

Good Afternoon David

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. As you can imagine things are quite busy around here!

I've had a quick look over your questions, please see below answers:

1. Matters concerning heritage buildings is a heated topic in Wellington's media. What is your position on heritage buildings in Wellington?

I am definitely sympathetic to the cause. However, we need to assess important buildings on a case by case basis. Working toward win win solutions is the most desirable outcome.

2. With the high demand for housing and development in Wellington, what is your position on those developments which risk the demolition of heritage buildings?

Yes we are in a growing city that people want to live in. Part of that desire is because of our heritage. I definitely do think we need to assess this issue on a case by case basis to ensure a fair assessment of Wellington's buildings.

3. Do you support strengthening of the Town Hall to a satisfactory level of earthquake prevention and working towards an urgent opening of this important amenity?

Yes of course, it is important that we keep our buildings safe for our history and our people but we need to work through the financial issues associated with this project.

4. Do you support maintaining or increasing the Wellington City Council Built Heritage Fund?

I'm more than happy to sit down and hear a case for increasing the fund.

5. What is your vision for historic places' role in Wellington's future?

I have brought up six children here. We have a long term, not a short term view of the city I believe Heritage is an important factor for our city as it adds a sense of place to Wellington and adds to the uniqueness of the city's history and our story. The challenge is continuing to enhance the liability of the city while retaining its heritage.

6. We welcome any other comments you may wish to make on this subject

Wellington is a fantastic place and heritage adds to its charm. I would love the opportunity to speak to Historic Places Wellington, is there any particular time/date that would be good for you?

Kind regards

Jo