Your Question: What can we do to re-energise our main street?

My Answer: What are you thinking? Do nothing!!!!, but wait you’ve already started, shame on you. Our Forefather’s/Mothers have already created a lovely main street, wide streets, heaps of room and a margin for beautiful mature trees lining it. Something to remember our lovely town by. Just simply, look after our amazing assets that we already have – our mature trees.

Most towns/cities around the world are planting trees, learning from the error of their ways and making it a better place to be in and thinking of the future generations and the health of our world.

The trees on our main street;

Are our lungs

Produce oxygen

Absorbs carbon (the bigger the trees the better)

Clean our air

Absorb excess water

Keep us cool

Home for our birds

Good for mental health and well-being

And people love them, makes people proud of there town.

So cutting our trees down in such a shameful act and another step down that slippery slope to destroying our town. It’s already dying so let do the right thing here please and turn it round and stop it.

Let’s be the generation that turns this shameful decision around and gives our future generations, something to be proud of.

I am sure we have some people in our community that can solve whatever problem they are causing. By the way, I’ve seemed to have missed the reason why we are pulling down these trees in the first place. Please let me know.

Winton used to be known as the heart of Southland that nice little town just north of Invercargill where the weather is better etc. known New Zealand wide, but now it seems it is it is succumbing to heart disease, lifeless and dying.

Jodi Mitchel has a song called the big yellow taxi – take a listen! Please, I’ll leave it there, let’s do the right thing for our great little town.

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