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CITY COUNCIL

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ATTENTION: CHIEF REPORTERS
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Public meeting for Elles Road/Martin Street upgrade

Local retailers, residents and members of the public are invited to attend the final public consultation meeting next week on the Elles Road and Martin Street upgrade.

The meeting will include members of South Alive and Invercargill City Council and follows consultation with local residents last year.

Landscape Architect Craig Pocock, of Pocock Design Environment Ltd, presented the initial concepts to retailers and the community in 2013 with further feedback sought from local retailers in February 2014.

Chairman of South Alive Trust Board Colin Anderson said the meeting was a real opportunity for locals to have a look at the latest designs and proposals for the area which affects spaces outside Westpac Bank and both sides of Martin Street, with a focus on the south side of Martin Street. “It’s an attempt to make sure the area is user friendly. It will be a place where people will want to linger longer - we’ll be open to any further ideas people have,” he said.

“Everyone agrees the area is due for an upgrade and improvement. We are looking forward to what Craig has in mind. I encourage everyone to attend the meeting, I think it’s important, it’s the public’s chance to be part of consultation.”

Councillor Graham Sycamore is encouraging people to attend the consultation meeting as it’s an opportunity for them to have their say on the final concept. “We have listened to feedback from retailers and members of the public during past consultation on this project and we’ve changed the plans to reflect their needs.”

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“We look forward to sharing the redrawn concepts from Pocock Designs Environments. There are multiple areas on Elles Road and Martin Street being upgraded and the input from members of the public and retailers was crucial in the redesign,” Mr Sycamore said.

The meeting will take place at the Pacific Island Trust building, 135 Bowmont Street on Wednesday, May 28 at 6.00pm. People will be able to provide feedback on the design concepts at the meeting. Written feedback to South Alive or Council by Monday, 9 June will be welcome.

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