

Living Streets Aotearoa



Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa to Wellington City Council

on subdivision at 110 Mitchell St / 124 Karepa St, Brooklyn

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Submission

Living Streets Aotearoa has become aware of the proposed subdivision at 124 Karepa Street in Brooklyn. Living Streets supports the staff assessment.

Living Streets supports the staff traffic assessment that signage is insufficient to provide pedestrian safety, and good design is required. Car parking on the public road should be provided on one side of the road only as suggested.

We note there are already issues in this area from vehicles parking on footpaths reducing pedestrian amenity and safety. Footpath is currently only provided on one side of the road so this is a significant issue. This development should improve conditions for pedestrians and not reduce them.

Living Streets would like to see a 1.8 minimum width footpath along the entire length of the subdivision well connected across the street with kerb drop-downs as indicated in the most safe locations for crossing.

Vehicle accessways should be grouped together more to reduce the number of exit sites. Vehicles should be required to back into car parks as this is a very steep section and backing out onto the road would present unacceptable risks to other road users. Living Streets assume good vehicle accessway design will ensure a continuous footpath surface.

The bus stop should be enhanced and have a seat provided, and be designed into the development of the footpath. Encouraging walking and public transport use rather than just providing for car parking is required under the Urban Growth Plan.

Living Streets supports retention of the existing public walkway around this pleasant bush walk and stream area. The walkway should be signposted.

Well-designed this subdivision can enhance access and improve pedestrian amenity in this area.

Living Streets would expect that this land would be rezoned to residential as it is clearly no longer rural, and meet the requirements of residential areas.

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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