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Dear Resident

Reviewing Locking Street

In October 2019 the decision was made to run a trial closure of Hampden Street (West), to look to address the concerning history of turning vehicle versus cyclist crashes.

The data from the trial closure indicates that the changes have improved safety, and have had a positive impact on place-making, wellbeing and amenity for those that live in and use the area.

While the Hampden Street trial is ongoing, the appropriate route for local residents to take into the city centre is via Franklyn Street into Waimea Road or via Vanguard Street.

However, some residents have indicated they believe there is an increased number of drivers using Locking Street since the closure of Hampden Street. Traffic count data has confirmed this. Council undertook in October 2020 to continue the Hampden Street closure for a further year and to work with the residents of Locking Street to address their concerns.

Locking Street has extensive traffic calming interventions and through-route deterrents such as raised tables, road narrowing's and a 30km/h speed limit, and '*residents only, no through traffic*' signage. However, feedback highlights that a small number of drivers appear to continue to use Locking Street to avoid queues on Waimea Road.

Back in October 2020 we asked residents of Locking Street "*What are your concerns about the street? What could be done to make the street safer?*" We heard back from 11 residents from over 70 letters that were sent out.

There were common themes in the feedback. These included:

- Excessive speed at the lower end of Locking Street
- Concerns regarding the lack of space for all road users, specifically pedestrians and cyclists alongside parked cars and moving vehicles.
- Concerns have been amplified by the closure of Hampden Street West.

The attached *material reflects the feedback we did receive and some potential solutions*. We encourage you to think about these and discuss with your neighbours about how these suggestions may ease safety concerns for all users.

We plan to invite residents and property owners to a community design workshop in mid-February to discuss your views on these ideas, listen to any other ideas you may have and progress a way forward.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me via the above phone number or email address.

We look forward to speaking with you in the New Year,

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Have a happy holiday season,

Yours sincerely

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