

Central City Noise

Presentation to Council Information Session
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Introduction

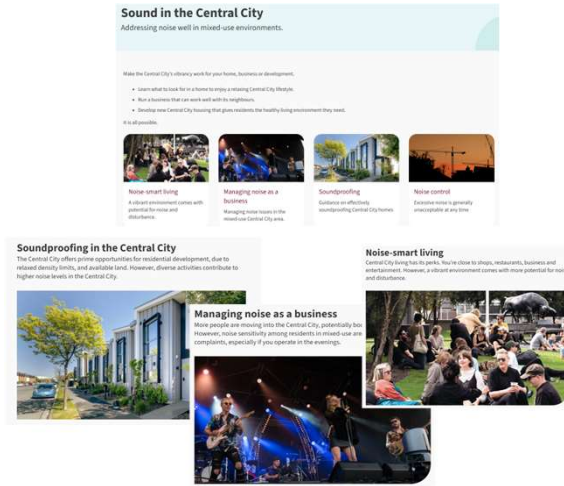
Topic	Presenters
Non-regulatory Work Programme	Jac Chester
Central City Noise Plan Change	Holly Gardiner Darren Bridgett

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Non-regulatory actions

Actions completed through 2024:

- 'Sounds in the City' webpages
 - On-going work for arts update

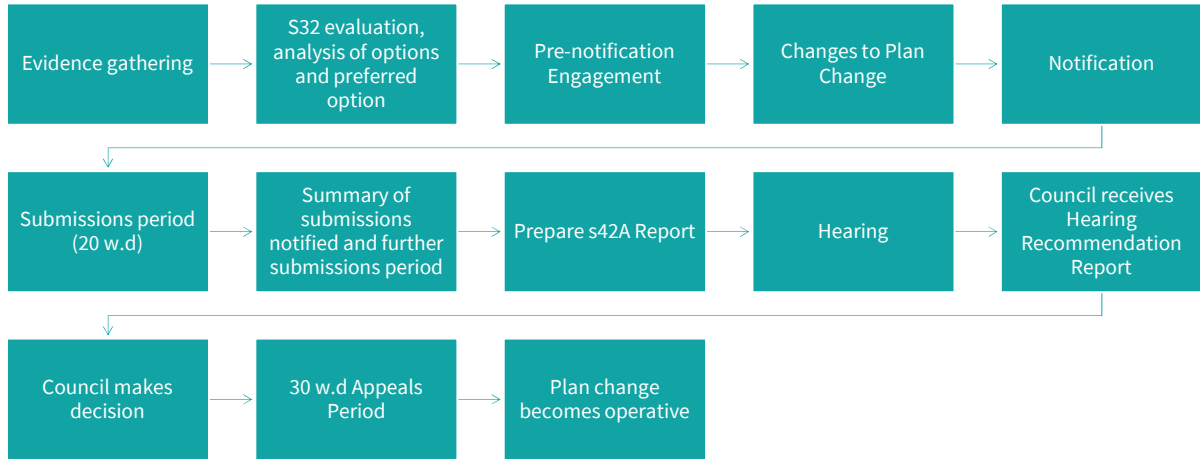


Non-regulatory actions

- Neighbourhood identity building



Central City Noise Plan Change – Statutory Process



Central City Noise Plan Change – Timeline to notification

Task	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Evidence gathering & Preparation of PC	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Public engagement	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Changes to Plan Change	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Notification decision	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
Submissions period	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active

Central City Noise Plan Change – Key dates

Milestone	Dates
Public Engagement	June
Notification Decision	September
Submissions Period	Sept - Oct
Hearing	May 2026
Decision	June 2026

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Central City Noise Plan Change – Issues identified

- Reverse sensitivity effects
- Noise limits are seen as too restrictive in some areas for entertainment activities.
- Noise insulation requirements for sensitive activities are insufficient in some locations
- Entertainment activities established outside the Category 1 and 2 areas that permit higher noise limits.

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Central City Noise Plan Change - Scope

Inside scope:

Central City locations

Noise limits and hours

Noise insulation requirements

Outside scope:

Noise from other sources incl. Te Kaha, industry

Local Alcohol Policy

Changes to existing lawfully established activities

Central City Noise Plan Change - Purpose

Support a vibrant night-time economy within the four avenues (defined as the Central City) by enabling higher noise emissions in appropriate locations, reflecting the anticipated amenity outcomes for the Central City.

Central City Noise Plan Change – Initial acoustic advice



Central City noise limits similar to other city centres around NZ.



Align internal noise levels for noise sensitive activities with best practice.



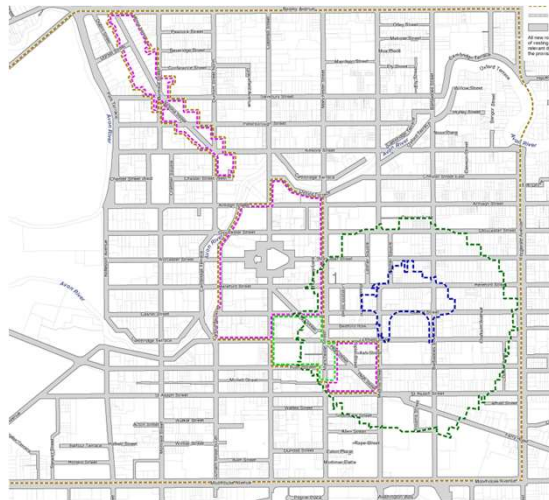
Recommend move away from precincts approach



Agent of change principle impractical to administer.

Central City Noise Plan Change – Potential options

- Amend the boundaries of existing noise precincts
- Retain existing precincts and/or introduce new precincts
- Shift to a zone-based approach



Central City Noise Plan Change – Next steps



Staff will take on board feedback for process moving forward.



Continue analysis of options and provisions, preparing Section 32 Report.



Next update to Council – Information Briefing in May.

Questions & Feedback