

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2017
Time: 4.30pm
Meeting Room: Local Board Chambers
Venue: Papakura Service Centre
35 Coles Crescent
Papakura

Papakura Local Board

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PRESENTATION TO PAPAKURA LOCAL BOARD

SUBJECT: OAKLEIGH AVENUE TRAFFIC ISSUES

DIRECTLY CAUSED BY Southern Districts Towing & Southern Districts Heavy Towing & Salvage Limited

1. About two years ago this subject was raised with the local AC Councillor Calum Penrose
 - a. The outcome of the investigation by Auckland Transport was that the parking of trucks in the road was legal.
 - b. Of course it is legal! But that completely missed the point!
2. More recently it has deteriorated. It is not uncommon to have as many as twelve trucks ranging from ADT's large rigs to their flat top smaller transporters parked in the street.
3. They are invariably parked either side of the road.
4. They often unload their trucks on the side of the road.
5. I have witnessed fork lifts removing vehicles off the trucks and carrying them into the yard.
6. It is not uncommon to find wrecked cars parked on the road – two and three at a time. One vehicle has sat on the grass verge for 6 weeks.
7. My Company Equagold Limited had a 2.5 to 3.5 tonne truck unregistered and damaged parked out front for around three weeks or more recently. That particular truck was not legally parked because its registration had expired. But as AT says, even the wrecks are legally parked. (provided they are registered and warranted) How can they be legal if they are damaged sufficiently to prevent them from being driven and, therefore, from getting a warrant?
8. On more than one occasion we have had to ask owners of cars to shift them from across our driveway. This happened on Monday this week when a car and trailer blocked the drive.
9. Driving through this street has become like running the gauntlet. Around the corner in Spartan Road we have Halls Transport. They are frequent users of the street. Part of the street is a 70K zone. It is downright scary driving through the gauntlet of parked vehicles when a truck is also trying to come from the other direction. Fortunately most drivers are considerate.
10. Even coming out of the driveways of number 48 where along with ourselves are 7 businesses can be extremely dangerous because with one of these behemoths parked on the western side of the road blocks visibility.

Conclusion: I understand that it is not easy for ADT. Put quite simply, their premises are too small for the volume of business they handle. They have to operate somewhere and to expect them to move the operation is a difficult call. I understand that under the current classification for the street they are legally parked, most of the time. AT can examine and observe and come to the same conclusions over and over.

This Board is, therefore, the only place we can appeal to for a resolution. Parking on one side of the street might help. Maybe a delegation of Board Members could appeal to the owners of ADT. Heaven forbid that we would require the Police to deal with the illegal parking – they're far too busy. All I know is that someone has to do something. I don't want one of my staff to be the victim of an accident because I did nothing which is why I am here.

Civic Centre for Papakura.

1. Suggest that the Papakura adopt the proposal that a town centre be established to service the growing social, community and civic needs of the town.

2. Suggest that the Papakura Local Board immediately set up a working party to explore suitable venues within the central Papakura district for future development as a civic centre.

2. That the working party report back to the Board within three months on progress or positive suggestions that would lead to the development of such a centre.

Note. The rapid growth of the central and wider area requires swift action and decisions to be made now if Papakura town is to have such a facility.

The availability of suitable sites or buildings will become more limited as growth escalates which makes this an urgent activity. The proposal is undoubtedly expensive, but if adopted, could be built into present planning and budgeting, as an on-going project.

“Nice to have? Must have!” One of the duties of Local Boards —

“• Representing their communities and building strong local communities

- Providing local leadership and developing relationships with the governing body, the community, community organisations and special interest groups in the local area”

Implicit is the **requirement** to provide opportunities for community engagement and it follows that provision for these opportunities is the duty of the Local Board

James Kelly 26 July 2017

Quote from About Local Boards from Auckland Council

Papakura Local Board feedback on pest management approaches proposed for the Regional Pest Management Plan

Issue	Proposed approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
Cats	<p>To continue management of cats in areas of high biodiversity value as part of integrated pest control but potentially for an increased number of sites.</p> <p>To provide greater certainty cats will be defined as pests in these circumstances if they are not able to be identified by microchip or other means as being owned.</p> <p>Cats will continue to be controlled on areas of public land where threatened species are being protected (regardless of whether they are owned or unowned). Example sites: the open sanctuaries and kokako/kiwi management area in the Hunua Ranges.</p>	Y	<p>The Papakura Local Board would like to see plain English used throughout and the messages simplified to be more understandable.</p> <p>The Papakura Local Board supports all cats being microchipped to protect native fauna and cats that mark their territory.</p> <p>The board raised a concern that a cat is often the only companion an elderly person has and was concerned about the potential financial burden on those on limited incomes.</p> <p>The board felt there was a need to differentiate between the feral and domestic cat. Felines in a domestic environment should not be the focus of compliance and enforcement.</p> <p>The board does not support increased compliance and enforcement measures of domestic cats.</p>
Possums	<p>Landscape scale progressive containment programme to manage possums. Rural management would be integrated with management in high value biodiversity areas. This could be achieved using targeted rate across rural Auckland.</p>	Y	<p>Papakura Local Board would like to see more possum management programmes in local bush areas. There is an opportunity for the community to get involved in possum management, eg: Kirks Bush and the potential for a pelting industry to be developed.</p>

Issue	Proposed approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
Widespread pest plants	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants per site to an extent that protects the values of the parkland. Includes use of rules in buffer areas around parkland.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
New ban of sale	Phasing out the sale of approximately 50 new plant pests and 13 new animal pests in addition to those currently identified.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach
Road corridor weeds	Road corridor enforcement targeted to buffers around site-led programmes to maximize effectiveness.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach
Weeds on council land	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants to an extent that protects the values of the parkland.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach
Kauri dieback disease	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach
More education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach. Various communication channels need to be used to maximize the message.

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<p>The importance of community pest control</p>	<p>Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defensible landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Papakura Local Board supports this approach.</p>