

**RE: Submission to the Draft Interim Speed Management Plan 2022**

**1. Do you agree with the principle to introduce lower speed limits outside schools within the district?**

**YES** – Ashburton Citizens Association (ACA) support with the principle to introduce lower speed limits outside schools within the district. We do question the need to lower speed limit outside schools - 24 hours per day for 365 (or 366) days per year, seems to be over extending for the times of concern. Reduced speed limits 8am to 9.30am, then again 2.30pm – 4.00pm – seems more fitting.

**a.** While ACA support reducing speed limits around Schools, why would that not then extend to Preschools, Play Centre, Rest Homes and Retirement Villages?

We note that because of their proximity to a school zone a number of preschools / rest homes will see a reduction to 30km outside their premises:-

- \* Allenton Kindergarten ( Allenton School Zone) **(ERO state 46 enrolled)**
- \* Aubrey Mason Kindergarten (Tinwald School Zone) **(ERO state 52 enrolled)**
- \* Best Start Allenton ( Allenton School Zone) **(ERO state 87 enrolled)**
- \* Coldstream Rest Home (Ashburton Borough & St Joseph School Zones)
- \* Phoenix Preschool (Ashburton College School Zone) **(ERO state 67 enrolled)**
- \* Rising Star Preschool (Ashburton College School Zone) **(ERO state 60 enrolled)**
- \* Rosebank Rest Home and Retirement Village (Ashburton College School Zone)

However, that leaves the majority, which ***do not*** benefit from the speed reduction to 30km outside their premises:-

- \* Active Explorers - 23-25 Archibald Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 96 enrolled)**
- \* Ashburton Baptist Preschool - 8 Eton Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 69 enrolled)**
- \* Ashburton Playcentre – 45 Park Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 19 enrolled)**
- \* Busy Bees Day Care – 80 Peter Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 101 enrolled)**
- \* Hampstead Kindergarten – Cambridge Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 40 enrolled)**
- \* Hannah N Henry Early Childhood Centre – 27 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton **(ERO state 49 enrolled)**
- \* Lochlea Retirement Village
- \* Merle Leask Kindergarten – 34 Davis Crescent, Ashburton **(ERO state 49 enrolled)**
- \* Ashburton Montessori Preschool – 176 Chalmers Avenue, Ashburton **(ERO state 62 enrolled)**
- \* Princes Court Rest Home
- \* Stepping Stones – 1-3 Redhaven Rise, Netherby, Ashburton **(ERO state 112 enrolled)**

- \* Terrace View Retirement Village and Rest Home
- \* Tiddly Winks Preschool – 7 Roxburgh Place, Tinwald (**ERO state 80 enrolled**)

While ACA have been consistent, repetitive and vocal regarding a lack of recreational facilities and public conveniences on the East Side of Ashburton. We have also discussed at our meetings, that it was disappointing to see that East Ashburton residential area, was the last Ashburton Urban residential quarter to receive decorated Chorus Cabinets. It is a very unfortunate and recurring theme, that if the Speed Management Plans were to be rolled out as per the consultation document, East Ashburton appears to be receiving a lesser level of service

- (i) no East Ashburton Preschools or Resthomes will have 30km/h outside their premises.
- (ii) Ashburton Christian School – is the only school in the Urban area (Urban Fringe) without footpaths
- (iii) East Ashburton has the highest concentration of Ashburton District Council Elderly Persons housing units in McKee Place, Willow Street and Friendship Lanes – all of which would benefit from 30km/h speed limits – if not on the streets, on Council property itself.

- b. Ashburton has been a great adopter of Drive Thru systems – be it posting letters – KFC or McDonalds. Perhaps with developments for many school grounds underway, Council could encourage and assist in facilitating “Kiss and Ride Zones”.

NSW Government Introduction reads:-

***Kiss and Ride Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child’s safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes. You’re required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Days and hours of operation may apply to some zones.***

Here are a couple of YOUTUBE videos show casing how they work:-

Brisbane Bayview Primary School -> [\(2\) Kiss & ride - YouTube](#) (11 Years ago)

Mid Coast Council Australia -> [\(2\) Kiss & Ride - Safety on the school run - YouTube](#) (5 Years ago)

Hillside Public School Kiss & Ride -> [Hillside Public School Kiss and Ride Lane - Bing video](#)

We understand that “**Kiss and Ride Zones**” are already in use in the Selwyn District.

### **C. Specific School Issues**

**Ashburton Christian School (ERO state 230 enrolled) - has no pedestrian crossings – nor does it have any footpath access** - this school is growing and suspect that Strowan Field will feed many pupils to Ashburton Christian and Hampstead Schools. Now would perhaps then be the time to provide footpaths both sides of Albert Street, Wakanui Road from Trevors Road to Wakanui & Albert Street Intersection. Alternatively, a thoroughfare between properties as exist in other parts of the district. Regent Cinema commend Ashburton District Council on planned speed limit reduction near the Ashburton Christian School – previously from 70km, to currently 60km, now a further reduction planned to 30km hour. However, there is still no footpath on either side of the road and pedestrians, scooters and cyclists are therefore using the road (in what is currently at 60km zone). Would Council please extend the footpath on both sides of the road. Also a footpath on Eastern side of Trevors Road between Albert Street and Wakanui Road. Also footpath either side of Wakanui Road from Trevors Road to Wakanui Road and Albert Street intersection.

With the Strowan Field Development coning along, it does highlight the potential increased in pedestrian traffic from Strowan Field to both Hampstead and Christian Schools.

Would both or either require pedestrian crossings? Is there a standard formula criteria for installation of pedestrian crossings?

Alternatively, another possibility to keep children safe, would be for Council to acquire land and build a thoroughfare (across what is currently lifestyle block) from Wakanui Road to entrance of Ashburton Christian School. The pedestrian thoroughfare is utilised well in other areas of the Ashburton township. What is Ashburton District Council's criteria on when you install pedestrian thoroughfares? **Does Ashburton District Council have a policy on when Pedestrian Crossings are installed and what type of crossing?**

- ? Between Allens and Farm Road
- ? Between Woodham Drive and Clark Street
- ? Between Davis Crescent and Brucefield Avenue
- ? Between Thomson Street and Harland Street Park

**Ashburton College (1,096 enrolled) (ERO state 1,203 enrolled) - has no pedestrian crossings** – despite having the largest school role **Does Ashburton District Council have a policy on when Pedestrian Crossings are installed and what type of crossing?**

**Tinwald School (229 enrolled) (ERO state 256 enrolled) has one pedestrian crossing – Grahams Road and a partial crossing on Jane Street.** By partial, mean no road markings, no lollypop pole, but a stand for pedestrian crossing volunteers to stop traffic.

**Ashburton Netherby School (104 enrolled) (ERO state 150 enrolled) has one pedestrian crossing – Brucefield Avenue**

**Ashburton Borough School (382 enrolled) ) (ERO state 331 enrolled) has no pedestrian crossings**

**St Joseph School (205 enrolled) (ERO state 254 enrolled) has one pedestrian crossing - Havelock Street**  
*n.b. School enrolments numbers obtained form Trade Me Property School information*

**n.b. – ERO reports enrolments as**

**Does Ashburton District Council have a standardised criteria for when pedestrian thoroughfares are appropriate?**

**Allenton School** – runs Allens Road to xxxxx

**Ashburton Netherby (104 enrolled) has one pedestrian crossing** – runs Brucefield Avenue to Davis Crescent

*n.b. School enrolments numbers obtained form Trade Me Property School information*

**\* Variable Speed Limit Signage – Could these be used instead?**

- 2. **Do you agree with the principle to introduce speed management for urban fringe zones in the district to respond to future growth?**

**YES** – Ashburton Citizens Association agree with the principle to introduce speed management for urban fringe zones in the district to respond to future growth. However, in doing so, request that Council use similar principles to review and perhaps expand the 30km speed limit from Inner CBD to extend to the Outer CBD on the East Side of Ashburton. Requesting that the 30km/h be extended to Peter Street.

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**YES:** - Ashburton Citizens Association would like to present to the hearing on **Wednesday 23 November 2022**

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- 3. **Do you agree with the principle to enable speed management for developed urban areas with a high number of active users**

**YES** - Ashburton Citizens Association support the principle to enable speed management for developed urban areas with a high number of active users

- 4. **Do you have any other comments on the draft plan?**  
**NO**

In closing that Ashburton Citizens Association wish to thank Ashburton District Council for the deadline time of Sunday 5.00pm and the opportunity to submit and speak to this submission

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