

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Submission to Wellington City Council on the Shelly Bay development proposal

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit on these important topics.

We have the following comments, and if there is an opportunity we would like to be heard in support of our submission.

Our Submission

We oppose the land sale and lease because:

1. the development is out of scale with the available access, the only access road being much narrower than would normally be required;
2. access will essentially be limited to private cars, contrary to WCC policies to encourage use of other modes, since there will be:
 - no reliable public transport (no bus is proposed; while there may be a possibility of a ferry service, a small fleet of small ferries is subject to the vagaries of weather, surveys and maintenance, as users of the harbour ferry well know);
 - no facilities for cycling other than on the road (the road is already well used by cyclists, particularly at weekends); and
 - a very narrow 1.5m-wide footpath (according to NZTA the “*absolute minimum*” width is 1.65m – see Pedestrian Planning & Design Guide, p14.3). Given the lack of planned facilities for cycling and parking, for both of for which there is clear current demand, it is highly likely that this already substandard path will be encroached on.
3. the inadequate provision for walking and cycling is incompatible with the Great Harbour Way, an important WCC-endorsed project;
4. any road widening would threaten little blue penguin nesting sites – korora have life difficult enough as it is.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

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