

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

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Monday 8 May 2023

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Traffic Issues with Rutherford Street, Woolston & surrounding areas

Heavy traffic volume – especially too many trucks

- I know that this is a NZTA owned and maintained road and been in place for 20 years and is classed as a "ring road", but the volume of trucks that use this is extremely high! Can we please get the trucks travelling to the Lyttelton Port and return to continue on Dyers Road through to the roundabout and then to use Tunnel Road instead of driving through the now built-up residential area of Palinurus Rd / Rutherford St? The NZTA Representative has advised this would be suitable, but there is nothing in writing about it. Is there any chance we can communicate this to all truck drivers?
- We are noticing and increased number of the heavy dual carriage trucks that are
 using their engine brakes to slow down to brake for the Rutherford St/Ferry Rd traffic
 lights NZTA Representative has advised this is not allowed and needs to be
 addressed! Who does this?

Speed that the traffic drives at along Rutherford Street

Rutherford St is only a 50 kph speed limit but it seems that all vehicles do more than this speed. The signage isn't clear either. One side of Ferry Road has recently become a 30kpm speed limit through the Woolston Village, but again no one does this speed limit. It doesn't help that Palinurus Rd is a 70kpm limit. Vehicles (especially the trucks) carry on at 70kpm from Palinurus Rd onto Rutherford St and Ferry Rd (both the 30kpm & 50kpm sections). One day someone will get hit by a car on Ferry Rd in the 30kpm speed - our proposal is that the speed limit on Palinurus Rd be reduced to 50kpm, this way people will hopefully be doing 50kpm by the time they get to the traffic lights at Rutherford St / Ferry Rd & Palinurus Rd intersection. If we could go another step further, we would propose that Dyers Road be reduced from 70kpm to be 60kpm as Dyers Rd has also become another road with extreme heavy traffic on it. The NZTA Representative did advise that they are currently drafting the 2024 30kpm speed management plan which may include SH74 (Dyers Rd) and will be seeking feedback from the Community in the second half of this year. However, with regards to how I could get a fixed speed camera installed for Ferry Road in the Woolston Village – I was advised that this is the CCC to decide. Is this possible to get one installed?

Car parking on Rutherford Street

With the increased High Density Townhouses being built this has increased the number of vehicles parked on Rutherford Street causing issues for residents trying to exit their driveways with cars park over driveways instead of 1 metre away from the driveway exit – NZTA have agreed to paint white lines at the end of driveways marking 1 metre from each driveway exit, however, this will only happen after the new cycle lane proposal has gone ahead – as residents, we are not aware of this proposal and NZTA couldn't give me much information on this as it is with CCC?? Can the CCC please advise the residents of Woolston of the details of this proposal?

Cycle Lanes on Rutherford Street

 With the build up of car parking on Rutherford Street, residents exiting their driveways are having issues with seeing if cyclist are coming along in the cycle lane and there has been a number of very near misses – Again, NZTA have advised us that there will be a change to the cycle lane impacting on the carparking on Rutherford St, but as residents, we have not been informed of the changes.



Re-zoning of Rutherford Street to Residential?

 Increased building of new High Density Townhouses – total of 35 new units just between Ferry Road and the Rutherford St bridge in the last 6 months - Is there any chance of changing the zoning of Rutherford Street to be Residential and leave the Commercial zoning only for Garlands Road? What is the process to do this?

Notification of Road Works

• We do not seem to be getting any notifications of up-and-coming road works from the Contractors on the new High Density Townhouses being built e.g. currently there is no car parking on Rutherford St from 08/05/23 – 12/05/23 incl, between the hours of 5.00am – 5.00pm – we only know this due to the road cones and signage put up late Saturday afternoon! Neighbours have complained to CCC but no response. Who's responsibility is it to inform us of this sort of work?

Noise from traffic / forklifts at Container Yard

This is an ever-increasing issue with the road noise, especially from the increase in volume of heavy trucks, the forklifts at the container yard dropping the containers instead of placing them on top of one another, and the motorbikes of the gang members who live in the area being intimidating to drivers! I am working with the NZTA Representative on the road noise coming from the bridge that the trucks drive too fast over, but this has been a long and painful process. Can the CCC do something about the Container Yard?

Other Traffic / Pedestrian Issues in Woolston

- Motor Cross bikes, Quad bikes, motorised e-Scooters are causing issues along the river from Gould Cres/Bamford St through to the Woolston Cut, as well as in Radley Park where they are terrorising the public, dogs and children and putting them at risk of being injured with them speeding up and down the pathway, damaging the grassed spaces. I managed to get a bollard put in Radley Park to stop motor vehicles driving into Radley Park what can be done to stop this? Most of the culprits doing this all live in Riley Crescent. May be Community Patrols on foot through the park regularly on the hour? When you approach the people, they then threaten you! I have video footage of motor cross bikes racing up and down in Radley Park.
- Small motor vehicles are now taking short cuts along the river from Gould Cres / Bamford St through to Woolston Cut / Connal Reserve / Radley St Is there any chance of more solid and permanent bollards being installed onto the pathways along the river and some of the older posts with wire linking getting replaced / updated as these are being removed so cars can cut through e.g. Connal Reserve at the Catherine St entrance and also Rutherford St bridge?