

# Why change?

The Council has a number of obligations. It must:

- ensure the District is a great place to be
- keep the District healthy
- support an active community that has a pride in itself and cares for the future
- create a diverse and sustainable economy for the 21st century

To that end it is carrying out a major consultation project called City Vision. Part of its remit is to consider a number of often conflicting issues, such as:

- how to make the City more accessible for shoppers and yet reduce traffic congestion

- how to stimulate the local economy and yet reduce its carbon footprint
- how to support both national retailers and small shops
- how to cater for both the daytime and night-time economies

Hence, the very simple question: “what to do with St Peter’s Street?”

The pedestrianisation – or not – of St Peter’s Street is a major issue which will affect your business. Please take the opportunity to spend a few minutes completing this survey to ensure the views of those affected most are known and taken into account.

# The Four Options

The following Four Options are only indicative at this stage.

NOTHING IS CAST IN STONE WHICH IS WHY WE SEEK YOUR VIEWS NOW.

## Option One: Minimal Intervention

This would involve just one change: the addition of a pedestrian crossing at the northern end of St Peter’s Street close to the Cock public house.

Possible impacts:

- pedestrians would find it easier to cross the road
- no change to the level of traffic flows or congestion

## Option Two: Revised Street layout

Option One plus the broadening of the pavements on both sides of the northern end of St Peter’s Street, to effectively pedestrianise the taxi rank (from the Cock public house to Barclays bank) and the service road running from Holland & Barretts to Subway.

Possible impacts:

- reduced parking and therefore reduced congestion
- similar levels of traffic through flow

## Option Three: Full Pedestrianisation

The pedestrianisation of St Peter’s Street from Hatfield Road/Catherine Street to Market Place/Victoria Street. This would be accompanied by major landscaping enhancements and the removal of the roundabout by the Cock public house, replaced by another type of junction.

Possible impacts:

- more public space for pedestrians
- greater range of pedestrian activities
- removal of traffic from St Peter’s Street
- diverting of traffic into nearby residential streets
- changes to evening and night-time economy

## Option Four: Shared Space

Pavements and carriageways share the same surface from Hatfield Road/Catherine Street to Market Place/Victoria Street, so that the space is shared between pedestrians and public transport/taxis. The roundabout by the Cock public house to be replaced by another type of junction.

Possible impacts:

- reduced traffic congestion caused by private cars/freight
- greater pedestrian ownership of St Peter’s Street
- diverting of traffic into nearby residential streets
- changes to evening and night-time economy

# Retailers’ Survey

## Section A - You and Your Business

1. Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Your Business \_\_\_\_\_

3. Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are your normal trading hours:

Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_

Saturdays \_\_\_\_\_

Sundays \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you receive deliveries to the front or rear of your premises? Front / rear  
At what times? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you receive deliveries to the front is alternative access available via the rear? Y / N

7. How long have you been trading in St Albans? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section B – The Four Options

Regarding the Four Options for St Peter’s Street, please rate each of them in terms of the impact you believe they would have on your business.

Score them from 1 -10 with 1 being a large negative impact on your business and 10 being a large positive impact on your business, and provide the main reason behind your score (please supply a score and answer for all four options).

Option 1 – Minimal intervention reason:	Score _____
Option 2 – Revised street layout reason:	Score _____
Option 3 – Full pedestrianisation reason:	Score _____
Option 4 – Shared space reason:	Score _____