



## Strategy Working Committee Featherston Masterplan Hearings Agenda – 3 April 2024

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting will be held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference, commencing at 9.00am. The meeting will be held in public with the express purpose of hearing submissions and deliberating on the Featherston Masterplan. It will be live-streamed and be available to view on our [YouTube channel](#).

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**Membership:** Acting Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Councillors Aidan Ellims, Colin Olds, Alistair Plimmer, Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley, Pip Maynard, Aaron Woodcock and Kaye McAulay, and Violet Edwards (Māori Standing Committee representative).

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### A Open Section

#### A1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga – Opening

Kia hora te marino

May peace be widespread.

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana

May the sea be like greenstone; a pathway for all of us this day.

Hei huarahi mā tatou I te rangi nei

Aroha atu, aroha mai

Let us show respect for each other, for one another.

Tātou i a tātou katoa.

Bind us all together.

A2. Apologies

A3. Conflicts of interest

### B Submissions Hearings on Featherston Masterplan

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## C Deliberations

C1. Featherston Masterplan Hearings Report

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## D Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi	Our work has finished
Mō tēnei wā	For the time being
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa	Protect us all
Ō mātou hoa	Our Friends
Ō mātou whānau	Our Family
Āio ki te Aorangi	Peace to the universe

## Draft Featherston Masterplan Hearings Report

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Strategic Working Committee with the submissions on the Draft Featherston Masterplan and Implementation Plan (“Draft Featherston Masterplan”) ahead of the hearings. Then to consider those submissions before making decisions on the recommended amendments to the Draft Featherston Masterplan on 17 April 2024.

### 2. Executive Summary

Consultation on the Draft Featherston Masterplan occurred between Wednesday 6 December 2023 and Sunday 18 February 2024 using the Special Consultative Procedure ([Section 82 of the Local Government Act](#)), which provides an opportunity for submitters to present their submissions orally. A total of 87 submissions were received and 18 submitters are speaking to their submissions, as part of the hearings process.

### 3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. Receive the *Draft Featherston Masterplan Hearings Report*;
2. Receive the full set of submissions on the Draft Featherston Masterplan (Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5);

### 4. Background

Featherston has been listed as one of seven areas expected by the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee to be a top “growth node” for the Wellington region. This means the town can expect support, inter-agency liaison, and government investment to implement the growth.

Work on the Draft Featherston Masterplan began in January 2022, with a workshop held by government agencies and engagement with Featherston community groups. A Foundation Discussion Document was then presented to [Council on 14 July 2022](#) and three weeks of community engagement began via a survey and drop-in sessions. On [21 September 2022, Council adopted Concept Option One](#) for detailed design work and a

new vision statement using words which reflected the feedback from residents.

On 5 October 2022, a design workshop was held to develop Concept Option One that involved government agencies and key stakeholders. This workshop was important to integrate the operational requirements for all parties and ensure that there was a strategy that all parties agreed to implement. On [14 December 2022](#), Council approved proposed concept plans to be included in a Draft Featherston Masterplan. Further informal interagency meetings and engagement occurred during 2023 prior to the Draft Featherston Masterplan and Implementation Plan ('Draft Featherston Masterplan') being reported back to full Council in late 2023 to enable formal public consultation.

[A copy of the Draft Featherston Masterplan and Implementation Plan can be found here https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-Featherston-Masterplan-and-Implementation-Plan-High-Res.pdf](https://swdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-Featherston-Masterplan-and-Implementation-Plan-High-Res.pdf)

## 5. Discussion

Alongside the usual promotion of consultations such as Facebook posts, community newspaper features, posters in local businesses etc., South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) engaged with the Featherston community by offering opportunities for them to meet elected members and council officers in person to gain a deeper understanding of what was proposed in the Draft Featherston Masterplan, and for SWDC to gather additional feedback outside of the formal submission process.

### Engagement

There were a range of different engagement opportunities available to the public including a drop-in community workshop, a community champions briefing with one of the consultants responsible for the Draft Featherston Masterplan, information session, a "Walk and Talk" event and an information table at the Featherston Market held four times over the summer. Specialised engagements were also held with youth in the park and with the Featherston Fire Brigade.

Details of these engagements are as follows:

- **Information Table at the Featherston Market.**  
A total of 118 people were given information about the Featherston Masterplan, encouraged to make submissions and were able to ask questions and give feedback directly to elected members and staff. The January 20<sup>th</sup> session was also focused on promoting the drop-in community workshop and flyers promoting the workshop were distributed. A diverse range of feedback was captured with multiple themes presenting.
- **Community Champions Information session.**  
The purpose of this event was to inform Featherston "champions" (people that



are active in the community, that lead organisations and/or work with members of the public) so that they could provide information about the Draft Featherston Masterplan to members of the community and promote involvement in the project. Richard Knott, one of the planners spoke to the project and participants were able to ask questions and comments. There were 12 attendees at this event and questions and feedback were wide-ranging.

- **Drop-In Community Workshop and BBQ.**

A total of 60 people attended a drop-in community workshop held at the Featherston Community Centre. The workshop was designed to enable people to hear directly from Elected Members on a range of different proposals from the Draft Featherston Masterplan. Clustered into three themes, attendees were able to move around the themed tables, see the maps outlining features from the proposals, and record their feedback directly at the tables. This enabled the project team to collect a large amount of feedback.

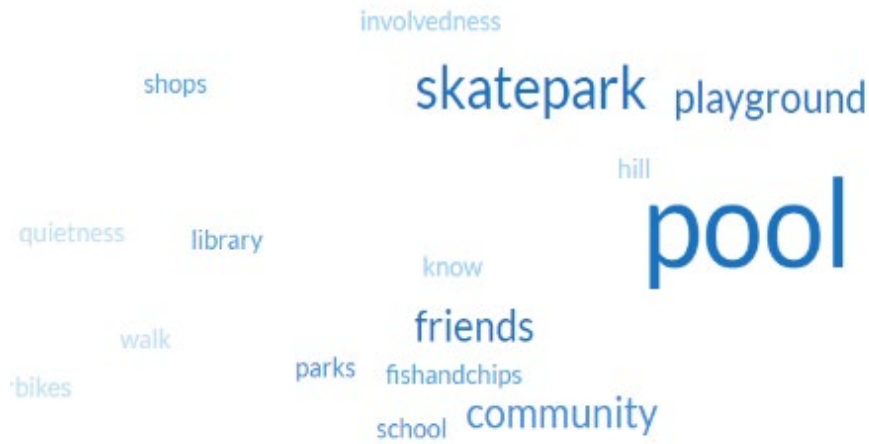
- **“Walk and Talk Featherston” (with ice-cream)**

Designed to bring the Featherston Masterplan alive, the “Walk and Talk Featherston” had 23 participants who spent an evening walking around the streets of Featherston with elected members and council staff. Relevant features of the Draft Featherston Masterplan were explained at different areas. Participants were able to ask questions regarding the details of the masterplan and were encouraged to write submissions. Participants raised a range of issues with the key issues being the proposed heritage areas, removal of parking and the proposed closing of Fox St.

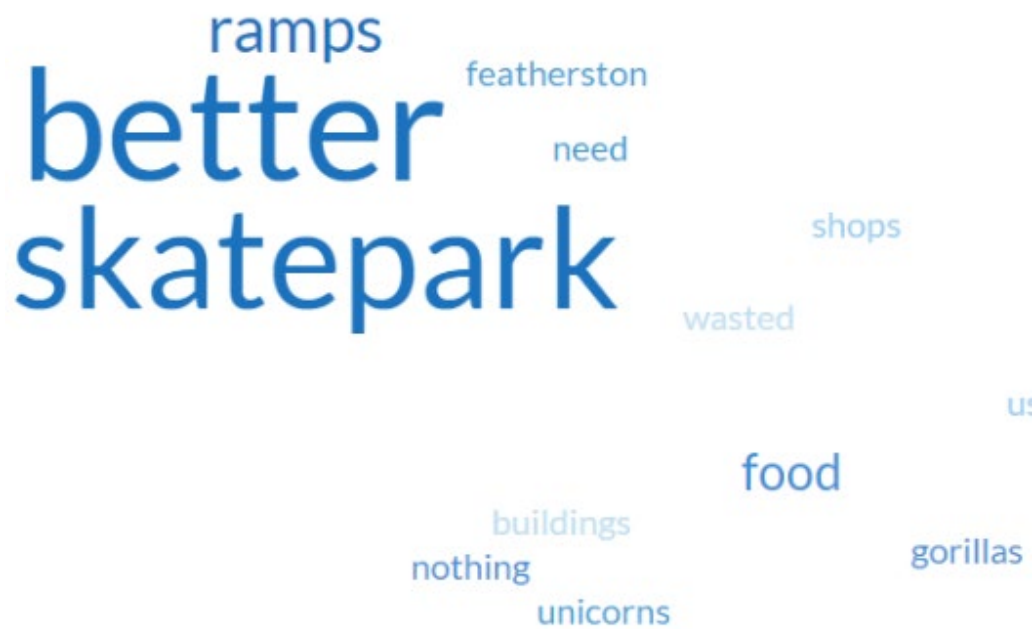
- **Youth event (with pizza)**

Council staff in conjunction with Kuranui school and youth organisations in Featherston, set up a table by the Joy Cowley Playground. 17 youth were asked what the best thing about Featherston was, and what was the one thing that they would change. The pool, parks, playgrounds and the skate park figured highly in response about what was good. Conversely, the skate park also was what the majority wanted to change with better ramps and jumps. One young participant felt that Featherston needed unicorns. Participants were also asked to draw the routes that they use to get around Featherston.

Q.1 What is the best thing about Featherston?



Q.2 What is the one thing you would change about Featherston?



- **Meeting with Fire Brigade.**  
Council staff attended the regular training session at the Featherston Fire Station with 25 volunteers present. This was an opportunity to talk specifically to the proposal to close Fox St railway crossing. To this end, volunteers were asked how they travelled to the Fire Station when responding to the siren and how the emergency vehicles travelled from the Fire Station when responding to an emergency. In general, the Fox St closing was seen to prevent their access to and from the Fire Station and could have implications in an emergency, so participants were against the current proposal.
- **Proposed heritage area residents**  
Residents living in the indicative heritage areas were advised by letter drop and invited to make a submission.

Key themes from these engagement sessions are noted in Appendix 1.

### **5.1 Consultation Process**

Formal consultation on the Draft Featherston Masterplan occurred between 6 December 23 and 18 February 24. The Draft Featherston Masterplan consultation document and submission forms were available on our website, from the Council office and the Featherston libraries.

The opportunity to submit was widely advertised to our Featherston community through social media and advertised through feature articles in the Midweek and Featherston Phoenix.

Submissions to the Draft Featherston Masterplan are in Appendix 2, 3, 4 and 5. Key themes of those submissions are in Appendix 6.

### **5.2 Consultation Topics**

The Draft Featherston Masterplan is about the future of Featherston, which will lay the foundations to enable growth through a series of infrastructure upgrades and enhancements over the next three decades. Includes enhancing the main street and developing a town centre.

Council agreed to consult on the following topics for the Featherston Masterplan:

1. Are there any key challenges and opportunities that you think have been missed?
2. Which vision do you support?
3. Do you support the Six Guiding Principles?
4. Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan?).

5. Do you agree with prioritizing the pedestrian and cycle connection to Wairarapa Moana?
6. Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?
7. Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the east of Bethune street/Wakefield street should be rezoned residential?
8. Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?
9. Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town center and train station in 11.9?
10. Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).
11. Are there any other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?
12. Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?
13. Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossing?
14. Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?
15. Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2 a) to f)?
16. Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3? a) to g)?
17. How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?
18. Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4 a) to g)?
19. Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5 a) and b)?
20. Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6 a) to i)?
21. Do you agree with the priorities and timescale set out in the implementation plan?
22. Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which has not been captured by your previous answers?

### **5.3 Submissions**

A total of 87 submissions were received on the Featherston Masterplan, 60 online (SurveyMonkey), 15 paper submissions and 12 email submissions.

The full set of Draft Featherston Masterplan Consultation submissions is included in Appendix 2,3, and 4.

There is a submission from the Featherston Community Board which highlights community

consideration with a focus that revolves around their three Pou:

1. Kia Puāwai: We will work to maintain, enhance, and build on the unique characteristics and values of Featherston/Paetūmōkai
2. Kia Tū Ake Tātou: We will work to make sure this community is here for generations to come.
3. Manaaki Taiao: We will work to enhance and rebuild our natural environment, to restore balance, and mitigate the challenges of climate change

The submissions from the Featherston Community Board support community considerations to meet those objectives. Their recommendations and considerations can be found in Appendix 5.

## **6. Summary of Considerations**

There was a high level of engagement with the consultation document. With 93% of online consultation documents fully completed and an average time of 45 minutes spent on answering the 22 questions online.

ChatGPT was used to help collate thematical analysis of the free text responses and a summary of themes from the submissions can be found in Appendix 6.

The key themes for the 87 submissions are:

- Concern over the closure of Fox Street and advocating for alternative options.
- Concern over parking and traffic management and traffic flow.
- Pedestrian accessibility of importance, with a focus on connecting community hubs such as the train station, schools, shops, and the medical center.
- Community engagement and inclusivity was highlighted as being important, as was consideration and consultation with mana whenua.
- The impact on buildings in the potential heritage zone and the need to repair and fix dilapidated buildings as part of the planning process.
- A focus on infrastructure and fixing what is broken first.

## **7. Strategic Drivers and Legislative Requirements**

### **7.1 Significant risk register**

- Relationship with iwi, hapū, Māori
- Climate Change
- Emergency Management
- IT architecture, information system, information management, and security

- Financial management, sustainability, fraud, and corruption
- Legislative and regulative reforms
- Social licence to operate and reputation
- Asset management
- Economic conditions
- Health and Safety

## **7.2 Significance, Engagement and Consultation**

Consultation followed the Special Consultative Procedure as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002. There were a range of different ways that the community could have their say and present their views on the Draft Featherston Masterplan and it was widely advertised and made public. The consultation period ran from Wednesday 6 December 2023 and Sunday 18 February 2024, extending beyond the minimum requirement period under the Special Consultative Procedure due to the consultation period being held over the Christmas and holiday period.

During the consultation period, all relevant documentation, including a submission form and relevant background information was available on our website. Physical copies were made available at the South Wairarapa District Council Office and the Featherston libraries.

## **7.3 Communication**

There will be follow-up communication required to close the loop with submitters and the broader Featherston Community on this topic.

## **8. Conclusion**

Following hearings, the Strategic Working Committee will undertake deliberations on the Draft Featherston Masterplan scheduled to occur 17 April 2024.

## **9. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Engagement Session feedback

Appendix 2 – Draft Featherston Masterplan Set of Online Submissions

Appendix 3 – Draft Featherston Masterplan Set of Paper Submissions

Appendix 4 – Draft Featherston Masterplan email Submissions

Appendix 5 – Draft Featherston Community Board Submission

Appendix 6 – Key themes for Draft Featherston Masterplan submissions

Appendix 7 – Draft Featherston Masterplan

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# **Appendix 1 – Engagement Session Feedback**



Engagement	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3
<p><b>Community Workshop Feedback 28 January</b></p> <p>60 people in attendance</p>	<p><b>Community Infrastructure and Development</b></p> <p>The feedback highlights a focus on community infrastructure and development, emphasizing the importance of creating a thriving and accessible environment for all residents.</p> <p>Concerns are raised about safe routes to school, pedestrian crossings, and the need for connection between community facilities and the town center.</p> <p>The emphasis on outdoor activities and the encouragement of walking and cycling indicate a desire to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for residents.</p> <p>The call for feasibility studies, consultations, and planning for future growth reflects a long-term vision for sustainable community development.</p>	<p><b>Equity and Inclusivity</b></p> <p>An underlying theme throughout the feedback is the importance of equity and inclusivity in community planning. Specific attention is given to ensuring that all residents, including migrants, have the opportunity to thrive and access community resources. The mention of involving migrant communities, providing safe routes for children to get to school, and considering the needs of diverse populations underscores a commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.</p> <p>The focus on providing pedestrian crossings, shared spaces, and easy access to essential services like medical centers and pharmacies highlights a desire to prioritize the well-being and safety of all residents, regardless of background or status.</p>	<p><b>Environmental Sustainability</b></p> <p>Environmental sustainability emerges as a key theme in the feedback, with a strong emphasis on respecting the environment, promoting non-powered outdoor activities, and considering the impact of development on natural spaces.</p> <p>Concerns about protecting heritage buildings, supporting cycling and walking paths, and reducing traffic congestion reflect a commitment to preserving the town's natural beauty and promoting eco-friendly practices.</p> <p>The call for organic rubbish collection, more rubbish bins, and advocating for green spaces and trees demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and creating a sustainable community for future generations.</p>
<p><b>Community Champions Workshop 18 January</b></p>	<p>Details of this session are included in the Report.</p>		
<p><b>Featherston Fire Brigade Meeting 19 February</b></p>	<p><b>Fox St Railway Crossing</b></p> <p>The feedback from the Fire Brigade emphasises their crucial role of emergency services in responding to various calls across different parts of</p>	<p><b>Other design elements such as shared spaces</b></p> <p>Information regarding the response movements to different areas highlights the importance of</p>	<p><b>Increased population and future needs</b></p> <p>The discussion also touches upon the need for increased infrastructure to support emergency services,</p>

Engagement	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3
	<p>the town. Recommendations and concerns raised about maintaining access routes like Fox Street to the north side of town were outlined. Closure of Fox Street would impede emergency movement and the Council should consider alternative crossings to facilitate emergency response movements efficiently.</p> <p>The potential implications of proposed change to Fox Street would also inhibit movement to the Fire Station by volunteers who are responding to the emergency siren. Hence the importance of maintaining clear and efficient routes for volunteers to reach the station in a timely manner was highlighted.</p>	<p>accessible roadways and the impact of potential design changes on response times. Specific design elements like one-way streets and shared spaces were discussed. Concerns are raised about the proposed shared spaces and the reduction of speed potentially delaying response times. emphasizing the need for efficient and direct routes to ensure timely responses.</p>	<p>highlighting the importance of future planning to address the town growing population and evolving emergency response needs.</p>
<p><b>Information Table Featherston Markets:</b>  *9 December 23 (22 people)  * 16 December 23 (37 people)  * 20 January 24 (21 people)  * 10 February 24 (38 people)</p> <p>Elected Members and Council Offers with a pop up stand at the local food market.</p>	<p><b>Community Concerns and Engagement with Development Plans</b></p> <p>The feedback captures a diverse range of community concerns and perspectives regarding the proposed development plans for Featherston.</p> <p>Issues such as the potential loss of car parks, resistance to beautification efforts that involve removing carparks, and apprehension about the closure of key streets like Fox Street underscore the importance of</p>	<p><b>Urban Design and Infrastructure Improvements</b></p> <p>Urban design and infrastructure improvements emerge as central themes in the feedback, with discussions focusing on enhancing the town's physical environment and functionality.</p> <p>Support for initiatives like creating mini parklands, shared spaces, raised crossings, and pedestrian-friendly zones reflects a community desire for a more walkable, accessible, and engaging urban landscape.</p>	<p><b>Social Equity and Identity Formation</b></p> <p>Social equity and identity formation emerge as underlying themes related to community aspirations and the town's future direction.</p> <p>Concerns about the potential creation of social divides, the attraction of specific demographics, and the impact of development decisions on housing density and social cohesion reflect a community's desire to maintain inclusivity and diversity.</p>

Engagement	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3
	<p>community input in shaping urban development.</p> <p>The feedback included a complex interplay of opinions, from requests for improved connections between key areas in town to concerns about the impact on businesses, traffic management, and overall town aesthetics. Community members express differing views on infrastructure changes, shared spaces, pedestrian crossings, and the overall direction of urban development, reflecting a vibrant and engaged community invested in the future of Featherston. The theme underscores the need for inclusive decision-making processes that incorporate a wide range of perspectives and address community concerns to ensure that development plans are both practical and aligned with residents' needs and values.</p>	<p>Concerns about traffic management, parking availability, and the need for more EV charging stations highlight a holistic approach to urban design that prioritizes sustainability, mobility, and environmental consciousness.</p> <p>The feedback also addresses specific infrastructure challenges such as improving connectivity to key facilities, reconfiguring intersections for better traffic flow, and enhancing public spaces to cater to diverse community needs. By advocating for thoughtful urban design interventions and infrastructure enhancements, the feedback underscores a community-driven vision for a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable Featherston that balances the town's character with the evolving needs of its residents.</p>	<p>Suggestions to emphasize recreational opportunities, support local businesses, and foster a strong connection to nature underscore a vision for Featherston's identity that values community well-being, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship.</p> <p>The theme also touches on the importance of creating a distinct identity for Featherston while preserving its unique character and fostering a sense of place that resonates with residents. The feedback highlights the need for careful planning to avoid potential social challenges and ensure that development initiatives contribute positively to the town's identity and livability. By addressing concerns about social equity, community identity, and sustainable growth, the text reflects a community-driven approach to urban development that seeks to balance economic progress with social harmony and environmental stewardship in creating a vibrant and inclusive Featherston for all residents.</p>
<p><b>Walk and Talk</b> <b>13 February 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Community Concerns and Impact:</b></p> <p>The feedback reflects the concerns raised by residents regarding proposed changes and developments in their community. Concerns include</p>	<p><b>Urban Development and Connectivity:</b></p> <p>This theme encompasses initiatives aimed at enhancing connectivity within the urban landscape. It</p>	<p><b>Preservation of Heritage and Public Spaces</b></p> <p>This theme highlights the importance of preserving heritage areas and public spaces amidst urban</p>

Engagement	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3
	<p>potential loss of parks, access to retail areas, and impacts on local businesses due to infrastructure projects like the Kiwirail installation by Bakers. Residents express worries about the closure of Fox Street railway crossing affecting fire brigade travel and the inconvenience of rerouting commuters. There are also concerns about the ease of parking for residents and visitors, particularly with the introduction of angled parking and potential closures of certain road sections.</p>	<p>includes measures such as the creation of shared pathways, improvements to pedestrian and cycle linkages, and the potential closure of certain roads to vehicular traffic to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists. Examples include the installation of new shared paths along Johnston Street and Daniel Street, the potential closure of Fox Street railway crossing, and the creation of raised pedestrian crossings at various entry points to the Town Centre. The focus is on creating safer and more accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists while also beautifying and improving the overall amenity of the area</p>	<p>development efforts. Residents express concerns about living in heritage areas and the implications of proposed beautification projects on green spaces. Efforts to enhance public spaces include initiatives like tree planting, creation of multi-use public spaces, and improvements to existing parks and recreational facilities. There's also a focus on repurposing industrial and commercial zones to mixed-use areas to bring greater flexibility while preserving the character of the town center</p>

# **Appendix 2 – Draft Featherston Masterplan Set of Online Submissions**

# #1

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## Q1

Please enter your contact information. Please note your name and feedback will be in public documents. All other information will remain private.

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Phone Number	██████████

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## Q2

**No**

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

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Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

No

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Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Would rather the vision was kept to the best little town in Wairarapa to live in. Communities and families can and have historically worked and supported each other without bureaucratic interventions or 'master plans'.

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Replace all of the above with "working for the rate payers". That should be the first and only principle when it comes to the local council.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**No,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
Overall too much wasted expenditures or areas that have no issues.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
I vehemently object to closing level crossings as there is nothing wrong with their current setup, and they create alternative routes around town thus avoiding congesting the main SH crossing(s). The current crossings have served all manners of transport, including foot traffic, with no problems, safety concerns or incidents that were a direct result of the position or design of the crossing - for several decades.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No,**

If yes, which other routes?:

The current number of connection routes is more than sufficient for the size, capacity and population density of the town. Prioritizing or creating more routes will only negatively upset the current balance. You are right that people are moving to Featherston - but that's the Featherston today and the way it is set out right now. Turning it into a suburban hell-hole would be a slap in the face of the locals and everyone who chose to move to Featherston BECAUSE it is not a miniature version of the Hutts.

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**No**

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:

We need more commercial areas, and protection of said commercial areas. Reducing supply would increase the prices and reduce incentives of businesses coming into town. Yes, increasing the town's population would alternatively increase the same incentive, but then it would exponentially push the said businesses to the outskirts.

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

I vehemently object removing vehicle crossings and replacing roads with walking / shared use tracks. Our current roads are wide, safe, and easy to navigate regardless of what mode of transport is used - including pedestrians. This also creates an environment where there is zero issues with parking. Sidewalk areas are likewise, commonplace and accessible. Basically any "improvement" or change to the current set up is a net negative, as it is already the most efficient lay out from this commuter's perspective.

The only suggestion that I would make is removing the fenced off maze around the pedestrian crossing across the railway tracks along SH2. These serve no purpose in terms of safety, other than frustrate pedestrians and force half onto the main road in order to avoid the ugly rat maze. Again, there were zero incidents where the design or location of the crossing impacted the safety prior to these being installed.



**Q12**

**Yes**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Main street through town. It's a shame the council approved a three story ghetto block with no parking, scheduled to be built in place of and demolishing the old professionals building. If there is a way to preserve the height, look and density of the main street, it needs to be looked at. I am aware that the plan stated that the town centre is "already identified as a heritage precinct" - this doesn't appear to apply in practice based on the above-mentioned building plan.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

No. It's already easy to walk between the two. Covered walkway would be nice for when it rains, but considering the Featherston winds, it wouldn't provide a functional shelter anyway, and be a financial net drain on the rate payer due to requiring maintenance.

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:

I vehemently object to closing level crossings as there is nothing wrong with their current setup, and they create alternative routes around town thus avoiding congesting the main SH crossing(s). The current crossings have served all manners of transport, including foot traffic, with no problems, safety concerns or incidents that were a direct result of the position or design of the crossing - for several decades.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

This is by far the dumbest, most senseless, fundamentally flawed and un-necessary proposals. It would achieve absolutely nothing other than make people's lives more difficult, and make the town less pleasant to live in. Whoever came up with this proposal - please stop, reflect on your life choices, and think about the number of people who would be better off if you just took a day off work this Christmas instead of pushing through dumb proposals such as this.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

- a) Raised pedestrian crossings : waste of money, stupid and un-necessary
  - b) Kerb lines moved out : waste of money - nothing wrong with current layout
  - c) Tree planting : Trees are good - if it doesn't cost a lot. Also what are the maintenance costs? Also bird shit on parked cars.
  - d) New foot path : waste of money. Can already easily walk through and cars already give way
  - e) New raised crossing : waste of money, stupid and un-necessary
  - f) Provisions for cyclists over crossings : waste of money, stupid and un-necessary
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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

- a) Daniell Street carriageway narrowed (one way south) : This is not an improvement. Please stop wasting ratepayers \$ to inconvenience locals
  - b) New 3m shared path to station : Waste of money. Nothing wrong or unsafe with the current route for all road users.
  - c) New multi-use public space and welcome feature at south end : Location of this not clearly shown on draft plan, so unable to comment. If it's the same location as 14.3 B then it's the same response.
  - d) Tree planting : Trees are good - providing council doesn't over-value costs and doesn't over-spend on maintenance.
  - e) Opportunities for art and sculptures : Probably one of the few things I agree with. Providing we get real art and sculptures, rather than some abstract eyesore that some 'critic' labled as 'art'.
  - f) Closing crossing : No. Stop wasting ratepayers \$ on vanity projects to purposely inconvenience ratepayers. There is nothing wrong or 'unsafe' for all road users with the current crossing on Fox st.
  - g) Shelters : Have potential, but nothing wrong with putting these along currently existing walkways. Do that first and see if they actually work (I doubt that they will provide much shelter from rain when it blows). Don't need to wreck a crossing to do that.
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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Leave traffic and roads alone as they are. There is nothing wrong with the current lay out.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

a) Reduced road width : No. The current size and width of roads make the town a nice place to navigate and live in for all road users. Leave the roads alone. Stop wasting ratepayer \$ to inconvenience ratepayers.

b) Raised crossings / roads : Waste of money. Nothing wrong with the current roads. We want to attract more people into town, not less with heavy traffic jams and people forced into using residential streets to move around the shitshow you cooked up.

c) Raised crossings : Waste of money. Stupid and un-necessary. Nothing wrong with current crossings.

d) Fox street narrowed : WHY are you hell bent on destroying the town? LEAVE THE STREETS ALONE ██████████

e)

f) Angled parking : Sure why not. Just don't charge ratepayers hundreds of thousands to paint parking lines on the road.

g) If you leave the streets and the current layout alone, there would be no issue with parking - as there hasn't been for decades. PLEASE for the love of everything holy, don't turn it into a place where parking actually becomes scares and an issue.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Yeah the proposed upgrades are dumb and will only serve to inconvenience the residents. Same reasons as above. Stop wasting money on raising crossings - there's no issues with the current roads, streets, and haven't been since the horse and cart days.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Trees are good, but I'd err on the side of fiscal caution for maintaining and planting them. Covered walkways likely not viable due to high winds reducing their sheltering capacity (though they may work on less windy days). Cost with maintenance taken into consideration, it may be more viable to run a small shuttle van from the supermarket to the train station during the morning and evening commutes. Though people are already doing exactly that with carpooling.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Priority should be to looking at cutting council costs, creating alternative revenue for the council outside of rates, and looking to work for the ratepayers. Timescale for the implementation of the proposed 'masterplan' as it's presented - should be 'never'.

Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Please don't turn our cool little town into a miniature version of the Hutts. People who choose to move and live here, do so because Featherston is the way it is. People who want to live in an urban hell-hole, live across the hill. Featherston is the best place in New Zealand to live in - due to it's location, access and services (though we need to figure out a way to get another vet to replace the one we lost). The Masterplan proposal, fails to capture the spirit and essence of this town by micromanaging behaviours and pathing of pedestrians and road users, increasing density, crippling access for majority of local residence who are farmers and tradies requiring ample road space, and replacing the vibe with a modern 'city-esque' suburbia.

I've spent close to twenty years looking for a place to call home. Featherston, is the perfect town that is that very place. If the councilors don't see or understand the gem that we have here, then with all due respect, I fail to understand why they would choose to represent the rate-payers. Either way, please don't destroy what we have and replace it with a carbon copy of what already exists in most of the rest of the country.

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# #2

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

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Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

No

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Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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**Q5**

**Yes**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6**

**Yes,**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

I love the plan One area I would suggest to be included especially with the vibrant homes and businesses near Vixen Burger. It would be wonderful to enhance the paths down Fox Street, extending the greenery and beautification. While keeping the road width unchanged, creating a more appealing and inviting environment could further elevate the charm of the neighborhood for those wondering to Vixen burger for dinner.

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**Q7**

**Yes**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

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**Q8**

**No**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

**Yes**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

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**Q10**

**Yes**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

I think this is good, I don't think the only thing is a danger of cars trying to cut across moving traffic, on the fox street there is a median strip which helps cut across but usually traffic is low anyway but that's all that came to mind

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

I think it's a great vision and I hope it will attract new business and encourage existing owners to do more with their buildings maybe it will help modernise the town and help it reach its potential

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# #3

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## Q1

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**Q2** **No**

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

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Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

I think the challenges and opportunities are very interesting when read in conjunction with the rest of the document. The plan seems to centre on roading and footpaths and open spaces but ignores the challenges around affordable housing.

One key challenge you seem to have missed is affordability in the current economic climate and in the light of the very substantial increases to rates in the last 3 years which people are struggling to afford.

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Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Aren't they both the same just worded differently?

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**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Whilst these principles are very laudable there's nothing here about the principle of sustainability and affordability.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**No,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

I don't support the way in which the focus of the strategy seems to boil down to improving an already perfectly good pedestrian and cycle path to the station at the cost of closing roads, re-routing traffic past a school and then having to compensate for that by having traffic calming measures. I also wonder how the council decided on which area would be the 'heritage precinct' given that the plan is for increased density around the train station but the heritage precinct would actually restrict development in the area nearest the station.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

I don't see why we are prioritising this over the maintenance of existing footpaths and cycle ways. I doubt many people walk to Wairarapa Moana, and the people who cycle there from Featherston or elsewhere are probably not locals.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:

Could we consider mixed used instead? What would be the impact to existing businesses in this zone? As this is already an industrial zone is it event suitable for residential development? Have the council even considered this?

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:

We have real pressure on our main street for suitable commercial buildings particularly since we have been saddled with the 'Squircle' which is rarely used and the bare plot of land next to it which it seems will never be developed. Added to which I'm not sure that the main street is an attractive option for residential development.

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Again, I'm not sure of the rationale for upgrading cycle and pedestrian routes from the station to the sports ground and swimming pool given the proximity of the station to both the pool and sports ground. The other suggested changes seem to concentrate on adding sculptures and/or other art to the route which does nothing to enhance its usability.

I also see that the plan mentions signage for entrance to the town - there is nothing specific in the plan about where that will be sited and given that the previous signage had to be removed because NZTA deemed it a danger, it would be good to know where the council thinks it might go.

Also the plan seems to include some development of the existing walkway from Fitzherbert Street along Daniell St to Fox St. Does this include getting NZTA to fix the drain to prevent the flooding at the corner of Daniell and Fitzherbert St ? Fixing the flooding issue would improve the usability for pedestrians and cyclists.

One of the stated aims is to provide recreation opportunities for youth to increase use of area. I'm not sure why this is a stated aim for development of the town centre and train station or how this plan addresses that need. Instead of adding more art installations could we get more exercise equipment but have it on the sports ground where it might be used?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

I don't support the heritage precinct outlined in the plan. Some of the properties in it are on the very largest sections in Featherston and the plan would prevent any subdivision on these properties. The precinct as outlined also includes the Catholic church which I understand is no longer used because it is earthquake prone. What would happen in 5 years if the church wanted to use that site for social housing?

**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

I'm all for protecting our historic buildings such as the Anzac Hall, our museums and the war memorial but I don't see the value of making it impossible to redevelop residential properties.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:  
See below

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

I think the rationale for closing the Fox St crossing and re-routing commuter traffic through Hickson and Bell is bizarre. The traffic coming out of the station from the 5.30 train is considerable most days and will be routed right across the pedestrian/cycle way from the station that runs along the track in Johnston St. What's the point of stating how important it is to improve the pedestrian and cycle access to the station and then route all the commuter traffic right across the path? With the best will in the world, many people still need to drive to Featherston to catch the train and improving the pedestrian/cycle way isn't go make people walk or cycle from Martinborough. I

Also there is quite a lot of traffic through Fox St onto Fitzherbert St heading north out of town - I would suggest a lot of locals on the Wakefield St/Fox St/ Bell St side of town use it regularly. That traffic will now be routed past St Teresa's school. I see that the plan includes traffic calming measures but you wouldn't need them if you were not closing the crossing.

I also wonder if the impact to the fire service has been considered if they have to answer a call on Bell St or Wakefield St. The will have to either turn down Daniell St, turn right onto the main street traffic and back up Wakefield or turn down Fox St, go up Birdwood St, through the traffic calming along Bell St and then out to Wakefield. Either way it's adding extra time to their ability to respond.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

I think the addition of an extra crossing near Mobil station is a really good idea - it's very difficult to cross safely there but otherwise I'm not sure about the addition of wider pavements and planting.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Please see my earlier comments about the development of the existing walkway along Daniell St. The biggest problem there is the flooding from the collapsed pipe which I understand to be NZTA's problem to repair. Without repairing that all the artwork in the world will not make that a better pedestrian or cycle route.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Terrible idea, poorly thought out - see my previous comments.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I'm not sure about the traffic calming in Birdwood St given that this is the route from the main highway to the industrial zone behind the station. I also don't agree with the proposed changes to Fox St because I don't agree with the proposed closure of the crossing. Also why do we need extra parking spaces?

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Have the impacts of the changes to the existing businesses around that end of Fox St been considered? It's all very well making that area so it can be closed off for events but not at the expense of discouraging trade at that end of town.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Not sure at the value of more art and planting. There are already lovely trees on that piece of land. In the plan I saw there was a proposal for a playground on the corner of Johnston and Bell right where all the commuter traffic is going past.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

The costings seem very light to me given that Waka Kotahi spent millions on the safety improvements from Carterton to Masterton. I think this is a terrible waste of money for very little benefit to the town.

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**Q24**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #4

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

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Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

I don't think there's enough recognition of the fact that the main street is very busy - lots of trucks and other traffic all day everyday. This brings opportunity (shoppers/visitors etc) but also challenges as the main street can be quite difficult for pedestrians to navigate. Another challenge is the number of dilapidated old buildings on the main street. Particularly 38 and 81 Fitzherbert Street. These buildings either need to be done up or demolished as they are eyesores. They could make beautiful shops or restaurants if restored, but otherwise let the town down.

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Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring,**

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:

To be honest both of these statements are very vague and don't really play to our strengths. For people outside the district, the strength or drawcard to Featherston is that it's the gateway to both Wellington or the Wairarapa. It's a great strategic location that we should be playing up more. So I actually think a better vision/slogan for the town would be "Featherston - the Capital's Gateway". But of the two, vision 2 is the better one, but I don't really understand what is meant by "Resilient". The definition is "a. capable of withstanding shock without permanent deformation or rupture, and b. tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change". I don't see what relevance this has to Featherston. We should be promoting the use of Te Reo. So I'd suggest changing it to "Paetūmōkai - Community, Creative, Caring" - then it's the 3 Cs!

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes**

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

Agree with moving the commercial footprint eastward. The SH2/SH53 intersection is a very busy intersection and very difficult for pedestrians to navigate. There is no footpath past the Mobil, and the speedbumps make it difficult for prams and wheelchairs to walk through Mobil without going onto the road. Featherston is also lacking footpaths. Many streets off the main street have footpaths on just one side of the road, and they are often very narrow. Some work to improve footpaths across the whole town would be great.



**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

I agree with making the moana more accessible. It's not very clear how single-laning Daniell Street would help with this, I'm not sure what the route would be and if this means other streets will be single-laned. Daniell Street doesn't get a huge amount of traffic so I don't think it's particularly dangerous for cyclists as it is. So I'd like some more information on this plan.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**Yes,**

If yes, which other routes?:

Continuing to improve the cycle accessibility to Greytown, Martinborough and over the Cross Creek area would enhance Featherston's reputation as a hub for cyclists. And then following that up with great shady places for cyclists to stop for a rest, coffee, do some shopping or stay before continuing on their way.

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**Yes**

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**Yes**

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

**Respondent skipped this question**

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

I think this is a good idea, but it would place restrictions on property owners so a lot more detailed work would need to be conducted separate to the Masterplan on this.

**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Featherston has a lot of heritage we don't really promote as much - especially from the WW2 days. I think a really cool initiative and a drawcard for tourists from both NZ and overseas would be to build a mock camp on location that shows people what it was like to be based there. Military history enthusiasts from around the world would flock here to see it. I'm sure Peter Jackson and James Cameron would have some ideas on how to make it amazing!

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

I think we should be making the main street safer for people to park up and look around. But I think this means reducing parking on the main street and finding better alternatives. For example the large empty piece of land next to the Supervalu (mainly full of weeds) could be converted into a car park, then car parking reduced and footpaths expanded on Fitzherbert Street. The remaining on street parking should be converted to angle parks. We need another pedestrian crossing at the west end of town near the SH2/SH53 intersection, and better pedestrian access past Mobil.

Then we need to invest in beautifying the main street. Hanging baskets, nice shady trees, room for outdoor seating dotted along the wider footpaths, would all help make Featherston look nicer and more inviting.

The owners of 38 and 81-85 Fitzherbert Street should be forced to either refurbish or demolish their buildings - they are eyesores and make the town look shabby.

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Yes, Fox Street is a bit of an arterial route and some through traffic uses this street, so it takes a bit of traffic a way from Fitzherbert Street. It would make more sense to close the Bell Street level crossing.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Agree with all of those suggestions.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

I think the decision not to relocate the train station to the main street was a mistake, and hope that in the next decade or so this decision is revisited. In lieu of that decision, I think all these are sensible, except as with an earlier response, I'm not sure what would be achieved by single-laning Daniell Street, or why this is being considered.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

As per an earlier response, I think closing the Bell Street level crossing would make more sense than closing the Fox Street crossing.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

These are all sensible.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Yes agree with this. Fox Street between SH2 and Wallace Street would make a great location for a weekend market and would be a great shared space.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Better street lighting is also needed along the walkway to the station. Love the idea of covering it, and would like to see this scoped out.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

I do think they are priorities, but also aware of current cost pressures and high levels of rates. The new Government is not prioritising any pedestrian or cycling focused initiatives so I'd like to know what funding is available for this work and what would be left to ratepayers. There is not enough details on costs to make a judgement on whether or not this is doable. But to be honest, it seems very ambitious trying to achieve the bulk of this work in the next 3 years, and I'm not sure how achievable this is in the current fiscal environment.

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

We have just moved to Featherston in the last 6 months or so and really love the community here. I think it's great the Council is doing this work, and am really looking forward to seeing this work come to fruition.

# #5

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Would appreciate explicit descriptors that will make this a mobility friendly town (both relevant to seniors, pushchair users and others who have mobility needs). I also wonder if you could have the train stop twice in feathy- pick and drop off platform on the south side or right in centre. By the Royal Hotel car park for example :) Would add maybe 3 mins to train time but its done in some cities- might encourage town centre after work use, and day visitors. Seems silly I know, short walk, but still, thats people for you.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
They are both nice, although there will always be someone who feels left out of number 1- seniors for example, and people who dont have families. But I do like the 'all supporting each other thing', and you cant have it all can you.

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
There'll be those that object to the Maori respect principles but you'll get that type everywhere.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
Same as everyone else- keen on the basics like drainage, power, general infrastructure being sorted and if you arent Out Loud about that you'll get hammered. Would like to see a focus on senior/disability accom- might free up some of the 3 and 4 bed quarter acre sections for families if there are good options for seniors to move to. I like intentional intergenerational town planning ideas. Would like to have an outdoor/tentable spot for festivals (food, literature, anything really- quirky festivals like 'festival of tomatoes' or festival of fancy hats- the quirkiest the better). And would love to see John Brorens (sp?) properties not fall to bits or burn down taking other peoples places with them.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
I dont know why it has to be a priority. Its nice to have, but other things would take priority for me.

**Q8**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:

Not sure on this- would anyone want to live on a traffic island next to a state highway? Noise, air quality, lots of people trying to turn into that road- potential for collisions?- if dense housing maybe not enough parks? I have the houses on 5 Bethune as rentals- I dont have any objection to zoning res or commercial or mixed or whatever. Theres an unsightly empty overgrown lot next door on number 3- then the next one is on the corner with the state highway and prob heritage.

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**Q10**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Maybe train could do multi stops in Feathy to encourage walking. Just a few mins diff to timetable, why not?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

Although my house seems included-

█ I am not sure 1960 qualifies!

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

You will have plenty of opinions on this- the Royal and the building next door, for example. And the broken empty places.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14** Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15** Respondent skipped this question

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16** Respondent skipped this question

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17** Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18** Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

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**Q20** Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21** Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22** Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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Rachel Cooper also emailed: I did submit one then thought of something else -I dont know if the map is out of date but it looks like apart from one dwelling to the left of The Royal (or do i mean the right?- heading towards mardy) theres unused land, maybe this could be a second place to join and leave the train- just a pedestrian (or cycle?) platform- drivers can go up to the main station. I do think the town centre would be used more if people got off right in the middle of it.

# #6

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## Q1

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## Q2

**Yes (online)**

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Creating a more vibrant, active and thriving main street environment - there are too many vacant storefronts which detract from Featherston's main street draw and potential.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
It may be part of principle #5 but it would be good to have a principle that demonstrates resiliency and ability to adapt to climate change.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
Well done!

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
It would be nice to have a good pedestrian/ cycle connection to Wairarapa Moana since it's close to featherston.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**Yes,**

If yes, which other routes?:  
Formalize pedestrian route b/w medical centre and the farmer's market parking lot.

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**Yes**

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**Yes**

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Definitely support qrs noted in my response to Q #. Also support q since wakefield/ underhill connect out to the 5 towns cycle trail

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

**Yes**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

It looks good - let's ensure final design includes sufficient outdoor seating, landscaping, public art and water fountains/ drinking stations.

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**Q15**

**Yes,**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

Do you have any comments?:

I support the ped/ cyclist improvements and don't think that so many level crossings are needed.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Yes, I fully support it.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

I support all of the suggested upgrades and would like to see ped connection to the medical centre from Fitzherbert street as well.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

All looks great!

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

it's fine by me and enables the level crossing improvements for peds/ cyclists @ Fox Street.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I love the proposed shared space for Birdwood St. Does Fox st b/w Daniell St and Birdwood st need to be 2 way? Making it 1 way westbound would free up some space for wider footpath and more landscaping.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

I support them.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

They look great - fully support.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Is the implementation plan constrained or unconstrained.  
i.e. is it tied to actual funding that is available/ ear-marked?

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

I'm interested in what sort of 'gateway' treatment is proposed for sh2 on each side of town. Having a really nice gateway could go a long way to making featherston move if a destination what about opening up a community competition to design potential network for the gateway?

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# #7

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Not that I can think of.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Connection and community are essential for progress

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
The commitment to building a thriving, connected community could feature more prominently.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
Shared spaces should be usable for the permanent community but also attractive to visitors to ensure stopping in our town is a must.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
Highlighting opportunities for activity and tourism will make featherston more of a destination and benefit our businesses and economy.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:  
Connection to bar brown reserve and card reserve along Wakefield Street/underhill. Connection to the four towns cycle train and the river/camping area

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes



**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

A designated parking area off the main road that is identified and usable for visitors to the main precinct with easy pedestrian access. Well lit and with space for larger holidaying vehicles.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

It seems quite disconnected from the town's museums and library area.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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Yes

**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Will this impact ambulance services that reach the medical centre via fox Street. Will this impact the responsiveness or access to the fire service?

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Welcoming parking areas earlier in the piece could slow/stop/encourage visitors before they turn off to Martinborough. Essentially opening the town up earlier.

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Does this encourage too much fast moving traffic (late commuters) passed the school?

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Marked parking for sports hub/pool/dog park

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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#8

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

**Q3**

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

As a resident of Featherston I am pleased that the Masterplan progresses and that there might be investment in the town. However, increasing housing (of any type) cannot be without increases in services and opportunities for investment by businesses. Featherston cannot simply be a dormitory town on an unreliable rail link to the Hutt Valley and Wellington. There has to be a reason to live in the town and spend money here rather than elsewhere in South Wairarapa or the Hutt Valley. SWDC may not be capable of overcoming the obstacles presented by one certain property owner, so circumvent the problem. Create spaces for business and innovation. Think more creatively rather than just about housing. Enterprise brings enterprise. If businesses are moving to Greytown or Martinborough and SWDC is lavishing funds on these towns to reinforce their standing, why would anyone want to come live in Featherston.

Affordable housing and affordable living has to be realistic. There must be a mix of housing 'types' and all houses need to be of a high standard. Otherwise Featherston runs the risk of being branded as the outcast of South Wairarapa and businesses will reflect the demand. The town has to be attractive for all to live. The expansion has to attract wealth if SWDC want wealth to be invested into the town. So affordable housing cannot be a code for State Housing.

Affordable living starts with rates. How is this all to be paid for? Private investment or public outlay. As the unloved child of South Wairarapa you can understand why residents of Featherston are so annoyed about rate rises. The vanity projects go elsewhere yet we are asked to make the same contributions. SWDC needs to be transparent, honest and consistent about investment. It is Featherston's time.

SH2 and the main street. I am all for installations that have a combined effect of slowing the traffic and beautifying the main street. There is also something to be said for encouraging business owners to take more pride in their frontages. However, speed and therefore safety needs to be addressed before the Main street. As repeatedly stated, traffic on SH2 needs to be slowed more effectively. Martinborough has a 70 zone, Greytown has a red painted section on the 50 sign. Featherston has neither. It should not be for residents to lobby NZTA to 'fix' the risk. SWDC is elected to represent its constituents. More has to be done to slow traffic at both ends of SH2. Coming down off the hills into Featherston is dangerous as almost all drivers ignore the 50 sign. There must be a 70 zone on the plateau before the 50 and more needs to be done to force vehicles to slow down - in both directions.

Also, why stop on the Main street when heavy traffic is thundering through the town. Long term a by-pass is required. Till then, more measures need to be taken to slow traffic and enforce speeds. Being the gateway to the Wairarapa does not count for anything if the experience is dangerous.

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Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring,**

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:

The visions are both aspirational and read as though generated by marketing staff. With limited options I have opted for Vision 2 because Vision 1 is divisive. Am I a worker, a creative or what? I am all of the above. If the principles are taking into account mana whenua etc why does the vision not reflect the past in shaping the future. He who owns the past owns the future. So, in general, both visions are pretty ordinary.

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?: Supportive but begrudgingly. Care is a big ask in the current environment of polarised views. I would suggest that care is replaced by respect, ie respect for each other. With respect comes better treatment, from which care is included. Yes, honour the past - but of all. Similarly with involvement of all communities. There must not be any attempt, deliberate or otherwise to distinguish communities. We have shared history, so our future must be shared. That also includes our war time history about which much could be made to increase the draw to the town.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

In principle. However, there is too much focus on reducing speed on side roads (presumably to prepare for housing). As said above, the first step is slowing traffic as it enters the environs. Forget the residents who live beyond the centre and you forget the majority of residents.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

No,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

Again, this is about speed and respect. If drivers were more respectful of others on the road, and speeds were sensible, there should be no need for costly cycle connections. Focus on big ticket items first, then consider the vanity projects. Also, what is the draw to the Moana? Why spend money on what could be a white elephant?

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:

By all means improve the linkage to the station, and improve the flow of the carpark to prevent lazy drivers using the in as an out etc. But for cycle paths, SWDC is misreading the room if it thinks that residents of Featherston want cycle paths over areas that don't flood and reliable provision of utilities. Work harder on sorting out the town, then people will respect the projects to 'enhance' the leisure experience.

**Q9** Do you have any comments?:  
I have no views on this issue.

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments?:  
I have no views on this issue.

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

If you focus the town centre into a smaller area, the heavy traffic will not slow until it reaches this impediment. The plan needs to incorporate all of Featherston from the town limits in all directions. Yes, spend money on the centre to get people to stop and enjoy it. But the town does not begin and end at that point. Make it an experience from the limits onwards. SWDC cannot ignore the majority for the few. Thus welcome features can be pushed out to the limits.

i am also unenthused by spending money narrowing roads for other uses, even when i walk and cycle. Again it is about respect. If needs be put in some calming measures that are less intrusive and cheaper than narrowing a whole road. Look at examples in countries where bikes etc are prevalent.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12** Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Not at this time.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

No - i think there should be fewer upgrade not more and the zone for attention needs to be pushed out. This plan seeks to improve a small area whereas the experience on the edge of town is high risk due to a lack of respect and speed enforcement.

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

Do you have any comments?:  
KiwiRail are a law to themselves.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

No.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Improving safety by the petrol station etc makes good sense.

Speed limitation is fine in principle. Planting trees is nonsense. Not only do the roots pose risk to services but the plants themselves will hide the businesses etc. Surely there is something more creative that can be included, if the vision for Featherston includes creative. Perhaps something that more permanently marks it Book Town status and/or its heritage.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

A covered path..! Good grief. How will that withstand the wind?

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

I have no views on this issue.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I have no views on this issue other than to say this level of investment without a commitment to build new houses must be challenging in terms of affordability. One cannot happen without a commitment to the other.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

I have no views on this issue.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

I have no views on this issue.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Reducing speed must be the top priority. And how are the priorities being costed? That element is left blank.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

The heritage of Featherston is not only vested with the iwi. Cultural icons should represent the diverse communities and peoples who are woven into the fabric of Featherston.

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# #9

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Yes

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

Yes

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

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**Q7**

Yes

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

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**Q8**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

No

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

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**Q10**

No

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Western lake road cemetery

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**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Great idea

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Great

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #10

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## Q1

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## Q2

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

No

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q5** Respondent skipped this question

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6** Respondent skipped this question

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

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**Q7** Respondent skipped this question

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

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**Q8** Respondent skipped this question

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9** Respondent skipped this question

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

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**Q10** Respondent skipped this question

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11** Respondent skipped this question

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #11

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## Q1

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## Q2

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

No

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Very much support these. Hope to see practical means of implementation.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Respondent skipped this question

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

What is the booktown Precinct and who decided that this was it?

Like the green spaces and slowed down town centre.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

Needs discussion with affected areas

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

The Lakes and rivers

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Change the name of the sports Hub so it does not advertise a private company.

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

See earlier comments re "Booktown Precinct"

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

I don't see much that relates to the principles. Especially supporting Mana Whenua to develop and thrive. The Xmas Parade was a sad illustration of what the town is currently comfortable with. Visitors on that day commented on the "Whitey Town". Also - where access to the lake is proposed it would be useful to see protections put in to protect the ecology of the lake and its surrounds and to prevent further vandalism of the hard work already put in by many residents. It would be great to see a Centre built by the Lake that speaks to Mana Whenua.

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

It would be good if your submissions enabled me to go back to points I missed or to scrap it and start again on a paper version. :)  
Thanks

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# #12

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

No

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
I appreciate the commitment to Māori in these principles

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Page 4

**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
We are lucky to have this beautiful natural resource and we need to take better care of it. This is a good starting point as promoting it and increasing visitation will help us prioritise it.

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**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

No

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:  
Removing the industrial zoning will help us create a more welcoming and attractive area, beautifying the town and making it more appealing for visitors. It also provides much needed housing, and new buildings will help modernise the town.

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

I support this

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

It's important to conserve important historical buildings while also progressing into the future and creating additional housing. This approach seems to provide a good balance. A heritage precinct will also attract visitors to the town who are interested in history.

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

No

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

No

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

I support all of these upgrades, especially the tree planting and pedestrian safety upgrades

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

I support the tree planting and art features

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Unsure

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

No

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

I support these updates. The idea of closing the space for events is a great one, and I can envision the area coming to life for booktown events

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

I support these upgrades, especially the tree planting, planted beds and art features

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

I am very supportive of any plans to beautify our town and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. I believe these upgrades will benefit all of us, including businesses and other road users.

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# #13

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

No

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other

**Q5**

Yes

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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Page 4

**Q6**

Yes

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

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**Q7**

Yes

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

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**Q8**

No

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

Yes

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

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**Q10**

Yes

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

The Squircle is covered in the existing open spaces b. but could be prioritised within this. It is an existing open space that seems underutilised. In part this might be due to it being very open to the prevailing wind due to the vacant lot to the west. It might be possible to increase utilisation and value to the community by investigating any barriers to developing the vacant lot at 57 Fitzherbert St, or somehow providing some shelter from the wind on the west side of the Squircle.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

The upgrades seem sensible. My only other suggestion (though it might not be within the control of the council) is to investigate whether the upgrades would allow for the weekly vegetable markets to be moved from the current location in the carpark next to the pharmacy. Having vehicles entering and exiting at a busy time with pedestrians is dangerous, and the upgrades along the path to the train station might make the area more suitable for the weekly market.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

No strong views

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

None

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

None

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

None

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

The current paper road at Woodward St East (between Wallace St and Lyon St) might be needed as a sealed road in future for housing developments. However for any sections of the road which are not needed for access to housing, it would be useful to consider whether they can be closed to vehicles and made into park spaces. The paper road is frequently used by walkers as a park but fencing it off and planting some native trees may make it into a formal park space at relatively low cost.

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# #14

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

I don't think enough consideration has been given to emergency services movement in the masterplan, and potential impact this may have on timely delivery of support.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
I would change the 4th principle to read 'Support all whānau to thrive'. This include Pakeha, Māori, Pacifica, etc.

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Page 4

**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes**

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes**

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No**

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**Yes**

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**Yes**

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

No

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Railway Station and War Memorial.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

No

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

May adversely impact emergency services response times.  
A better, although more expensive, solution is to make them barrier controlled crossings.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

As per Q13.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Yes - main street businesses depend on traffic being able to park in close proximity. Any reduction in available parking will adversely impact businesses in the main street.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Only the closure of rail crossings, and how this may affect emergency services.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

While achievable, consideration needs to be given to making Bell Street (between Hickson and Johnston Streets) a 'through' street (e.g. traffic on Birdwood Street would need to stop for/give way to traffic on Bell Street). Consideration also needs to be given to the impact to St Therasas School of this additional Bell Street traffic.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

There are currently 20 car parking spaces in Fox Street between SH2 and Birdwood Street), along with a loading Zone outside the RSA. The plan appears to have angle parking on the South side of Fox street, with an overall reduction of seven parking spaces and removal of the loading zone. It is unclear whether existing parking on the north (RSA) side of Fox Street will remain. This may adversely impact on the businesses in that area, and needs further consideration.

Additionally, large vehicles (including trucks and buses) often park briefly in this area so their drivers and pax may use the toilets. What provision has been made for their temporary parking needs close to the toilets?

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Regarding 14.5.b. - in addition to day to day use proposed I recommend this space be formally designated an event space, especially for commemorative activities at the war memorial. Further, in any redesign of the space I strongly recommend that removable bollards be installed at the intersections of Fox/Fitzherbert (SH2) and Fox/Wallace Streets. The bollards, which would only be in place during commemorative or other events in that precinct, are intended to mitigate the safety risk to the public from a vehicle being either accidentally or deliberately driven into a crowd.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

No.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Subject to the matters I have raised being actively/genuinely considered, and factored into the masterplan (including implementation plan) where feasible, no.

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

No.

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# #15

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

No mention of dealing with the abandoned buildings on Fitzherbert St.  
No mention of upgrading what must be the most used public toilets in the South Wairarapa.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Neither is very inspiring.

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

No,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Nothing about being practical and using common sense.  
Both which are lacking within some of the suggestions in the Master Plan.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

No,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
The plan suggests major changes to some commonly used vehicle routes. Where are the numbers to support the changes and the safety improvements that will be needed?

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

No

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:  
Yes. But it won't be a great place to have a house due to the traffic noise.

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:  
As long as there are conditions that street frontages have commercial use at least on the street level. Featherston cannot afford to lose commercial space.

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

11.9 K. There is no need to narrow the road as there is sufficient space between Daniel Street and the railway line for a good sized dual purpose footpath.

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

**No**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

**No**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Fox St to Johnson St is a major commuter route from SH2 and SH53 to and from the railway station. It is also the safest route. From SH2 there is an angle turn into Fox St, with a bay for car waiting to turn. The same applies for traffic coming from SH53 from either Donald St, Waite St, or Wallace St. Forcing traffic up Hickson St and along Bell Street has a number of disadvantages to safety. In addition Bell St has a school, a childcare centre, a church and the ANZAC and Kiwi Hall. Increased traffic will endanger children, parents and people attending the various venues.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

**No**

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

I have made comments already.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

A ridiculous suggestion, See my earlier comment.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

d,e,f. Do not make a lot of sense and there is insufficient detail especially about the proposed angle parking. As the area of Fox St between the cenotaph and the shops is only used for public events two or three times a year it is overkill to make it a 'shared space'.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

As the area of Fox St between the cenotaph and the shops is only used for public events two or three times a year it is overkill to make it a 'shared space'.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Bell St rail crossing should be closed with passage for pedestrians and cyclists only.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

No,

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

a - d changes to streets that affect vehicles need to be scrapped. Improved footpaths can go ahead.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #16

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Transition to an attractive and walkable central shopping and recreation area while ensuring businesses continue to thrive and that there is good centralised car parking.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

**Yes**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6**

**Yes,**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

One of the fundamental challenges I see with town centres is making them appealing and attractive to walk around when a) there is a main road down the middle, b) there is car parking outside all the shops c) shop awnings are a hotchpotch and/or not complete. There is no easy answer to this while ensure business can continue to get 'passing traffic'. However, I think consideration should be given to either a) bypassing all or part of the main shopping street, b) moving the shopping street away from the main arterial corridor. This could be done in stages. e.g. starting with an artistic or book community hub that is attractive and walkable with nearby parking.

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**Q7**

**No,**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

I think it is a great idea and should be high on the list. However, to make pedestrian and walking routes truly attractive they need to be safe (and often separate) from motor vehicles. For those living in the centre or north of town how do we safely navigate the current town centre and SH2 traffic to get on the new connection? For those travelling from Wellington where do we direct them to park to pick up the connection - there is currently no obvious central car park in town (especially during weekdays when the train station is full) so they are likely to drive straight to the moana.

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**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:

I think the key to supporting cycle routes and walking is to reduce and divert car traffic. Imagine if current roads could be used for cycles and walking instead of needing purpose built routes. Key to this is making public transport frequent and reliable (trains and buses) and providing cars a centralised parking up from which to access them.

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

Land for industrial use needs to consider transport connections - realistically heavy lorries. Masterton is almost perfect in this respect in having industry concentrated on its main bypass route. While Harrison Street East is a good location for this it is hampered by a dead end at the train station - no level crossing, and if one was provided it would run into housing. Making Harrison Street East an 'industrial park' only accessible from Boundary Road would make sense but though then needs to be given as to how heavily lorries access the Remutaka road.

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

It is important that the heritage precinct is maintained to a good standard. Support should be provided to homeowners to do this - e.g. support for building design and maintenance. If buildings fall into disrepair this will defeat the objective.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Surely the area around the library should be included.

Your masterplan also shows a photograph of the train station. So much of the station character has already been lost. I would suggest that the station be designated as a heritage precinct so that any future developments have to be sympathetic and/or a return to a more 'original' design.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

I think parking on SH2 main street should be removed with an alternative central car park provided. Support 'tables' but their impact on drainage needs to be considered. The sports hub seems 'unusable' to the community unless you know who to contact or join a club. Consideration needs to be given as to how it is made more accessible to the town as a whole.

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

I support closing some of the level crossings to vehicle traffic while retaining pedestrian and bike access. However, in terms of level crossings closed to road traffic, surely Bell Street (with the historic area and school) should be prioritised over Fox Street? Closing Fox Street and diverting traffic down Bell (with its school), and possibly Birdwood with its playground, seems misguided in the extreme.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Stongly believe most vehicle traffic should be directed down a bypass on SH53 - that should also be the main access to the petrol station.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Diverting commuter traffic to Bell Street (with the school and the playground at Birdwood) doesnt seem like a good idea. A new crossing (north of the station) by Harrison Street would make the most sence.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

OK with Hickson street but I have concerns about Bell. Ideal situation is for most traffic to access the station via SH53, Wakefield Steet, Fox Street, and Johnson Street. Issue is for those who live East of the station. I would suggest a new car park and station access at the end of Harrison. With two car parks - vehicles need never cross the railway north of the main street.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

Angled parking is good but dont most residents have off street parking? I suggest centralised car parks (like the train station) are better for visitors and makes our streets nicer and safer to walk.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Generally support the idea.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

I think making the train line safe but viewable for children is important. I'd hate to see high metal fencing installed - safe viewing areas for trains might be worth considering.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Generally a good concept - the intention behind the plan is very good. The trick/difficultly is in getting the centre, parks, schools walkable with limited vehicle traffic and diverting that traffic to the 'right' routes. I strongly think the town should consider another centralised car park (for the main street/park) like the train station and remove most on street parking.

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# #17

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## Q1

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## Q2

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

No

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring

**Q5**

Yes

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6**

Yes,

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

This is a well thought through piece of work, well done to all involved. I support the focus on planning for climate change and creating a more compact form with denser housing and better pedestrian and cycle access in order to work towards a thriving, low-carbon future. I also strongly support revitalising the main street, and closing the Fox St rail crossing to cars. Anything that can be done to reduce the traffic flow down Fox St is a good thing given the amount of near misses with children trying to cross this busy street, and the number of cars that speed down there.

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**Q7**

Yes

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

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**Q8**

No

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

Yes,

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Do you have any comments?:

Yes, provided that the land isn't used for houses on large sections. If the land is going to be rezoned, as many houses as possible should be fitted in there (as opposed to one or two houses with really large sections) given the housing crisis. Additionally, new infrastructure (pipes etc) is essential so that the rest of the town doesn't have to carry the burden.

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**Q10**

Yes

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

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**Q11**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Better signage welcoming people to Featherston

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Strongly support this.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #18

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

The dilapidated buildings should be fixed/ restored/ pulled down. Public toilets need upgrading.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring,**  
Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Resilience means there can be more shops, to improve the economy and work opportunities.



**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
2. Nebulous meaningless language 4. we must support all people in the community 6. Solution focused with prioritisation of important changes.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes**

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes**

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No**

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**Yes**

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**Yes**

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

11.9 k) - please leave the Daniell St as 2-way. Others all ok.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

Do make sure the old rotten buildings are revitalised.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

Except for Fox Street south of Sh2 single way traffic.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Fox street crossing should not be closed to traffic. How can the fire brigade move quickly westwards. Daniell St should continue to have traffic in both directions.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

ok

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Daniell St should remain 2-way. Fox St level crossing should remain open. The bell St crossing can be closed.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

This is unsafe and involves more turning for vehicles. Bell St has a school, church and Anzac Hall; so more vehicles is dangerous.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

Fox St needs to remain 2-way and not narrowed.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Fox St (north & south of Sh2) should not be narrowed. Improved footpaths and safety features important.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

ok

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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# #19

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## Q2

Yes (online)

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

I don't think any thought has been put into the overall flow of traffic. Its like you just took a bunch of unrelated ideas and said "do them all" without considering how they go together. I also get the impression that whoever came up with the ideas had not actually gone to site, but did it via google street view. It reads like a bunch of unrelated first year planning students submitting assignments and you just putting them all together.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Why do we need a Vision. We are not an agile work team or anything.

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**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Let a community form its own guiding principles. We don't need to be told what our principles are.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**No,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
Why would you increase density in a town with already struggling infrastructure of a few thousand residents surrounded by flat land not particularly ideal for farming.

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes**

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**Yes,**

If yes, which other routes?:  
Safe cycle/walking path just to South Featherston from Featherston. Especially for children. Nothing overboard, just a rough path along side the road or something.

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**No,**

Do you have any comments?:  
Don't see any need to do that and disrupt existing businesses, plenty of other land available. Could do mixed perhaps.

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

Once something has gone from commercial to residential you can loose business spaces forever. Want to encourage more commercial and industrial in town rather than less.

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Don't direct traffic down Bell St. Intersection with main road is not appropriate, you are passing Anzac Hall, a school and an early learning centre, all often busy around the time the train leaves. If anything direct traffic down Wakefield and put a roundabout at Wakefield/Fitzherbert where the stupid 5 way intersection is now.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

A sign and path should do the trick

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

Not in support. Sounds like its just a cost cutting exercise due to unrealistic compliance requirements for rural rail lines.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

I think its stupid

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Trees to make the existing footpaths bumpy and dig into already fragile pipes doesn't seem a great idea. Who is going to pay for maintaining and replacing them when they are clipped by trucks?

Its a state highway, why would we want to slow it more?

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Silly idea. Intersections are not aligned properly and involves sending traffic past schools and day cares. Get at least one proper intersection onto SH2 with a roundabout and use that. Wakefield/Fitzherbert would be the obvious spot.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

The Fox/Birdwood intersection is already where the crossing should be, not half way up the road. No point raising it as its a quiet road already.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Shared spaces don't work. Make it a road or a pedestrian area, not both.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Can't actually see anything in the plan which is not already there in some form.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Focus on core services, let the community decide its own future. Don't need more vanity projects.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Actually look at traffic flow of people, cars and bikes and the layout of intersections before coming up with a plan.

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# #20

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## Q1

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## Q2

Yes (in person)

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Yes. Provision for parking along Fitzherbert Street in the commercial/industrial zoned areas

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Given Featherston is indeed the gateway to the Wairarapa, this should also be acknowledged in our vision

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**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes**

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
In general I support the overall plan, however I am strongly of the view that proposed changes to SH2 commercial/industrial zone will have the opposite effect and outcomes to those envisaged by the plan

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
While being an important part of our local tourism scene, in order to service that opportunity the local businesses need basic infrastructure to be fit for purpose.

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**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No**

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

This is prime SH2 exposure. Highest and best use is not residential, as is the case on any State Highway. Rezoning will do nothing to encourage through traffic to stop and support local enterprise. If the town was constrained in terms of space for residential growth I would reconsider, however that is clearly not the case, there are plenty of greenfield sites for residential development

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

Mixed use will incur a greater level of pressure on available parking that is so essential to businesses operating in this area. The opportunity for reverse sensitivity issues to cause significant disruption and ultimately a potential for loss in value is high.

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

I may have missed it but there doesn't appear to be any mention of repaving the entire commercial/industrial zone on SH2, Fitzherbert St. The current state of our most used and visible paving is a disgrace and certainly adds to a generally rundown view

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No

**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Provision for more short term parking to support local businesses

**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

Removing vital carparks from an area where these are already at a premium will materially impact local businesses

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

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Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Per previous comments, these improvement will materially impact businesses in this area. Given the complex nature of the SH intersection, planting trees, while desirable, may impede sightlines.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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Respondent skipped this question

**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Respondent skipped this question

Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

No,

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

I'd like to see the implementation plan mapped against SWDC's infrastructure upgrade plans. For example, Its pointless providing for growth, greensapce upgrades when the current infrastructure is lacking. Also, with the whole space around three waters up for reworking, implemeantion planning should not be fianlised until this most basic of infrastuctre is addressed.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Respondent skipped this question

# #21

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## Q1

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## Q2

Yes (in person)

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

The Negative impact that the closure of Railway Crossings will have on Traffic Flow, Response of Emergency Services and Volunteers who respond to emergency Incidents.

The impact Flooding and increased density of traffic in Fitzherbert Street will have on through traffics ability to stop and use shops in the main street.

The lack of any Research that provides data that shows proposed changes will attract new businesses to the main street of featherston and provide development opportunities for increased retail businesses.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring,**

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:

While Vision 1 may reflect the desire to have a thriving community which should be an objective long term However the main street in no way reflects a thriving community. For this reason I believe Vision 2 which is short and reflects more of the current environment is the best Vision Statement. Given the Council has no idea of costs associated with the implementation of many of the features proposed it is incredibly difficult to support ideas that would result in increased rates or be unlikely to be achieved because of the limitations placed on the Council because of State Highway or Railways constraints.

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:

I do not support the six guiding principles as they do not focus equitable on all nationalities who are resident in Featherston or the infrastructural needs associated with town and population growth.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**No,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

We need to retain parking in the main street to support through traffic stopping at shops and amenities. The streets in the town are adequate for walking and cycling without the need for dedicated lanes that narrow roads and often lead to greater risks for drivers.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

The town would be better served by providing increased accommodation for visitors who might enjoy what we currently have.



**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:

Reliability of Train and Bus Services to and from Featherston to all Wairarapa destinations and tourist visitors from Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu. Development of Air Transport Services to attract top end tourists.

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

We need improved industrial zoned land for the development of small businesses to provide greater employment opportunities in featherston.

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

We need more employment to attract more residents so I see making it mixed use counter productive.

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Clearly comments made by representatives at consultation events indicate that KiwiRail have no interest in working with the community and nor do Waka Kotahi. Its a case of its our way or no way and our weak Council appear to have no interest in fighting for what residents or business owners want or need to thrive. The median strip recently installed by KiwiRail / Waka Kotahi is already causing problems with access to existing parking and dangerous manoeuvres are being taken by drivers that place cyclists and pedestrians at greater risk. Unnecessarily making Daniel Street one way is another example of changing the flow of traffic without evidence that supports the impact of the change.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

This should only be done when owner residents have all agreed on having such a precinct. It changes the potential sale values and cost associated with property development. The town already has a number of derelict buildings that are an eyesaw on the towns vibrancy.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

No we should just be supportive of those who purchase properties to keep building well maintained.

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Eradication in the heavy rain flooding in all areas of the town by the provision of adequate storm water drainage or water catchments or diversion.

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**Q15**

No

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

If its good enough to allow pedestrians and cyclist across the railway crossing why is it not OK for vehicles. This is such a dumb idea that will cause significant delay in response of volunteers and emergency service vehicles that may result in greater loss of life and property.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

The restrictive intersection plan will once again reduce parking for through traffic and damage businesses in the town. It will also impact large vehicle movements. While a better flow option might be a large roundabout this also will impact parking and business.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Fox street is currently capable of handling large volumes of traffic and this proposed change is nothing short of ridiculous waste of money and an increase in maintenance cost that will be borne by ratepayers.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

Hickson and Bell Street have the ANZAC hall, the Empire Hotel and St Teresa's School in that vicinity and the streets are narrower than Fox and Johnston Streets. I think it is completely nuts to make such a change.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

The historical Heart of Featherston is reflected by the existence of the War Memorial and the Bronze Fins, the RSA facility and this plan appears to make access for the elderly and conducting ANZAC ceremonies extremely more challenging. The limitation of parking space for use of the public toilets and Children's Playgrounds will be problematic.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Recent problems with closure for ANZAC ceremonies indicate this might be useful but may also prevent the elderly from participating.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

The management of current tress in the town indicate having additional tress would be a problem particularly given Featherston's strong wind tendencies.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

The work together plans to date have been totally disastrous. Once again Big Brother agencies appear to want to hold all the cards with little or no consideration of the need to produce cost effective changes and completion of all services improvement.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Total lack of interest by Council in improvement of town flooding issues. Poor inspection of contractors workmanship that leads to tripping hazards and sand build up on road to footpath ramps making it hazardous for pedestrians, mobility scooters and cyclists.

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# #22

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Protect the culture and history of our town.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Vision 2 – Featherston- Resilient, Creative, Caring

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Q5**

Yes

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

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**Q6**

Yes

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
I would like to see a different plan for creating the cycle/pedestrian path through Daniell Street, allowing the street to stay 2 ways, with car parking. The carparking along there is well used, both by locals for accessing the vege market, pharmacy, baker etc, as well as by visitors. I remember as a child doing day trips to the Wairarapa and we ALWAYS stopped and parked on Daniell Street and had a break at those picnic tables. I believe keeping it 2 way is better for traffic flow and residence, as those living on Fox Street near the rail crossing that is to be closed would have to make quite a big loop if they wanted to head out towards the Remutaka Hill. I believe changing this to 1 way would also have a negative impact for our volunteer firefighters getting TO the station. We have a lot of firefighters come down Daniell Street to get to the station. I would like to see our volunteer firefighters personally consulted with on this plan as they are integral to our community.

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**Q8**

No

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:  
I think it makes sense to add more housing there and have all the shops together at the other end of town.

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

So long as there are shop fronts and the housing is behind/above.

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Yes (g) I think it would be fantastic if we could have a walkway through from the medical centre to the pharmacy.

I would like to also see discussion on improving the use of Clifford Sq, my suggestioni would be to plant more trees (maybe fruit trees to provide for our community) and create a kids road.

I would like to see a pedestrian crossing on the main road at the pharmacy end of town and two crossings on Fox Street. One from the public toilets/playground to the triangle green space and the other from Clifford Sq to the skatepark, this in combination with the shared road space down Birdwood St would create a more accesible connected area. I love the look of all the angled car parking down Fox Street, this will aid in safety for kids near the skatepark as it won't butt up straight to the road, there's a buffer of carparking between the park and the street.

I love the plan to keep the wide footpaths down the main street, this is beneficial to families and those needing mobility devices.

I am all for adding more trees everywhere, however do not want to lose car parking in doing so. We also need to be thoughtful in what trees we plant so that their roots do not cause issues for our waterways or pull up the road.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

I would like to see our heritage being safekept without causing major differences to our residence already owning these homes. I suggest a simple ruling that the facade needs to be maintained.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

I do not support the closing of the Fox street level crossing.  
I would like to see Kiwi Rails explanation for doing so.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

I do not support the closing of the Fox street level crossing. I would like to see Kiwi Rails explanation for doing so.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

I believe we need to keep as much main street parking as we can to help our businesses. I am all for slowing traffic down the main street and adding trees.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Disagree with making Daniell Street oneway. Reasons have been given earlier in my submission. Adding trees to the existing green space would be great.

I would like to see Fox street level crossing remain open to vehicles. If it is closed, why gated access for pedestrians and cyclists? This would be a pain when cycling. I would rather the pedestrian/cyclist access be open for usability, not gated.

I think adding shelter to the shared path to the train station is a great idea as summers are becoming far too hot to be out in the sun in the middle of the day.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

This will increase traffic past St Theresa's primary school, increasing risk for our tamariki (children).

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I think it makes sense to create the shared space on Birdwood Street, this will help connect the playground/Clifford Sq/Skatepark and make it safer for our families and tamariki moving between these areas.

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**Q21**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

For the majority yes, I would however make a couple of adjustments. Project 1; d. next Project 2; a. now (for the pedestrian crossing and slowing of traffic), d. next Project 3; a. next or later, I would prioritize footpath/cycleway/parking on Johnston St by the Sports Hub

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

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**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
No

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**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**No,**  
Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
No

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**No,**  
Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
The overall strategy is understandable but as an organisation that will be significantly impacted by a number of the proposals it is difficult to support

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**Yes**

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**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No**

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

**Yes**

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

**No**

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

We have significant concerns in relation to some of these proposals.

The Fox Street rail crossing is a major access route for firefighters turning out to firecalls. This alongside narrowing the section of Daniell St alongside the police station is going to have a major impact on the time it takes for our firefighters to arrive at the fire station and then for the fire engine to attend to a firecall, we deal with a lot of life and death type emergencies where every second counts. Our preference would be for the Bell St crossing to be closed, as this crossing is used a lot less than the Fox St crossing and would have less impact on our organisation. The intersection of Bell St and Birdwood St already has a high number of motor vehicle accidents, so increasing the traffic flow through this area is likely to result in an increase in accidents.

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Yes

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

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**Q13**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Respondent skipped this question

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

The closure of the Fox St level crossing will have significant impact on our organisation and the time it takes for us to turn out to an emergency. Redirecting traffic along Bell St will see increased traffic past our early childhood centre and a primary school, and the intersection of Birdwood and Bell St is already notorious for motor vehicle collisions even with Stop signs in place.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

The closure of the Fox St level crossing will have significant impact on our organisation and the time it takes for us to turn out in an emergency. A large number of our volunteers live on the other side of the crossing, so anytime there is an emergency you would be directing our members past the primary school and playground, at reduced speeds, having an impact on how quickly we can turn out to an emergency.

There are a number of hazards along Bell St already, including the intersection with Birdwood St, and increasing traffic flow along this road will be dangerous. We highly recommend closing the Bell St crossing instead.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

We would only support the new tree planting if the trees were properly maintained and kept tidy in appearance. Recent decisions by Council have resulted in very untidy looking streets with weeds growing everywhere.

The intersection of Wakefield/SH2/Bethune/Revans St is a busy intersection already so adding a pedestrian crossing in this area is dangerous. I don't understand why it is necessary to provide for cyclists at pedestrian crossings, this seems like unnecessary expense when the cyclists can walk their bikes across the road.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Creating a one way street along part of Daniell St will impact our turn out times. Again I welcome trees if they are properly taken care of. Strongly disagree with closing fox street level crossing to traffic.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

It's dangerous, directing traffic past an early childhood centre and primary school is a ridiculous idea.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I would like to know how you expect our volunteers to turn out to the fire station, as it seems that everywhere I look there is a space that is closed off/slowed down or shared, meaning that we would have to essentially drive around the outside of the town to get to the fire station, there are no direct routes. This is a major concern.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Spaces should not be closed without ensuring that there is sufficient access for our volunteers.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

More trees? Again, only if they are properly maintained

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

Not if it's being funded by rates.

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

In summary, the plan is effectively cutting off the volunteers from the fire station and creating a dangerous situation. I wonder if there was any thought put into what services were located within the areas marked for improvement? It appears we were not considered at all.

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# #24

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## Q1

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## Q2

No

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Providing cycle stands throughout town.  
Increased number of EV chargers.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
Add in: 7. Support all whanau to thrive 8. Support local businesses to thrive.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

I'd be interested in knowing more about the concept of a Booktown Precinct.

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

No,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:

Nice to have, but not a priority. Most people would go that distance by car.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:

A safer cycle way on Underhill Rd - both at Featherston end and Greytown end.

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Better sign posting, better lighting and more welcoming.

Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

Not sure. Up to residents whose houses are affected. So long as historic public building are preserved and maintained, I don't see a need to spend money on a study to preserve private dwellings.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Respondent skipped this question

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Better sign-posting; better lighting; more welcoming

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

Yes to the Fitzherbert St and Bell St crossings. I'll leave the Fox St crossing to residents and Fire Service who will be most affected. 13.1 e - stretching the slow speed zone in Fitzherbert St to Hickson St is a good idea. 13.2c - While I support the beautification of Birdwood St where it connects the Playground to the Cross Creek Railway, I am concerned it could have a negative effect on my customers' ability to access my business. I understand the 'shared zone' will be for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, at a slow speed. It is important that vehicular traffic has continued access from Fitzherbert St through Birdwood St to the parking area outside my shop in Clifford Square, the toilets and ANZAC Hall.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Up to the Fire Service.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17** Respondent skipped this question

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

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**Q18** Respondent skipped this question

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

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**Q19**  
Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

This is a frustrating route - (and not likely to be helpful for my business in Clifford Square).

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**Q20**  
Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

Correction for plan: Birdwood Street stops at Fitzherbert St. South of Fitzherbert it is Lyon Street.  
14.4f Angle parking in Fox St is not suited to the articulated trucks, cars with bike trailers etc that stop to use the toilets and could be dangerous.  
14.4g The paper road beside the toilets is a welcome first stop for visitors coming over the Remutaka Hill. People and pets stretch their legs, and it's the main access to the Joy Cowley Playground, and must be kept as a grassy area with no traffic.

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**Q21**  
Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

What is proposed for the Booktown Precinct?

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**Q22** Respondent skipped this question

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23** Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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Page 9: Final Feedback



**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Importance of catering to cyclists with bike stands so they can go to market, cafes, shops.

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# #25

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## Q1

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## Q2

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

No

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

5.1b - 'Community Identity' has not yet been defined by council or community. An opportunity for engagement around this would be beneficial. This clause could instead say 'Engage with community to acknowledge and build community identity...'

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
I cannot see any differentiation between the two - they are inextricably linked and woven into each other.

**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past "Ka mua, ka muri" acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
In general, there needs to be a transparent way of demonstrating successful outcomes. We need to mitigate and avoid 'lip service' or box ticking. How is caring for each other supported and measured by Council? 4. 'Support Māori to thrive' - how is this measured?

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
I think the plan is good. Just needs a bit more engagement or tweaking. For example, Why do Green Spaces need to be areas of mowed grass that need constant maintenance? Can a green space also be a 'halo' of native trees that people can walk through/ under? Personally I prefer the latter; build bio-diversity, encouraging native birdlife and good for water retention. <https://vimeo.com/815921591?share=copy>

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
The cycle trail looks excellent.

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

No

**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:  
Yes as long as Council ensure that adequate infrastructure is in place BEFORE construction starts. We all know that our water pipes are leaking and stormwater is getting into our sewerage pipes, increasing volume. Waterpipes and sewerage pipes need to be TOP PRIORITY.

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

I support the walkway from shops to train station; especially the planting of the green space from Fox St along Johnson Street. I do not support money spent on fitness equipment or basketball court - we already have a stadium for exercise. Regarding our town centre, I know that retail businesses really struggle in this transient 'gateway' town. For this reason, I would caution support for investing in 'traditional' retail business and leave the door open for more innovative business e.g. eco-tourism, adventure tourism, innovative vertical food production etc. Retail need support in getting travellers to stop in Featherston. Here is a map demonstrating potential tourism ideas around Featherston.

<https://maphub.net/kutia1/paetumokai>

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Page 5: Heritage Precinct (Section 12)

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

There has been minimal consultation on the definitions, benefits and disadvantages of a 'Heritage' precinct. For example I know somebody who bought a property in the existing Heritage Zone and because of this legislation, she can only paint her build certain heritage (colonial) colours.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

Otauirā Reserve is named after a Māori Cheiftainess - Hinetauirā, the sister of Te Rerewa; a Rangitāne Chief who lived around circa 1600's. As such, this reserve should be better maintained by council or gifted to local mana whenua to develop as physical gateway to the Wairarapa including local histories and significant sites. Funds could be raised to build a Whare where tourists can see Wairarapa Moana from SH2 and also read about the histories (Māori and Pakeha). Here is a vimeo link to a 3D Draft idea for Otauirā Reserve.

<https://vimeo.com/439804203/38c6a7b384?share=copy>

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

No. I think the current suggestions are very good.

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**Q15**

Yes

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

As long as this proposal doesn't affect or delay Fire Fighters from getting up to the western side of town.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Can we PLEASE have native trees planted along Fitzherbert street whose roots wont affect the roading. Maybe an appropriate vessel designed to contain the trees - not like the horrible looking plantings down Harrison East!

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

No.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

I think this is a good compromise to ensure that the park areas are safer.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

Long term I would like to propose that Clifford Square land be zoned and developed with more elderly residents built. It has been forecast that our elderly population will grow to 30% in th enext few decades. However we have very few homes for our elderly to move into and many have to leave Featherston and move to Masterton or Carterton.

Potentially make Clifford Square a Council managed Retirement village and move the Cross Creek railway over to the Fell museum- attracting more people to our museums. The 'Campervan area behind the library could be better utilised as campervans have options at Bucks Rd and the lake.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

No

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

More trees. An avenue of Sculpture and artworks. No Exercise equipment.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Yes

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Thank you for your hard work. I would be happy to come and speak to some of these idea's if you would like further korero. Kia ora!

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# #26

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## Q1

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## Q2

Yes (in person)

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

I think the overarching challenges and opportunities are fine though my personal focus would be on affordable living, not losing the small town identity and ensuring the main street looks nicer and feels more connected.

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

**Q4**

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

**Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other**

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?:  
Seems fine

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**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?:  
I would add the need to be transparent and work together

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

**Yes,**

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:  
I think the wording is confusing here, what is the difference between the overall Masterplan Strategy and the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan? I support the overall strategy of the Featherston Masterplan (increased cycle paths, increased affordable houses, better looking main street etc) but I do not support all the ways currently stated in the Featherston Masterplan to achieve those goals.

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**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

**No,**

Do you have any comments about the connections?:  
I think the increased pedestrian and cycle connections are a great idea, but I do not think they are a priority.

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**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

**No,**

If yes, which other routes?:  
I'm no expert on cycle trails but I think a cycle connection to Wairarapa Moana, Greytown and Martinborough are good ideas. If financially viable as a low-priority, long-term goal and the trails marked in the Featherston Masterplan are the best way to do it, I'm all for those routes.

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

I'm not sure how rezoning this area to residential will assist with providing a more compact footprint of the town centre area? Because there will be more dense buildings there rather than what is there currently? How will this be any different in people recognizing where the town centre starts than what is there now? I don't think people get confused currently and if you add the welcome features stated in the Featherston Masterplan I don't think rezoning is necessary. That being said, I'm not against rezoning it to increase housing closer to the town centre, I think that would generally be a positive change, I just think the stated reasons in the Featherston Masterplan don't really make sense.

**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

I think this is a great idea, but I would ask how this affects the current heritage precinct/area along the main street. As a business (co)owner in Featherston inside the heritage area, the heritage area gets in the way of improvements being made for what I understand to be little to no benefit. I was told by a councillor that heritage areas mean that you have to apply for consent to change various aspects of your building but don't have any rules on maintaining the buildings to any kind of standard, which to me is ludicrous and defeats the whole point of having heritage areas. If you don't need to maintain the heritage buildings and can just allow them to rot and turn to ruins, as is the case with several buildings along the main street, why have a heritage area at all? So if this rezoning removes the current heritage area, that solves a lot of problems and I am all for it.

**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

Not sure what is meant in a practical sense with point a, but I agree that having a more condensed town centre is a good idea.

With point g, I would add vehicle linkages between the Community/Medical Centres and Fitzherbert street and not just pedestrians/cyclists. The space is big enough to allow it from what I can see.

I agree with point k but I disagree it needs to be one-way, again I think the space allows for a good pedestrian and cycle path while also allowing two-way traffic.

**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

No,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

I think the current laws around heritage areas as I understand them (and have been told) are not fit for purpose and this change would put unnecessary stress and burdens on the people that will end up in the heritage precinct.

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

No

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

I think a lot of the "upgrades" mentioned shouldn't happen but besides that the only other upgrade I can think of is to just have as much parking as possible along the main street.

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

No,

Do you have any comments?:

I support the upgrade to the Bell Street level crossing unless it is like the "upgrade" done on the main street level crossing by the pharmacy, creating dangerous situations and killing businesses there due to the inability to get into the parking area outside the pharmacy. I do not support the closing of the Fox Street level crossing. I think in general these "upgrades" are trying to fix problems which do not exist.

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**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

I think this is a dangerous, stupid and unnecessary idea. For one it would add a lot of time in the response of emergency vehicles from Fox Street heading west. I also disagree that closing this crossing will help very much at all with supporting the proposed upgrades to the town heart. I think there is enough space on Daniell Street to have a two-way street with a wide path for pedestrians and cyclists as well. If that means slightly less green space next to the pedestrian path, then so be it. It is worth it for the increased access to emergency and civilian vehicles. I understand the closing of this level crossing is a Kiwi Rail decision but I would expect the council to push against it as much as they can.

I would rather none of the crossings close but if any crossing HAS to be closed to vehicles it should be the Bell Street one. Limiting vehicles going down the street that has the school on it makes more sense from a "safety" perspective than closing the Fox Street crossing. I don't think this should happen either because it would once again really hinder access to the school and the Church there as well as the Anzac Hall but if you want to have a safety reason, there is a better one on Bell Street.

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Very much against point b, and my reasoning for this is as follows and I will probably come back to again in later questions. We have to come to terms with the fact that we are a drive-through town. We are not known as a destination to stop and shop in. From my experience having a business in Featherston and this view is shared by all the business owners I have spoken to, a good 60-80% of our customers come from someone being on their way somewhere else, seeing our shop/signage and making an impulse decision to stop and come into our shop. They can and do only do this when there is convenient parking right outside the shop they want to visit. By cutting down the amount of parking on any part of the main street you are directly cutting down the chances someone will stop and spend money in Featherston.

I don't agree with point c, I think trees look nice and are nice to walk through and under, I just don't agree that they should be put on the actual footpaths along the main road. This will limit visibility to store fronts, limit visibility to pedestrians and vehicles, and add unnecessary set-up and maintenance costs. From conversations I had with one of the councillors/community board members they had lots of feedback about planting trees along the pedestrian paths because it looks nice and the comment "like Greytown has" was thrown in. Greytown doesn't have trees planted on the road side of the pedestrian paths anywhere along the main street. Some business do have some trees on their property, like the White Swan, but there are no trees planted like they are shown in the Featherston Masterplan. And with all of the proposed raised pedestrian crossings I don't think it is then necessary to use trees to "visually narrow the road".

I agree with all other points.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

I do not agree with point a, as mentioned previously, the connections that Daniell Street offers are too important to restrict to one-way only. I think (and it shows on the plan) that there is enough room for a two-way street (perhaps without on-street parking) AND a wide pedestrian/cycle path with green space and other beautification.

Very much agree with c, if this much work is being put into upgrading the path(s) from the station to the town centre, the way to go needs to be so blindingly obvious that a toddler could follow it alone.

For point f see my answer to question 14

I agree with all other points.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

I feel it is an unnecessary change that should not happen.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

I think these are mostly positive upgrades, though I think some of the green spaces here could be developed into more retail buildings/alternate opportunities because a big part of why the town centre feels so disjointed is that there is a big chunk of the town centre to the west, then lots of massive open spaces so people don't realize there are more shops to the west, in what is labelled in the Masterplan as "Main Street East End and Booktown Precint". So having more retail space here would show people that the shops continue on a little further. I also think there should be a road added to connect Fox Street to the parking at Chicken & Frog/the playground to allow more obvious and convenient access.

I agree with all other points.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Very much in favour of these changes. Make it a more obvious part of the town centre and the pedestrian crossing addition would be excellent though I notice the east side lacks welcome features as mentioned for the west side. I would add prominent welcome features here as well to really mark the start of the town centre.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

I agree with these changes. Make it as nice as possible path to walk with lots of grass, trees, other vegetation, seating and art/sculptures by local artists. But I once again reiterate that the way to/from the town centre/train station should be extremely obvious. Clear signage, perhaps a coloured line on the ground to follow, fences etc.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

I agree with the general timescales for the work that needs to be done when that work has gone through consultation and has been finalized. For me the main priorities are the upgrades to the main street and the linkage between the station and the town centre. So the pedestrian crossings, welcome signage, change of the low speed zone, providing as much parking as possible along the main street etc would be my priority. There seems to be no mention of cycle paths in this Implementation Plan, am I missing something? Also, the Implementation Plan mentions Fox Street in the "Booktown Precinct" being one-way traffic for most of the year, it doesn't mention this when talking about this area in the Masterplan. Which way would it be one-way? Does it need to be one-way to accommodate the shared path/diagonal parking?

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Page 9: Final Feedback

**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

I think in general these are positive steps for the improvement of Featherston. I think the main issues that detract from Featherston are the disjointed nature of the town centre that could be improved by adding more retail opportunities as well as the overall relatively shoddy footpaths. I think adding trees where it makes sense to add trees (not along the whole main street, but perhaps where there are green spaces and along the proposed path to/from the station) is a good idea. Increased parking both on the main road and on Fox Street is a positive change.

Overall I am positive about the changes and hope that the entirety of the council can continue to be transparent and open and be humble enough to listen to feedback and own their mistakes.

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# #27

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## Q1

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## Q2

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing? Hearing date to be confirmed. We will contact you.

Yes (in person)

Page 2: Challenges and Opportunities (Section 5)

## Q3

Question 1: Are there key challenges and opportunities that you think we have missed?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 3: Vision and Guiding principles (Section 10)

## Q4

Question 2: Which Vision do you support?

Vision 1 – Featherston- A thriving community of workers, families and creatives all supporting each other



**Q5**

Question 3: Do you support the Six Guiding Principles? 1. Honouring the past “Ka mua, ka muri” acknowledging the past to move forward 2. Comfortable with being ourselves and caring for each other 3. Involve mana whenua in all our work 4. Support whanau Māori to thrive 5. Caring about our physical and natural environment 6. Doing what we can, being solution focused.

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?: Principle 6 'Doing what we can, being solution focused' while I support being solution focused, a masterplan inherently needs to be aspirational, this is supported by the vision, the spatial plan and other outcomes identified within the plan document. I suggest alteration of the wording of this principle to ensure it does not limit the aspiration (in the long term) of the masterplan. Of particular concern is the tendency for masterplans to be updated rather than replaced over time. This wording could potentially stick with Featherston as a community long past the intended time horizon of this plan document.

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**Q6**

Question 4: Do you support the overall Masterplan Strategy (including the Featherston Masterplan Strategy Plan)?

Yes,

No,

Do you have any comments on the overall Masterplan Strategy?:

The general principles of the plan are sound, however there are some disconnects spatially that are created through this strategy. The town centre heart is critical to connect to the walkway to the train station hub and sports grounds. Much of the justification and driver for increased density both of residential but also of activity for retail and commercial is predicated on the connection to and availability of this transport node. Making more of this link is crucial to the spatial framework for the town centre and the integration with the surrounding medium density residential areas

**Q7**

Question 5: Do you agree with prioritising the pedestrian and cycle connections to Wairarapa Moana?

Yes

**Q8**

Question 6: Do you think any other connection routes should be prioritised?

Yes,

If yes, which other routes?:

As mentioned in the feedback above, the primary connection route needs to be with the connection to the rail station into the heart of the town centre. While the town centre is inherently a longer linear space due to the co-location with SH2, the identification of the heart will centralise and focus investment and therefore activity into this space. An offset connection here could compromise both the walkway and the heart concept for the town

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**Q9**

Question 7: Do you agree that the existing industrial land to the west of Bethune Street/Wakefield Street should be rezoned residential?

Yes

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**Q10**

Question 8: Do you support the rezoning of land along SH2, from Bethune Street/Wakefield Street to Wallace Street/Hickson Street, from industrial and commercial zoned land to mixed use?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

Yes, consolidation of mixed use zoning along the SH2 corridor without industrial zoning is a positive for encouraging a continuity of activity along this key route. The movement corridor also provides good opportunity for mixed buildings that encourage residential towards the centre of the town

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**Q11**

Question 9: Do you have any feedback on the suggested key features in the town centre and train station in 11.9?

point M - need to increase lighting along this route to improve CPTED concerns of this route. current conditions are perceived as unsafe at night. consideration needs to be made regarding the pinch point between the open space and the access to the train station in terms of lighting, access, quality of environment, interface with residential properties (particularly at time of redevelopment) and other relevant CPTED concerns arising from this environment.

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**Q12**

Question 10: Do you support the proposed historic heritage precinct? (Subject to a detailed study into its values and boundaries which will likely restrict development within that area).

Yes,

Do you have any comments about the proposed heritage precinct?:

Just to note the slight disconnect between the location of this heritage precinct and the role it plays in regards to the open space walkway connection. While I acknowledge the location of heritage assets in this area it necessitates additional design work and consideration to the open space design in order to achieve an activated, overlooked space. In other areas this could be achieved through the design of the building interface onto the street and park across the road. In this circumstance significant additional work will be involved in creating an acceptable outcome in this location

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**Q13**

Question 11: Are there other areas which you believe should be identified as a heritage precinct?

no

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Page 6: Revitalised Main Street (Section 13)

**Q14**

Question 12: Are there other upgrades that you think should be included in the main street and for the linkages to the train station and sports hub?

Connection of the proposed shared surface area connection to the town heart and the walkway connecting to the train station. There is an issue regarding hierarchy of these spaces and connections. In the current master plan both connections do not terminate logically or legibly. Achieving a spatial connection between these links may mitigate the disconnect between the major focal points of the town (town heart and rail station). However the identification of the town heart to encompass the entrance to the rail walkway would be preferable.

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**Q15**

Question 13: Do you support the changes which are proposed to the level crossings?

Yes,

Do you have any comments?:

as in previous answer, further information is required about the impact of proposed closures of crossings on wider traffic network. In principle the retention of pedestrian access across any closed vehicular crossings will be key to maintaining a legible and connected pedestrian network within the town.

**Q16**

Question 14: Do you have any feedback on the closing of the Fox Street level crossing to traffic (remaining open to pedestrians and cyclists)?

Has this been tested by a traffic engineer and planner to confirm the alternate routes that are likely to be used? additional 'rat-running' is likely beyond the identified route, and a Traffic Impact Assessment of all changes should be made to confirm the impacts on the wider network and intersections around the town. I fully support the crossing remaining open to pedestrians. As a side observation, have FENZ been approached in regards to access and the alteration of

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Page 7: Draft Concept Design (Section 14)

**Q17**

Question 15: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.2?

Fully support pedestrian connections across SH2. Currently the highway poses a physical and perceptual barrier across the centre of the town, particularly towards either end. Introduction of logically and closely spaced pedestrian infrastructure to enable crossing would go a long way towards re-integrate the two sides of town.

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**Q18**

Question 16: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.3?

Feedback provided above. Key points regarding consideration of the design of the pathway and associated open spaces given the constraints of the heritage precinct restricting effective building/public realm interfaces in the future. Consideration must be made to CPTED principles in regards to the walkway space. The master plan identifies lighting, however further consideration needs to be made in regards to interface with private property, rail line barriers (in consultation with Kiwi Rail) and other methods of introducing activity within the space.

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**Q19**

Question 17: How do you feel about traffic having to use Hickson Street and Bell Street to drive to the Train Station, rather than Fox Street and Johnston Street?

I question whether this assertion is based on evidence from a TIA produced as part of the master plan process. Signage of routes does not necessarily influence drivers behavior. While I am not a traffic planner or engineer, from my professional experience I question whether the impacts would be wider than stated within the master plan document.

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**Q20**

Question 18: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.4?

The proposed upgrade works in this area will create several spaces that are largely disconnected. Has consideration been made to the dilution of activity that could be caused by the introduction of multiple spaces within the town? I support the indicated uses for the spaces, however further work needs to be done in terms of the activation of these spaces, particularly the intention of the surrounding buildings.

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**Q21**

Question 19: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.5?

Related to the point above and the upgrade to the walkway links, this shared space lacks legible termination. This will read as a higher hierarchy of a space and connection than the (in my professional opinion) more important connection to the railway station. Connection of these in a legible fashion will be key to addressing wayfinding and linking of activity within the town centre.

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**Q22**

Question 20: Do you have any feedback on the suggested upgrades in 14.6?

Indicative landscape design for the area needs to be further progressed by a suitable professional in order to create a lasting (and therefore value for money) space that will achieve the desired amenity outcomes. Additionally, as in other answers within my submission, consideration of CPTED, building interface, future development potential, rail corridor requirements need to be further developed.

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Page 8: Implementation Plan (Section 15)

**Q23**

Question 21: Do you agree with the priorities and timescales set out in the Implementation Plan?

No,

Do you have any comments about the Implementation Plan?:

A opportunity has been missed for integration of this plan with the introduction of the combined district plan. In particular the introduction of medium density zoning is not picked up in the district plan zoning. I have made a separate submission on this issue as part of the plan change process, with the hearing yet to be held. Integration of the train station is key to the justification and activation of all other initiatives, therefore should be identified as the priority project. Creating this link will be key to realizing other opportunities. Additionally, the town heart project, as I have commented previously in its current form is compromised due to the lack of connection to the rail and associated development potential. As such this issue should be addressed prior to the introduction of this project.

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**Q24**

Question 22: Do you have any other feedback on the overall Draft Masterplan which have not been captured by your previous answers?

Regarding consultation throughout the project, I have attempted to be in touch with council regarding the master plan development several times over the last few months since moving to Featherston at the beginning of 2023. My attempts at contact have not been successful. In particular I followed direction on the council website to be notified of consultation, of which I received an email saying I had been put on a mailing list. I have received no further correspondence since then. I subsequently followed up at an event at the market and left my contact details with a verbal assertion from the officers involved that I would be added to the mailing list regarding further events, however have also not received anything further. Apart from my interest as a resident of Featherston, I also have an interest from a professional stand point. I am a senior urban designer with experience in New Zealand, the UK, Africa and the Middle East, specialising in spatial planning and large scale integrated masterplanning. I returned recently from London, where I worked for a large multi-national consulting firm, and I am currently working with McIndoe Urban based in Wellington. I am involved with projects for council's around the country, consulting on both spatial and master planning, and providing advice and design review services to strategic planning and resource consenting teams. As such I have been interested in being involved with the consultation process and development of the master plan, however due to the lack of contact, this has not been possible. I have indicated that I would like the opportunity to present at the hearing for the master plan where I would like to present, from a professional stand point, in more detail regarding the feedback covered in this submission.

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