera St should be no right turn. Also, need to stop buses from parking along Kokera St, they obscure the view of the road when leaving carpark, so many near accidents.
No
fix car park area out back with new tar to match newer side of carport.
No street parking outside bunn st entrance into village parking (very poor visibility due to parked cars in that area.
Also (expansion of) community garden in the park area adjacent to village
No
No parking between the rear exit of the plaza carpark and Tyrrell Street as sight lines poor when exiting carpark
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In the 2.5 years I've been living in Wallsend, I've lost count of the number of times I've been nearly run over, despite using pedestrian crossings. Drivers seem so intent on finding a parking space they don't notice pedestrians! It's even worse trying to cross Kokera Street. In fact, it's difficult for a pedestrian to exit the mall to then try to cross Kokera Street. I would love to see an improvement here!
Improvements to the entry and exit of the mall car park. No Right Turn in front of Maccas to prevent build up and potential for accidents.
The car park is an eyesore - difficult to access off Kokera
Connection to Wallsend park nonexistent
Fast food outlets around village = huge amount littering
More street trees to soften harsh view and reduce vehicle speed
Engage skate park users .. the facility is filthy and users need own outcomes
Plant natives and show local indigenous cultural info/items/language/etc
40 km/hr zone could be replaced by 10 km/hr zone.
Improved lighting
Traffic quite chaotic in this area and I think slowing every one down really won't fix anything.
If you have jurisdiction with the shopping car park then we need a lot of the comic strips and medium strips and things removed. They are very hazardous.
Where the shopping plaza as recycling bins near small green Park, perpendicular to the library and further closer to the connecting Street to Nelson,
I would like to see that land welcoming and opened to the shopping complex so that people from the complex or people waiting, will feel it is a part of the shopping complex.

I would also like to see partial damming of some of these concrete-lined creeks. Make a swimming pool or conserve the water for council use.
a cafe in the library....yipee....love the new bus stations...would love some more plantings along here.....how about a community book exchange hub near the bus stops...or in front of the pre-school....how about community gardens on the public land....
The Administrator allowed this development on a flood zone and look how good that worked out. The Planners allowed the "village" to turn its back on Nelson Street. Its probably a worse case of a shopping centre being able to stuff up a "high" street.
A crossing from the mall to wallsend park.
Currently centre staff use the side of the building ad a place to smoke. If you make us walk through the smokers I will be disappointed. Also reducing the number of bridges is not good. I'm sure the Chinese resteraunt would love having a major walkway connect by them. The pedestrian bridge at the back door to the centre could do with some access improvements. Running a walkway down the creek/drain is a lovely idea. Get on that quick smart.
Measures to make sure it doesn't flood with every large rainfall and improve security. I'm sick of the atms always being broken
No
Ensure the appropriate lighting is installed next to Iron Bark Creek South to prevent crime
The cinema /entertainment increased.
I am worried about the traffic build up at Kokera and Cowper Sts once lights are established, Cars already bank back into the Wallsend Village carpark in the afternoon as traffic waits at the roundabout. except for the pedestrian crossing near the library, and you have to cross other streets to get to this, there is no pedestrian crossing anywhere near Wallsend Village, despite there being so many vehicles plus buses. Yes Also coming out of the car park at Wallsend village onto Bun street exit, is very difficult to see traffic coming from the Tyrrell street end on the right, as the cars parked along the road towards tyrrell street block your view, can this be a no parking area.
2nd Exit (from Cowper Street direction) onto Bunn Street from Village needs attention. No Turn Right needs to be prioritised, and turning in to 2nd Entrance (from Cowper Street) is often dangerous with traffic entering to go to Mc Donalds.
Improve access points to the Wallsend Village carparks, the two entries on Kokera St are difficult, particularly the one closest to the roundabout. Footpaths on corner of Kokera and Kokera South Streets (North side). Currently the footpath wraps around the corner rather than connecting to other side of Kokera S St.
No
I would very much like to see the car park built over and units built so that seniors could live and have close access to shopping. I'm a resident near here and I can attest to their being traffic and safety issues along Bunn St. Particularly late at night, there's a number of vehicles (often with loud exhausts!) which race down here at what must be very high speeds. Traffic calming devices are certainly supported. The Public land on Bunn X Tyrrell could do with some more tree and shrub planting too. The Return and Earn is in the wrong place here and means large trucks have to continually drive through Wallsend Streets to get here from Summerhill. Council needs to reject the industrialisation of the city centre and veto this. It's a public safety issue, not just the truck movements but the noise pollution. The trucks make a horrendous noise emptying the bottles. It should be moved far away from residences and a large carpark where people are within close vicinity. I have reached out to Cleanaway/TOMRA in the past and they have been hopelessly uncooperative after I've expressed concerns, including ignoring what is on-the-ground community feedback. I don't dispute the environmental value of the scheme but it can't be achieved to the detriment of nearby residents. This is an opportune time for Council to intervene on grounds of safety and town planning, I implore you to listen to feedback and ensure this is removed to a more common sense location. Please do something with the park / public space next to Wallsend Village (corner of Tyrell and Bunn St). Make it enticing and useable. Big yes to speed humps or other method on Bunn street!!!! I live near by and the noise of people accelerating at high speeds is deafening especially at night when I'm trying to sleep The intersection of Bunn St and Nelson st needs upgrading. It's too narrow for the amount of buses that come through and the cars that park along that end of Bunn St. Turning right holds up all traffic and can be dangerous to pedestrians trying to cross even at the pedestrian crossing on Nelson St near the old Centrelink office. No parking on the eastern side of Bunn St btwn Tyrell St & plaza entrance to improve visibility when exiting plaza on Bunn St

Clear pedestrian priority (or not but clearly labelled either way) for pedestrians walking down the mall side of kokera st and crossing the mall entry sites. A pedestrian crossing across kokera st - reinstatement of the temporary one put there when the bus station was temporarily relocated.

Any other ideas Ironbark Creek Channel

That sounds like a fantastic idea, less flooding, a more accessible creek for spotting nature. A perfect place to show local children our local area!

if there is extra planting in the water catchment area, then the drains need to be regularly maintained, so that leaves, branches, etc do not reblock the improved waterways

Clean up the entire stretch of bank along the Wallsend Park strip and install high fencing to stop cricket and soccer balls going in the creek.
Install bollards on pedestrian bridges to stop motorbike riders crossing onto the sporting fields.
Install levee banks to stop flood waters ruining sporting ovals.
Allow and create development on the sporting ovals to allow local sporting teams to have facilities that aren't of a 3rd world nature.
Install CCTV cameras on sporting facilities to deter crime in the area.

Just fix it!

Walkway along the Southside between boscawen st and Lowe st

Support development of these concrete channels into artificial wetlands/waterways.

Larger covered bus shelters in Bunn St on library side and in Tyrrell St.

Allow water transpiration from in the channel into the soil under and beside the channel. Drill holes in the concrete and plant reeds.

seating and shade along the channel.

Initiatives working with Awabakal Elders to rehabilitate the waterway. Projects that could involve local youth or schools to promote pride in the creek. Creation of a healthy, flowing creek that will be a natural water source for trees and gardens during drought, that will provide habitat for native animals in the area and those coming to the area to seek refuge following bushfire events.

Federal park has not been included in this plan. It would be great to have trees planted in federal park Along iron bark creek . This would give a tree avenue for walking and shade for the sport spectators.

Another bin for dog rubbish would be good also . At the building end of federal park

Weirs in Ironbark Creek could provide an attractive waterway - less 'drain', more 'waterway'

a path close by for people to appreciate the natural and green area but some prevention of rubbish and shopping trolleys dumping

I don't think bridge upgrades will fix future flooding. Flooding only really bad when there is a high tide and no amount of drainage works or widening of channels will fix problem.

The ugly semi-industrial and low-class residential buildings adjacent to the central section of Ironbark creek (namely, between the Tyrrell and Nelson Street bridges) should be demolished and replaced with something more attractive. The area is any eyesore.

Tasteful upgrades with environmental heritage aspects.

Raise the side on the channel

What about Ironbark Creek in Wallsend Park?. Please note that there is heriatge sandstone block in the inert of the drain mid way between Cowper St and Thomas St

Fenced dog park. Fenced kids park

No

Love these ideas!!

Will Hunter Water actually come on board the train to the future flood proofing. Recent comments suggest not.

cycleway connecting paths. Improve parks to encourage use of path between them.

No except the bridge widening is of existential importance

Public access along the channel would be very costly.

Naturalising and landscaping the concrete section isn't feasible.

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Fix the flooding issues keep the area well lit
This is such a great opportunity
The history of Wallsend growth around the creek is very rich
Excellent health and well being gains here
As well as making Walksend unique
Nicer direct links between federal park, Wallsend park, Nelson st and Wallsend village are a great idea to encourage people to get out and about. Wallsend ur a beautiful area that's in need of a lot of love and a decent upgrade. There's no reason with some good upgrades that it couldn't become the Beaumont st of the west
Give Cross st some attention
Yes I love the idea of Wallsend park being connected for pedestrian access to federal park.
All new plantings should be local native species. I'd love to see edibles- flower, bush Tucker, and there to be works in conjunction with local indigenous elders/community. Eg. I like the signs/info for the indigenous bush walk behind the John Hunter (bush in behind HMRI, north/west sides of hospital)
While bridge upgrades are helpful in flood mitigation, looking at other factors seems to be no agenda. As each new development on the ridge between Lake Road and the Link road is completed more runoff feeds into the creek. This flows down and meets Ironbark Creek before it enters the town.
Improved lighting for safety
Widening of this channel should be the number one priority out of everything you plan to do in the Wallsend area
This could be a wonderful nature walk if a bit of money and effort were put into the area.
Anything to address flooding would be great.
There is no need to write in the channels. Those channels are natural creeks., made unnatural and the buildings are in the road claiming the river banks.
Heighten the walls of these eyesore concrete-lined creeks.
In some areas but also divert the water in some patches into great many shipping container style tanks. Some converted to toilet so the creek water can be used for blushing. And some can be submerge so that fire brigade and Council water and emergency service water can be used.... By collecting surplus water that goes through those creeks at high water level.
There's no reason in the world why Council water, fire brigade and public toilet flushing water needs to be Hunter Water purified.
public access needs to include appropriate safety for littlies near water if families are walking this way....have you thought through the crossing across Cowper street south of Metcalfe Street and opposite the Mall car park...which seems to be the connection between wallsend park and the walk to federal park in the first place...its very risky ...I see adolescents skate boards in hand scuttling through the traffic all the time as it is....women with prams stuck on the middle island and oldies unable to get across...I have stopped my car and helped a couple in the last year...
Council Officers previously rejected making Iron Bark Creek a feature of the Wallsend centre. They made it ugly like a medieval sewer. It should be a key feature of the area and one that brings green and bird life into the area. If it floods the "village" so be it. They should never had built on the flood plain. Ugly has been allowed to reign.
These sound wonderful, thank you
walkways around ironbark creek to create a small track for locals to walk around
Great idea to connect Wallsend to a greenspace but - public access will facilitate greater chances for local lads to throw things in the creek.
I can see the drain from my place in council st.
Kids walk along it instead of taking the less direct roads.
Birds come drink. We have corellas, ravens, mynahs, miners, swallows, ibis, ducks, wagtails, even a kestral. In summer when the drain runs dry the birds fight over tiny puddles in the cracks.
I would love to see a direct river walk, with information signs on the urban wildlife, the fact this area is all reclaimed swamp and that these birds were here first.
Concrete stamping the path with pictures of local birds would be cute.
I think making the ring loop a set walk would be good. Put some of those public excersice stations around it. Wallsend could do with it.
This needs to be the highest priority. The flooding of Wallsend and the "Ugly" devision of Wallsend by this giant concrete eyesore needs to be rectified. The Council and Hunter Water need to fix this infrastructure failure to protect the community, businesses and citizens of the area from future catastrophic flooding events.

The widening of the channel should be priority over other flood mitigation works, just dodged a bullet recently
I think this would be a beautiful area to picnic and walk dogs if the path was created along th creek with sign posting
Make the drain a less of an eyesore sure, but make it less attractive for people to want to gape at when it floods or safer when it does.
No
Install adequate lighting is installed to prevent crime
Widen drain along side of federal park 2007 flooding in Wallsend made a lot worse because it narrows near the bridge and a car and large garbage was stuck in this area so water had to either flow over into the park and street (houses)or flow back into business area
Trees. Rockery. Ponds.
Yes most important is the flooding, with the last bridge upgrade all it looks like is you have just made it higher, which i dont think was the problem that caused the flooding, the whole Iron bark creek area needs upgrading maybe right back closer to the minmi road area.
Fix the drains and storm water in all suburbs as all low lying areas now flood its a jokethat rainfall is causing continuous flooding and damage to homes and businesses
This issue is a priority for me. I walk through Wallsend Park to the Village most days. The bridge over the creek is damaged by flood water, bumpy, and so hard to push a stroller, as is the path beyond the bridge up to Cowper Street. To clear the channel and beautify it would be FANTASTIC... right back through the park,too, please!!... to Thomas Street, and beyond, along behind the Touch Football oval to keep the water running would be AMAZING. ...can't happen soon enough! The rubbish around the skate park is depressing. I know Council workers clean around the immediate vicinity regularly, but only a short distance away the rubbish collects against the oval fence, in the drains, in the creek, and against the hedge going up to Cowper Street. The rubbish around the Skate Park is back again, anyway,through the morning.
I hope that any greening and planting of trees is done in consultation with Hunter Water.
It would be good to explore naturalisation opportunities in the storm water and should be done in consultation with Hunter Water. It would be nice to see the storm water transformed into a WSUD.
Implementation of WSUD to complement the channel.
No
Naturalisation is a great idea, to slow the water down, increase visual appeal, provide habitat for frogs and birds. Ironbark Ck seems to either be full to the point of overflowing or bone dry, with nothing but a few trolleys to look at. Who cleans it? After rain there is so much rubbish down here and it never seems to be cleaned. I sometimes go down and fill up a bag, but it'd be good to see a formal arrangement in place for cleaning, particularly after rain.
Really glad to see interconnection of arras a key theme. Would like to see more indigenous trees in both parks. Would be really great if the community edible garden (located next to Coles) could recieve some more edible fruit trees. (It currently has 1-2 fruit trees which are doing well that I collect fruit from).
Naturalisation of the channel must be a priority
Has there been any hydrology modelling for flood mitigation? Is it publicly available?
A more drought savvy thinking in drain design. Make the drain bed natural and have reeds growing. The rocks are a good idea.

Any other ideas Low Street
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Again .. priority... flooding.
Anything increasing accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians (esp school students as well as park users)
More seating and shade.
More trees, more native gardens and more flowers are likely to give people more pride in their suburb meaning they're less likely to litter and vandalise.
lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles
connected, safe cycyleways are essential
If the footbridge is renewed, can it have "traffic" calming devices ie bars to stop the motorcyclists riding through the park.
Bridge to park needs widening for sports days and Anzac day, footpaths to cenotaph for elderly
There are more than enough sportsgrounds in Wallsend! If additional parking is needed, subtract from the ample area of park, not from the narrow roadways adjacent.

Brooks St at Wallsend Park has worse traffic issues than Low St and has a higher usage with the Skate Park.
Fenced dog and kids park
No
by all means make Low St one way. not sure which direction is really which but traffic needs to flow toward the RSL frontage so that everyone is not exiting into a suburban street.
No
I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.
Plenty of street scape flowers and trees.
Well lit
The channel was created 100 years ago
Don't need fences for creek - make use of greening for demarcation / plan footpath properly
Very surprised safety barriers weren't added many many years ago
Give Cross st and Clarke st some attention
I think the more natural flow of traffic is northwards, to federal park. This should be the one way direction.
Good idea about parking, more parking is needed here for safer access to federal park for sports - I play soccer here and it can be difficult to park.
Barrier along drain with more native plantings would look great.
10 km/hr
Stop calling them drainage channels. They are creeks. It wasn't until councils interfered with natural PRIX and started claiming the land that you started calling them drains or channels. They should be regarded as creeks and given the respect of a creek,
trees nearby, seating to look into them, some retained water, encouragement of fish.. Turtles. think of it as a creek if you're thinking Heritage town...
Even though some people have made a disgusting mess and made these creeks into disrespected eyesotes
I think the one way road should go from Tyrell st down low st
again make sure the so-called shared section is wide enough and that cyclists are aware that pedestrians are using the walkway.....
It's pretty much covered in the questions, but a bigger bridge to the park. This area is quite small space wise, so while i would like to see shade trees it would be a bit hard.
No
Yes
Pedestrian/cycle bridge connection into Federal Park needs to be wider.
No

Any other ideas Cowper Street West

Develop new sporting facilities. I.E. new changerooms/pavillion and seating in between the two sporting grounds.
Actually give local sporting teams a chance to use modern facilities built in the last 40 years
Flooding to be non existent.
Increasing flow of people and active transport through these areas
Deeper drainage for the "one in 100 year " storm. Must be frustrating to constantly worry about shops and businesses when it rains. All the streetscape work in the area won't mean much if it's under water
Intersection of Cowper St & Metcalf St are prone to accidents and the traffic management here needs some attention.
Clean up the creek. More shade and seating in the park.
More native gardens. They're more resilient than introduced species during drought and extreme weather events. A community garden (if it doesn't already exist) would also be great.
The intersection of Metcalf and Cowper st needs to be improved before you install lights. And Kokera and Cowper st.

Currently it is dangerous and difficult to turn right out of Metcalf st onto Cowper st. There is a lot of traffic that turns left then uses the Kokera and Cowper st round about to turn around.
lower speed limits (30km/hr). pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles
If the traffic lights are put in, then fencing is needed down the middle of the road to ensure its use.
I cant see any benefits from changing the Rose Garden Area - this is also a favourite place amongst the elderly residents and has heritage aspects extending back many years. It also already has an access road/path from the corner (near the car wash) down into the park. You are better off providing safer parking facilities along Brooks St to help families access the skate park. The only parking available for Wallsend park is along Brooks St and there is no shoulder (ie wall on east side and steep batter on west) to unload bikes or skate boards and children have to get directly out into traffic racing along Brooks St. With cars parking on both sides of Brooks St, there is insufficient width for two cars to past. Also as part of RMS works on Thomas St (over many years) parking spaces for Wallsend park have been significantly reduced and council also does not permit parking next to the soccer club house off Thomas St during the day where families try to get access to the playground. The lights at Lake Rd and Metcalfe St also encourage Walford St traffic to use Brooks St as a rat run. The footpath near the skate park (below the fig trees) are constantly flooded and need drainage improvements.
Fenced kids and dog parks
I understood that this roundabout had already been designated to be replaced with traffic lights. I am very pleased to see that it is not yet decided.
Or is it?
Cowper/Metcalf st intersection is very dangerous for pedestrians with traffic turn in and out from many directions. Would suggest an island for safety rather than widening
No
improve park. More access areas into park off brooks Street even just steps from grass to path as hard and unsafe to walk along road when lots of parked cars to access single staircase. Bins for skate park. Monitor for vandals with camera on pole. Improve park area entirely to make use of space. Big playground to suit different age groups. Skate park popular, expand on that. Bike path circling within park for walking and kids to ride bikes. Fountain, watermark area. Cricket nets and other activities...large game area, tennis wall. The nicer it is, the better quality of people you attract, the more popular the area is to visit, the less vandalism you get. Add cameras and prosecuted the thugs and vandals to discourage antisocial behaviour.
No
Get rid of the current roundabout at the intersection of Cowper and kokera streets and replace it with another that doesn't have a forest growing in the middle. Do not replace with traffic lights as the current traffic, and future flow, does not warrant it, just fix the death trap of a roundabout. No lights, pedestrians can cross at metcalfe and Cowper.
I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.
Council to take more care of Wallsend Park and surrounds,once the envy of Newcastle but now sadly forgotten.
Relocation and upgrade of the skate park. Make it more family friendly
Well lit
Have to broaden planning to include main users in north of park and connect foot ways through the park To Wallsend centre. "Upgrading" channel without naturalisation is a lost opportunity - no more concrete
Give attention to Clarke and Cross st
The current rose garden is out of place. I was sitting on the chair here and thought it would be great to be upgraded to native gardens, attracting local wildlife and low maintenance.
All upgrades should include less cement, more mulched gardens of native plants.
Improved lighting
Speed control devices? You mean like speed cameras? No thanks!!
Address flooding
Even though I said I don't know about changing the so-called channel which is really a creek, I said so because I don't have faith that you've got any common sense. you've already talking about widening. No we need to store surplus water.
Possibly in submerged or above ground storage tanks of some sort of even if waterproof shipping containers. these can be turned into practical resources.
And can store a lot of water for Council water tanks to access water, or any Emergency Relief purposes.
Public toilets also. The above ground ones can be used as community notice boards chalkboards, any idea to make

<p>them practical,</p> <p>don't need those ugly creeks remaining ugly. Some can be turned into small swimming bathing areas, others can be back to natural habitat as fish and similar buy retaining areas in these. and having Overflow openings to push it down the creek further when high water comes.</p> <p>, To have many of these damned off either for one purpose or another you are not wasting that stormwater, but making practical or recreational areas out of something you've already got their without making them even bigger.</p>
<p>do anything that promotes foot traffic.....the park is not used nearly enough....how about some more indigenous plantings and instead of a rose garden how about a native meadow to support bees and other important insects.....ring me up I can organise it...</p>
<p>On the last point i'm not sure about traffic flow consequences if traffic lights are installed.</p>
<p>More rubbish bins. This area is covered in litter from maccas.</p> <p>Mural walls for public art showcases. 2 monthly guest spray artists.</p> <p>This a popular area for teens. Free WiFi would do very well here. More seating with shade. Honestly a second skate area would be used, there are so many kids milling about here.</p> <p>A speed reduction 50km/hr should be trialed before reducing it any further, and then if need be drop it to 40k /hr, but don't put in "speed control devices" or speed humps as they will in my opinion on make peak traffic times conditions worse.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Ensure traffic lights are inline with the Lake Road lights to prevent build up of traffic at Wallsend Village entries/Exits</p>
<p>Light phasing need to prioritise exit from Wallsend Village or there will be terrible traffic buildups</p>
<p>Yes</p>
<p>just fix the creek, all the way back!</p> <p>Shared paths with cyclists and pedestrians are NOT good idea!! I have contacted Council innumerable times about dangerously fast cyclists who never ring their bells,on the path to Glendale, with no older people brave enough to walk on it any more.</p> <p>Cyclists all seem to regard these paths as time trials. And do not indicate when they are coming up behind you.</p> <p>Improvements to the channel that runs through Wallsend Park, currently there is a collapsed brick wall and lots of rubbish (no bins in the park) in creek.</p> <p>Better pedestrian access to Wallsend Park near the Cenotaph. I currently cross Cowper St there and the pedestrian refuge is very narrow, it barely allows for a pram, it feels quite dangerous.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Avenue' style street would be great and visually appealing down Cowper St West i.e. trees or shrubs in the middle. Is this still being pursued? If feasible, that would be appreciated by residents and visitors for many years to come.</p> <p>Anything to improve safely welcomed</p>

Any other ideas Cowper Street East
<p>Dare I say it...fix the flooding problem before anything else.</p>
<p>More street trees and garden plantings.</p>
<p>More natural shade in the form of trees or trellises with native vibes to provide shelter for elderly and less mobile citizens.</p>
<p>lower speed limits. pushbike lanes on all roads. Kerb extensions to not interfere with bicycles</p>
<p>how do bike riders/pedestrians cross this busy road safely/comfortably. Perhaps allways pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights and larger crossing area and longer times for non-vehicles be organised at traffic light/intersection</p>
<p>Definite support for: Creating a central concrete median on Cowper Street between Newcastle Road and Murnin Street (to resolve safety issues)</p>
<p>Pedestrian/bike crossings at roundabouts are problematic (i.e. dangerous for vulnerable road users). If the shared path is to cross adjacent to the roundabout it should be a priority crossing of pedestrians/bikes</p>
<p>Fenced dog and kids park</p>
<p>Newcastle road / Cowper st should be traffic lights instead of a roundabout</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>how will you slow the traffic coming down the hill.....</p>

A board game community hub
Board games provide Friendly social competition, cooperative teamwork and long lasting friendships, having a board game community hub in Wallsend will also provide a vital alternative to people (for example) that don't go intown for nightclubbing, There are not a lot of social entertainment venues for introverted people like myself.
Board games have come along way since the days of monopoly and in the last 10 years board games have reached a considerable amount of popularity. A board game community hub would provide a safe and fun environment for all ages and backgrounds.
Shannon mckernan
footpaths, bike paths, greenery/gardens
Newcastle red and Cowper Street needs traffic lights NOT a roundabout
No
There are so many other ways to get over Cowper Street without crossing from Newcastle road, so no roundabout from me. It's only really busy during peak times, and a roundabout would only back traffic up passed the colliery hotel and cause other issues along the traffic chain. I know of one thing that would improve that intersection, get rid of those stupid hedges outside Henny Penny, they block sight lines
I'd like to see this in all the areas: repair footpaths that are cracked and lifted by tree roots. Remove weeds, leaves, sticks and spillover soil and wood chips in gardens and along roads and footpaths as regularly and frequently as needed. Repair and maintain fencing and edging. Tidying up like this reduces hazards, increases amenity, encourages pride and discourages vandalism and other crime.
Make the whole of Cowper Street a 40km/h zone.
Well lit up
Why concrete Median ? How ugly ?
Can't you come up with a better option than that ? How about a low hedge ...
Next you'll be putting in metal fences and making suburb look like a jail
The plan needs an overall theme that's inviting, soft green and reflective of our roots
As long as thought is put into access to Henny Penny. It's hard to see traffic coming when trying to exit the carpark. Hopefully this would improve this also
Give some attention to Clake and Cross st
Landscape with natives. Turn median strip and roundabout into native gardens
Given the amount of pedestrians , some inebriated, in this area the implementation of a 10km speed limit would be more beneficial, and far less costly, than many of your suggestions.
Traffic lights are a much safer alternative to roundabouts.
If like to see the traffic lights at the top of Nelson street widened to include Metcalf Street. Or make it left turn only at Metcalf Street. It is such a busy and dangerous right hand turn there.
plant some trees...
To Improve pedestrian accessibility along Cowper Street from Newcastle Rd intersection to George street I think it is. There is a whole section that has no footpath and is full of holes and trip hazards. I am 67 years old and walk here a lot. I would love and appreciate this section to be improved with a proper footpath. I am talking about the side of the road opposite the community hall.
This is the entrance to wallsend. It should be prettier.
Currently it's terrifying to be a pedestrian here, and awful for drivers. People just step out from behind buses, double park by the Baptist church, blocking traffic, turn into the BWS across traffic.
I would love to see the median (with a fence ideally) but the road is narrow there.
A round about us a great idea, can't believe it was done decades ago.
No
renew the no parking in Kokera Street. It is quite dangerous sometimes with so much traffic, and buses have very little room to try and dodge parked cars
Dont know, would lights be better at the intersection rather than a round about, the intersection at Murnin street will that be left turn only.
Cannot safely cross thomas st unless you go all the way to metcalfe st lights need to be able tp cross from danger or irving
Good luck reducing speed limit. This hugely busy road carries through traffic, all in a hurry. Trucks and those big Utes etc will ignore it.
Pedestrian refuge island in between Murnin and Metcalf please, essentially out the front of the Wildflower cafe, slightly East. This is currently dangerous for people crossing from the Council carpark to the Wildflower cafe. People

don't cross at the lights, a refuge island is needed.

Also, please implement a restriction on Heavy Vehicle use of Cowper St. They need to go elsewhere, it is not appropriate. I understand they're using it as a shortcut, not out of necessity. I've witnessed many 'close calls' by trucks struggling to stop in time for turning or parking cars. Furthermore, the speeds they do down Cowper seem to already be in excess of 60kmph.

I do not feel the area should be slowed to 40kms. The safety of pedestrians would be better guaranteed with a concrete island! Possibly hundreds of pedestrians cross that road to visit wildflower cafe daily and no one is bothered to use the traffic lights to get over the road unless they are walking on foot via Nelson st or Cowper street. However, most patrons of the cafe park their cars either in front of the bus stop or in the adjacent car park. Please consider a traffic island in front of, or close to wildflower cafe!

Appendix 4: Social Pinpoint – Ask a Planner

Wallsend Town Centre Ask a Planner – Combined Questions and Answers

Community engagement for Wallsend Local Centre was live from 28 July to 25 August 2020. As part of the engagement community members were invited to ‘Ask a Planner’ by dropping pins with their questions onto a map. People were able to see each other’s questions and add their own comments/questions. 17 questions were received from the community in total and answers from a City of Newcastle Project Planner are provided here. The issues raised will be considered as part of the Wallsend Town Centre Revitalisation project, unless they are outside the project scope – in which case they will be directed to the correct section of City of Newcastle. This document will be distributed by email to those who submitted questions and will form part of the overall engagement reporting.

Item	Community member’s question	Planner’s answer
1	<i>Please check that any proposed works within floodplain will not impact on flooding impacts. I would imagine that lifting the pedestrian bridge will require placement of fill at the approaches (required for disable access) which will impact flooding regime/paths and create an afflux. This will exacerbate current issues caused by the skate park.</i>	<p>Stage 3 work to the intersection of Cowper and Kokera Streets includes the following measures to meet the objective of reduced flood impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• raising the pedestrian bridge within Wallsend Park (rather than fill at the abutments an open walkway structure is proposed)• channel upgrades within Wallsend Park• a new culvert under Cowper Street on the eastern side of the existing channel <p>Flood modelling confirms these upgrades will reduce flood impacts.</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
2	<p><i>Hopefully the new culvert isnt being constructed some 200 east of the creek as shown on the interactive plan? In saying this there has been no previous community advice on this new culvert. Can you please provide details of the proposal (ie location and alignment etc) noting that its construction is imminent based upon proposed time frames ie construction in 20/21.</i></p>	<p>The new culvert is being constructed next to the existing channel on the eastern (TPI House) side. Information on layout will be communicated to the community when design work has progressed.</p>
3	<p><i>I agree more information needed on culvert.</i></p>	<p>See item 2</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
4	<p><i>Pedestrian access across Metcalfe St (at Nelson St) is incredibly unsafe. There is a car accident every second week. Proposed kerb extensions will not help. Queuing is such that you need to stand on the centreline and wait for gap. If anything kerb extension will only cause greater issues as passing cars now have to drive closer to the centre. Suggest installing a central pedestrian island. If you can install kerb extensions you can install an island ie width of extension = width of island.</i></p>	<p>The installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Cowper Street and Kokera Street will facilitate traffic turning right onto Cowper Street from Metcalf Street by creating predictable gaps in traffic. This will reduce queueing in Metcalfe Street. Solutions for the Metcalfe Street intersection have to accommodate bus turning movements. Options for improved pedestrian safety will be investigated further at detail design stage.</p>
5	<p><i>Right turn from Metcalf Street onto Cowper Street should be disallowed or restricted during peak hours. There are many accidents on this corner.</i></p>	<p>See item 4</p>
6	<p><i>Right turn to Cowper Street from Metcalf street very dangerous. Either disallow right turn or incorporate Metcalf street intersection into existing nelson street traffic lights</i></p>	<p>See item 4</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
7	<p><i>Agreed that it is very dangerous to walk across Metcalfe St here. Perhaps a pedestrian island for crossing further away from the corner will help, as its the proximity to the intersection which causes dangers, as drivers quickly turn when they have a short gap in the traffic, and pedestrians need to visually review many directions to ensure vehicles aren't turning into them as they cross.</i></p>	<p>See item 4</p>
8	<p><i>If you want to improve safety and amenity along Cowper St, I suggest requiring council subcontractor who transports (large blue semi trucks) recycling to Sydney not to use Cowper St as their short cut from Link Rd to Summerhill. There is a big blue truck every few minutes along Cowper St. I would guess that this contractor makes up approx 50% of all semis that use Cowper St.</i></p>	<p>Large trucks are currently unable to use Longworth Avenue due to Hunter Water infrastructure which requires renewal. Upgrades including widening of Longworth Avenue are scheduled for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years. The completed upgrade will provide an alternative route for large trucks which will reduce the pressure on Cowper Street and make future heavy vehicle restrictions possible.</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
9	<p><i>Regarding the Nelson/Cowper/Metcalfe precinct as a whole, I agree with all comments, especially about the heavyweight traffic. Where is the proposed "light traffic" designation? Agree something must be done, but for local traffic, lights at Cowper/Metcalfe, MUST be part of the mix, synchronised with all other traffic lights and devices in the area Would also saved a bus diversion to Murnin.</i></p>	<p>See items 4 and 8</p>
10	<p><i>I agree that there are a large number of heavy vehicles using Cowper Street. The proposed lower speed limit and pedestrian improvements will help safety, as there are a lot of families with small children who walk across Cowper Street to the cafe and medical centre, and it is frightening to watch anyone crossing this busy road, particularly with the trucks passing through quite fast. Perhaps a heavy vehicle limit / restriction will help for safety and the village feel of the main street area.</i></p>	<p>See item 8</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
11	<p><i>Surely traffic lights replacing the current roundabout will create problems elsewhere with lines of traffic buildup preventing flow: vehicles turning onto Cowper St from Metcalf St, or turning right into Kokera South St from Kokera St, or exiting the shopping centre at either Kokera St exit [currently the roundabout supports No Right Turn from either of these exits (providing a 'u turn' option), allowing left-turning traffic to proceed with greater flow. N R Turn at exit must 'sign' enforced]</i></p>	<p>See items 4 and 8</p> <p>Stage 3 work to the intersection of Cowper and Kokera Streets includes a right turn lane on Cowper Street to accommodate queueing right turn vehicles.</p> <p>The installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Newcastle Road and Cowper Street will take the pressure off the intersection of Kokera Street and Cowper Street by making it possible for vehicles to access Wallsend Town Centre via Tyrrell Street.</p> <p>Wallsend Village car park has an alternative exit on Bunn Street which compensates for the lack of a turn right on Kokera Street, so a roundabout for u turns on Kokera Street is not essential.</p> <p>The continued provision of no right turn from Wallsend Village car park exits on Kokera Street will be investigated as part of the detail design process.</p>
12	<p><i>Could it please be on the agenda to replace the trees that were removed with this recent car park upgrade, as a part of beautifying the local streetscape and softening the effect of the expanse of asphalt?</i></p>	<p>We are unable to make changes to private property however one of the major project objectives is increase trees and landscaping for the public domain throughout Wallsend Town Centre. Benefits include aesthetics, reducing urban heat island effect through increased shade and increased biodiversity.</p>

Item	Community member's question	Planner's answer
13	<p><i>I would like more information on the masterplan vision for the visual improvements to the main street Nelson Street.</i></p>	<p>Design for Nelson Street has not yet progressed beyond concept stage, however new drainage, kerb, gutter, road, footpath and street furniture is will be installed along with footpath widening, improved street trees and smart technology. For the concept please refer to: https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/Council/News/Local-Centres-Program/Wallsend-Local-Centre/FINAL-Wallsend-Public-Domain-Plans-A3.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU</p> <p>Further information on Nelson Street will be communicated to the community when detail design work progresses.</p>

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14	<i>Introduce traffic calming devices along Nelson Street, in order to 1. reduce speeds to the required 40 kph and 2. discourage through traffic that is going to Maryland etc.</i>	The section of Nelson Street within the Wallsend Town Centre project scope is already part of a 40km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area and has traffic calming devices. Traffic calming north west of the Clarke Street intersection is outside the scope of this project and this request will be directed to our Traffic Section.
15	<i>Could the kerb beside the locked gate that gives vehicular access to Federal Park be altered to allow wheelchair or pram access?So that a parent attending little athletics or sporting events arena isn't reliant on another adult to give them a lift to get over the kerb onto the grass</i>	This is outside the scope of the Wallsend Town Centre project. We will pass this request on the relevant asset owner.

16	<p><i>Brooks St has significant safety issues associated with rat running and speeding of cars avoiding Metcalfe and Lake Rd traffic lights. Recent works on Thomas St has also removed parking and council also prevents parking at the clubhouse carpark. As a result all cars park on Brooks St and there is insufficient width for two cars to pass on. Young children are forced to walk on the road - Ive seen many near misses. A matter time till there is a fatality. Suggest closing Brooks St a Thomas St end.</i></p>	<p>Brooks Street is outside the scope of the Wallsend Town Centre project. City of Newcastle is aware of the parking and pedestrian access issue on Brooks Street and resolving this issue will be part of a future project.</p>
17	<p><i>There is no safe access from car parking on Brooks shoulder to the skate park. Kids and bikes/skate boards have to alight onto the roadside and walk down Brooks St. There is already insufficient distance for two cars to pass let alone kids walking two abreast along the road. Cars use Brooks St as a rat run to avoid Metcalfe and Lake Rd lights on Thomas St. Suggest closing Brooks St at Thomas St so safe access from cars to Park can be provided.</i></p>	<p>See item 16</p>