

Living Streets Aotearoa



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The national New Zealand organisation for people on foot, promoting walking-friendly communities.

Living Streets North Shore submission on East Coast/Kitchener Rd, Milford intersection

Living Streets North Shore is the North Shore branch focusing on walking issues in the North Shore ward area.

Slip lanes

Living Streets North Shore welcomes Auckland Transport's attention to the East Coast/Kitchener Rd, Milford intersection and the intention to create a safer environment, more conducive to walking and cycling.

While the proposed treatment of the intersection appears to offer some improvements for all road users, Living Streets North Shore is disappointed that a decision has been made to retain the slip lanes on all four corners of the intersection.

With the slip lanes remaining we support the installation of a speed table in conjunction with the existing pedestrian crossing at Omana Ave and Shakespeare Rd. For consistency and additional pedestrian safety it would be preferable for all four slip lane crossings to have this treatment.

Speed table at Fenwick Ave

We support the installation of a speed table to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing Fenwick Ave. We believe this should be nearer the corner of Kitchener Rd as this is the desire line of pedestrians proceeding to the main intersection.

Other changes

We have no comment on the proposed cycle lanes or removal of parking.

Recommendations for improvements beyond the scope of the proposed project

Living Streets North Shore would like to see additional matters addressed in the vicinity of this intersection to further enhance pedestrian experiences and signal that this intersection is the gateway to the Milford town centre. These would include:

The introduction of a 30kph speed zone in Milford town centre from between Dobson Ave and Shakespeare Rd. A 30kph zone should also be considered for the roads bordering the Milford mall.

- This would create a much safer and more pleasant environment for all the people who shop, dine and work in Milford. A slower speed zone from this point would also improve the safety of the Fenwick Rd/Kitchener Rd intersection where pedestrians remain at risk from right turning traffic travelling at high speed.

Summary

Living Streets North Shore supports the installation of speed table at Fenwick Ave, but believe other proposed changes offer only small improvements for pedestrians. The pedestrian environment would be greatly improved if the slip roads were removed.

Living Streets North Shore would welcome any further opportunity to provide input into the proposed changes in this area, including the opportunity to audit the new installations, to ensure they meet the needs of pedestrians.

Please continue to regard Living Streets a key stakeholder in this project.

About Living Streets Aotearoa Inc.

VisionWe want more people walking **and enjoying public spaces be they young or old, fast or slow, whether walking, sitting, commuting, shopping, between appointments, or out on the streets for exercise, for leisure or for pleasure.**

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