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Ian Royce  
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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ian Royce

**PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

I am writing in response to the public question taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 23 August 2023.

**The public question reads as follows:**

Dear councillors, further to my question regarding faeces and food ground into the paths in Hesse Street. Please see the attached pictures I took today of the disgusting state of our paths and this is after recent heavy rain. Council seem to be able to find funds for a politically biased forum costing at least \$4,000 but we NEVER wash the paths in Hesse st unless there is a one off spill.

Can I remind council that this town relies heavily on its historic ambiance to attract tourists. Having faeces, chewing gum and other foods ground into our paths severely detracts from the image that we surely hope to project.

Will council accept that we need to wash our paths as a basic cleaning standard at least once prior to the high tourist season and in the weeks following the high season... as a minimum! Surely we hear there is the Will there is a way.

**In response to the question, I provide the following advice:**

The existing level of service for street cleaning will be reviewed. Council will investigate the effectiveness and value of two annual cleans (before and after the peak holiday period) will be part of this process, noting that each clean costs approximately \$6,000. Any increase to existing levels of service would then be considered by Council within the development of the 2024– 2025 annual budget.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Gill**  
Chief Executive Officer