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The Kaikōura District Council recently concluded the Special Consultation Procedure on the provision of borrowing \$800,000 approving that it be included in the 2024-2034 Long term plan for the development of Wakatu Quay.

The public consultation took place throughout August and resulted in 230 submissions from the community. The submissions were presented to councillors at the public hearing on 13th September. 84% of the submissions were in favour of borrowing the \$800,000. 4% in favour of option 2 – to not borrow and the project to stop with site clean up and road repair funded by KDC and 12% in favour of option 3 – to not borrow the money, leaving the site as is and upgrade the road with rate payer funding from KDC.

The key messages agreed by the Councillors from the submissions were summarised as follows:

- There was overwhelming support to make provision to borrow the money in the LTP 2024-34 and for a staged development.
- It is important that environmental concerns are carefully considered as part of the design stage.
- Additional concerns were expressed around natural hazards, cost overruns and competing with businesses along West end.

The Council will continue to work with MBIE to deliver the project on behalf of the community. The project team are continuing to focus on delivering the staged approach which includes attracting tenants and commencing design on the first building. Community comments included in the submissions are assisting to inform this work.

Kaikōura District Council would like to thank all those in the community who took the time to make a submission.