

New Melling interchange preferred option – diamond interchange connecting to Queens Drive

This option:

- Enables greater flood protection and resilience
- Provides a direct connection onto Queens Drive
- Provides good walking and cycling connections into the city centre
- Enables improvements to public transport
- Promotes a more compact city centre

Safety

The grade separated interchange will be safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Pedestrians and cyclists will be separated from traffic.

Transport choice

Access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport will be improved. The railway station will be moved closer to the city centre and better park and ride facilities provided. The improvements will also future proof for a possible extension of the Melling railway line.

Reliability

A new interchange and river bridge will reduce congestion during peak travel periods and, combined with new stopbanks, will reduce the risk of flooding in Lower Hutt and around the Melling intersection. Local road improvements, including connecting Tirohanga Road to Harbour View, will be required.

