

Urgent decision: Franklin Local Board

13 October 2017

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Proposed 2017 Amendments to the Waikato District Council Speed Limit Bylaw 2011

1. Subject

Waikato District Council has proposed amendments to its 2011 Speed Limit Bylaw and is seeking feedback on the proposals. The local board was alerted to the bylaw consultation by the Auckland Transport Elected Member Relationship Manager.

2. Background

The proposed speed limit amendments include three shared boundary roads with Auckland Council/Franklin Local Board – Tuakau Road, Ray Wright Road and Bayly Road. The legal speed limit on the shared boundary roads will need to be formally resolved by both road controlling authorities; otherwise it will not be legally enforceable. The proposals also include a speed change on Upper Queen Street within Auckland Transport's jurisdiction, which is not legally possible.

Auckland Transport is currently developing a speed management plan for the Auckland region, including in this area. Waikato District Council and Auckland Transport will need to work together and adopt the same speed limit for both sides of the shared boundary roads, with implementation needing to wait until both authorities have passed the required resolutions. The speed limits on the adjoining roads in the area should also be looked at by both authorities using a collaborative approach to speed management to ensure consistency.

3. Reason for urgency

Due to the closing date for submissions being 13 October 2017, this decision is required before the local board's next scheduled business meeting on 24 October 2017.

4. Recommendation


Staff recommend the Franklin Local Board approve the following feedback for submission to Waikato District Council:

Franklin Local Board has considered the proposed amendments to the Waikato District Council Speed Limit Bylaw 2011 and is generally supportive of its intent. Notwithstanding its general support, Franklin Local Board is concerned that the bylaw review has not included necessary collaboration with Auckland Transport and therefore some of the proposed speed limit changes cannot be implemented unless also approved by Auckland Transport, otherwise they will not be legally enforceable.

In particular, Tuakau Road, Ray Wright Road and Bayly Road are along the shared district boundary between Auckland Council (Franklin Ward) and Waikato District. Any changes to the legal speed limits on these roads must be consistently applied. The proposed amendments also include a speed change on part of Upper Queen Street, Pukekohe, which is outside Waikato District and wholly within Auckland Transport's jurisdiction.

Franklin Local Board therefore requests that any decisions regarding speed limit changes along the shared boundary roads and on other adjoining roads in the area be put on hold until such time as discussions are held with Auckland Transport and both authorities can reach agreement on and implement a consistent approach to speed management in the Pukekohe south area.

Authorised for release:



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