

I have concerns on the availability of car parking within the Precinct 2 area, when the new Civic Centre and Library are opened.

During business hours current parking space is fully utilized around the area bounded by Baring Square East, Cameron, Havelock and Cass Streets.

The extra demand for car parking the new Civic Centre, Library & Council Staff will create, will be considerable, in my opinion.

I have two recommendations for the Council to consider to mitigate any parking congestion.

1. Staff and Councilor car parking will be managed within the proposed 51 on site car parks, to ensure current parking spaces are not diminished.
2. Prior to the opening of the Civic Centre/ Library that the Balmoral Hall site be redeveloped, sealed, with marked car spaces, with a mixture of monitored time limits (preferably electronic) e.g 1 hour, 2 hours & 3 hours. This would provide overflow parking for the public, people attending funerals / functions at the Salvation Army & Methodist churches, The Ashburton Seniors Centre, The Ashburton Trust Event Centre who all cater for larger functions and the Regent Cinema

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