

Devonport - Takapuna Local Board Member Report

From: Deputy Chair George Wood

Date: 10 July 2017

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board assistance to Takamatua Kaitiaki Trust Limited proposal to develop a whareniui at 159 Bayswater Avenue, Bayswater:

- Well known Devonport identity Danny Watson is redeveloping the former Anglican church site at 159 Bayswater Road. This development is being undertaken by Takamatua Kaitiaki Trust Limited.
- As part of the development Mr Watson is building a small whareniui that will have the ability to accommodate tangi and other Maori ceremonies. There will be sleeping and ablution facilities and the ability to provide catering in the adjoining hall building.
- Zella Morrison, D-T LB strategic broker, is talking with the Cultural Initiatives Fund advisor for Auckland Council on ways that this board could work with Mr Watson.
- Attached are three pages of plans for the whareniui.



Photograph 1: Former church hall that has been moved on the site and repiled. It will be used for indoor sport training and Mr Watson's karate club.



Photograph 2: Building at the rear of the property being developed as residential accommodation.

Recommendation to be considered

1. That the D-T LB note the development of the former Bayswater Anglican church by Mr Danny Watson; and
2. Request Council officers to explore how the D-T LB may be able to work with Takamatua Kaitiaki Trust Limited to achieve the ability of the local community to use the whareniui for tangi and other ceremonies.

Crossing East Coast Road and Forrest Hill Road has become very difficult in the weekday morning and evening peak traffic, especially for primary school pupils and bus users:

- There are no pedestrian crossings along East Coast Road for a distance of 2.5 kms from 205 (Kenmure Avenue) to 454 (Constellation Drive). The same situation exists along Forrest Hill Road from Havelock Avenue up to where it meets East Coast Road at Greville Park. The distance along Forrest Hill Road to Constellation Drive on East Coast Road is 3.3 kms.
- Many bus commuters have to cross these busy arterial roads in order to catch buses or find their way home after alighting from buses on the home journey.
- Pupils attending both Campbells Bay Primary (1000 pupils) and Mairangi Primary (450 pupils) schools have to cross East Coast and Forest Hill roads in order to get to their schools. Due to a lack of a safe means of getting to school many of these pupils are driven to school by their parents. This is not a satisfactory situation.
- It is my view that the D-T LB needs to advocate to provide adequate facilities for pupils and bus commuters to cross East Coast and Forrest Hill roads in safety.

- I attach a link to a video that was taken of East Coast Road showing the volume of traffic on this road in the morning peak hours. During the year when school is in these roads are subjected to heavy traffic volumes in both the am and pm peak periods.

- Link to video: <https://youtu.be/Y5M3BMuJlJg>

- The line-up of cars dropping pupils off at Campbells Bay Primary each school day morning is extensive. This situation is mirrored in the afternoons. The same situation exists at Mairangi Bay although with a smaller roll there are obviously not so many cars.

Recommendation to be considered

1. That the D-T LB note the concerns raised by Deputy Chair George Wood;
2. Refer the concerns about lack of safe access across Forrest Hill and East Coast roads, especially the fact that no pedestrian crossings are provided, in morning and evening peak hours to Auckland Transport; and
3. Request Auckland Transport provides a report to the D-T LB as to their views for improving the safety of pupils and bus commuters in this area.

Regards

Signature


