

No.	TRIM	Submitter	Summary of Submission	Officer Responses
01	D16/8342		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic idea.</li> <li>• Provides a new social space.</li> <li>• Addresses the lack of relaxation/green space available.</li> <li>• Will use the space again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 04 of the Victoria Street Streetscape Masterplan (adopted 2015) notes the need for 'more areas of shade and greenery in the street'.</li> </ul>
02	D16/6976		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control of drugs is a Council issue, not just a police issue.</li> <li>• CCTV should be considered.</li> <li>• Ill-conceived space.</li> <li>• Wrong location for a public space.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council works with external agencies to monitor drug use, while removing needles and paraphernalia found around the streets and parks.</li> <li>• Currently Yarra Council does not have a formal position on the use of CCTV.</li> <li>• Jonas Street is not a residential or commercial street, so the installation of a public space should not adversely affect the North Richmond residents or tenants.</li> </ul>
03	D16/9262		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove the plaza.</li> <li>• The plaza is too small to be practical.</li> <li>• Will become a hangout for drug dealers who don't need to use it for car parking or as a vehicular thoroughfare to Victoria Street.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial has demonstrated that the size is more than sufficient to cater for public use and to provide a welcome refuge/meeting space for the public.</li> <li>• Drugs are dealt openly along Victoria Street. It is an issue that is not isolated solely to parks. From observation the majority of dealing occurs on Victoria Street.</li> <li>• The new Easy Access Tram Stop installed at the Jonas Street / Victoria Street exit has blocked future vehicular access to Victoria Street. Other alternatives will be considered.</li> </ul>
04	D16/11627		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plaza an excellent addition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plaza was proposed to meet objectives of the Streetscape Masterplan by identifying opportunities for new and improved public spaces that will enhance the livability of the street.</li> </ul>
05	D16/8339		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste of ratepayers' money.</li> <li>• Will only be used by junkies and dealers.</li> <li>• (Included photo, though there was no apparent evidence of dealers or junkies in the photo).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic counts undertaken on Shelley Street supports the observation of increased traffic at peak times. Council's traffic unit has identified possible options that could mitigate the current problem while retaining the Jonas Street Plaza.</li> </ul>

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06	D16/9265 D16/9276		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The closure has caused traffic chaos in Butler Street.</li> <li>Butler Street should be made one way if plaza is going to remain.</li> <li>The plaza blocks vehicular access to Victoria Street.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's traffic unit has identified possible options that could mitigate the current problem while retaining the Jonas Street Plaza.</li> <li>The new Easy Access Tram Stop installed at the Jonas Street / Victoria Street exit has blocked future vehicular access to Victoria Street. Other alternatives will be considered.</li> </ul>
07	D16/8345		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing on behalf of tenants in building 35-49 Elizabeth Street: concerned in relation to their future access to the building.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to the building 35-49 Elizabeth Street will not be compromised by the construction of a plaza in Jonas Street.</li> </ul>
08	D16/8262 D16/7005		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep Jonas Street for pedestrians.</li> <li>The space is colourful and inviting</li> <li>It is a space to sit that is not available anywhere else on the street.</li> <li>Extend the plaza to the end of the street to encourage get-togethers and performances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Victoria Street Streetscape Masterplan advocates for the retention of the street's identity and vitality. Innovative, vibrant and functional ideas such as the Jonas Street Plaza have the potential to generate pride and ownership of the space amongst the local and wider community.</li> </ul>
09	D16/9261		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fantastic garden to relax in after a busy afternoon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvements to the public realm can enhance the quality, vitality and liveability of an environment. This is an objective of the Jonas Street project.</li> </ul>
10	D16/6988		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing on behalf of tenants in building 35-49 Elizabeth Street: The plaza has created a huge traffic problem in the area.</li> <li>Shelley Street is the sole exit to Victoria Street and Elizabeth Street.</li> <li>Have received complaints since the installation of the plaza that homeless/derelect people have increased their presence in the building's car park for shelter and drug use.</li> <li>Have had to spend \$40,000 upgrading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's traffic unit has identified possible options that could mitigate the current problem while retaining the Jonas Street Plaza.</li> <li>It is noted that this car-park has only been open to the public relatively recently, and officers consider more time would be needed to make a definite correlation between the plaza and an increase in homeless people seeking shelter in the building's car park.</li> </ul>

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			<p>CCTV and access to the building, floodlights and fencing so the homeless can't hide and use drugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe that the plaza space is a refuge for these vagrants and directly impacts the tenants of the building.</li> <li>• Request removal of the park and money spent on improving the safety of the North Richmond Railway Station with better lighting, cleaning and landscaping.</li> </ul>	
11	D16/7001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plaza is a waste of rates.</li> <li>• The only people using it are smokers, drinkers and druggies.</li> <li>• Has created traffic congestion for the locals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence gathered during the life of the trial has demonstrated that the park is used by a wide demographic. Vox-pop on-site interviews of the public over four sessions showed 68.3% of the interviewees had used the park before for meeting with friends, relaxing, reading, and having coffee and lunch breaks.</li> <li>• Council's traffic unit has identified possible options that could mitigate the current problem while retaining the Jonas Street Plaza.</li> </ul>