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ASHBUROTN DISTRICT PARKING STRATEGY

Do you agree with the draft objectives for the Ashburton District Parking Strategy?

Which ones do you support and why? Encouragement for cycling and walking for less congestion in town

Which ones don't you support and why? Environmental Outcomes I think we should have a circular minibuss system bringing people into town from suburbs

Do you support the draft action plan?

Which ones do you support and why? As Q4 support for cyclings and walking to avoid congestion as long as cyclists feel safe and secure when in town

Which ones don't you support and why? Environmental Outcomes ~ need incentives for people to leave cars at home - as above, minibuses a preferably electric, bringing workers and shoppers etc into town from suburbs a running at times that suit these individuals and at a reasonable rate to make more attractive than a car.

Is there anything else we need to think about for parking in the district? Keep parking free or refunded if drivers spend \$\$\$ in local businesses. Ensure parking is very clearly marked by signs as well as road markings. The deplorable state of some of the CBD roads has made it difficult to actually see where parking spaces are. As an EV car owner I would like to see free charging for residents in streets or carparks around town. Rate reduction for EV owners ' cyclists?

If you own, or are considering purchasing an electric vehicle in the future, do you think more charging stations should be provided in more public locations than currently? Yes - Would make it so much easier to plan our journeys without the constant 'range anxiety' especially if the one charging point is being used. We still need to get to appointments on time. We have a Nissan Leaf.

If you own, or are considering purchasing an E-bike in the future, do you think parking facilities should be provided in public locations? Yes - Considering the cost of these machines and the additional weight associated with the battery, decent bike parking with secure/strong design is essential.

Do you support the addition of drivers over 80 years to the Mobility Parking Policy?

No - As mentioned previously, public transport should be included in the plan. People 65+ could have free access or significantly reduced fares. Also school children could be transported for minimal fee especially after school, to discourage the congestion around schools and poor health choices. I would also discourage over 80s from driving, especially as the town area is quite congested and with changes to roads being one-way. There are too many near misses with seniors driving the wrong way down streets, pulling out into traffic without looking, even going the wrong way round car parks and roundabouts.

Any other comments on the Draft Ashburton District Parking Strategy?

We need to break the dependency upon the motor vehicle both as a health improvement as well as a significant environmental pollutant. There could be out of town park and ride parks for those who commute to Ashburton. Public transport should be the key. Regular, inexpensive and low cost vehicles moving the population where they need to go at the time they need to. As a cyclist, it is quite dangerous having to share the road with cars and trucks. Cycle lanes need to be a serious consideration and not a narrow afterthought where debris and water collect. If the council is really serious about the environmental impact of parking and congestion then this needs to be given high priority. And yes, I work for an environmental education organisation. I am looking forward to hearing what is in store for Ashburton.

ASHBURTON TOWN CENTRE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

Do you support the draft action plan?

Which ones do you support and why?

Cycling, car pooling

Which ones don't you support and why?

Building yet another car park

Is there anything else we need to think about for parking in the Ashburton town centre?

Making less dependency on the car and introduction of public transport

Do you know of any specific parking issues in the other towns across our district? Your feedback will help us for future parking management plans.

Not really.

Do you support the development of a new public car park in the West Street rail reserve north of Havelock Street?

No - We need to reduce cars not encourage more in town.

Do you think specific parking spaces reserved for vehicles where people have car pooled together is a good idea to encourage this form of travel?

Yes - Park and ride types of systems too.

Do you have suggestions on where parking time restrictions need reviewing?

Yes - Areas with high proportion of businesses need reasonable times for parking minimum 1 hr

If you own, or are considering purchasing an electric vehicle, do you think more charging should be provided in public locations than just the current West Street car park?

Yes - More points around town.

If you own, or are considering purchasing an E-bike, do you think charging facilities should be provided in public locations in the Ashburton town centre?

Yes - Ensure good battery charge and secure parking.

Any other comments?

Most comments made on previous survey