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## Alfred St closes on Monday

*As of Monday, December 1st, part of Alfred Street in central Rangiora has been closed to traffic, following an Environment Court ruling which confirmed the Waimakariri District Council's decision to declare the area a pedestrian mall.*

The area, which stretches west from Victoria Street, has been declared as a pedestrian mall, in keeping with the Waimakariri District Council's support of the growth management principles of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) in ensuring that 'public passenger transport, cycling and walking are part of the way of life for Greater Christchurch residents'.

Although motor vehicles will be prohibited from the area, and prevented from entry by the erection of permanent bollards at either end, cyclists and pedestrians will have free access.

Council roading staff will be monitoring traffic flows in the vicinity to identify any safety issues or short-cutting

through an adjacent car park. In the short term it is expected there may be some issues until people become accustomed to the change and traffic patterns settle down.

The closure will provide opportunities for future development of the area. In the new year Council staff will be consulting with adjoining businesses and the Town Centre Working Party to develop a design to enhance the closed-off area, and this design will be reported to the Rangiora Ward Advisory Board and the Council's Utilities and Roothing Committee for their endorsement and approval.

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 Section to be Closed

