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Recognising the changing fabric of many small, traditionally rural townships, Marlborough District Council allocated \$5M in funding for a community/council partnership to improve public spaces and strengthen a sense of place for a range of small communities across the region.

Why? Because despite there being a recent shift in the planning profession towards 'people-first-design', barriers still remain between what people actually want from their communities, what governmental frameworks are set in place to facilitate these values, and what is supported by New Zealands Transport Agency.

Operational now for two years, a mix of wins, losses and draws have been notched within the Small Townships Programme - each providing valuable learnings regarding the challenges facing delivering meaningful change in small New Zealand townships. These learnings offer evidence-based examples that highlight the barriers restricting positive change within the public realm and raise important questions that need answering about how to design places for people and not just roads for cars. For example, why are we still designing "roads for cars" and not "streets for people?" Or why is it taking so long for 'place value' to trump 'movement function'?

Our presentation will look to encourage a positive dialogue regarding these questions (and more) to encourage design outcomes that make places better for people.

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