

Millthorpe Village Centre

CONCEPT DESIGN UPDATE

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Acknowledgement of Country

Place Design Group would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the traditional custodians of the land of the Millthorpe district.

We would also pay our respects to elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri nation and extend that respect to all Aboriginal peoples.

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1.0 Introduction

Millthorpe is a vibrant community located in the Central West Region of New South Wales. Millthorpe is built on five hills and the district surrounding the village, is undulating productive farm land. Millthorpe has a rich agricultural history, a legacy of grand buildings, heritage architecture and a street scape that has remained largely unchanged since the early 1900's.¹

Place Design Group have been engaged by Council to develop a Schematic Master Plan for the village centre that will inform the long term plan for the growth and development of the village centre; ensuring it meets the needs of the local community, people who visit the village and the local business owners.

We believe that the success of the main street and village centre will be determined by how well it caters to the needs of the people who live, work, play and visit here.



Pym St - 2021



Pym St - c 1898

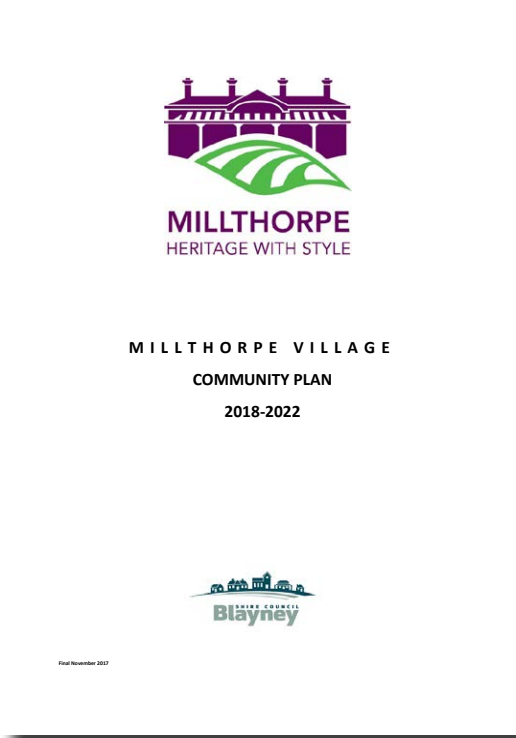
¹ Millthorpe Village Community Plan (2018 - 2022)

1.2 Overall Design Vision + Principles



1.3 Strategic Documents

Millthorpe Village Community Plan (2018 - 2022)



The Millthorpe Community Plan 2018-2022 was undertaken by the Millthorpe Village Committee (MVC) and last updated in 2017. It is a road map of the town’s development needs, aligned to local and state government planning parameters and prioritised by project, community benefit and readiness.

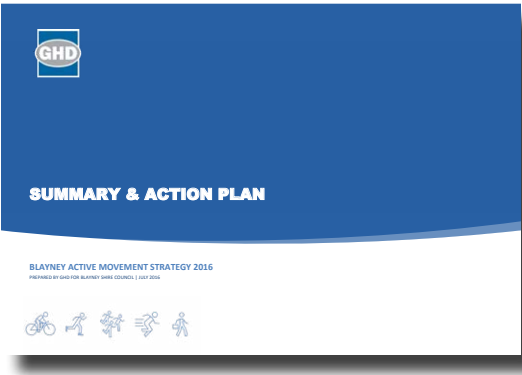
Vision:
Working together to make the heritage village of Millthorpe, a friendly, prosperous, dynamic, safe and environmentally sustainable community.

Key Themes and Strategies:

Millthorpe Themes	Strategy
Public Infrastructure, Amenities and Services	Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve the built environment of Millthorpe and District.
A strong Millthorpe Village Committee responsive to community needs	Develop a community plan of programs and projects, with identified timelines and funding sources and managing cooperatively, the VEP program.
The Local Economy and growing the Wealth of the Community	Coordinate with Regional Tourism organization and BSC to develop and maintain a series of events and activities that attracts visitors to Millthorpe as a first destination.
Millthorpe: Heritage with Style	Provide quality experiences for residents and tourists while maintaining the intrinsic value of the Village’s heritage and culture. Coordinate with Council to act to preserve, enhance and maintain functioning Sporting Cultural facilities such as ovals, museums, galleries and associated events. Build the public profile of community, business and student leaders.
Natural Heritage and Environment	Coordinate with Council to act to preserve our Natural Environment through joint planning. To improve landscapes street scapes and minimise the impacts of human activity on the local environment.

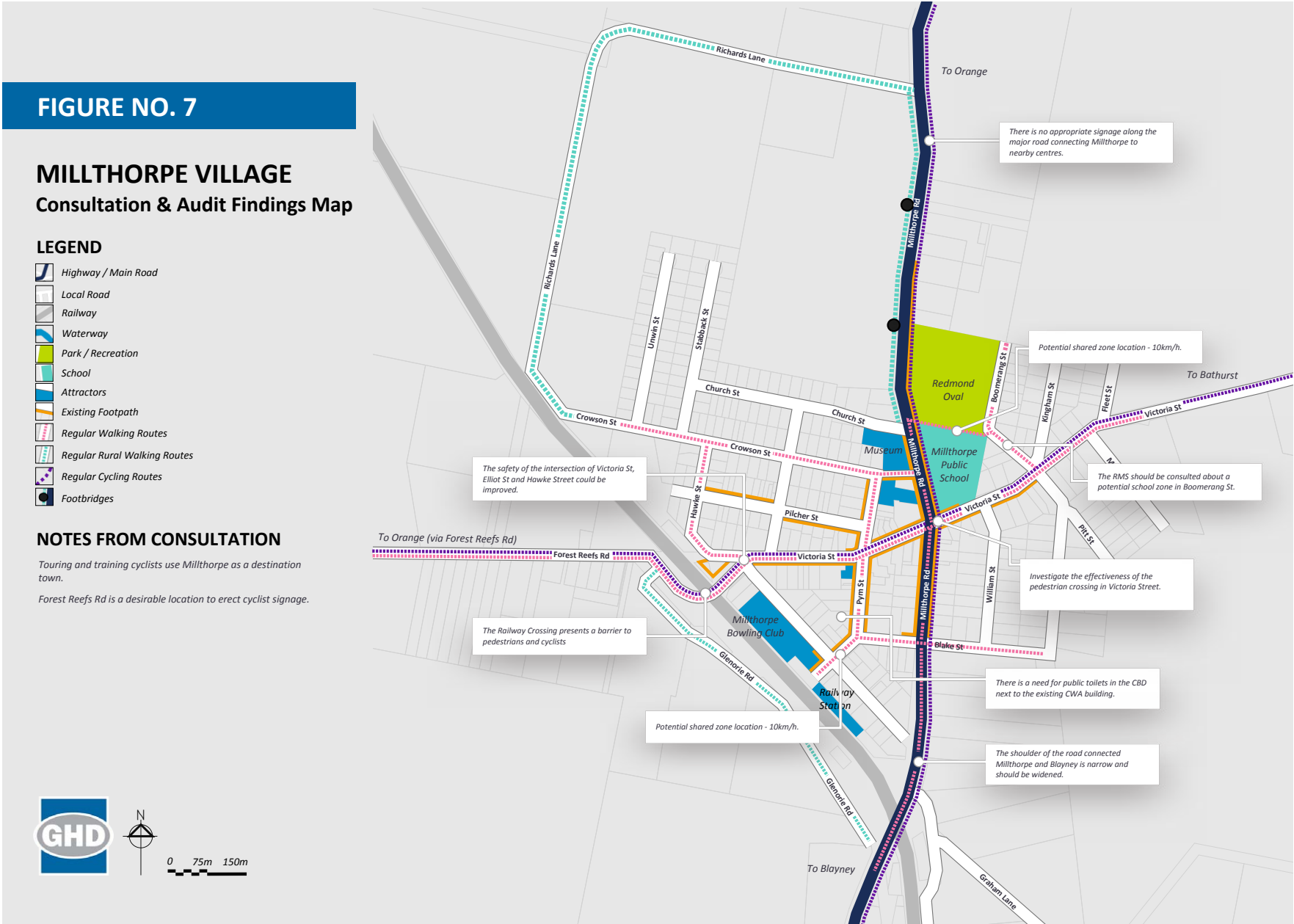
1.3 Strategic Documents

Blayney Active Movement Strategy 2016 Summary & Action Plan



Approach:

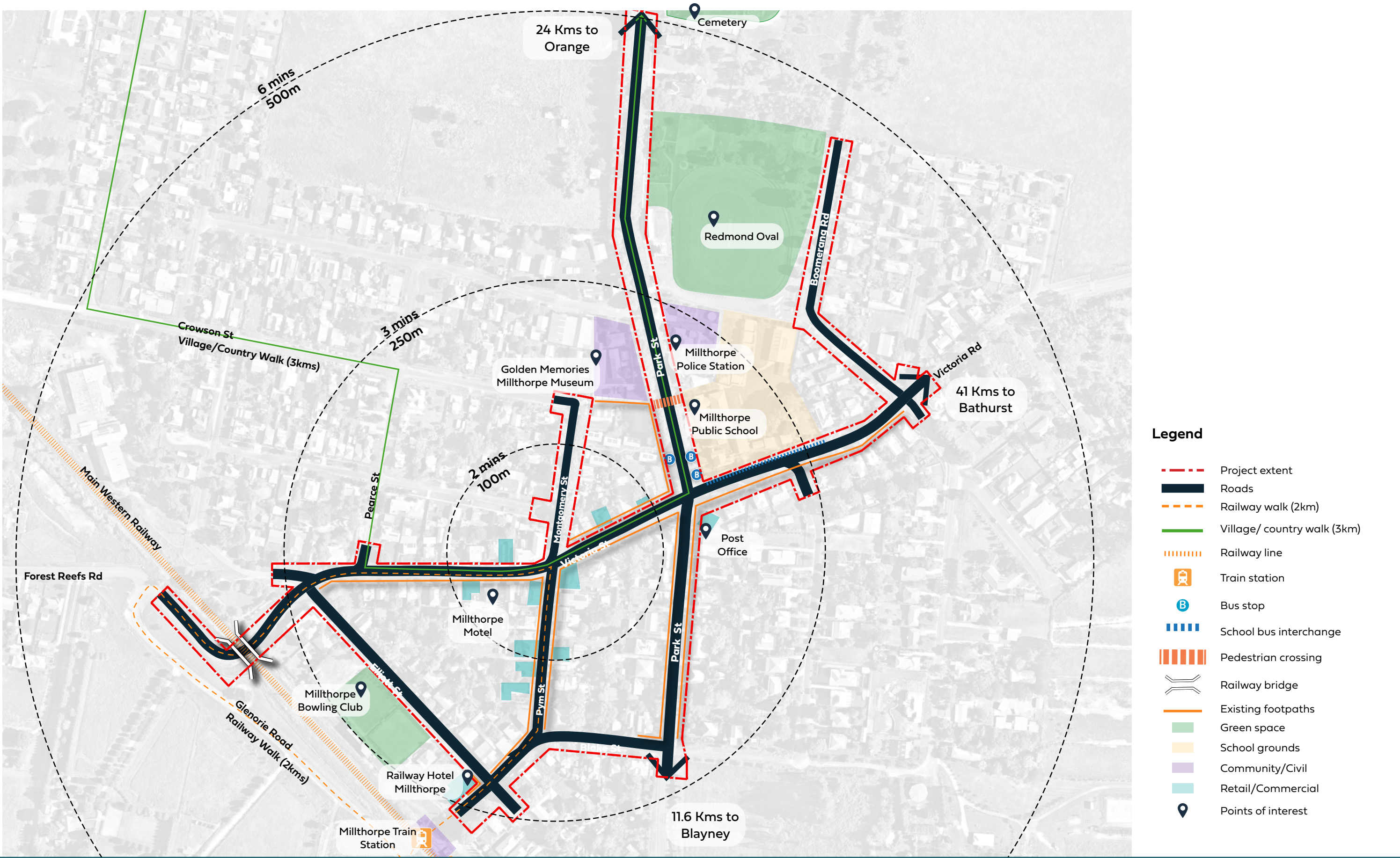
The approach of the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy is to develop community based Active Movement Plans for the town and each village in the Blayney Shire, as well as a shire wide plan. These plans will build upon existing infrastructure and address the key issues and aspirations identified by the community consultation and audits.



2.0 INITIAL SITE ANALYSIS

+ CONTEXT

2.1 Existing Site Context



2.2 Existing Character + Materials

Materials & Surfaces



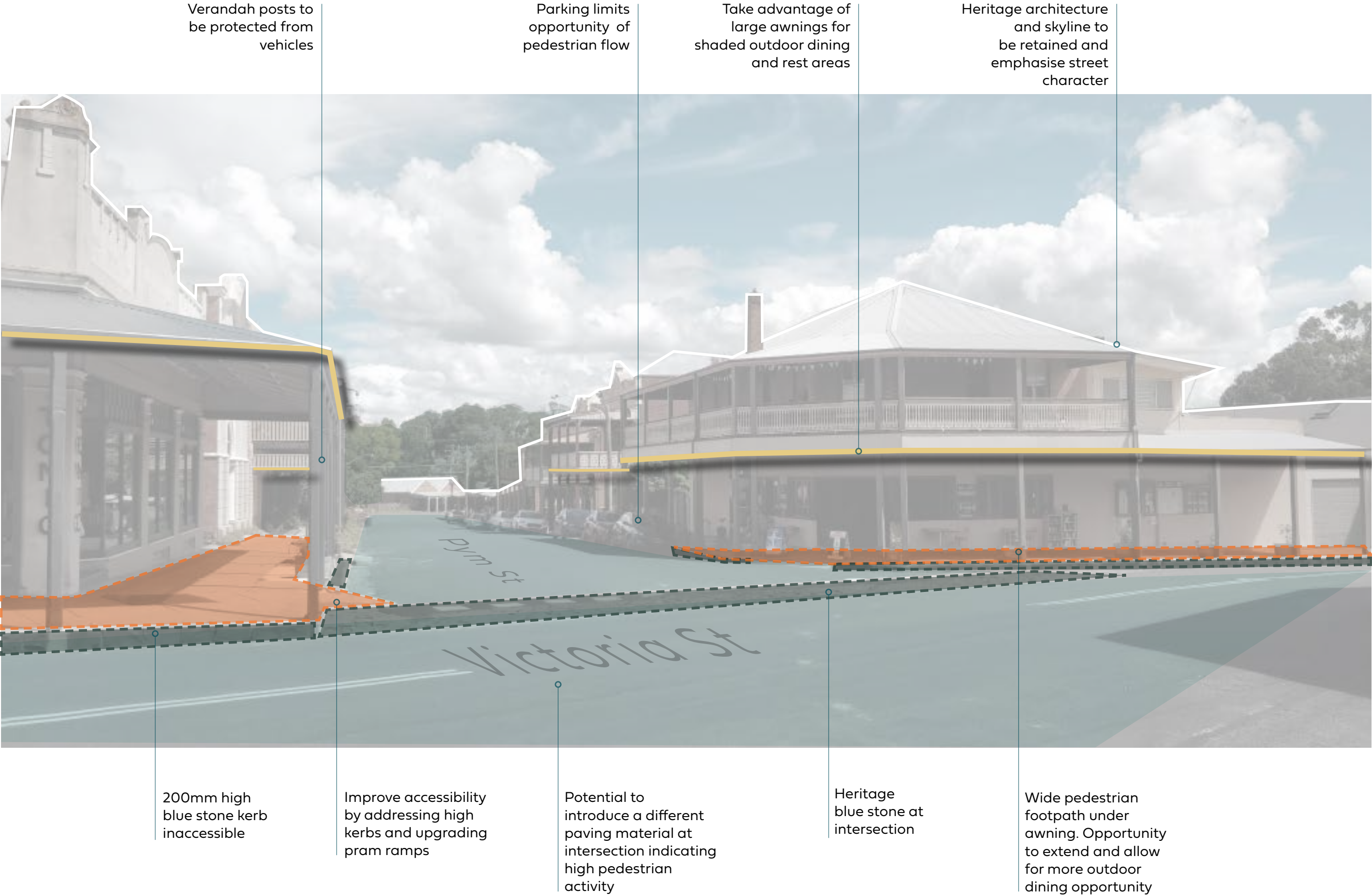
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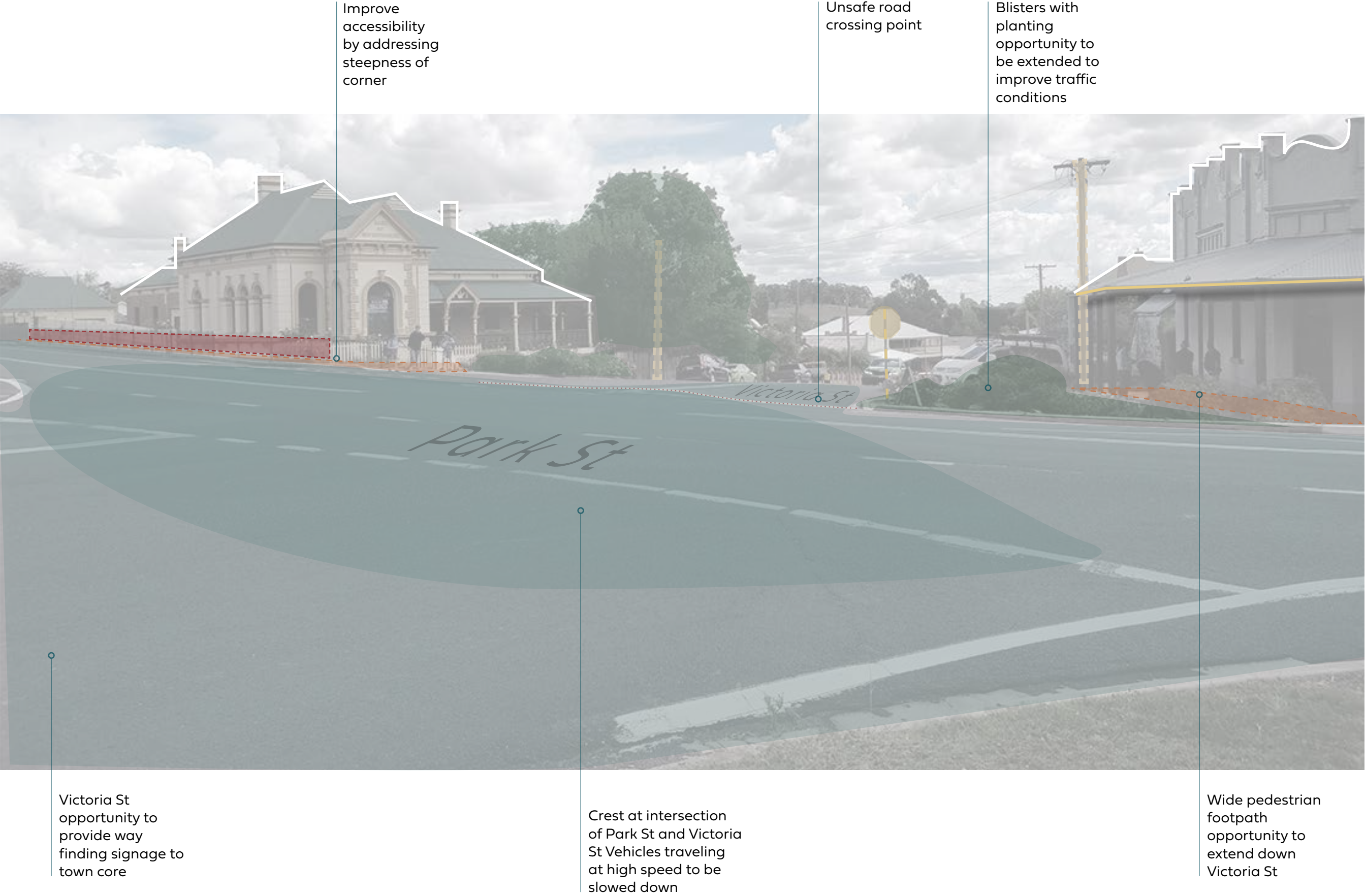
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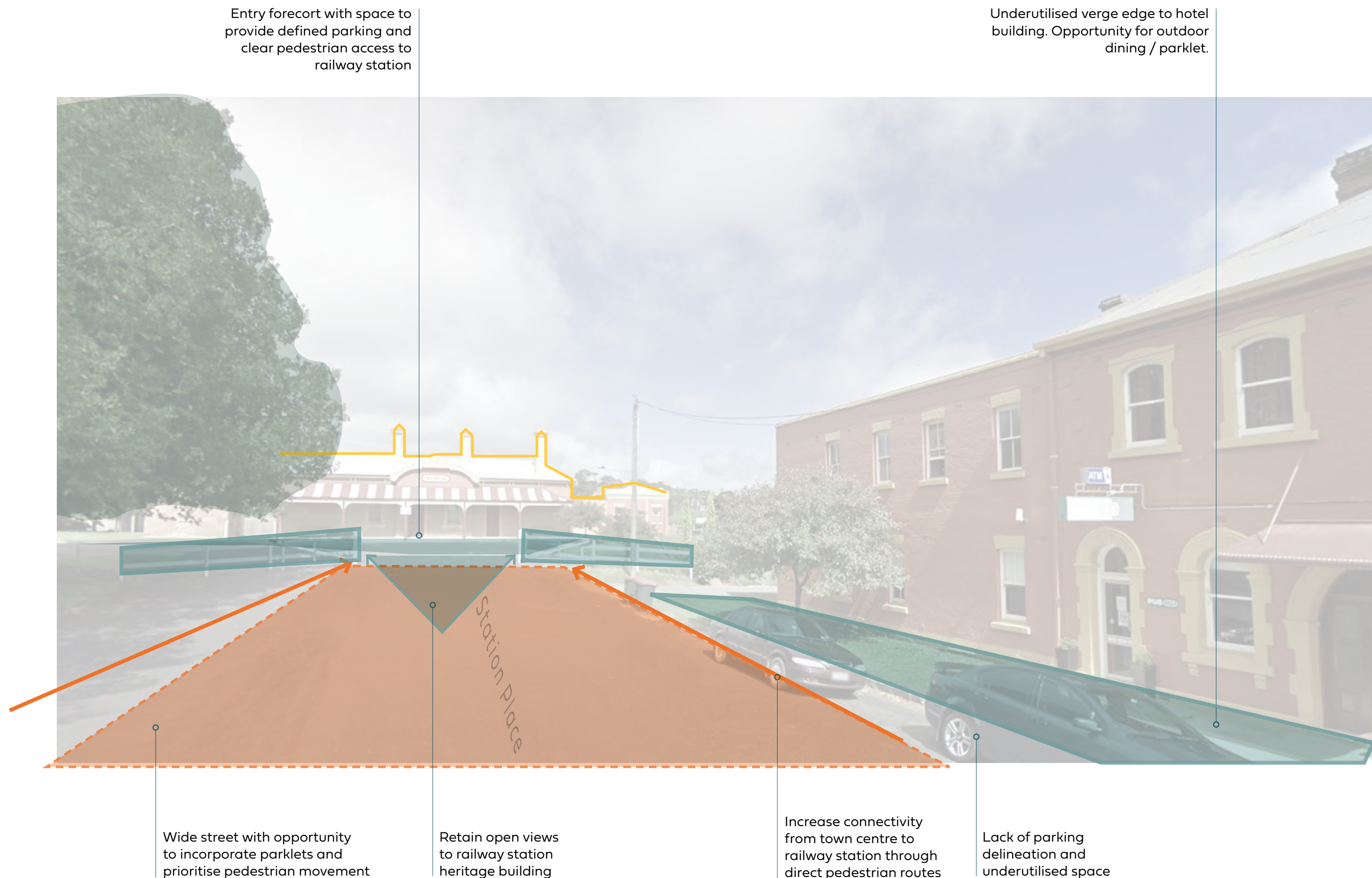
2.3 Analysis Overlay View 1 / Village Centre



2.3 Analysis Overlay View 2 / Village Centre



2.3 Analysis Overlay View 3 / Station Plaza



Entry forecourt with space to provide defined parking and clear pedestrian access to railway station

Underutilised verge edge to hotel building. Opportunity for outdoor dining / parklet.

Wide street with opportunity to incorporate parklets and prioritise pedestrian movement

Retain open views to railway station heritage building

Increase connectivity from town centre to railway station through direct pedestrian routes

Lack of parking delineation and underutilised space

3.0 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

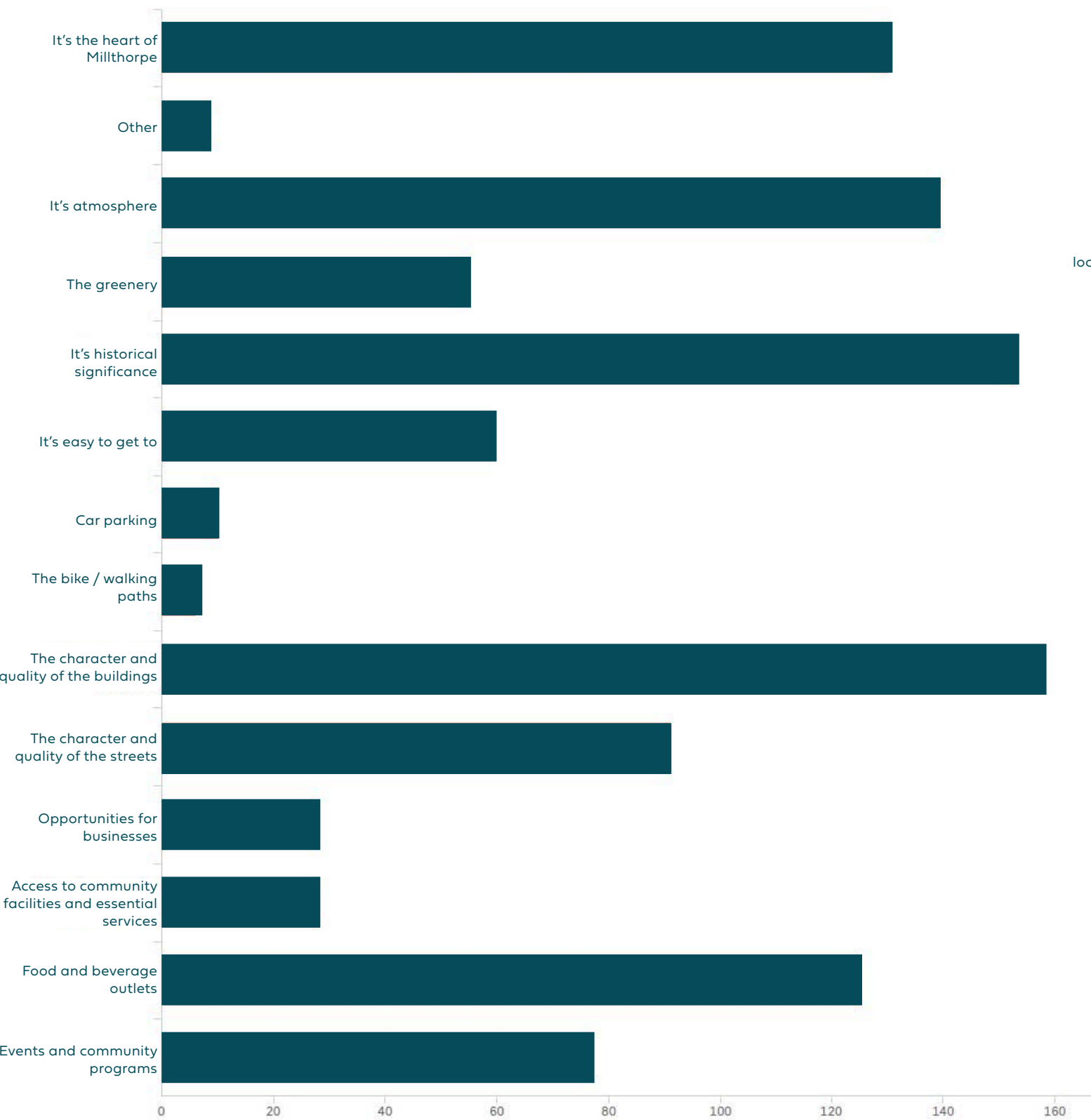
3.1 Community Consultation Summary

Community consultation was first undertaken in May 2021 with an online survey to gather local opinion on Millthorpe; helping to understand how things have changed and what the village centre now needs as the area grows.

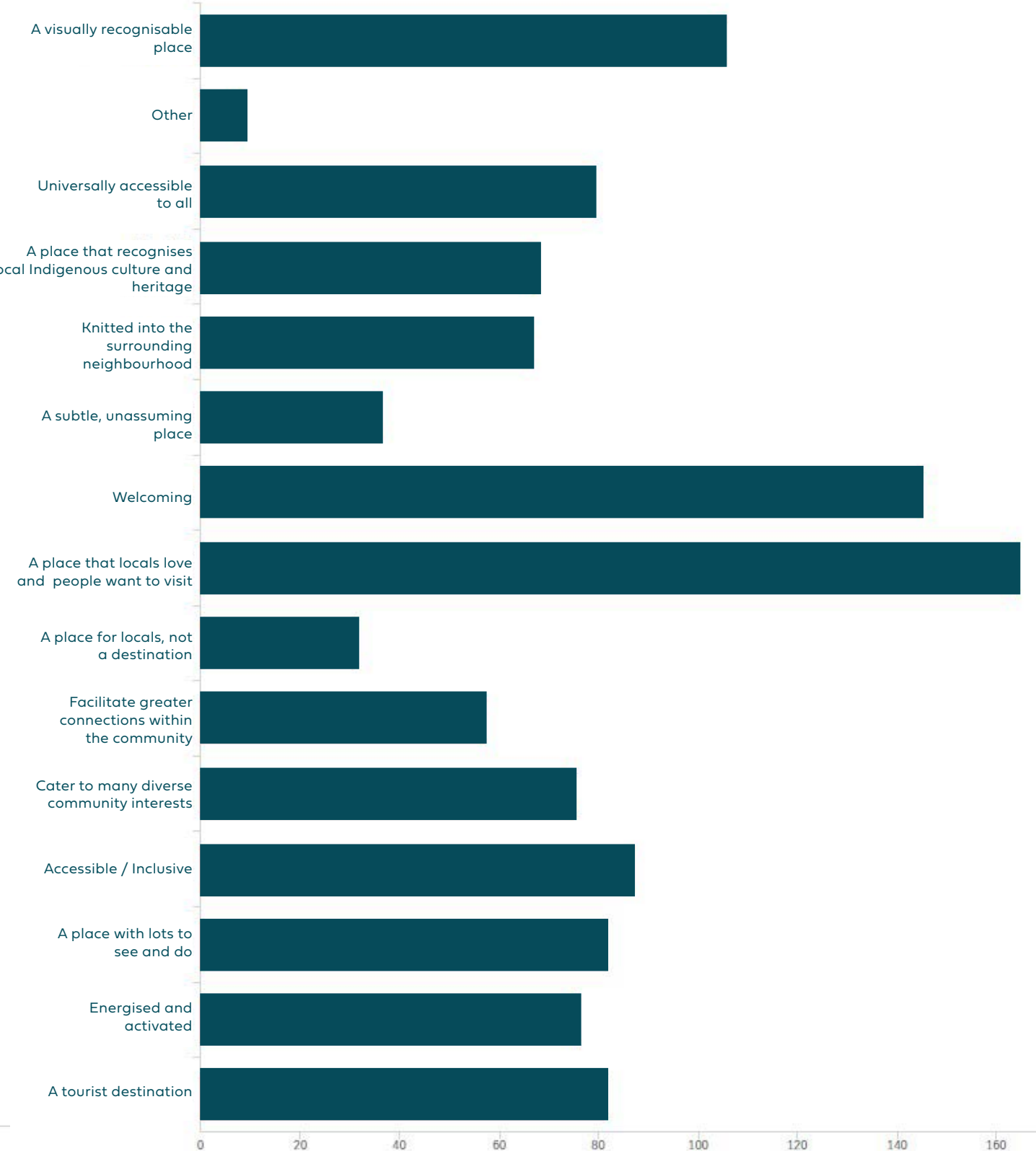


3.2 Community Consultation Data

What do you like most about the village centre?



What do you think the village centre needs to be?



3.3 Community Consultation Data



3.4 Vision For the Future

“Many young families need as many facilities and opportunities for children”

“Getting the balance right between development and preserving character and atmosphere of the village and articulating what is essentially Millthorpe ”

“More car parking spaces near the railway station so that people can park and walk and take away the traffic congestion away from Pym Street”

“More variety of restaurants at night”

“Improved signage on the access roads to the village from the Mid Western and Mitchell highways”

“New footpaths around the old Millthorpe streets”

“Cater to the changing demographic of the village”

“More available seating in amongst the village for people to sit and rest with a cuppa, while taking in the village scenery”

“Safe cycle lanes on side of roadways”

“Lighting at night”

“To be more centred around locals as we have been here forever and feel like we are over run with tourists”

“Maintain heritage facades in village centre”

“Perhaps make Pym Street one way towards station and it’s parking”

“Little activity during the week meaning shops only opening on weekends”

3.4 Vision For the Future



3.5 Online Concept Feedback

In September 2021, the local community was invited to attend an online video call where a series of concept design options were presented by Place Design Group for discussion and feedback.

Following this online call, the presentation was distributed to the community and further feedback collated. Over 130 responses were submitted with the following key points:

- + 65% preferred there was no change to traffic direction along either Victoria or Pym Streets
- + The community are committed to maintaining the Village feel
- + While it is recognised tourists are important to the town, there are many residents and business in the centre who need easy access maintained
- + Original features of the streetscape; verandahs, cobblestones and bluestone kerb and guttering are a priority
- + Recommended that heavy vehicles and through traffic be diverted
- + Review parking, including angled parking and 'park and walk' options
- + Reduce traffic speed with a variety of calming devices
- + Provide better access for those less able
- + Underground the existing power network and include temporary bollards for events
- + The inclusion of parklets was positive, without a net loss of parking spaces.

4.0 CONCEPT DESIGN STRATEGY

4.1 Overall Strategy

STRATEGIC THEME:	KEY OBJECTIVE:	STRATEGIC ACTION:
1 CHARACTER & HERITAGE	To maintain the 'Village feel' with its quirky character and heritage charm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration of the original features of the streetscape; such as the verandahs on buildings, cobblestone sections of the streets & bluestone kerb and guttering Relocate the existing power network underground along Pym St Additional heritage style footpath seating Upgrade Millthorpe bluestone gutters. Undertake audit of condition: identify gaps, remove cement sections, repoint, replace & refurbish blue stone guttering of within the Village Centre
2 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	To slow traffic and create a sense of pedestrian ownership on the streets of the Village Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of a 30km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) Improve line marking to clearly identify traffic lanes Traffic calming devices in Victoria Street at HPAA thresholds Improved/advanced warning lights at the school crossing in Park Street Heavy vehicles and through traffic diverted via Glenorie Road Upgraded intersections with planted corners, tree blisters and accessible road crossing points
3 ACCESSIBILITY & WAYFINDING	To promote the connectivity of the Village for less able people & holiday visitors to park and walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Park and Walk' signage to promote and connect the available parking at the Bowling Club, Railway Station and Redmond Oval Clear signage to promote where caravans and trailers can park Clear signage to public toilets at Redmond Oval and the Railway Station Install reverse angle parking on Victoria Street between Park and Pym Street Improve walkways, footpath surfaces and install new pram ramps
4 FUNCTION & WORKABILITY	To support the working nature of the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seal the Railway Station car park Install 1x dual port (destination charger) charging point at Station Place Maintain clear zones and vehicle access for parking, deliveries and times of emergency in the Village Centre Rollover roundabout to guide traffic flow from Park St (Subject to Transport for NSW)
5 COMMUNITY VALUE	To value the street as open space infrastructure supporting social interaction, sense of identity and business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install temporary bollard system to support temporary closure of Pym St for community festivals, markets and other special events Trial 'Parklet' concept to Station Place (sensitive to Millthorpe Heritage style theme) to provide summer outdoor dining and seating Station Place to become a shared zone

4.2 Overall Strategy / Masterplan Concept

1. CHARACTER & HERITAGE

- 1.1 Restoration of the original features of the streetscape; such as the verandahs on buildings, cobblestone sections of the streets & bluestone kerb and guttering
- 1.2 Upgrade Millthorpe bluestone gutters. Undertake audit of condition: identify gaps, remove cement sections, repoint, replace & refurbish blue stone guttering within Village Centre.

2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- 2.1 Introduction of a 30km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA)
- 2.2 Improved/advanced warning lights at the school crossing in Park Street
- 2.3 Heavy vehicles and through traffic diverted via Glenorie Road
- 2.4 Upgraded intersections with planted corners, tree blisters and accessible road crossing points

3. ACCESSIBILITY & WAYFINDING

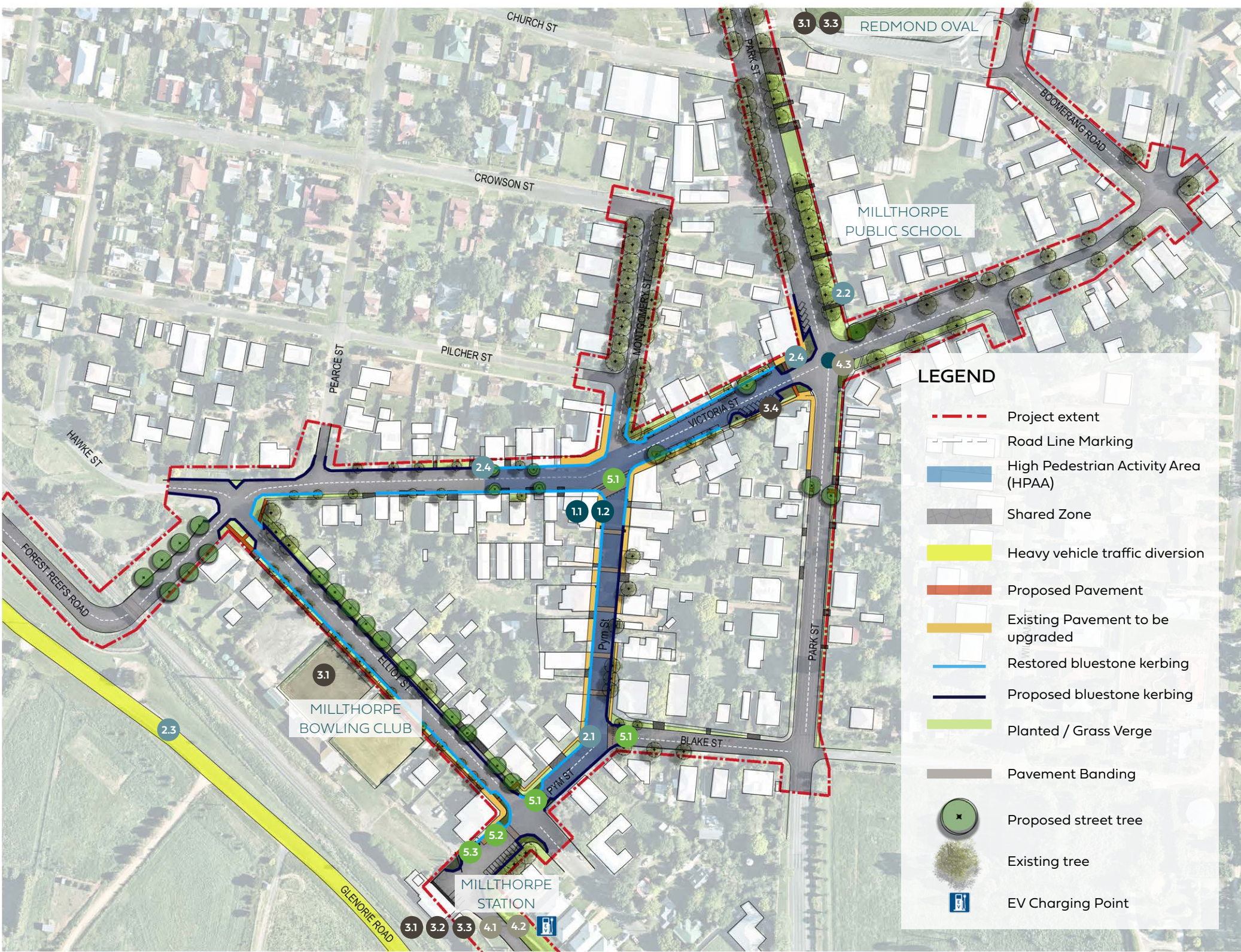
- 3.1 'Park and Walk' signage to promote and connect the available parking at the Bowling Club, Railway Station and Redmond Oval
- 3.2 Clear signage to promote where caravans and trailers can park
- 3.3 Clear signage to public toilets at Redmond Oval and the Railway Station
- 3.4 Installing reverse angle parking on Victoria Street between Park and Pym Street

4. FUNCTION & WORKABILITY

- 4.1 Seal the Railway Station car park
- 4.2 Install 1 Dual Port (destination charger) charging point at Station Place
- 4.3 Rollover roundabout to guide traffic flow (subject to Transport for NSW to review)

5. COMMUNITY VALUE

- 5.1 Install temporary bollard system to support temporary closure of Pym St for community festivals, markets and other special events
- 5.2 Trial 'Parklet' concept to Station Place (sensitive to Millthorpe Heritage style theme) to provide summer outdoor dining and seating
- 5.3 Station Place to become a shared zone



4.3 Village Centre Concept / Plan

- ### 1. CHARACTER & HERITAGE

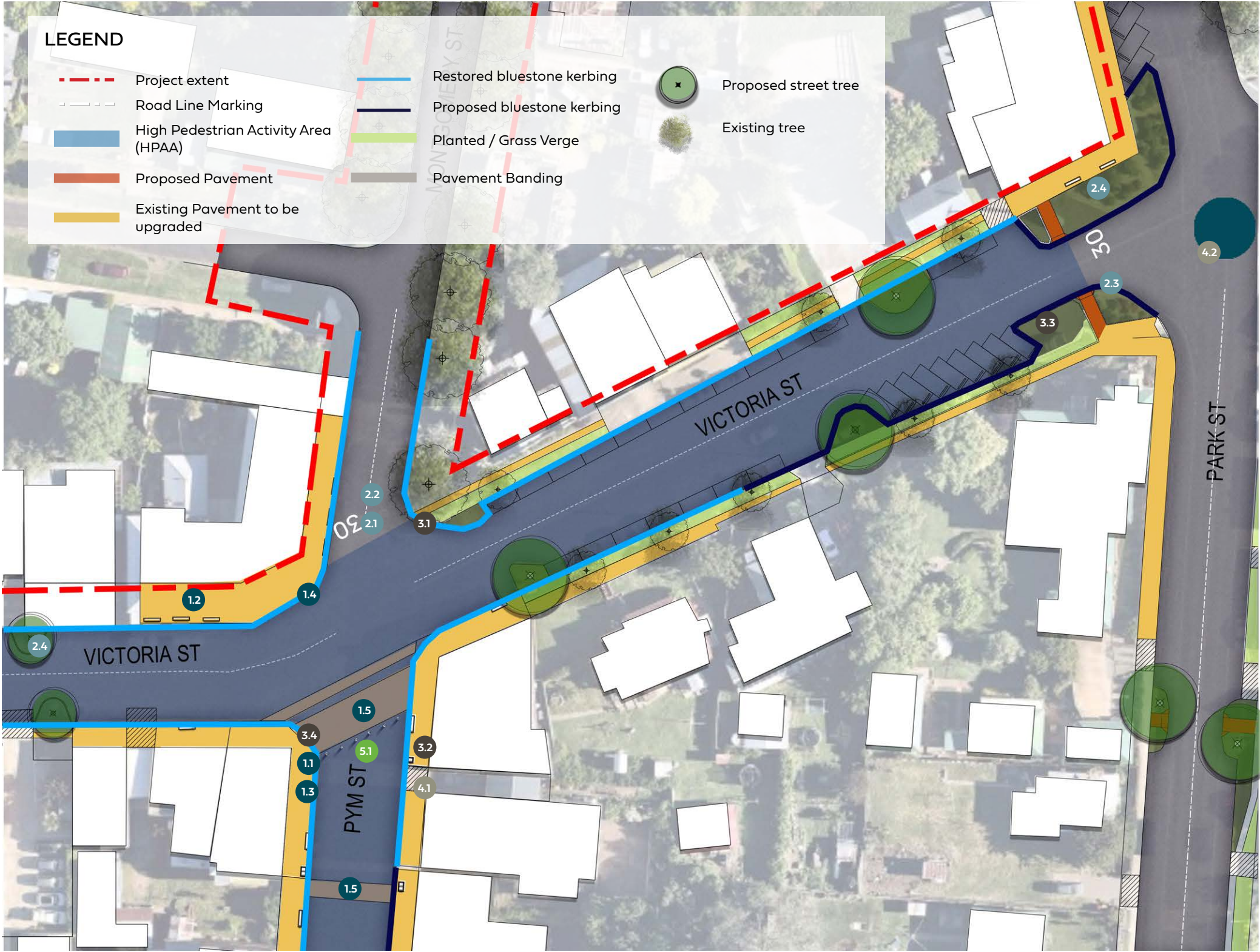
 - 1.1 Restoration of the original features of the streetscape; such as the verandahs on buildings, cobblestone sections of the streets & bluestone kerb and guttering
 - 1.2 Additional heritage style footpath seating
 - 1.3 Relocate the existing power network underground
 - 1.4 Upgrade Millthorpe Blue Stone Gutters. Undertake audit of condition: identify gaps, remove cement sections, repoint, replace & refurbish blue stone guttering of Station Place, Pym, Victoria, Blake and Elliott Streets.
 - 1.5 Paving banding sympathetic to heritage style
- ### 2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

 - 2.1 Introduction of a 30km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA)
 - 2.2 Improve line marking to clearly identify traffic lanes
 - 2.3 Traffic calming devices at HPAA thresholds
 - 2.4 Upgraded intersections with planted corners, tree blisters and accessible road crossing points
- ### 3. ACCESSIBILITY & WAYFINDING

 - 3.1 Improve walkways, footpath surfaces and install new pram ramps
 - 3.2 Upgraded heritage interpretation + wayfinding signage
 - 3.3 Installing reverse angle parking on Victoria Street between Park + Pym St (TBC with Traffic Consultant)
 - 3.4 Raised threshold for more level access across deep kerbs
- ### 4. FUNCTION & WORKABILITY

 - 4.1 Maintaining clearzones and vehicle access for parking, deliveries and times of emergency in the Village Centre
 - 4.2 Rollover roundabout to guide traffic flow (subject to Transport for NSW to review)
- ### 5. COMMUNITY VALUE

 - 5.1 Install temporary bollard system to support temporary closure of Pym St for community festivals, markets and other special events



4.3 Village Centre Concept / Section



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4.4 Station Place Concept / Plan

1. CHARACTER & HERITAGE

- 1.1 Upgrade Millthorpe bluestone gutters. Undertake audit of condition: identify gaps, remove cement sections, repoint, replace & refurbish blue stone guttering of Station Place, Pym, Victoria, Blake and Elliott Streets.

2. PEDESTRIAN SAFTEY

- 2.1 Introduction of a 30km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA)
- 2.2 Improve line marking to clearly identify traffic lanes
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3. ACCESSIBILITY & WAYFINDING

- 3.1 Improve walkways, footpath surfaces and install new pram ramps
- 3.2 'Park and Walk' signage to promote and connect the available parking at the Bowling Club, Railway Station and Redmound Oval
- 3.3 Clear signage to public toilets at the Railway Station

4. FUNCTION & WORKABILITY

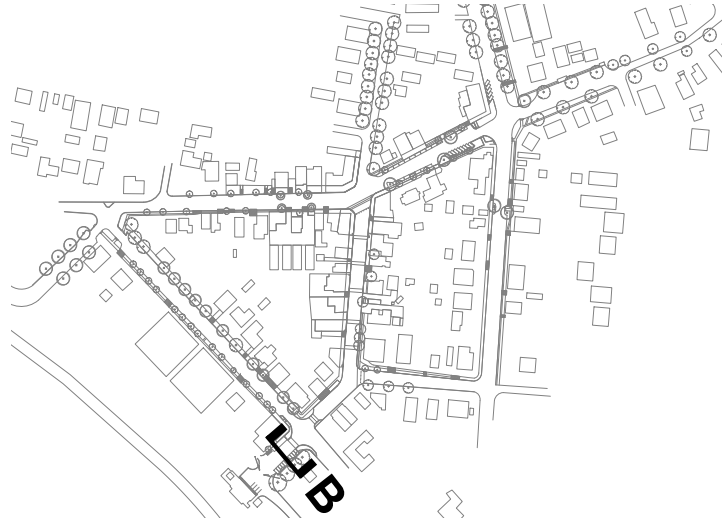
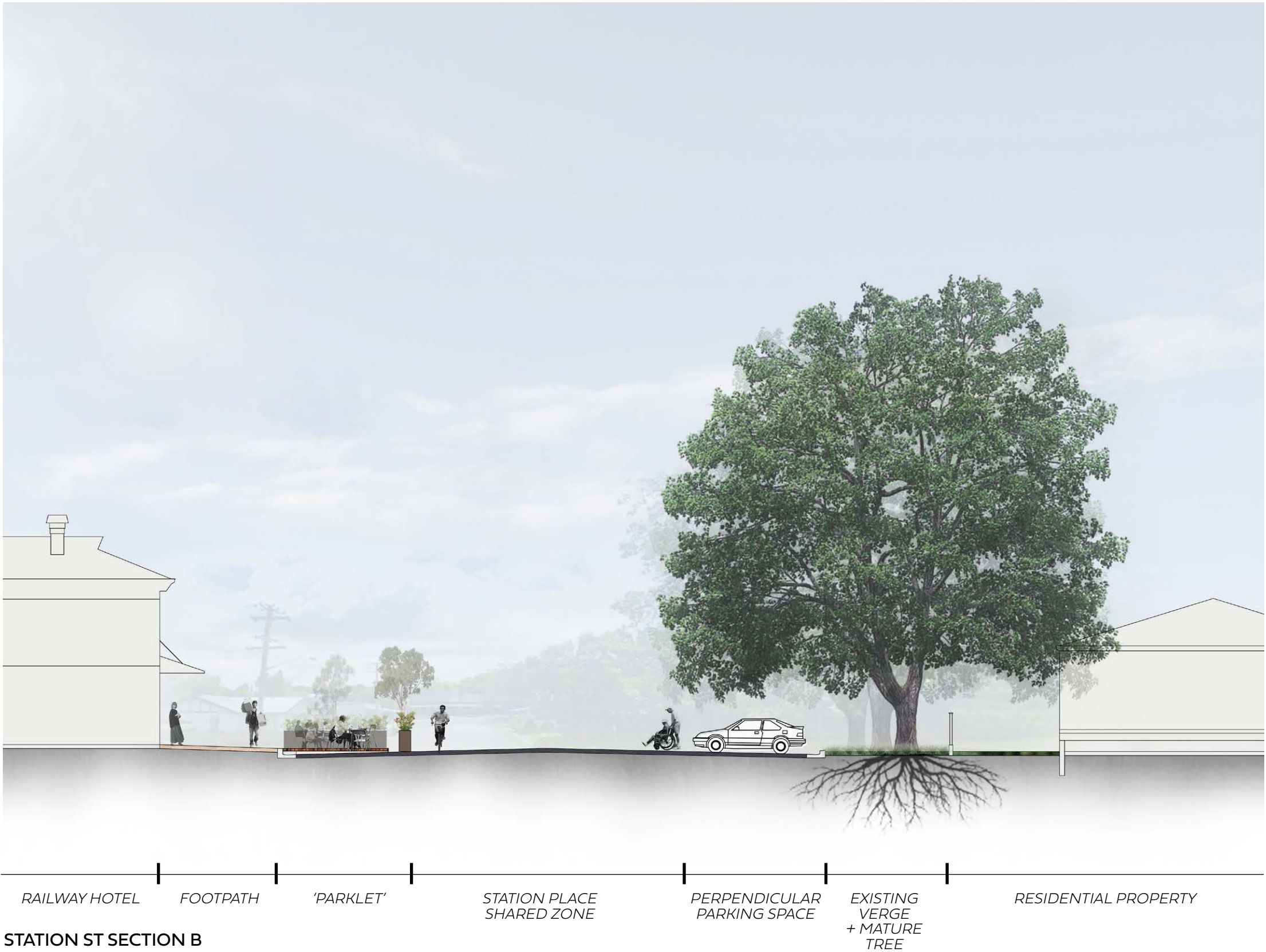
- 4.1 Sealing the Railway Station car park
- 4.2 Refurbish second toilet block at railway station
- 4.3 Install 1 Dual Port (destination charger) charging point at Station Place

5. COMMUNITY VALUE

- 5.1 Install temporary bollard system to support temporary closure of Pym St for community festivals, markets and other special events
- 5.2 Trial 'Parklet' concept to Station Place (sensitive to Millthorpe Heritage style theme) to provide summer outdoor dining and seating
- 5.3 Station Place to become a shared zone



4.4 Station Place Concept / Section



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4.5 Precedent Images / Streetscape Restoration + Temporary Bollard System



4.6 Precedent Images / 'Parklet'



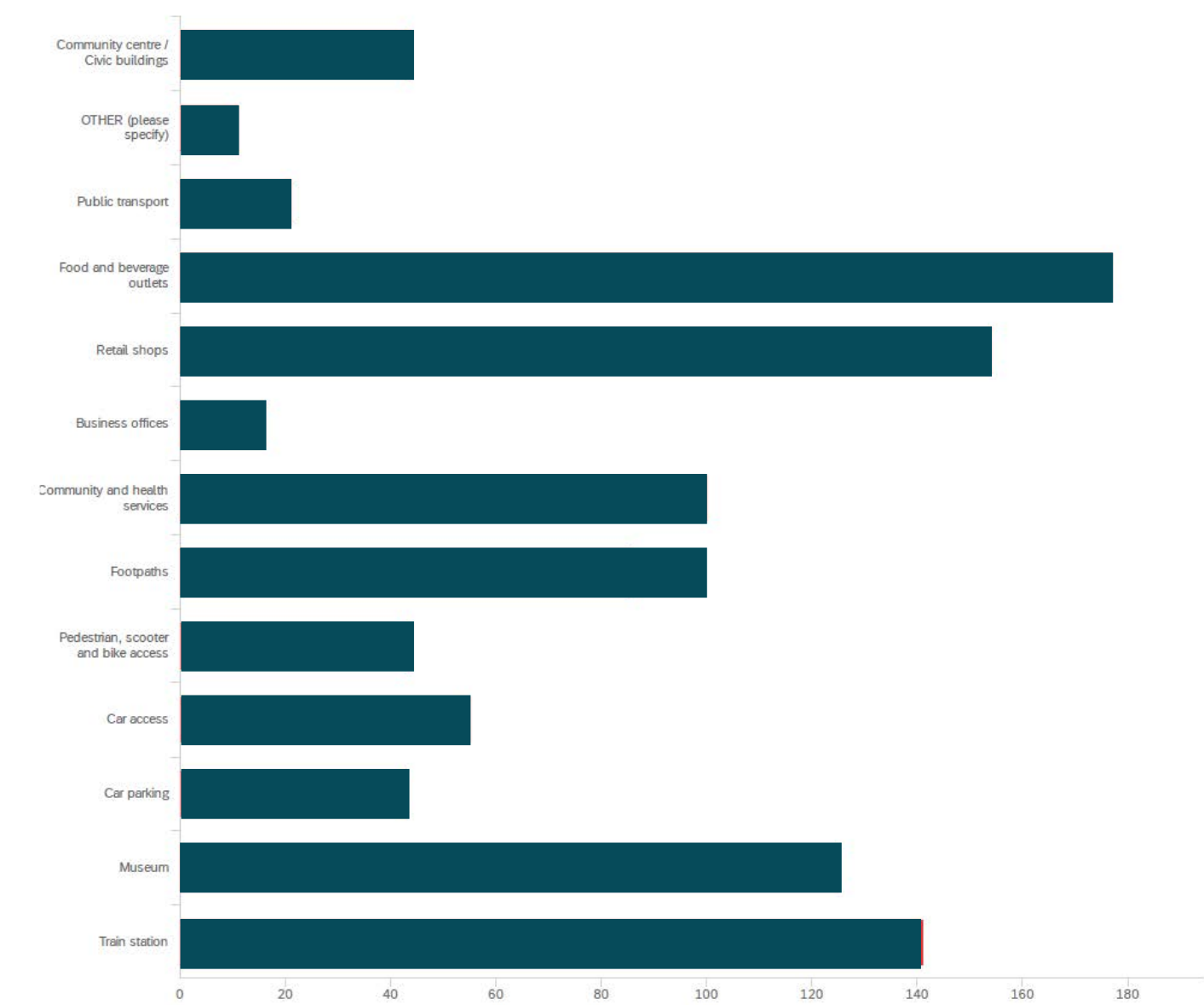
4.7 Precedent Images / Heritage Interpretation + Wayfinding Signage



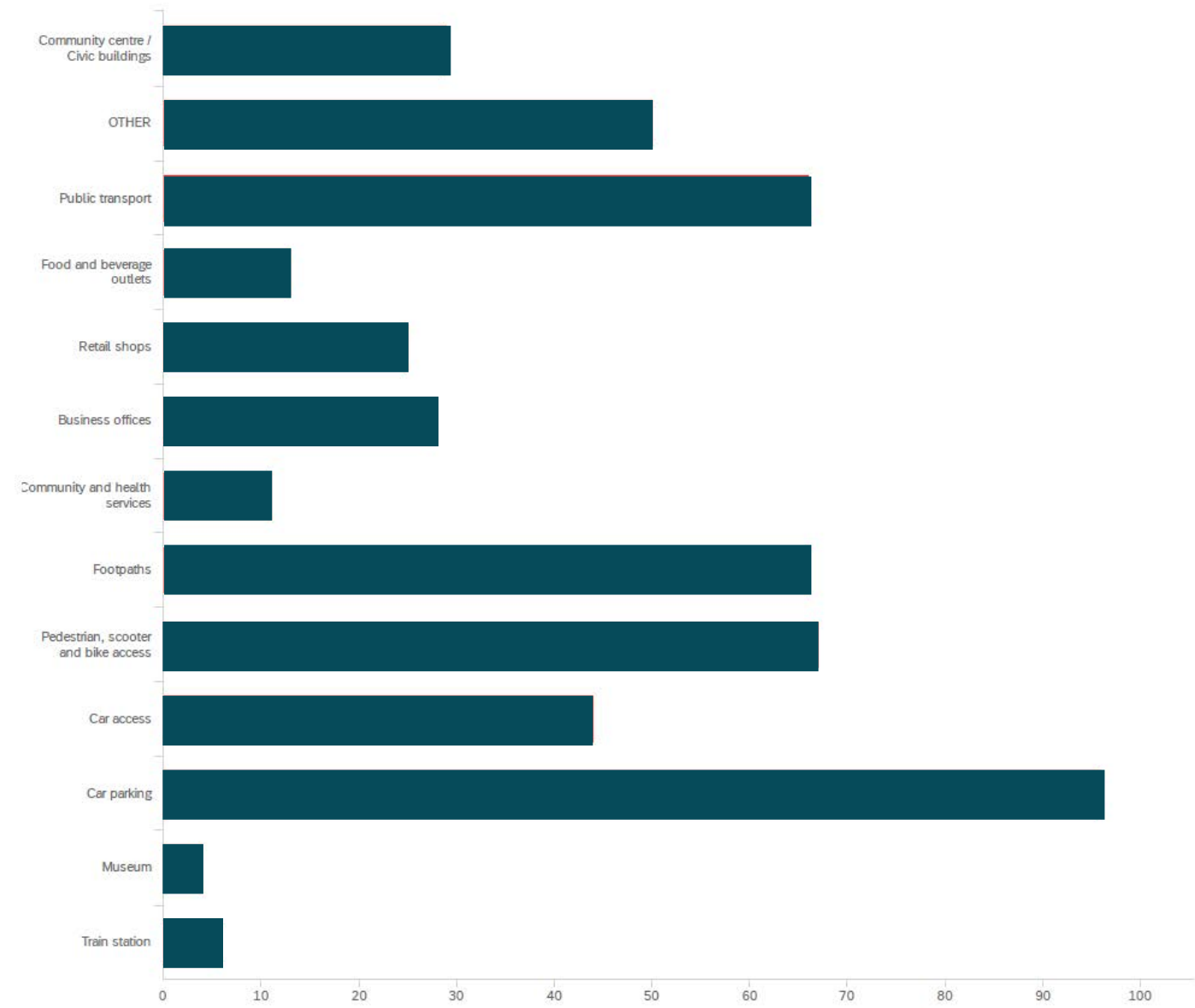
5.0 APPENDICIES

5.1 Community Consultation Data

What’s working well in the village centre?

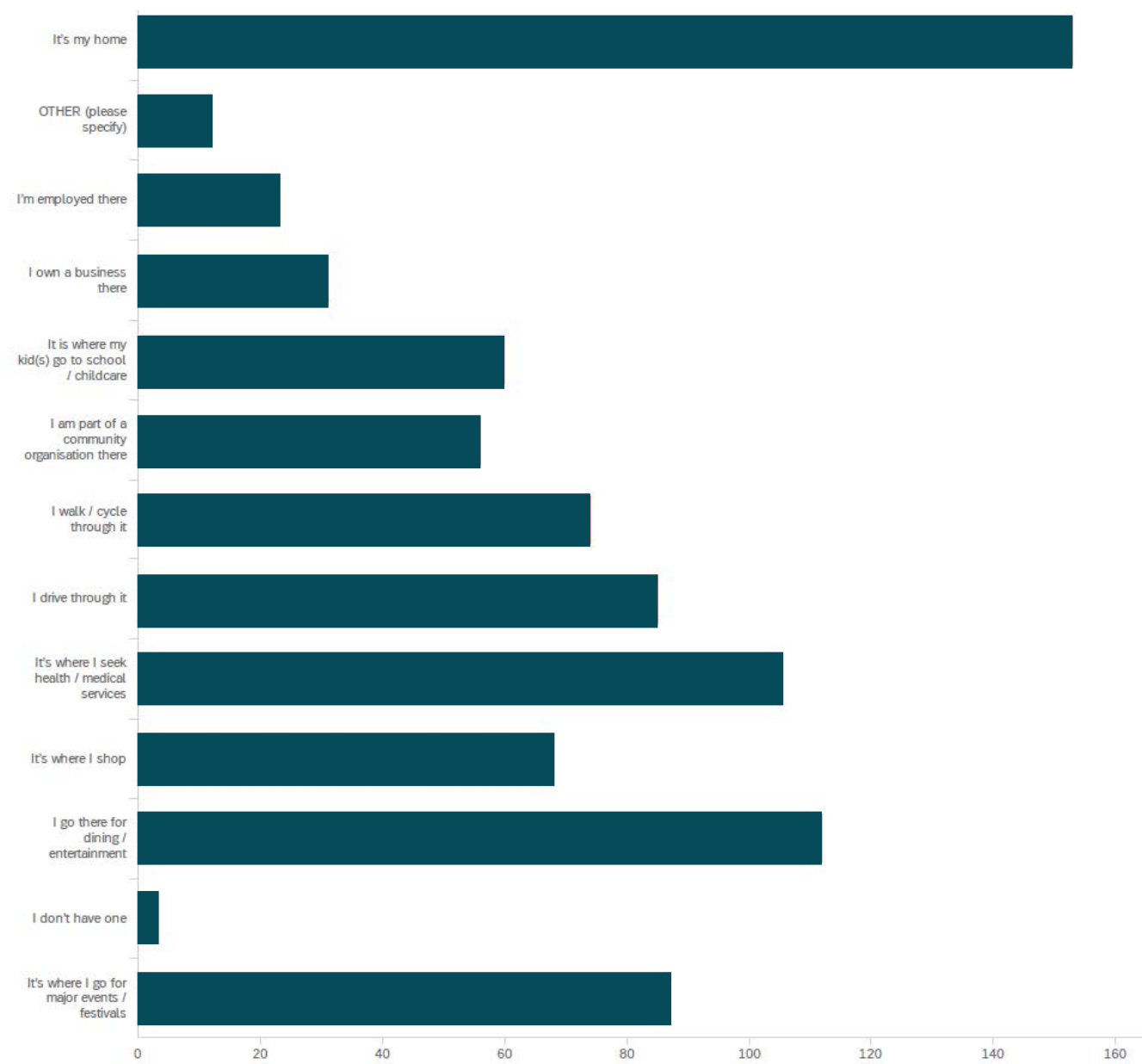


What’s NOT working well in the village centre?

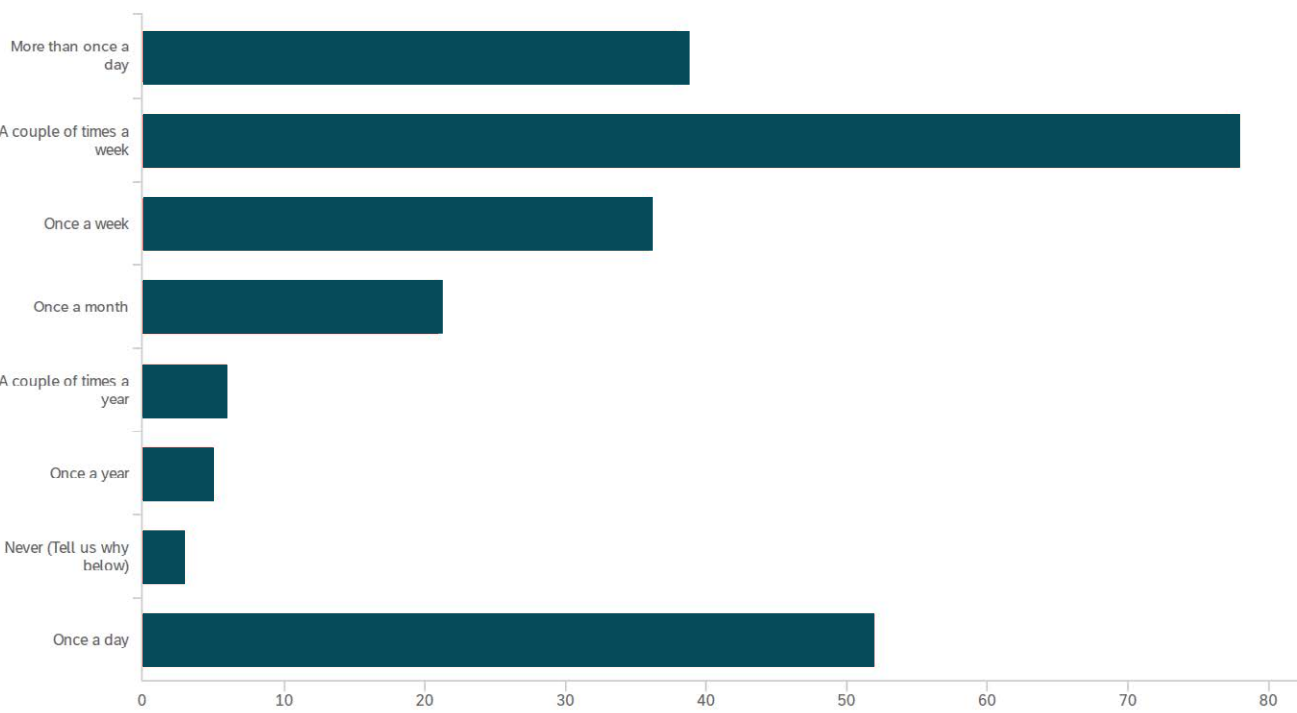


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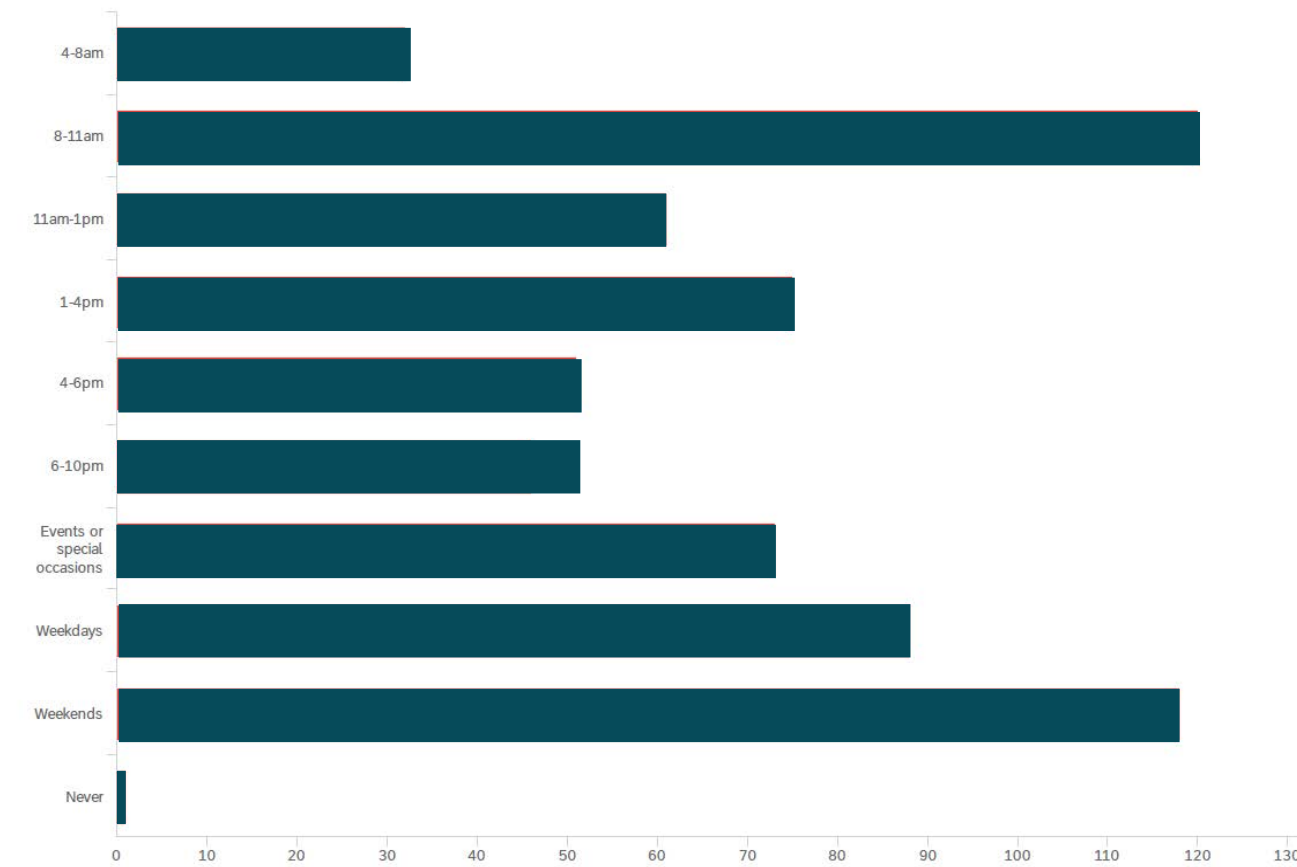
How would you describe your relationship with the village centre?



How often do you visit the Main Street?



What time/s are you there most often?



5.2 Annual Event Calendar (As of 2021)

Event	Date	Location	Road Closure
Millthorpe Markets	First Sunday in April	Redmond Oval	Park Street – Controlled Church Street Closed Boomerang Street Closed
Night Markets	First Friday in August	Pym Street	Pym Street (Victoria to Elliot) Closed
Garden Ramble	First Weekend of November	Various	This event sees increased patronage to the Village, with the closing of Pym Street as an event hub possible.
Millthorpe Markets	First Sunday of December	Redmond Oval	Park Street – Controlled Church Street Closed Boomerang Street Closed
Millfest	Third Sunday of December	Pym Street	Pym Street (Victoria to Elliot) Closed

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