

Date: Monday 14 March 2016
Time: 2.00pm
Meeting Room: Whangateau Hall
Venue: Leigh Road
Whangateau

Rodney Local Board Transport, Planning and Infrastructure Committee

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Omaha Beach Community Inc

Omaha Drive Family Footpath Proposal

To the RODNEY LOCAL BOARD. 14 March 2016

Good Morning

My name is Peter Jackson, on behalf of the Omaha Beach Community Inc (OBC) lead by President Peter Hooper & his Committee, and representing 850 Financial Members

THE FACTS:

Our Community Centre is the "Heart of Omaha" but there is no walking access to it
It provides for Tennis players, Bowlers, Golfers & The Cafe set
Omaha Drive is the busiest vehicle & boat trailer link in Omaha, it also connects the South with the North
The current pedestrian access is to walk on the road, an extremely hazardous option
The Community views this as an urgent pedestrian safety issue and we trust that the Board will support the view that the proposed footpath should be actioned as a matter of priority

FOOTPATH LOCATION: That part of Omaha Drive from the roundabout at Broadlands Drive intersection, to a point adjacent to the Community Centre, a distance of approx 800 metres

BACKGROUND: This proposal was first lodged with the then Rodney District Council in Feb 2006, citing health & safety issues in negotiating traffic & boat trailers on this busy road, and the dangers to pedestrians, parents, their children, joggers & cyclists

CURRENT POSITION: Moving right on 10 years to 2016 the dangers have considerably magnified with the popularity of Omaha, increasing the number of dwellings 5 fold to 1200 properties, and the traffic & boat trailer count increasing by a large multiple of that depending on the time of year

It is imperative that we work urgently to move our residents off the road, to a footpath that enables them to safely walk, cycle or jog along the length of Omaha Drive

We have a road reserve that is perfect for the job, it is adjacent to the golf course boundary, is of level terrain, between 3 & 8 metres in width, enabling our 2.5 metre wide footpath to be set back safely from the roadway, and be wide enough for groups travelling in opposite directions to safely pass each other

ACTION: To proceed urgently with a footpath along the golf course side of Omaha Drive from the Broadlands Drive roundabout, to the Community Centre, approx 800 metres

This project is an urgent pedestrian safety issue and should be treated as such before we have a fatality

VIDEO PRESENTATION:

With due deference to my namesake Sir Peter Jackson, the video we will now show may not measure to his exceptional standards, but we trust it will demonstrate our earnest determination in bringing the project for the consideration of the Board

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/T9czHYELGbm>



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