

# CLINTON

# Our Place

## Community Plan



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# INTRODUCTION

Clutha District Council's goal is to promote living and working in the Clutha District.

This community plan has been developed with help from the residents of the Clinton Ward, and identifies key projects intended to support and promote living and working in this area.

This plan ties closely with the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy* which aims to help generate growth and develop the Clutha District as a great place to

live and work. This plan and its projects provide a structure and means to implement the *Living and Working in Clutha Strategy*. Similar plans have also been developed for the District's main towns and rural areas.

Although this plan is primarily about Council infrastructure and facilities, it is also intended to help support and guide the activities of community groups when they make decisions about the assets owned and managed on behalf of their community.

## Living & Working Strategy

### Our Place Clinton Community Plan



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# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Community feedback played a crucial part in developing this plan

Consultation was designed to stimulate interest in the project, encourage feedback and provide information about future projects and initiatives in Clinton.

Council's elected members provided input and leadership, as well as approving consultation material and assisting with consultation activities.

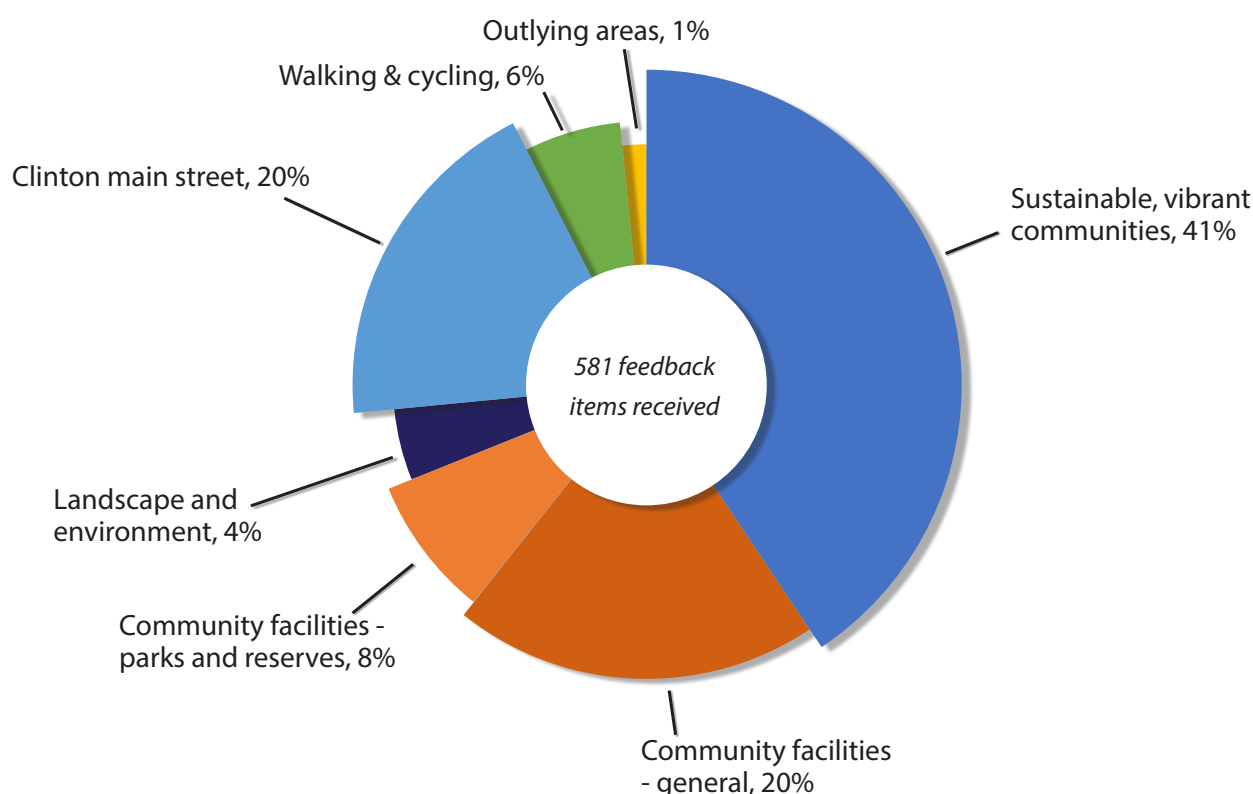
Public consultation took place from late January to March 2023. Council staff and councillors attended drop-in sessions in Clinton and Waiwera South, and visited local businesses. We also held consultation

sessions at the hotel, and with local school kids.

A consultation document was developed to help prompt ideas and discussion. It was delivered to households in the Clinton Ward and was also available from Council Service Centres and website.

Several focus topics were identified, representing key feedback areas (see graph below). There were 581 feedback items received in total. These were from one-on-one conversations, notes from meetings and written submissions.

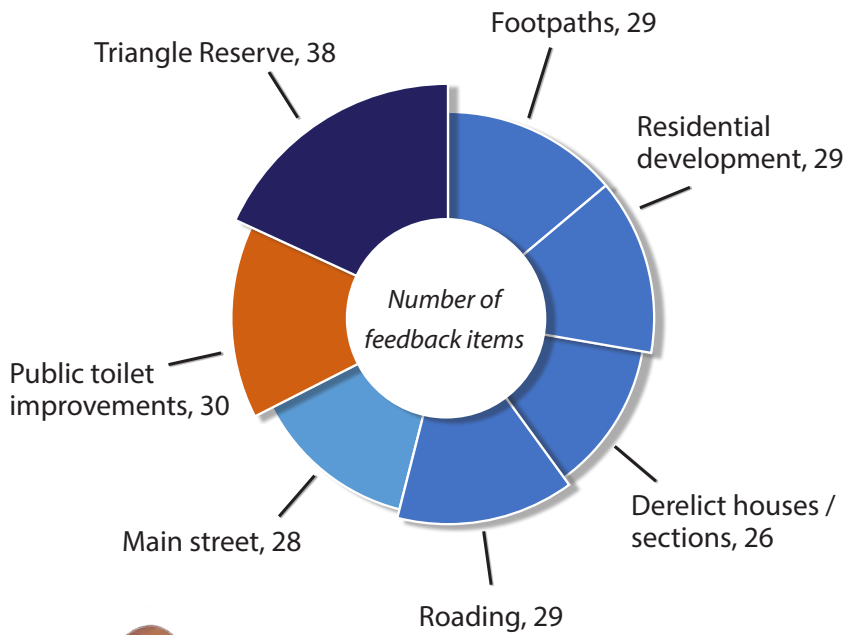
## The topics people talked about the most





# SURVEY RESULTS

What topics should we focus on?



There were some items that came up more frequently, and these are shown in the graph on the left. The area which received the largest number of comments was the Triangle Reserve, with another group of comments relating specifically to the public toilets on that reserve.

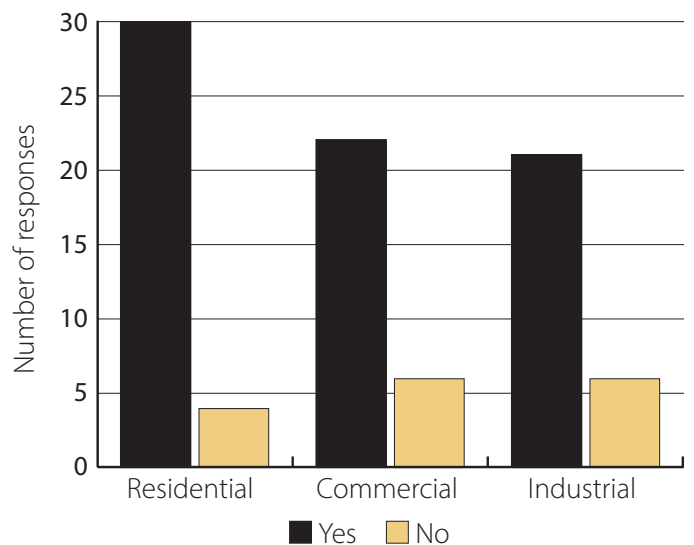
Footpaths and roading issues were mentioned regularly, as was the need for more residential development, and tidying up derelict houses/sections.

We also received plenty of feedback on the main street, with general comments about the need to improve this area, or requesting more signage/local heritage information.

## Additional development

We asked whether Council should help to enable different types of development. Most people who responded were in favour of this, particularly for residential development, as shown on the graph below.

Should Council help to enable additional development?



Brent Mackie,  
Clinton Councillor

*We received some great feedback from Clinton residents and this has helped to guide the priority projects described in this plan. A big thanks to all those who got involved!*



# MAKING IT HAPPEN

## Implementing Our Place Clinton

The priority projects on pages 6-7 summarise the key outcomes that are anticipated, who is leading them and describes why they are important to the community.

The timeframe and scope vary between each project. In some cases the scope is clearly defined, while other projects which simply reflect community aspirations may not yet have specific funding allocated, or an implementation plan in place. These will likely take longer to develop and are included to help guide planning and decision-making.

Updates on progress for all projects will be made available on Council's website ([www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)).

Council has made it clear that projects can generally proceed where financially it is rates neutral, but where a project would be seeking additional Council funding it may require additional consultation through the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

Alternative sources of funding will also be considered, and Council will work alongside community groups and other agencies to make progress on projects.

As noted, some of the projects in this plan may not be progressed immediately, due to budget constraints or other limitations. However, in the short term, Council has built into each project a requirement to consider "easy wins" as a priority.

## Council's role

Council's role will be to help facilitate community plan projects. This will vary from project to project, but examples of the type of support Council may provide include:

- Staff and contractors undertaking work as directed, within existing budgets and work programmes
- Advocating on behalf of the community for actions or decisions by other agencies, to progress priority projects.
- Direct involvement of a Council Project Manager, to direct and implement work.
- Providing administrative support to groups or organisations which have been set up to manage projects.
- Providing other technical support (e.g. mapping, guidance on consenting issues).
- A contribution towards funding for specific projects.





# PRIORITY PROJECTS COUNCIL IS BACKING

## Project 1: Walking and cycling

### Outcome

This project is intended to create connections to local destinations, and to improve existing walking and cycling assets.

### Who's leading it?

Council will work with interested community groups to identify options for improving or extending walking and cycling trails.

### Description

Council will work with community leaders to initiate the first part of this project. This will involve looking at potential trail options and creating project plans, with the aim of developing walking and cycling trails in the Clinton area.

The second part of the project involves accessing funding, gaining access to land and trail construction. This part will be led by the community.



Clinton sunflowers and footpath, Gorge Road

## Project 2: Sustainable, vibrant communities

### Outcome

This project is about supporting initiatives which will attract people to live and work in the Clinton Ward.

### Who's leading it?

This will be a community-led project. Council and Clutha Development will provide support and expertise as required.

### Description

Creating a sustainable, vibrant community requires progress in a number of different areas. However, the focus for this project is on improving the amount and quality of housing stock.

Other areas may form part of broader Council processes. For example, major infrastructure upgrades for roading or water may form part of the Long Term Plan process. Other, smaller scale initiatives may be community-led, with Council providing support where appropriate.

Housing-related initiatives will need to align with the Living and Working in Clutha Strategy and the Strategic Direction for Housing in the Clutha District.

Potential work areas identified through consultation include:

- a. Assisting landowners to navigate Council processes (e.g. consent processes).
- b. Investigating innovative methods to encourage development and improvements to residential properties.



Waiwera South School Community Garden



## Project 3: Main street improvements

### Outcome

The aim of this project is that, over time, Clinton's main street will become more attractive, and a more appealing place for people to stop and spend time.

### Who's leading it?

This project will be a partnership between Council and the community, due to the mix of Council and privately-owned assets, and the importance of these areas to the community.

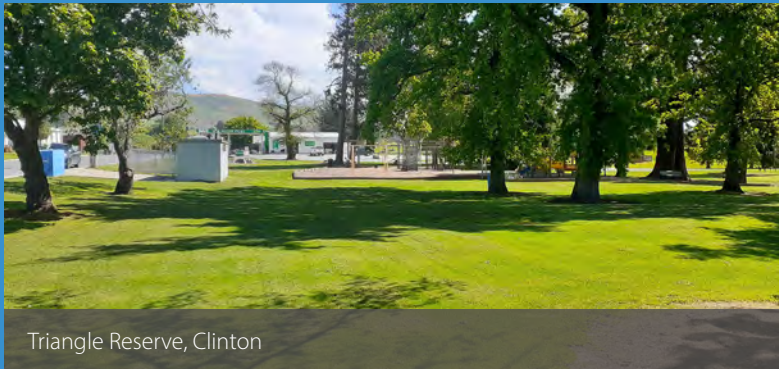
### Description

This project, with community support, will aim to:

- Improve/develop main street reserves.
- Improve state highway entrances.
- Provide improved parking for trucks.

Other components that could be considered are street improvements (such as planters and screening) and road safety improvements.

Council will also develop a Reserve Management Plan for the Clinton Ward, which will help to guide future development of reserves on the main street (as well as across the rest of the ward).



Triangle Reserve, Clinton

## Project 4: Community facilities

### Outcome

Community facilities are maintained, developed and enhanced where appropriate.

### Who's leading it?

Development of community-owned assets will be led by the community.

Improvements to Council-owned facilities will need to be Council led, although community input may also be required.

### Description

Priority projects, identified through consultation, include the following:

- Clinton Tennis Courts: investigate options for additional recreational facilities.
- Triangle Reserve Playground: create additional play equipment and/or improve existing equipment.
- Clinton public toilets: general improvements or more regular servicing.



Tennis Courts, Clinton

For more details about the Our Place Clinton Community Plan, visit Council's website ([www.cluthadc.govt.nz](http://www.cluthadc.govt.nz)) or give us a call on 0800 801 350.