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## Hearings and Engagement Committee

### *Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa*

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held via Audio Visual Link on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 2.00pm.

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr E Wilson

*Heamana*

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr M Donovan

*Heamana Tuarua*

#### **Members**

Mayor P Southgate

Deputy Mayor G Taylor

Cr M Bunting

Cr R Hamilton

Cr D Macpherson

Cr K Naidoo-Rauf

Cr R Pascoe

Cr M Gallagher

Cr S Thomson

Cr M van Oosten

Cr A O'Leary

#### **In Attendance**

Chris Allen – General Manager Development

Robyn Denton – Acting Unit Manager Transport

James Clarke – Director of the Mayor's Office

#### **Governance Staff**

Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader

Narelle Waite – Governance Advisor

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#### **1. Apologies - *Tono aroha***

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Naidoo-Rauf are accepted.

#### **2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Cr Wilson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***

Cr Donovan noted he has an interest in Item 4 (Wairere Drive Speed Limit Reduction Proposal – Submissions and Hearings report) relating to submissions received, but noted he was not conflicted and would participate in discussion and vote on the matter.

#### 4. Wairere Drive Speed Limit Reduction Proposal – Submissions and Hearings report

The Acting Unit Manager Transport spoke to the report noting the section included in the proposed speed limit reduction, the consent condition requiring the speed limit reduction, and the public consultation process including the options presented and submission received.

[Bill McMaster \(Waikato District AA\)](#) spoke to the Waikato District AA submission noting the roads purpose as a major arterial route, creation of rat runs, the Resource Management approval process, the proposal's misalignment with the Hamilton Speed Management Plan, and public response against the proposal. He responded to questions from Members concerning pedestrian and cycleways, and control signals effect on peak hour traffic.

[Tapua Gudgeon](#) spoke to his submission noting his regular use of the road, delays caused by the existing traffic lights and road accidents caused by impatient drivers.

[Raymond Mudford](#) spoke to his submission noting the speed reduction is not included in a wider roading strategy and concern that the proposal is in response to a business' requirement. He responded to questions from Members concerning the community Mr Mudford represents.

Members requested the following matters be addressed in the deliberations report to the Infrastructure Committee meeting:

- traffic light phasing management along Wairere Drive to reduce congestion;
- infrastructure requirements to support the proposed speed limit reduction;
- examples of similar intersection design (Karewa intersection) and spacing (i.e. three signalised intersections within 400m;
- data on existing speeds, congestion and accident rates;
- modelling for increased effect on congestion and accidents;
- the speed reduction's effect on the network and upcoming ring road projects; and
- examples of driver habits on roads where speed limits vary.

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Cr Bunting)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers public submissions with regard to the consultation process that was held for the proposal to lower the speed limit on a section of Wairere Drive under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, undertaken from 30 August 2021 to 27 September 2021; and
- c) notes that a Deliberations and Adoption Report that includes feedback from the consultation and hearings will be brought to the Infrastructure Operations Committee on 7 December 2021.

*Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (2.31pm) during submissions on the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was declared closed at 3.04pm.**