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Feedback Form –RTV-090-Consultation

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 4,500 students across business district, with Massey University (approximately 6,800 students) and Rangitoto College (approximately 3,250 students) on the boundary.

Albany has been identified by Auckland's regional council as a strategic area of growth for Auckland (Auckland Plan 2010-2040).

Our submission on the P720 parking restrictions for Vega, Atlas, Ascension and Whetu Places are as follows.

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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 20 September 2017, that Auckland Transport were in formal consultation regarding proposed changes to the aforementioned streets. 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 all the residing businesses who were in the immediate vicinity of the new changes. We needed to understand the level of support, or opposition, to these plans and the impact on both access and parking these changes would have on our business and property owner membership – and their staff.

Our Findings

There is overall support in favour of the new P720 parking restrictions.

Of the 90+ businesses contacted approximately 70% of the businesses were aware of the proposed road changes.

Objections:

There were limited objections:

- There was an initial general confusion of paid parking. Subsequently through our discussion with the affected parties, they are now clear.
- Three complainants were recommending a P840 to cover their staffs' requirements.
- Two businesses questioned why it was not a permanent option, covering the weekend period to ensure there is availability on Monday morning.
- One member questioned the availability of parking after 6pm on Friday through to Monday evening before being penalised.

Conclusion

Overall Business North Harbour, and those members contacted, support the proposed P720 restrictions.



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.