



Activities in the city

To further improve the liveliness and vitality of the city centre activities in public spaces need to be promoted.

A variety of organised and spontaneous events should be encouraged. These two types of activities inspire each other and people love both types. When the city is striving to encourage people to use the city centre more the number of organised events should be planned so that more people visit the city and return with good memories.

A city where people have good memories becomes a loved city; and a loved city is also a much safer city.



Safety

The centre of Wellington is a safe place compared to many cities. There are several areas that are busy at night and which can be reached directly by car, without having to walk through much of the city. The public transport situation is not so good however, and anybody leaving one of the busy night areas or a night venue may feel insecure walking to reach another busy area or a bus stop.

Walking in the city by night should be an enjoyable experience as the central city becomes more popular and there are more people around. At present, safe routes should be developed between different parts of the city, public spaces, night venues and transport stations, car-parks and other public destinations. In time these routes will become the lively night time promenades for a cosmopolitan city.

The presence of people in an area where there is a strong feeling of ownership makes for a much safer and more secure place.



Encourage more people to live in the city centre.

By establishing new housing of a high quality in attractive locations.

Redevelopment of old office buildings to serve as apartment blocks or student accommodation.

Start a process of redevelopment and renovation of buildings in the city centre to update existing flats.

Invite more students to live in the city centre.

A general improvement of the public spaces will make it more attractive to live in the city centre.



Create a lively city

Stimulate the activity level which can happen through a general strengthening of the pedestrian network.

Ensure more attractive and lively street frontages

Make better provision for pedestrians, cyclists and other forms of transport that add life to the city



Create a lively and safe city at night time

Increase the number of dwellings in the city centre and invite more life in the city streets.

Ensure the city is free of dark areas, heavy shrubbery and earth mounds which makes concealment possible and raise fear.

Close off hidden, lost or forgotten spaces, especially at night.

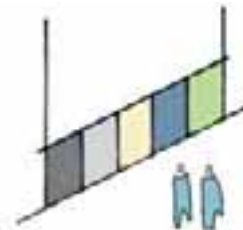
Ensure that new developments are designed to overlook public spaces and thus provide "eyes on the street".

Ensure that there are continuous, safe walking routes through the city, especially at night.



Strengthen the educational institutions

Maintain a high level of students in the city centre. Students use the squares and parks extensively and contribute valuably to a diverse public life.



Create a good mix of different uses

Ensure integration of shops, offices and dwellings in each city area and preferably in the individual buildings. Shops can be located on the ground floor, offices on the first floor and dwellings on the upper floors. A mix of uses can secure life in the city streets and squares at all times of the day.



Make good city events

By encouraging spontaneous, popular street entertainment,

By staging a number of important annual festivals in the public spaces around the city.

By making street markets with different themes - antiques, books, arts and crafts etc.