

Improving the West Street shops, Hadfield

Project information sheet - November 2023

The West Street shops have been identified as a priority for upgrades.

What would the project do for the West Street shops?

- Make it more attractive and enticing to visit and linger, supporting local businesses.
- Improve safety and access for people who walk, cycle, drive or catch the bus to West Street shops.
- Enhance the local environment, by removing pollutants from stormwater, increasing biodiversity and tree canopy cover, and supporting sustainable transport.

What has the community said so far?

In February 2023 we asked the community and traders what would most improve the shopping strip. Your top priorities for improvement have helped us to shape the proposals in the draft concept plan. We heard from both traders and community that any improvements to the strip need to balance the needs of all users. The draft concept plan has been developed with the help from traffic experts.

What we heard:	How your feedback has informed improvements proposed in the draft concept plan:
Traffic calming to slow traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 x new speed humps on West Street• A speed reduction from 50km to 40km per hour for the shopping strip section of West Street
Better pedestrian safety and wider footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 pedestrian crossings would be upgraded• Footpath widening at key points to improve safety and access• Access to and around the bus stop would be improved• More bike racks would be provided
More outdoor dining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further engagement with traders will identify additional opportunities for business support for the shops.
More trees and shade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved street trees and garden beds
More places to sit and gather	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New shady places to sit and gather• All existing seating would be upgraded• More colour with opportunities for street art would create a more vibrant atmosphere
Access to parking is important	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some car parks would be removed, but some others would also be added. Only 4 car parks would be lost overall to make space for essential pedestrian safety improvements.• Every effort has been made to retain car parks directly in front of the shops for those who need them

*During the construction phase we will work closely with traders to make sure that any disruptions are minimised.

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Share your thinking with us

Previous investigation

In 2013 we consulted the local community about a plan to improve the intersection of West Street and Glenroy Road. That project did not proceed due to community and trader feedback that the associated loss of car parking (12 car parks) would impact the viability of the shopping strip.

How to share your feedback

Share your feedback online before

22 November 2023 at:

conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/west-street-shops

You can also request a paper survey by providing your postal address: Call 9240 2383 or email urbandesign@merri-bek.vic.gov.au

Onsite Pop-up Events

Thursday 9 November 2023 11am-2pm

Saturday 11 November 2023 10am-1pm

At the corner of Geum Street and West Street, Hadfield

conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/west-street-shops

Timeline:

2023

Community engagement round

In February 2023, we asked the community what improvements they would like to see for the shopping

Prepare a draft concept design

We worked with the feedback from the community and relevant specialists to develop a draft concept plan.

Current stage: Design ideas and community engagement round 2

From 1 November to 22 November we are asking for your feedback on the Draft Concept Plan. Head to the website to see the plans or get in touch with us by phone or email.

Final concept design & documentation

Again, community feedback will help to improve certain aspects of the design

2024 - 2026

Tender / construction / completion

Tendering will commence in the second half of 2024. Building work will follow thereafter, most likely commencing at some point in 2025.

These timeframes are subject to change.

Stay informed and join the conversation:

Online

<http://conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/west-street-shops>

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