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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

No

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Yes

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?

Do you support the draft action plan?

Which ones do you support and why?

Developing extra vehicle park on West Street opposite Art Gallery to cater for extra parking requirements due to new Council and library building and Art Gallery. Caged parking could be provided for cycles and electric scooters at this, and existing West Street parks. The existing ones are due for a revamp anyway.

Which ones don't you support and why?

Possibility of too much emphasis being placed on modal shifts having a great impact. We are a medium sized town and in the foreseeable future, cars are going to be the vehicle of choice for district residents. Urban growth, high density CBD housing without parking provided is a big city problem, and it is hard to imagine it being a problem here for a long period of time...much further out than this consultation document is looking at.

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

With the eventual loss of Eastfield's precinct to parking, perhaps it is timely to look at a purpose built car parking facility building in that area of town since there has been considerable growth there recently.

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 - With the continued promotion of EVs, it would be prudent to provide more charging stations in town...but from a commercial provider. It is not Council's place to provide this at its ratepayers cost.

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 - To promote healthy living, Council should look at providing parking facilities in the West Street parking areas and possibly in the vicinity of Eastfield's in the short/medium term until that area is utilised commercially. A low rise car parking building in future

planning could incorporate parking for E-bike and electric scooters too.

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

Yes - Yes, over 80s should qualify for the same benefits as Mobility card users.

Any other comments on the Draft Ashburton District Parking Strategy?

Don't make the mistake of removing more parking than is necessary. Look and learn from mistakes made in cities such as Christchurch. Removing parking unnecessarily to cater for minority groups such as has occurred there...then expecting residents to still come in to your CBD is unworkable, especially when new developments outside the CBD are taking place, with plentiful parking on site.

ASHBURTON TOWN CENTRE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

Do you support the draft action plan?

Which ones do you support and why?

Catering for well organised cycle and scooter parking in the CBD. Allocate campervan spaces in all West Street parking facilities. It is only a short walk to town, and campervans are not really needed in the CBD.

Which ones don't you support and why?

Don't get hung up in car pooling spaces...they are not necessary, and usually only work short term, especially in a diverse town such as ours.

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

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.

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

Yes - Definitely much needed, and a great idea. NZTA should be very much in favour of this proposal.

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?

No - Not necessary in a town such as ours.

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

Yes - Keep the free 1 hour parking in the whole of the CBD on a permanent basis. With new developments on the outer fringes of town, CBD retailers need all the help they can get to retain shoppers.

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 - Probably prudent to plan ahead, and talk to commercial providers about installation in the proposed new West Street carpark.

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 - Possibly again...in West Street carpark's for cyclists travelling through town. Locals should not need these facilities provided by forward planning.

Any other comments?