

## **LGOIMA**

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**Request  
from:**

**For:** Upper Trafalgar Street Pedestrian Mall

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**Response  
by:**

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Dear [REDACTED]

### Upper Trafalgar Street Pedestrian Mall

Thank you for your official information request, the answer to your four questions is provided below.

1. *In regards to the closure of Upper Trafalgar Street, how many people in total lodged submissions/objections?*

214 submissions were received with 16 of those being opposed to the proposal. A further breakdown on submissions is provided below.

2. *And how many were for, or were against the street closure?*

- 187 (87%) of the submissions were in favour of a pedestrian mall declaration that resulted in motor vehicles being prohibited in Upper Trafalgar Street either for the summer or 365 days a year.
- 140 (65%) of the submissions were in favour of a pedestrian mall declaration that resulted in motor vehicles being prohibited in Upper Trafalgar Street 365 days a year.
- 12 (6%) of the submissions were in favour of a pedestrian mall declaration that resulted in motor vehicles being prohibited in Upper Trafalgar Street during the summer months only. These submitters were concerned that there would be a lack of activity in the space during the winter months and that this is a reason to keep it open to motor vehicles.
- 35 (16%) submitters were in favour of a closure but did not make it clear which closure option they favoured.
- 15 (7%) of the submissions were in favour of a pedestrian mall declaration that resulted in motor vehicles being prohibited in Upper Trafalgar Street and suggested that other streets in the city centre should also be declared pedestrian malls with similar vehicle restrictions. Specific areas suggested were: other sections of Trafalgar

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Street; Hardy Street; Church Lane; New Street; and all city centre streets within the ring roads.

- 16 (8%) of the submissions were in opposition to a pedestrian mall declaration that resulted in motor vehicles being prohibited in Upper Trafalgar Street at least some of the time. The reasons given included: the economic impact on businesses in other areas of the city centre; the loss of parking; the loss of the vehicle link between Selwyn Place and the city centre; and the cost falling to ratepayers.
- 10 (5%) of the submissions were unclear about whether they supported or opposed the pedestrian mall declaration.

*3. Once the street is permanently closed, what is the Council's plan for if a fire occurs mid street in building, and fire engines cannot get access to put the fire out?*

All emergency services have a key to remove the bollards and gain access to Upper Trafalgar Street. There is a clear lane for service and emergency vehicles.

*4. How much is Council's liability insurance?*

Council has Public Liability cover to the value of \$300m.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact me at

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Yours sincerely

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**Clare Barton**

Group Manager Environmental Management

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 November 2019 7:50 PM  
**To:** LGOIMA  
**Subject:** LGOIMA

**Categories:** [REDACTED]

Hi NCC team,

Please consider this email a LGOIMA,

1. In regards to the closure of upper Trafalger St, how many people in total lodged submissions/objections?
2. And how many were for, or were against the street closure?
3. Once the street is permanently closed, what is the councils plan for if a fire occurs mid street in one of the buildings, and fire engines cannot get access to put the fire out?
4. How much is the councils public liability insurance?

Thankyou

kind regards

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