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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing? No

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT PARKING STRATEGY

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

Which ones do you support and why?

Which ones don't you support and why?

We oppose the proposed developing of the railway land between Havelock Street and the railway over bridge into a parking area for the following reasons:

(a) The council some years ago spent substantial money on redeveloping this area including carting in substantial quantities of topsoil and planting out trees for the purpose of beautification.

(b) The creation of a car park on this location of State Highway 1 will cause further traffic congestion

(c) The creation of further access onto State Highway 1 and the generation of foot traffic as a consequence will add to the existing danger that is already apparent when pedestrians endeavour to cross the State Highway to use the railway over bridge.

(d) Council created the parking issues by reducing spaces within the shopping precinct and relocating its administration and library to Baring Square East so it should have planned better for parking.

(e) Council could use for parking the vacant sites that will exist once its existing earthquake vulnerable administration and library buildings are demolished.

(f) This beautiful area of green grass (and with the Daffodils in Spring) creates an attractive approach to the Ashburton shopping precinct. It is an oasis in a long and rather ugly approach to the town. It was designated as "Open Space" and surely in this age of eco responsible development to destroy a green open space for an asphalt area goes against Council's policies.

(g) Who is this car park for? The District Council admits to eliminating 40 parking spaces in the newly developed CBD and the loss of 40 off street carparks at the old Council offices. These decisions must not result in the loss of the green zone approaching the town centre,

Do you support the draft action plan?

Which actions do you support and why?

Which actions don't you support and why?

Is there anything else we need to think about for parking in the district?

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?

No – User pays

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 - Only to the same extent as non E bike parking.

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

Yes – Mobility reasons

Any other comments on the Draft Ashburton District Parking Strategy?