

It's time to have a heart

IN WAITAKERE CITY



It's time - background



An investment in Waitakere's future

A new Civic Centre will be built as a 'one stop shop' for Council services, on the former Carter Holt Harvey site at 2-6 Henderson Valley Road.

This site is strategically located next to the proposed new-look Henderson rail station and transport interchange - and a few minutes' walk from the shopping, business and arts and cultural centres of the city.

It is an investment in Waitakere business, community and cultural heart.

It demonstrates a real commitment to developing the city centre that is designed to add to the climate of confidence that is already encouraging other organisations to expand and invest here and this investment will multiply in value many times as it brings new jobs and new talent.

It will be the catalyst for sorely needed redevelopment and new investment north of the rail tracks and it will link the retail and commercial districts, the railway, the Council and the Corban Estate (arts centre) into a single compact centre where all the main elements add value to each other.

It makes good sense

Henderson has been identified as the city centre by the other organisations that are indispensable to a fully functional city centre. Government departments have their offices there. All the main banks are there as is the biggest retail operation in Waitakere (and one of the biggest in Auckland).

It follows that the centre of local Government should be there also for everyone's benefit and convenience.

Good for customers

A modern council is about customer service and relocating the Council's head office will put the council and its services at the heart of the city it serves.

Unlike the present operation, the new Civic Centre will offer a 'one stop shop' under one roof. It will be closer to business and also to all the other main places that residents visit as they go about their daily lives.

The CBD will remain a compact area, and it is possible to walk to the Civic Centre from the other important parts of town and vice versa.

Naturally there will be people still needing to drive there and the location offers a choice of roads to avoid the heaviest mainstreet traffic. New parking options (both at the Council and in Trading Place) will further add to the convenience of "doing business downtown".

The Council should also be good for business in another way. Staff will be new customers only a short walk away from the shops and services and this is predicted to be a significant boon for the local economy.

More people also add up to more activity, greater safety - and a more vibrant city centre.



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