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Public Consultation on Alfred Street

Alfred Street in central Rangiora will be the subject of a further public consultation after a notice of motion seeking community views on the issue, was carried by a narrow majority at the Waimakariri District Council meeting on Tuesday.

The notice of motion, which recognised the 4,000-strong petition presented to Council in July this year, resolved that the re-opening of Alfred Street be the subject of a special consultative procedure. This means that the community will be able to submit views for and against the re-opening and have the Council make a decision in the light of those submissions.

The motion was carried by five votes to four, with one abstention and one Councillor on leave. Those in favour of the motion were the Mayor and Councillors Cruickshank, Cole, Atkinson and Ayers. Those voting against the motion were Councillors Stewart, Gordon, Felstead and Blair; Councillor Brine is on leave and Councillor Farrant abstained.

At this stage it is uncertain as to when the consultation process will take place. The Local Government Act requires that submissions be open to the community for a minimum of one month and it may be possible to achieve that part of the process prior to the Christmas break.

Alfred Street has been the subject of wide-ranging public comment since bollards were erected late in 2008, to prevent through traffic and thus convert the area into a pedestrian mall.

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