



## **SUBMISSION: Bus Stop Removal Corinthian Drive**

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## **Corinthian Drive Proposed Bus Stop Removals**

Business North Harbour (BNH) representing the North Harbour Business Improvement District welcomes the opportunity to provide member feedback on Auckland Transport (AT) proposal for the removal of all three bus stops on Corinthian Drive, Albany.

BNH is a significant commercial and industrial Business Improvement District (BID), representing over 4,500 commercial property owners and businesses within the North Harbour area. Collectively they employ over 35,000 Auckland residents and ratepayers.

The BNH area is located within the Upper Harbour Local Board area, which is expected to be the fastest growing area in the country over the next ten years, in both absolute and percentage population terms<sup>1</sup> which brings both challenges and opportunities to the North Harbour business district. BNH represents and works with a wide range of businesses comprising of a mix of sole traders, Small Medium Enterprises (SME), through to multi-national organisations. Representing sectors such as ICT, business services, specialist manufacturing, light and medium warehousing, logistics, retail, and hospitality. In addition, the area has key educational institutions within or on its boundary, including Massey University Albany and AUT Millennium, along with a variety of primary and secondary schools including Rangitoto College, the largest secondary school in New Zealand. All are located within an industrial estate which is on average less than 25 years old.

Of critical importance to the Association and our members is enabling members, employees, and customers to access the most effective options to commute to and through the business precinct, either via the efficiency and effectiveness of the strategic network roading (and the connections to motorways) and/or via well-serviced public transport.

Due to the short time frame, we specifically asked members only located on Corinthian Drive for feedback.

We had a total of twenty respondents. With one 'For', and nineteen 'Against'. Please find Appendix 1 for their individual feedback. \*Please note this submission will be forwarded to the Public Transport Planning Team at Auckland Transport.

Although only a small sample responded, there was an overwhelming majority of 95% that oppose the planned removal, with a commanding request to reinstate the bus route.

BNH have taken into consideration Auckland Councils target of halving emissions by 2030, which directly impacts Auckland Transport's public transport targets.

BNH also believes that there must be an increase in public transport options to encourage the NZ public to change, rather than penalising them.

Therefore, Business North Harbour opposes the planned removal of the bus stops.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Auckland Council 10-year Budget 2018-28, Supporting Information, Section 6: Local Board Information, 6.17 UHLB

## **Appendix 1**

	Business Name	Address	Comments
For the Removal:	Arena entertainment	22 Corinthian dr	
Against the Removal:	Wave International	unit 22, Oracle Drive, 0632	
	Apec Commercial Property Investment	55 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	We are extremely disappointed that AT would consider removing bus stops that were only constructed in the last three to four years. Please keep the bus stops on Corinthian Drive and re-instate the bus routes. The logic of AT's proposal is confusing at least and insane at worst.
	55 Cafe	55 Corinthian Drive, Albany, 0632	I have staff that struggle to get to work because they rely on public transportation. As an area that is rising in office workers it does seem absurd that there isn't public transport on this street.
	Individual	40 Golden Morning Drive, Albany Heights	
	Heny Laubscher Barrister	75 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	AT introduced Park & Pay on Corinthian Drive to encourage people to travel by bus. Is Park & Pay now going to be removed? If not, keep the bus service going! Not to do so would be cynical, to say the least.

	RSM New Zealand	17C Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	Been an avid bus user from the central city the reinstatement of this service would be well used on my behalf and I certainly encourage others in the team to do the same. Into the future as growth increases and further dev in Corinthian takes place the necessity for a service down the street will become far more pressing. To invest all that time and money into placing stops into Corinthian only to now remove them with no consideration for the future growth of the area seems short sighted.....
	Albany Optometrists	44 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	While I don't see a need to reinstate the bus service unless people were using it I think the cost of removing the bus stops would be ridiculous considering they were only built a couple of years back. I think this council needs to stop wasting rate payers money.
	RSM NZ	17C Corinthian Drive, Albany, 0632	Please can you reinstate the bus route which would make it easier for us most of us working in Corinthian Drive
	Blind Low Vision NZ	3 William Laurie Place, Albany, Auckland	As a charitable organisation that supports the needs of blind and low vision New Zealanders who cannot drive a bus service on this route is essential for this sector of NZ to access critical services required for their health and independence.
	Blind Low Vision (formerly the Blind Foundation)	3 William Laurie Place, Albany, 0632	We really need the bus service to continue as we have blind people who rely on public transport to get to our office. The whole building here at 3 William Laurie is devoted to

			helping people with disabilities, most of whom need public transport.
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			<p>Email sent: Morning</p> <p>I have received your letter in regards to the removal of the bus stop and shelter at 22 Corinthian Drive. It never ceases to amaze me how short sighted people can be.</p> <p>Corinthian Drive has had several multi-story buildings built with many more to come. Most of these buildings do not provide enough parking for the tenants as it is, let alone the visitors.</p> <p>It would seem to me that when being asked to consider using public transport; that linked public transport is essential to get from the park n rides to workplaces. I am surprised that there is not a link bus that travels down Corinthian Drive based on the large number of companies in residence. In my opinion there should be a bus that does a circuit of the Albany area for the businesses, local court rooms, multi-story apartments and Massey University. It should include a route that travels down Corinthian Drive as this is a rapidly expanding area.</p> <p>Removing the bus stop will only add 2-3 more parking spaces which no doubt will be at a cost to those wanting to utilise the parks. I see very little benefit for the public at large in removing the bus stop; instead it should be being used for the purpose it was built for.</p>
	3Sixty Brand Solutions	3/59 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	
	Dove Medical Press Ltd	44 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	<p>It seems very short sighted to remove the bus stops. At some point it is likely that more</p>

			people will return to work and this bus service will be needed again.
	Softplus Limited	16/3 Oracle Drive, Albany, Auckland	<p>Parking is completely inadequate in the area and becoming more so.</p> <p>People need a reliable service in the area to be maintained for some time or they will not adapt their routines to utilise it.</p>
	Alex Commercial Property Investment Limited	55 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	
	North shore legal chambers	75 Corinthian drive, Albany, Auckland	
	Netcare	17 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	
	Aderant	5-7 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	
	Windsor Medical Centre	51 Corinthian Drive, Albany	We have staff not coming to corinthian drive to work due no carpark available . We need public transport in future.
	Maat Group	B4 17 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland	



