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This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan

Proposed Private Plan Change 37 - Rider Park Structure Plan

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission? I could not

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that - (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition? I am not

Do you wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of your submission? I do not

If others make a similar submission, will you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing? Yes

Do you support the proposed change(s)? I oppose

The specific provisions of the plan change my submission relates to are (give details):

The traffic impact on local communities if the plan change was approved and went ahead without a new river crossing would have a significant detrimental impact to the not only the local Leamington community but also the entire Cambridge roading network.

My submission is

Shakespeare Rd is now a main throughfare road which has significant traffic flow not only at peak times and the two current bridges are pinch points impacting on traffic throughout the town. The increased traffic initially with the development and then once houses are built would exacerbate and have significant detrimental impact on traffic flow.

The Transit decision not to create a Northern on ramp onto the Expressway past the golf course increases this with construction traffic heading and coming from the North needs to go through the town.

I believe the council would be extremely negligent in allowing the plan change until a new bridge has been completed which appears to be many years away.

The residential developments on the Cambridge side of town especially on the Northern boundaries have less impact as access to the town centre and Hamilton etc is not dependent on crossing the river. If for any reason the old bridge was taken out of service the town would experience serious gridlock with only the one crossing. This is untenable.

I seek the following decision/s from Council

That council decline or defer the plan change until a new bridge has been built to better manage the traffic flows across the river and in Leamington.

Attachments