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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

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? No

Do you support the proposed change(s)? I support in part

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

Increased traffic through Leamington.

My submission is

Growth in Cambridge is expected and supported in principle. However, there are significant concerns about the traffic impacts on Leamington, particularly along Shakespeare Street, which are not adequately addressed in Appendix 7 (Integrated Traffic Assessment).

Shakespeare Street already experiences congestion during peak periods, and traffic volumes increase significantly during events at Lake Karapiro. The proposed development will add further pressure, as this route will act as a key connection for additional vehicle movements.

The assessment assumes increased walking, cycling, and public transport use will reduce traffic demand. This is unlikely to meaningfully offset vehicle trips in this area due to commuting patterns and limited public transport options. Private vehicle use will remain the dominant mode.

Several intersections on Shakespeare Street are already difficult and unsafe, particularly for right-turn movements, and are currently only controlled by give-way signage. Increased traffic will worsen these issues.

In particular:

- Browning Street / Shakespeare Street requires a roundabout or traffic signals.
- Wordsworth Street / Shakespeare Street requires a roundabout or traffic signals.
- Raleigh Street / Shakespeare Street (serving a retail area) should be assessed and upgraded as needed as well as Campbell St / Shakespeare Street.

It is critical that any required upgrades are implemented before or at the same time as development, not afterwards. Delayed infrastructure delivery will result in increased congestion and reduced safety for existing residents.

A stronger application of Safe System principles is needed, including replacing priority-controlled intersections with safer, controlled designs where traffic volumes increase.

Summary of key requests:

- Reassess traffic impacts on Shakespeare Street using realistic assumptions
- Upgrade key intersections (Browning, Wordsworth, Raleigh, Campbell)
- Deliver infrastructure upgrades prior to or concurrent with development

Without these measures, there is a real risk of worsening congestion and safety outcomes in Leamington.

I seek the following decision/s from Council

As per my submission, a stronger application of Safe System principles is needed, including replacing priority-controlled intersections with safer, controlled designs where traffic volumes increase.

Attachments