

Karori Public Space Consultation

Summary of Results

City Design and Place Planning

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Background

The town centre upgrade project is an anchor project that supports the Karori Framework vision (as determined by the community through a joint community planning programme with WCC in 2017).

A budget of \$1million has been agreed by Council to deliver a public space improvements project.

A number of public meetings have been held to better understand town centre issues. A public consultation process ran for three weeks until 28th November 2018. The public were asked to consider 4 options:

- Option A - A shared space with improved pedestrian connection – new lane between Campbell and Beauchamp Streets
- Option B - Library Square and England Lane improvements
- Option C - Parkvale Road pedestrian priority
- Option D - Slowing Karori Rd

Results

Respondents' relationship to Karori

Of the 190 respondents who answered this question most lived in Karori or close by; three quarters used the community facilities and; nearly two thirds shopped there.

Recorded a relationship	61% (190)	I work here	13% (25)
		I shop here	64% (122)
		I live here/close by	89% (169)
		I use community facilities here	75% (143)
		Other ¹	5% (10)
No relationship stated	39% (123)		

Opinions on Options

Just over three hundred respondents recorded their views on some or all of the four options proposed; A, B, C and D.

Nearly 40 percent stated they liked option B. Equal proportions of respondents, 26 and 23 percent respectively, liked options A and C.

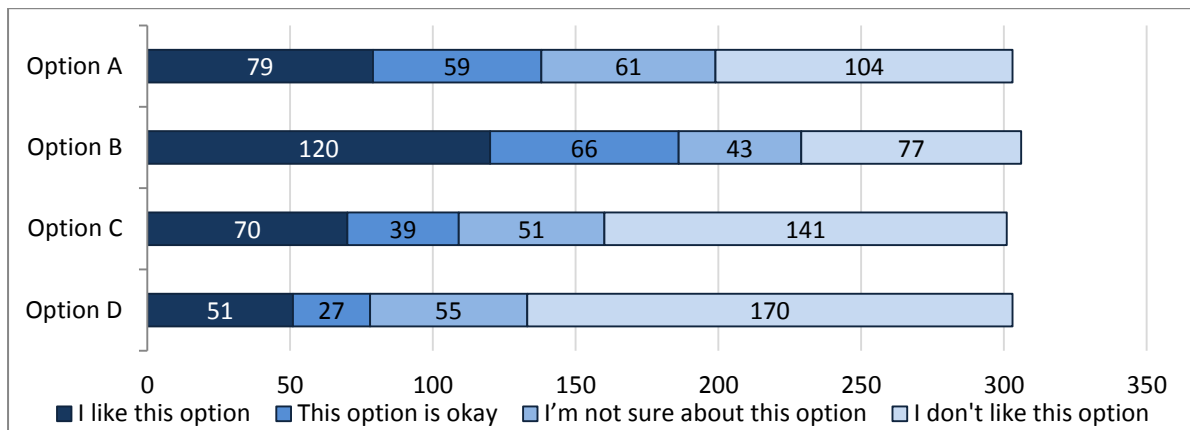
Over half of the respondents said they did not like option D and just under half did not like option C.

¹ See appendix for list of other relationships listed by respondents

Table 1: Percentage of respondents by option and view (like/okay/unsure/dislike)

	Option A (n=303)	Option B (n=306)	Option C (n=301)	Option D (n=303)
I like this option	26%	39%	23%	17%
This option is okay, with a few changes	20%	22%	13%	9%
I'm not sure about this option	21%	14%	17%	19%
I don't like this option	34%	25%	47%	56%

Figure 1: Count of respondents views (like/okay/unsure/dislike) on each option



There were no correlations between options found. So for example, respondents who stated that they liked option C were not more likely to state they liked or disliked option A.

Next Steps

Based on the public's feedback, Council officers confirmed Option B – *Library Square and England Lane* as the option to progress.

The next steps are to finalise the detailed design. A contractor will need to be procured and work is proposed to start by mid-2019.

Construction is expected to take nine months, weather permitting. No start date has been set at the time of writing this report.