

# Parking Studies for Paraparaumu Town Centre & Coastlands

## Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Neil Trotter (Kāpiti Coast District Council)  
Mark Georgeson (Traffic Design Group (TDG))  
Alan Kerr (Beca)

Minuter: Clare Harbidge (Kāpiti Coast District Council)

Location: Kohekohe and Rata Meeting Rooms, Kāpiti Coast District Council

Date: **Tuesday 31 March 2015**

Start: **2.00pm** Finish: **3.15pm**

### 1. Aim of Meeting

It was agreed the purpose of the meeting was to understand the studies undertaken and to reach consensus on the use of the work going forward, including for input to the District Plan review.

### 2. Background to Parking Studies

TDG and Beca undertook parking counts at very similar times in 2014. TDG in June, and Beca variously in June and July.

The August TDG Parking Report provides a full summary and analysis of the TDG parking counts and parking ratio determinations. A January 2015 report which includes application of the parking ratios to the Coastlands Square proposal, and an Executive Summary, followed.

The reports suggest that parking for the Coastlands Square (Wharemake) development be considered in isolation initially, then progressively as part of the overall Coastlands site / town centre.

It was agreed that Rimu Road will become a 'high street' type road following the Town Centre and Coastlands redevelopment, facilitating the above approach.

Neil noted the comparison of GFAs for malls around the country in the TDG August Report. Councils variously use GFA and GLA as parking measures.

Mark suggested GLAs made more sense for a mall where you have common space, but noted that consistency of approach across the district was important.

Neil queried if it was a good idea to include the peripheral fast food outlets in the numbers. Consideration of 'the whole' is important, and Alan and Mark indicated that they have very little influence on the parking ratios in any event.

The March 2015 Beca Report recommends a four-phase strategy to parking in the district. Alan said Beca would be looking at the time restrictions on carparks next.

Mark said Coastlands currently has a mix of parking, involving all day staff parking, 240 minute parks and other pockets of time restrictions. There is sufficient flexibility built into the current studies to accommodate a range of parking.

### 3. Parking Changes

Alan said with the changes in the Town Centre, they will be looking at further parking down Rimu Road.

Neil noted there were an extra 100-120 car parks to be put into an area off Epiha Street by GW for Rail Commuter Parking.

Reforming of Rimu Road and addition of on street parking agreed as positive.

Potentially looking at parking for the elderly and disabled people, more so for Waikanae. These parks are better when grouped together.

**AP: Clare to check number of disabled drivers/badge holders in Kāpiti through Sue Emirali.**

General discussion was held on parking charges. Alan thought one area would be the railway station parking, maybe using a snapper card for the carpark and then receiving a refund when you step on the train.

Alan said he would like to use some of the information from TDG's report. From a previous meeting, Coastlands were agreeable to Beca's doing this.

### 4. Pedestrians

The TDG January report considers how a better pedestrian network can be provided across the site. We could do a lot without too much parking change. Not surprisingly there are a number of desire lines for the area.

The study provides for a thoroughfare from the main mall entrance through the carpark to the footpath backing onto Rimu Road.

Need to determine appropriate pedestrian crossing locations, including in relation

to Coastlands Square.

Kāpiti Lights may be incorporated as part of the Rimu Road upgrade.

## 5. Discussion of the Studies

Kāpiti and Rimu Road intersection traffic flows will change with the new Expressway, when the SH1 revocation works occur and again when the Link Road goes through.

Careful consideration is required around any changes, as the old SH1 needs to provide resilience for the Expressway.

Mark asked if Council has a strategy for intersection treatments, including at Ihakara Street/Rimu Road and the Wharemake development; signals versus roundabouts. Neil thought signals as you can introduce a pedestrian phase and then have consistent intersection treatments along Rimu Road.

**AP: Alan to send the Town Centre report from Phil Guernsey to Mark.**

The 2021 KTM3 (SATURN) has Expressway and Revocation of State Highway 1 in place. The Link Road is included in 2021 as a sensitivity test.

Mark is awaiting traffic count data and SATURN outputs from Beca.

## 6. Agreements, Way Forward and Next Steps

Keep progressing on the basis of the ratios determined in the TDG Reports. Neil and Alan agreed they are appropriate, and can be applied to the new Coastlands development.

Parking will be determined for Stage 1 of Coastlands Square initially. Mark is progressing this assessment work.

Neil said policy staff have redrawn the structure plans for the Town Centre.

**AP: Neil to check with Sherilyn if these can be released for this group's use.**

Neil considers the TDG reported parking ratios can also be carried forward to the District Plan review and will consider further with Council planners.