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This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan
 PC37

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

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

Leamington (I do note it is not even shown on the map) already experiences traffic difficulties especially trying to move from side streets into Shakespeare St due to the flow from Browning and this proposal will increase that. The volume of trucks down Browning and into Shakespeare has increased over the last 12-24 months increasing the noise and this development will only increase this. There are issues in Pope Tce I am also advised.

The council already knows of these issues and has some plans to address these which raises the question when you know you have a problem would you not solve it before you increase pressures? Dust and noise. Morrisville has a similar development (still ongoing) and the dust and noise from it has caused issues for the residential areas surrounding it.

Water, we already have restrictions in summer, this will only increase the pressure on the system. (Even in the short term with trucks using water to assist in the management of the dust.)

Parking, in Leamington and in Cambridge it is under pressure. (Even the council office parking is used to access the surrounding shops) Vehicles parking in Shakespear St already restrict the vision when pulling from side streets into Shakespeare.

There are already ongoing housing developments in many surrounding areas and the full impact of these is still to be felt

My submission is

The council knows the issues, they already exist but they appear to have no clear plan which it is ready to implement. The council (I believe) will have already received funding from developers and yet apart from cycleways and speed humps (along with changing and restricting traffic flows in some areas) seems to have done nothing to improve the already known congestion issues. I would hope council members will go in a wheelchair in a disability vehicle or ambulance or fire engine and experience speed hump or two if they think they should put in more speed humps.

A third bridge: the questions are when and where will they put it? The lack of clear deceive long term planning has resulted in housing development going ahead and restricting the bridges' possible locations. Will PC37 do the same? and will it be a third bridge or build another bridge and close Victoria Bridge.

Trucks have for many years been restricted through Cambridge but not Leamington it seems. As Leamington does not show on the plan is the long-term plan that it disappears?

Can our sewerage and water systems cope?

It feels to me that development of Leamington and Cambridge is ad hoc, getting bigger does not necessarily mean better.

Some worried Cambridge would die when the expressway went through however I am concerned Cambridge will strangle itself with development and a place to avoid due to traffic

I seek the following decision/s from Council

Take stock

Decide what Cambridge and Leamington are aiming to become, the vision... surely not just more houses, retirement villages and Rest homes, with a town center no one can access and therefore go to Hamilton or Te Awamutu for shopping.

Suggestions

Make the most of the assets, Fixed Te Kotu lake... you know there's an issue for long enough, improve the walkways e.g. along Karapiro stream, if we are going to have more people living here give them options to enjoy

Encourage the use of Lake Karapiro for the general public not the special few.

Develop a long-term plan with clear time frames for development. Include decisions on what must be in place before the next round of development can commence, and start the projects now.

In short

PS37 will increase existing pressures on infrastructure, increase noise, dust, and pollution. It will change the feel of the area.

The council needs to decide development direction and infrastructure needs and management. It needs to have a long term plan and it needs to start implementing it now.

The original planners of this town planned for a green belt (thank goodness) What are the current planners planning for?

Attachments