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Feedback Form –Corinthian Drive Roundabout, Albany – Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Introduction

Business North Harbour, represents approximately 4,500 commercial property and business owners located within the business district north of Constellation Drive/Upper Harbour Highway and south of Oteha Valley Road. This business district attracts 30,000 plus employees per day, and more than 6,700 Massey university students and approximately 4,500 school students across the business district.

Location

The Corinthian Drive area has been recognised as a congestion and parking hot spot, with limited public transport to support the area.

The nearest bus stop and route is over the maximum international requirement of 800 metres from the nearest bus stop.

The named roundabout leads onto to Albany Expressway, which is a major arterial, linking the Northern motorway to the South and Albany village, Westfield Mall, the QBE Stadium and Massey University to the North.

Our submission on the installation for four new table crossings surrounding the roundabout on Corinthian Drive with raised speed table, catch pit and extended footpath, are as follows.

Sarah de Zwart
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Business North Harbour

Assumptions:

Business North Harbour have not undertaken independent verification of Auckland Transport's plans nor designs.

Our positioning is based on the assumption that Auckland Transport's plans are both robust and accurate. If this proves not to be the case, our position and subsequent evidence may need to change.

Our Process

Business North Harbour were advised on 13 November 2017, that Auckland Transport were in formal consultation regarding proposed changes to the Corinthian Drive roundabout. We were advised that Auckland Transport had delivered letters to the affected properties and businesses within the area. It is unsure whether the property owners have been advised.

As a service to our members, we personally contacted many of the residing businesses who were in the immediate vicinity of the new changes. We needed to understand the level of support, or opposition, to the plans and the impact on our business and their staff with regards to safety and congestion and parking.

Our Findings

There is overall indifference towards the development.

Many questioned the validity, whether the allocated money would be best spent, when a more prevalent issue (parking) should be addressed.

One member expressed their concern of safety whilst crossing the road, however expressed it was due to illegally parked cars obstructing crossing visibility, rather than speed.

Due to two of the main corner sites still under construction, only 17 businesses were approached.

Most of the businesses that were contacted had received the notification.

Objections:

The common objection was the allocation of the funding for an already slow roundabout, whereas there is a major concern over the lack of parking within the area.

Conclusion

Business North Harbour, requires further evidence that supports the investment in the installation of the four raised table crossings. We, along with our members want to be able to make an informed decision.

We respectfully request this information is made available to us, prior to this decision on finalising this proposal. We would expect this information to be available for dissemination to our members, prior to the 8th of December 2017.

In the absence of this supporting evidence other suggestions have been put forward from our members which may increase visibility therefore safety without the need of such significant capital expenditure. These include:

1. Future parking options:
 - a. Angled parking
 - b. Land purchase/leased for designated off street parking

We will publish this additional information, and our submission on our website www.businessnh.org.nz so that our members know their feedback has been forwarded to Auckland Transport.

Thank you.