CONCEPT PLAN

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town centre upgrade

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"Revitalising streets for walking, gathering and shopping is perhaps the most direct example of how placemaking can benefit a city or town economically"

How to Turn a Place Around – A Handbook for creating successful public spaces. Projects for Public Spaces.

Securing a thriving future for Warkworth

With increasing retail competition in surrounding areas, Warkworth town centre needs to capture and hold the attention of locals and visitors to ensure its ongoing social and economic success. A gateway to the burgeoning rural and coastal areas, Warkworth has an opportunity to create a thriving niche in the north Rodney area by building on its history, location and character.

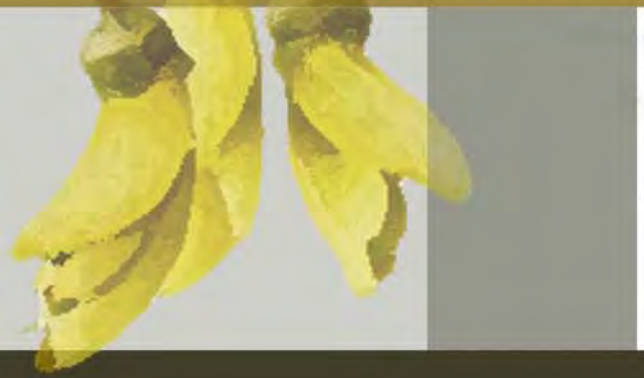
To continue to prosper Warkworth town centre must become the destination of choice.

The Warkworth Town Centre Upgrade aims to recognise and reveal the potential and character of Warkworth by:

- improving the public space through paving upgrades, street tree planting and street furniture placement.
- improving pedestrian connections within the town centre.
- improving connections to the riverfront.
- creating an environment that encourages locals and visitors to return for the pleasant experience and setting.

We would like your thoughts on the ideas and options presented. The council welcomes written feedback on the concept plans until Friday, June 6, 2008.

For Further information please phone 0800 426 5169.



Town Square Queen Street looking east

Queen Street looking west outside ASB

Corner Neville & Queen Street looking west

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GATEWAYS

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Queen/Mill/Elizabeth Street

Issues
1) Large sweeping radius to corner, encourages higher speed travel.
2) Width of carriageway makes for long pedestrian crossing distance.
3) Traffic and pedestrian movements compromised by complexity of intersection.
4) Lack of connection to river at significant town entry point.

Proposals
1) Reduce corner radius to slow traffic movement, improves pedestrian visibility
2) Provide clearly defined crossings with raised table.
3) Alter the traffic priority and enhance entry point to Queen St from Elizabeth St.
4) Improve public space through widening footpath and creating pedestrian viewing and connection to river.

Neville/Queen Street

Issues
1) Large sweeping radius to corner, encourages higher speed travel.
2) Width of carriageway makes for long pedestrian crossing distance.
3) Lack of clear pedestrian crossings.
4) Traffic movements compromised by complexity of intersection.

Proposals
1) Reduce corner radius to slow traffic movement, improves pedestrian visibility.
2) Increase pedestrian footpath width through removal of parking around corner.
3) Provide clearly defined crossings with raised table.
4) Replace information centre carpark with a public plaza to improve connections to playground and river and public conveniences and information. Creates a focal point to this town centre gateway & reduces intersection traffic.

Neville Street/ Alnwick Street

Issues
1) Broad carriageway encourages higher speed travel.
2) Lack of safe pedestrian crossings.
3) No signifier of entry to town centre environment.

Proposals
1) Create town centre entry point to reduce traffic speed.
2) Provide clearly defined crossings with raised table.
3) Introduce street trees and paving materials which are consistent with town centre.

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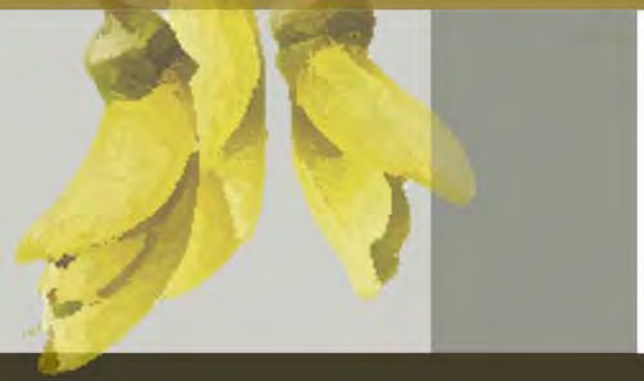

Gateway locator Map

Pedestrian connections

ISSUE

- There is a lack of clearly defined pedestrian connections within the town centre.

PROPOSAL

- Improving the lane network may encourage and benefit retail activity and improve access.

Key:
- Current footpaths
- Proposed footpaths
- Potential footpaths
- Potential pedestrian linkages

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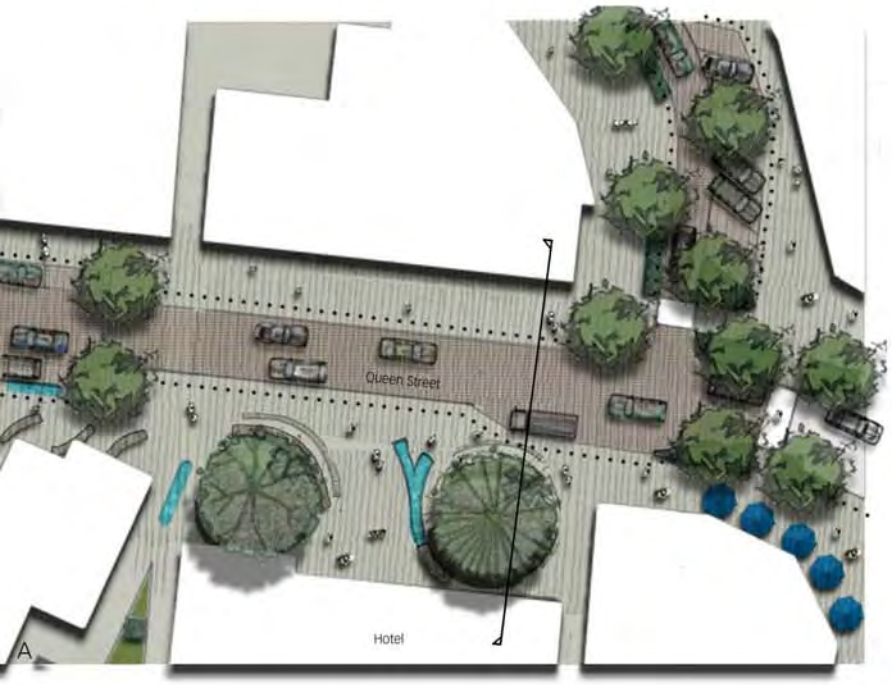
Town square - Queen Street/Wharf Street



Existing

Proposed

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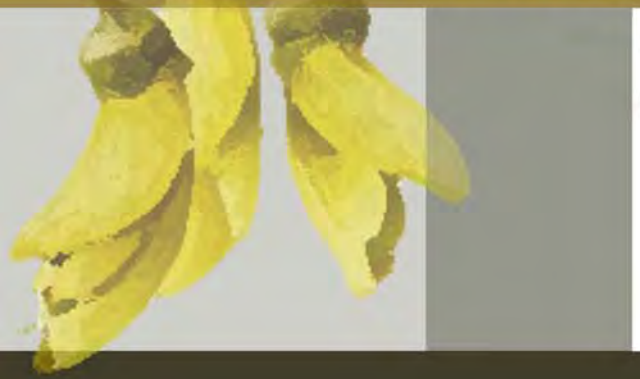

Queen Street locator Map

PROPOSAL

- Create a centralised public space which provides a focal point to the town centre.
- Retain and protect the significant protected trees.
- Create a comfortable seating area for people to enjoy.
- Establish pedestrian links to the river via Wharf St.
- Remove kerbs and allow free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. One paving level allows a flexibility and adaptability of the space for event use. e.g Kowhai Festival.
- Additional street planting.
- Short term parking for delivery and loading

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WHARF STREET

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Wharf Street Concept 1

Wharf Street Concept 2

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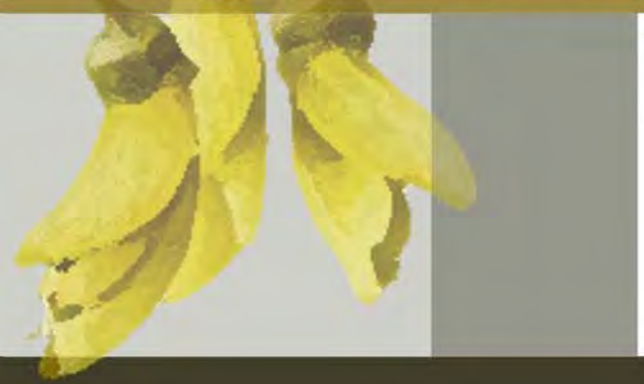

Wharf Street Locator Map

CONCEPT 1

- Increase activity with new shops and cafes addressing river.
- Public space retained at river edge.
- Reduction in overall parking numbers,retention of some river front parking.
- Traffic flow one way through Wharf Street.
- Footpath along Wharf St to improve connection to river.
- Street tree planting and street furniture.

CONCEPT 2

- Retain parking to inland side of carpark.
- Maximise public space on river front.
- Traffic flow one way through Wharf Street.
- Footpath along Wharf St to improve connection to river.
- Street tree planting and street furniture.

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BAXTER STREET

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Baxter Street - Concept 1

Baxter Street - Concept 2

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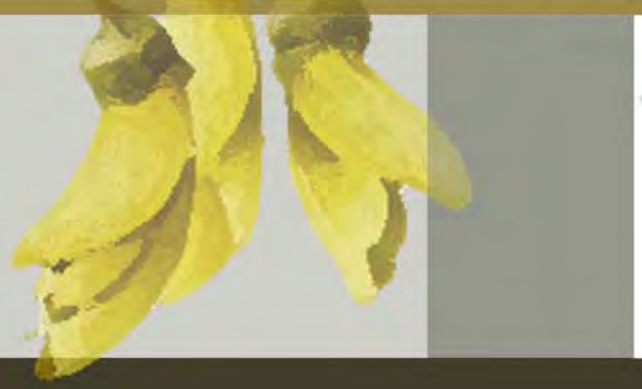

Baxter Street locator map

CONCEPT 1

- Enhance space as public open space, visual connection to river.
- Realign existing carparking, overall number reduced.
- Pedestrian/ vehicle connection from Baxter Street to pontoon.
- Pedestrian ramp connection to river walk.
- Street tree planting and street furniture.
- Create entry to Lucy Moore Park.

CONCEPT 2

- Provide 22 additional carparks.
- Pedestrian/ vehicle connection from Baxter Street to pontoon.
- Pedestrian ramp connection to river walk.
- Street tree planting and street furniture.
- Level parking area to allow flexibility of use (markets etc).

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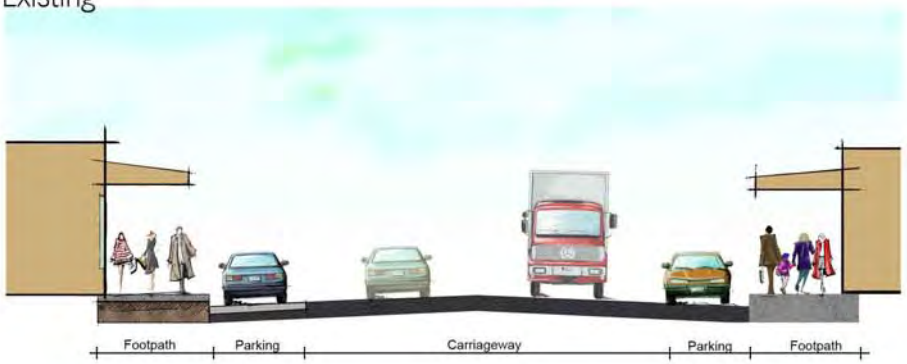

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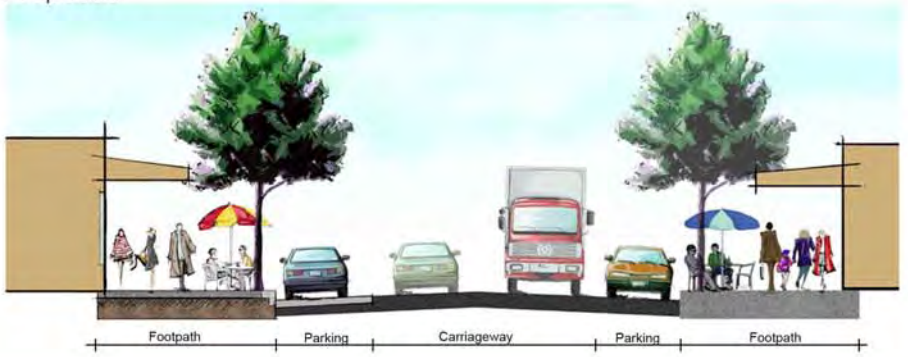

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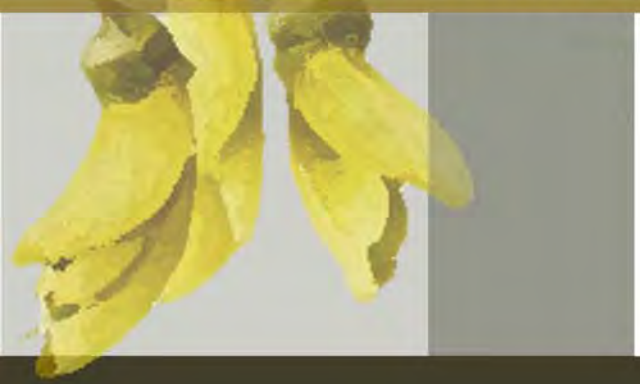

Locations	Existing	losses	Gains
Queen Street	66	22	0
Wharf street	48	18 (Concept 1) 0 (Concept 2)	0 0
Kapanui Street	24	4	0
Baxter Street	50	13 (Concept 1)	22 (Concept 2)
Bertram Street (extension)	0	0	50 - 72
Neville Street	70	6	0
Mill Lane	51	0	0
Percy Street (to Alnwick St)	25	0	0
Alnwick Street= (to Bertram St)	41	0	0
Parking Building	106 (Level 1)	0	120 (2nd Level added)
Library/info centre	13	13 (Gateway Concept B)	0
Total	494	76	192 - 214

All numbers indicative only, until detailed design completed.
Potential additional carparks result in a gain in overall parking numbers.

- Much of the character of Warkworth comes from the main street environment which is typical of small New Zealand towns.
- Businesses are reliant on good parking access being available for customers.
- The concept proposals maintain as much existing on street parking as possible.
- Where parking may be lost, alternative locations are suggested.
- A parking strategy is being undertaken which will address parking in greater detail.
- The table shows the suggested additional parking results in no reduction in parking numbers.

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