



## Ashburton Citizens Association

*“To ensure that the voice of the Citizens is heard in the process of consultation and engagement so as to achieve the best outcomes for the Citizens”*

Firstly, the Ashburton Citizens Association (ACA), wish to thank the Ashburton District Council (ADC) for the opportunity to submit on the draft Ashburton District Parking Strategy & Ashburton Town Centre Parking Management Plan.

**YES** – we wish to speak in support of our submission

**YES** – we agree with most of the objectives and action plan for the Parking Strategy

**Page 5 - EV and E Bike parking facilities and charging stations – YES** – as demand increases, so too should the number of locations and charging stations provided. We do encourage Ashburton District Council to negotiate with private off street parking providers to accommodate and host some of these facilities.

**Page 6 - E – Ensure parking is managed for the context** – There are several locations in the outer CBD areas, that could now, and in the future, benefit from closer monitoring and extended time restrictions. e.g – Moore, Tancred, Burnett, Havelock, Cameron, Victoria and Peter Streets (Cass to William Streets) and Cass Street (Wills to Peter Street)

**Page 7 – YES** – we support the addition of drivers over 80 years to the Mobility Policy. We also note that Invercargill City Council, have had this policy for sometime and it seems to work well for citizens.

**Page 10** – Our recollection was that the loss of 40 onstreet, 40 offstreet and 9 Baring Square car parks, was not adequately highlighted in previous consultation documents. May we respectfully suggest that future consultation clearly details potential knock on effects, to other areas.

With limited land available for street level parking, ACA requests that ADC investigate a multi storey car parking building. This could be used during business hours for ADC and CBD staff, customers, clients, visitors and after hours for Hospitality, Events and Entertainment – including ADC events, Ashburton Senior Centre and Ashburton Trust Event Centre – possible locations could be Balmoral Hall site, current ADC office site or current library site. While that latter two sites, were earmarked for sale, we assume that the \$20 million Covid 19 Response and Recovery funds warranted a review of the funding model for the project. Are we correct there may be funding available for a carparking building?

**Page 11** – West Street Car Park – we **DO NOT** support the development of additional West Street car park. As a group, our preference is that this area remain as a green space, as it is a Welcoming and Inviting space into the CBD. While historically ADC has gone street level and sprawled with parking, we encourage ADC to look up - with a multi storey solution, creating a more efficient land use. Of course, we would expect a USER PAY component to a Council parking building.

We were surprised to read “The funding for this has been allowed for in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. The development of a car park in this location, however, is subject to KiwiRail and Waka Kotahi approvals”. Have we understood correctly that since 1-July-2021, ratepayers are being rated for a development, that has no agreement in place with the landowner, nor approval from Waka Kotahi?

During preparation of this submission, a video in which the Mayor stated Central Government had “Put the Cart before the Horse” on the matter of Three Waters. We would like to point out that on the matter of West Street Car Park, ADC also seem to have “Put the Cart before the Horse”.

**Page 12** – **YES** – we think specific parking spaces reserved for vehicles where people have car pooled (multi occupancy) is an excellent suggestion and support this.

**Page 12** – **YES** – we think parking restrictions need reviewing in the vicinity of the Salvation Army (specifically Wills and Cass Streets), on East Street (between Havelock and Walnut Avenue). All East side streets, between Moore and Peter Streets to William Street.

**Page 13** – **NO** – we **DO NOT** agree with bike cages in West Street car park, we think that bike stands are adequate. Bike cages seem more appropriate for single use venues or employer provided for staff bikes.

**Page 13** – **YES** – Support investigating Residents parking permits.