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Dear resident

In 2016 Auckland Transport (AT) intends to close the railway level crossing connecting Sarawia Street and Laxon Terrace in Newmarket. The level crossing is the busiest and most complex in New Zealand in terms of rail movements and is a major contributor to rail service disruptions. Closing the crossing is necessary to improve safety and efficiency on Auckland's rail network.

AT would like your feedback on the design for a bridge to connect Laxon Terrace with Cowie Street once the level crossing is closed. Three concept design options are enclosed with this letter, along with some questions on each. The designs differ in terms of the area of land they require, or "footprint" and the way in which they cater for different modes of transport.

Please mail us your responses by Wednesday 24 December using the freepost envelope provided, or you can email aaron.hutching@aucklandtransport.govt.nz for an electronic submission form. You can also scan and send your feedback form to this address. We are interested in hearing from local residents and so have not put the survey online.

Your feedback will help determine the design of the bridge and the proposed viewing platform. Feedback will be considered as part of analysis undertaken by AT, which will also compare the options on aspects such as safety and accessibility. Once this process is complete, the footprint of the bridge will be set and enable us to seek the consents needed to build it. At a later date, we will ask the community for further feedback on aspects such as traffic calming, lighting and other design features.

A community meeting will be held in late January to discuss the feedback we received and the outcome. We will let you know in advance once a date is agreed.

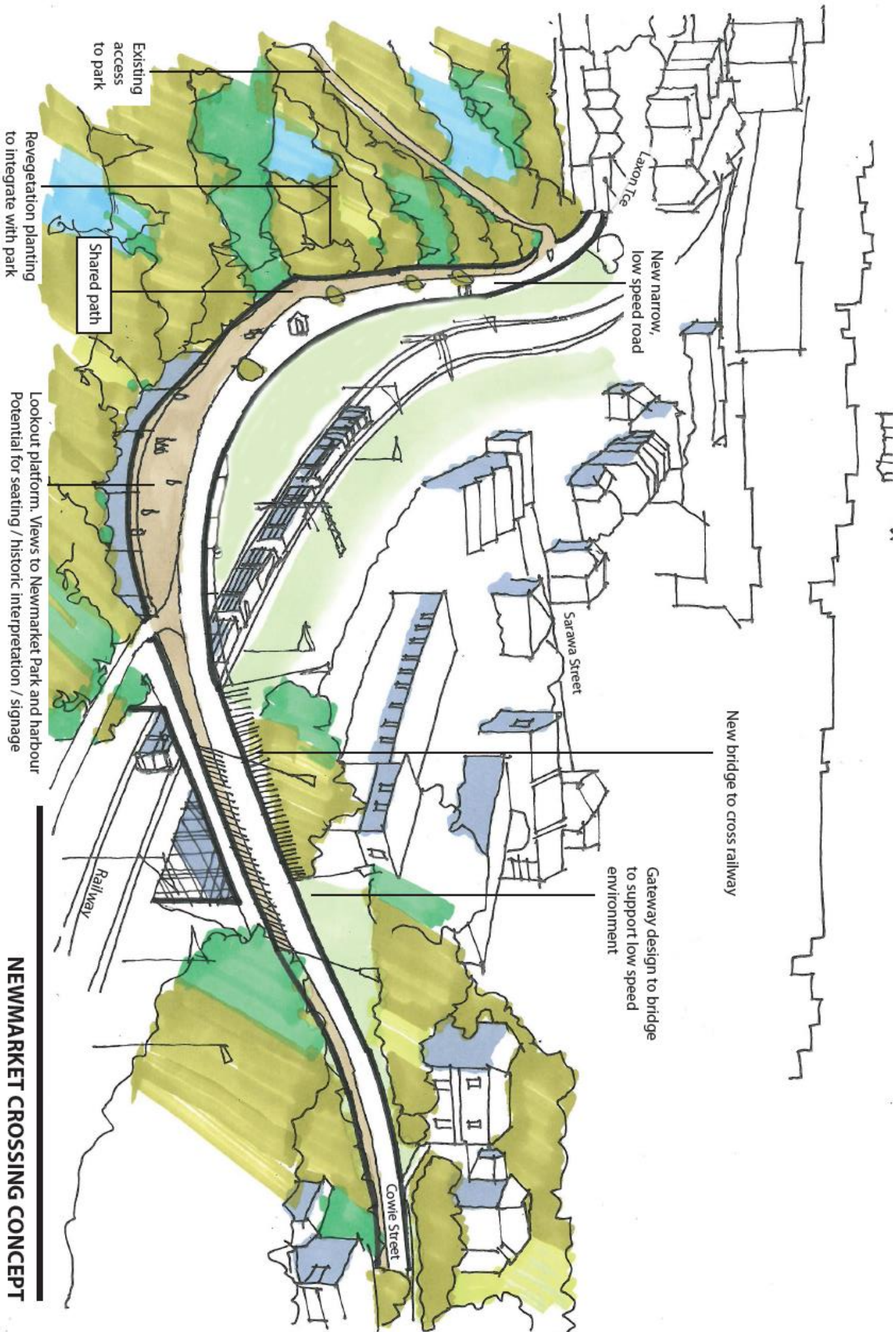
Further project information is available online at www.AT.govt.nz/newmarketcrossing. Please let us know if you have difficulty accessing information on our website or have any other questions.

Yours sincerely,



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