

Johnsonville Library Engagement

Summary of feedback on Car Parking Proposals

This report details feedback from community engagement on the New Johnsonville Library project. Information was gathered through a specific engagement website, which presented information regarding suggested options for car parking solutions and sought feedback via a survey link.

Car parking is a concern that has been voiced at all stages of the design. Users of the facilities that have become combined (pool, library, community centre and park) want to make it clear that adequate parking is still needed for each facility. We heard the concern and wanted to work with the community to look at solutions.

This is the fifth stage of engagement; the engagement has run from 8 Sept until 29 Sept. 113 people have taken the opportunity to have their say on the website.

Our new Johnsonville Community Hub

How do you feel about the car parking proposals for the Johnsonville Community Hub (featuring a new library)

66%

Feedback received that supports our parking proposals



Tell us why you feel this way about our car parking proposals.

Whereas the comments in the past engagement showed the community was really excited to see the integration of the facilities into a 'hub', and an overall asset to the area, the practical problems faced from car parking issues has brought a great deal of robust feedback.

The overriding concern is that there are already not enough car parks and the development is going to put more stress on the problem as people see it.

We have had the positive reinforcements such as *"well thought out"*, *"great solutions"*, *"all ideas seem logical and fair"* and *"Good that some research has been done. I think the*

medium term solutions need to be brought forward as well, as current parking is terrible at moment” through to the other end of the spectrum with “Very very inconvenient” to “I think this is the worst plan ever! Parking is already very tight in Johnsonville as it is as this is irresponsible and unacceptable. This whole plan is preposterous!”

There is also a call to look to the future and focus more on alternative transport options. *“The proposal promotes car dependency. How is the WCC sustainable transport hierarchy being applied to this? Cities around the world are implementing innovative ways to promote alternative travel and discourage private car use.”*

Other strong themes were:

- concern about the congestion around the school
- lack of car parks for staff at the school, library, pool and mall
- The loss of green space if we use the berms.

What are your views about our proposal to apply time restrictions to on-street parking around the community hub?



Many people agree with this idea, but there are a lot of different views around how long the time restrictions should be with 180 minutes getting 39% support, some are suggesting a variety of time to suit different needs.

The residents are also wanting there needs to be considered, and once again those that work in the area are still asking for all day options.

For example:

- *Good idea to keep the nearby spaces for people coming and going rather than them being occupied by one vehicle all day.*
- *After reading others feedback you would need to ensure the time limits meet broader needs eg volunteers doing great work for the local community. 2 hours doesn't seem workable on that basis.*
- *A minor improvement. If the library is any good, it won't be enough.*
- *That's sounds perfect! Hoping to have both 15 mins and 2 hours which suits drop off pick up parents and also for ppl who use the facilities at the pool and community centre*
- *Reasonable, will residents be allowed 1 car per house to be exempt?*
- *And what about enforcement? No one cares about time restrictions if there is no enforcement.*

What are your views about our proposal to create a one-way system and angled car parking around the community hub?

This idea has had the most positive support “*Whatever gives the greatest flexibility and number of parking spots*” and “*Excellent idea as at the moment cars on both sides creates major issues*”. People have made suggestions of other streets that would benefit “*As long as Rotoiti Street/Earp Street are included in the one-way system, I am happy with the change. Both these streets are narrow and car parking is at an absolute premium all the time when parking is not available beside the swimming pool.*” “*It’s a great idea and should be the same for Morgan Street around the school as traffic is a nightmare*”

Other examples of suggestions:

- *Good, but please put the angle parking on the RIGHT-hand side of the road. This will reduce the danger to cyclists, as they will be further from drivers reversing.*
- *If it is done in conjunction with removing commuter day-parkers so that there is actually sufficient carparks then I fully support the idea. Let’s face it, with cars parked on both sides of the road, these streets are barely wide enough to support one-way traffic flow as it is.*
- *One way system West to East for Wanaka St would also better traffic flow onto Moorefield Rd. Angle parking could be dictated by the traffic flow that is created by the public transport vehicles.*

Still concerns remain for some:

- *Ok. Can you provide priority parking for seniors? Some of us still work and do not want to be walking up hills (that are not serviced by buses) to get to our car!*
- *Angled car parking restricts driver’s visibility of pedestrians and cyclists when reversing and is therefore not as safe as parallel parking.*
- *I think this will make access to the schools in this area even trickier! Given we are building ‘medium density’ housing in these areas the need for those rate payers to park is adding more pressure on a heavily used area.*

Do you think we should implement the angled parking and one-way street system?

110 out of 113 people answered this question



The ‘other’ options suggested were overwhelmingly that we should do it before construction starts, “*If the people living in those streets are happy then the sooner the*

better as parking can already be an issue.” So this means there was a total of 73% of respondents in support bringing in angled parking with the one-way street system by the time the library opens.

What are your views about our proposal to create additional commuter car parking (more parking at Takapu and Raroa stations, angled parking bays on streets, and as part of the Mall development)?

The response to this question often focused on one part of the question:

Additional commuter parking:

Responses included:

- *I love this, if you are already in your car to drive to the station, what's another 2 minutes to get to better parking.*
- *If there's a demand for it then it's a great idea. More people on public transport is definitely a good thing.*
- *Great because it encourages the use of the (in my view) best form of public transport (rail) but will also encourage bus usage.*
- *This should be done at the same time as taking car parks away and not leaving it up to commuters to seek out alternatives for several years. However, more cars on the road, more petrol burnt to get to stations further away defeats the purpose of having Jville as a hub!*

Then some suggestions to improve this option such as:

- *The parking at Raroa is not used to its full capacity now. An additional flight of stairs at the southern end of the platform would help the public access the station.*
- *Possible. But it would need high security for commuters and their vehicles. Maybe include other facilities or businesses to provide eyes on the area.*
- *Yes additional car parking and an electric charging station required at both stations and at the new mall development.*

Car parking with the Mall development:

Responses included:

- *Ha ha Mall development- been in the making as long as I have lived in Jville! However having more commuter parks as part of the 'development' would help solve the problem.*
- *Sounds like a good idea. Depends on mall development, what stores actually go into the new mall and how busy it is what parking will be required.*
- *The Mall development could have designated parks for the Library and Community Hub only. Angled parking on Ironside Road and Bannister Avenue would be great (all with the same time restrictions as in Wanaka Street etc).*

How would you most travel to the new community hub?

During the last community engagement phase, 50% of the people had said they would travel to us by car; this has now increased to 64%.

This might be influenced by the demographic composition of participants. We had a much larger response from the 30-39, and 40-49 year old age groups, making up 54% of participants, compared to only 36% last time.

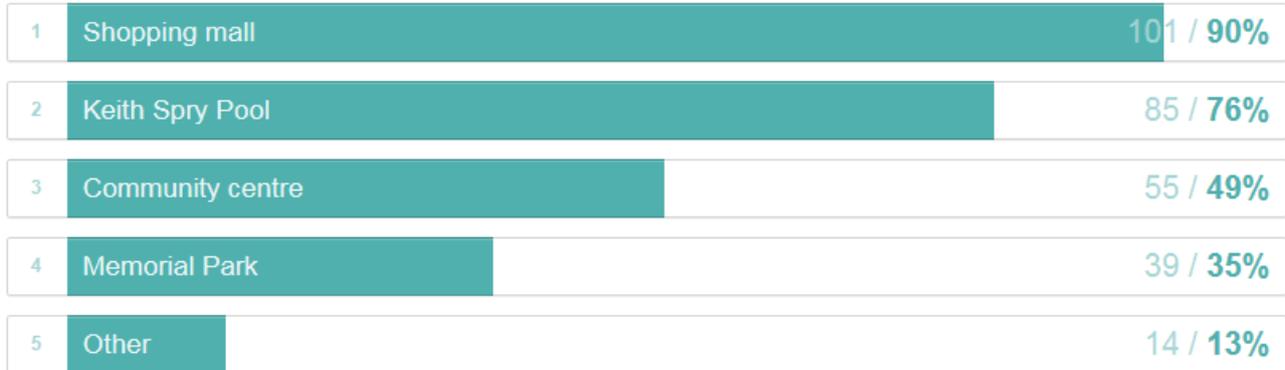
112 out of 113 people answered this question

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| 1 | Car | 72 / 64% |
| 2 | Walking | 26 / 23% |
| 3 | Cycling | 6 / 5% |
| 4 | Bus | 5 / 4% |
| 5 | Train | 3 / 3% |



Which of the following near-by facilities would you consider using while visiting the community hub?

112 out of 113 people answered this question



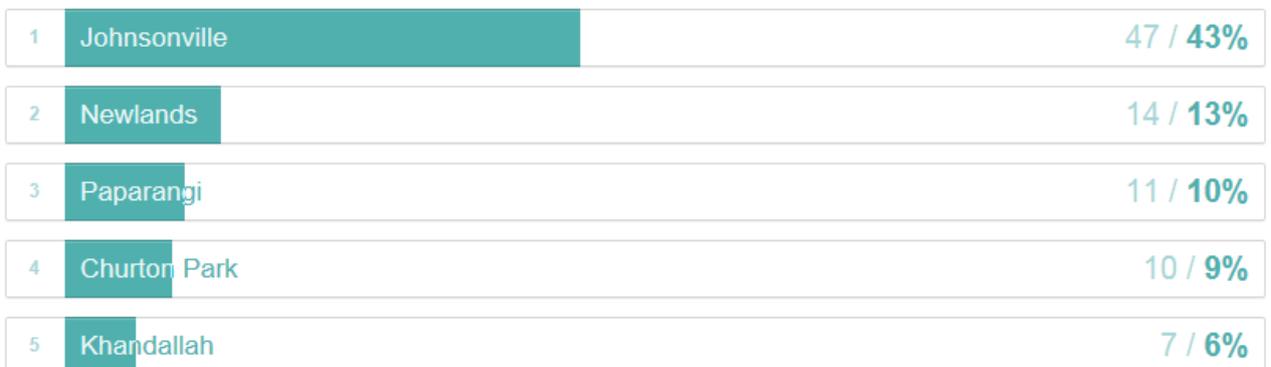
How old are you?

112 out of 113 people answered this question



Which suburb do you live in?

109 out of 113 people answered this question



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| 6 | Tawa | 6 / 6% |
| 7 | Broadmeadows | 4 / 4% |
| 8 | Woodridge | 2 / 2% |
| 9 | Brooklyn | 1 / 1% |
| 10 | Crofton Downs | 1 / 1% |
| 11 | Glenside | 1 / 1% |
| 12 | Mount Cook | 1 / 1% |
| 13 | Mount Victoria | 1 / 1% |
| 14 | Ngaio | 1 / 1% |
| 15 | Te Aro | 1 / 1% |
| 16 | Wadestown | 1 / 1% |