

Living Streets Aotearoa



Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa to Wellington City Council on Kaori public space improvements

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Submission

Living Streets Aotearoa thanks the committee for this opportunity to submit on the proposals to improve the Karori shopping centre public spaces. The four changes desired in Karori have been identified to be:

- Having Green to Living Green
- Outpost to Magnet
- Dormitory to Daytime Economy
- Split to Connected

We support the development as outlined in Option A and B which go together to make a coherent and connected new pathway around community assets. It would be even better if the petrol station could be moved or at least screened by greenery from the pedestrian spaces.

We support Option C on Parkvale Road to make it more pedestrian friendly with slower vehicles and the opportunity for more on street business activities. This road aligns well with the sun for more outdoor activity.

We support the Option D design to encourage safer speeds on Karori Road and especially the idea of trials to see what design works best.

Walking is popular in Karori and the buses are well used to get into the CBD. A focus on the bus stops in this area could make them a focal point and fun places to wait with the addition of swings, games or lending library (the Library could outreach here).

We would support more seating along the main road and especially around the older peoples residential care areas nearby.

There are a number of interesting destinations within easy walking distance of the centre that could be promoted more with wayfinding. A walking route to the swimming pool could have a watery theme. Wrights Hill and Johnsons Hill are two great green spaces that benefit from better signage from the centre. The lawn tennis and bowls clubs as well as Ben Burn Park should be highlighted with wayfinding. Having more nearby destinations identified would help this area be a hub for activity.

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

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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