

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 – Regent Cinema agree with the principle to introduce lower speed limits outside schools within the district.

However, we support 30km/h zones only on school days during arrival and departure times, NOT as currently proposed 24 hours per day, every day of the year.

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

YES – Regent Cinema agree with the principle to introduce speed management for urban fringe zones in the district to respond to future growth.

Applying that same consideration for growth and expansion, to the CBD we ask that Ashburton District Council consider an extension of 30km/h to what is essentially the CBD fringe zone, to respond to future growth. We request an extension of the 30km speed limit from Inner CBD to include Outer CBD on the north east side of Ashburton. The reason Ashburton District Council gave for lowering the speed limit from 50km/h to 30km/h was to provide a safer street environment and we commend Council, that seems to be working well. Along with achieving the primary objectives of the 30km/h CBD speed reduction and CBD upgrade, seem to have had an added benefit of encouraging more people to be more active, more often by increasing the number of pedestrians.

We ask that the 30km zone be extended another couple of blocks up to and including Peter Street.

For many years now, this location has been a high pedestrian area, as evidenced by the existing eight pedestrian crossings:-

- (1) **Cass Street** – between Salvation Army Headquarters and Balmoral Hall
- (2) **Cameron Street** – between St. Vincent Store and Methodist Church
- (3) **Victoria Street** – between St. Vincent Store and north side of Victoria Street
- (4) **Cass Street** – between Juice Signs and Triangle Espresso
- (5) **Victoria Street** – between Juice Signs and Compliance Partners
- (6) **Wills Street** – between Compliance Partners and Regent Cinema
- (7) **Wills Street** – between Darryl Phillips Motors and Countdown North
- (8) **East Street** – between Countdown North and the Eastern entrance to the overhead railway bridge

Having been in residence at this location for close to a quarter of a century, we have observed many roading changes, most of which have been beneficial. However, with so many planned developments on the horizon in the next couple of years and ongoing existing activities we predict an even greater number of pedestrian and vehicle movements.

- **Ashburton Senior Centre** – elderly citizens, while 25 car parks onsite, many events require facility users to park and walk
- **Ashburton District Council** – completion of the new Council Offices and Library – expecting an increase in staff parking and venue users
- **Balmoral Hall** – Charmaine Quaid Dance Studios – lots of little dancers and parents
- **Ashburton Plunket** – high number of Parents and children
- **Ashburton Toy Library** – high number of Parents and children
- **St Vincent Charity Shop** - high number of elderly citizens, Parents and children
- **Salvation Army Charity Shop** - high number of elderly citizens, Parents and children
- **Five Eateries (3 existing + 2 planned) for the Triangle** – increasing vehicle movements and foot traffic
- **Mobile Shops on East Street** – which involves increased vehicle movements and foot traffic
- **Regent Cinema** – during School Holidays high volume of children and families– the other 40 weeks of the year, particularly during the day, elderly pedestrians.

Screenings can potentially host up to 190 patrons at one time. Combine that with Ashburton Event Centre, you could see 890 patrons at any given time, not including staff, volunteers and cast.

- **Ashburton Event Centre** – events can involve up to 700 people at time – which with more restaurants nearby, will involve higher pedestrian traffic from Triangle to Wills Street.
+ Regular Users / Programmes – U3A, Big Little Theatre Company and Variety Theatre Ashburton.
- **Exercise Programmes** - using Council infrastructure as training tracks – if you pass Wills Street early am – or mid afternoon – there are fitness classes using the footpaths as running tracks, this has extended to an after school kids class, kids running on footpaths are not as easily seen as Adults. PLUS Pre Covid, there was another group using the East Street Green and Railway overhead bridge as a training track.
- **Two Supermarkets, Two Eateries, One Chemist and several Retailers** – The Countdown North shopping complex and Bel Air Supermarkets are both busy. While Bel Air customers most frequently use on street parking. The Countdown North car park has just one exit which is on Wills Street. That exit is close to the East Street intersection, somewhat obstructed by on street cars parked and distracted by pedestrian crossing movements.

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YES: - Donna Favel from Regent Cinema would like to present to the hearing on **Wednesday 23 November 2022**

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

YES – Regent Cinema support the principles 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?

As stated under Question 2 – we would appreciate an extension of the 30km/h zone to Peter Street. With so many changes afoot, new businesses, redevelopments etc, we also request that Ashburton District Council review parking limits in the proposed extended 30km/h area, prior to the new Council Building opening.

Regent Cinema thank the Ashburton District Council for the opportunity to submit and speak to this submission.

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