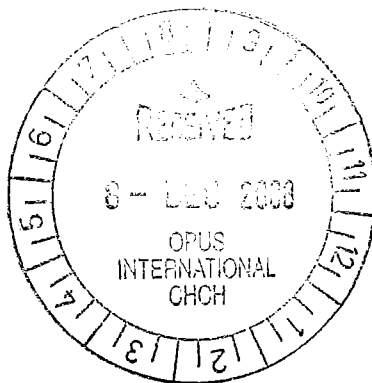


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Dear Bill

Proposed Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum

To avoid any conflict of interest issues I have had the traffic assessment for the above proposal reviewed by Abley Transportation Engineers Limited.

While there are no major concerns with respect to the interests of NZ Transport Agency they have identified a number of points which you may wish to follow up.

- Abley considers that it would be appropriate to replace the zebra pedestrian crossing with kerb extensions and a central pedestrian island to define and assist pedestrian crossing movements associated with the proposed complex.
- Abley consider that a sensitivity test should be completed based on the higher UK TRICS trip generation estimate of 4.853 trips/100m². which equates to 134 trips. This is particularly pertinent considering the proposed complex includes a café, which alone could have a higher trip generation rate than the existing complex.
- Abley considers that it would be useful to understand actual delays that are experienced at present and compare these to the modelled delays to ascertain whether an upgrade of the intersections is required.
- Abley recommends that a sensitivity test based on 134 daily trips is also completed to determine if the proposed parking supply would adequately accommodate the typical daily peak parking demand.
- Abley recommends that a condition of consent requiring the Art Gallery and Museum to direct visitors to any special events or functions to parking area in Baring Square West is included as a condition for any consent granted.

Yours sincerely

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