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Dear Father Mark

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT**

1. I regret I am unable to attend the meeting on 19 October but set out my views and comments:
  - 1.1 I favour your option 1 and if finances and other resources permit, option 4 as set out in your October letter.
  - 1.2 I do not support option 2 as in my view the Catholic community should retain a presence in the central city as indeed do the Catholic communities in most cities and certainly in all our major New Zealand cities. The present redevelopment of the Tauranga CBD alongside the advent of the university, gives the Catholic community the opportunity to create a vibrant community presence in the heart of the city which would assist the church's "Mission of Evangelisation".
  - 1.3 I do not believe that the issue of car-parking should form a major consideration in the strategic decision you have put in front of the Parish. The Elizabeth Street location does have some current parking issues during the week but the Pyes Pa site alongside a busy secondary school would also have parking issues during the week.
2. Many thanks for the opportunity to express my view.

Yours sincerely



Peter Washer