
Central City Regeneration

Lesson Plan



This resource was designed to assist a secondary school geography teacher to conduct a one-hour tour of Christchurch's regenerating central city.

This lesson plan encourages students to think about what locals wanted in their post-quake city centre, what the Crown in particular committed to provide, and what has been/is being delivered.

Introduction

After the February 2017 earthquake, about 80% of CBD buildings had to be demolished (about 1250 buildings).

The Share an Idea programme elicited more than 100,000 ideas for the rebuilt city centre.




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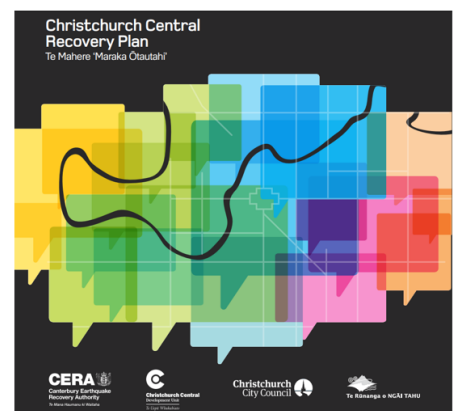
A word cloud summarised the public feedback. In particular people wanted a greener city, build for people, and with a focus on the Ōtākaro Avon River.



The Christchurch Central Recovery Plan had six aspirations.

This resource considers three of the six aspirations: a greener, more compact and more accessible city centre. *(If there is sufficient interest, the resource will be further developed to cover the three other goals.)*

- Green city
- Compact central core
- Stronger built identity
- Accessible city
- Embrace cultural values
- Live, work, play, learn and visit



	Green	Compact	Accessible
Christchurch Central Recovery Plan Concepts	Building on Christchurch's existing garden city identity, provide a greener, more attractive city. Future-proof development through good building design and environmental technologies.	There was not enough demand for commercial and retail space to fill the old city centre. The solution was to create a more compact, concentrated core with distinct precincts.	The central city recovery was a chance to improve access for people of all ages and abilities, and for all modes of transport. Access is a key to a more vibrant city.
Tour Stop 1) Worcester Bridge (see map)	Revitalised river corridor as part of Avon River Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greener, more attractive river surrounds - Improved river habitat - The Terraces – better access to the river Rain gardens and other landscaping on Durham St	Ōtākaro/Avon River as a natural border on the western side of the central city frame	The An Accessible City programme has prioritised different roads for different modes of transport Durham St is a 'car priority' street (with wide footpath for cycling and walking)
Tour Stop 2) The Terraces	Promenade rain gardens River clean-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10,000 tonnes of silt - Riparian plantings to improve river habitat - Changes to river flow - Eel condos built under the Terraces (you can feed meat to the eels by the right balustrade) 	Precincts as part of compact city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avon River Precinct - Retail precinct (including the compact Farmers Market about to be developed at the river end of Cashel Mall) 	Avon River Precinct Promenade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River walk - Slow-speed 1-way traffic - 'Flexible use area' Bridge of Remembrance accessibility (wall behind the memorial has been removed and access improved from the western side)
Tour Stop 3) Justice and Emergency Services Precinct		Compact precinct	
Tour Stop 4) South Frame	Mollett Street and Greenway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attractive gardens and landscaping (green screens) - Greener transport options 	Southern frame of compact central city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catalysing activation - Place for people 	Pedestrian and cycle friendly
Tour Stop 5) Colombo St		Hoyts entertainment complex centrally located	Copenhagen cycle lanes
Tour Stop 6) Bus Interchange	Greener transport options	Centrally located	'Bus priority' street around the Bus Interchange Cycle parking in building
Tour Stop 7) Manchester St	Widened tree-lined boulevard 'Bus priority' and wide footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists Rain gardens East Frame Park (Rauora Park)	East Frame of central city New central city neighbourhood with 900 homes and large park (Rauora Park)	Bus priority and wide footpaths East Frame cycleway
Tour Stop 8) Cathedral Square	Regenerate Christchurch proposal for native ecosystem area	Regenerate Christchurch proposal for three more compact spaces. Adjacent Convention Centre and Performing Arts Precincts .	Regenerate Christchurch proposal for improved access

Tour Route

