

B. Gummer,

390 Redoubt Road,

Totara Park. Auckland. 2016.

Queenstown Lakes District Council.

Attention: Andrew Edgar.

To: THE HEARING PANEL 23/5/14, 11am.

Re: BUS STOP AND POSSIBLE SHELTER OUTSIDE 41 HALLENSTEIN ST, QUEENSTOWN.

My name is Barbree Gummer, a trustee for the Moawhango Trust.

I oppose the proposal of a bus stop and shelter outside 41 Hallenstein St.

I believe that this proposal should be notified to all property owners potentially affected.

**We currently live in Auckland and have viewed site photos etc supplied by Andrew Edgar.
Thank you Andrew.**

Context

Hallenstein St is a busy through road.

Number 41 is on top of a 'T' intersection.

Beetham St is opposite – very steep, poor visibility where it meets Hallenstein St.

A succession of school buses park on top of this "T" intersection on the broken yellow lines.

Our Property Concerns - in relation to our section.

We have owned this property since 1966 and paid rates for 48 years.

This proposal blocks access from Hallenstein Street to much of the section.

The concrete pad appears to be very large and monopolises a large area in relation to the front and side boundaries.

I understand that the proposed bus shelter alone would measure 4.8 m wide by 2m high and 1.3m deep.

The bus shelter would noticeably obstruct and restrict the driver's visibility of children and traffic including bus traffic when exiting the property. This is of major concern to the owners of the property.

I have no doubt also that children will spread over any future exit/driveway from the property. What is the number of children expected to fit into this shelter?

Buses park over the area intended for entry and block access/entry to the property.

Even for a short time this is not acceptable and ignores the Road Code on this issue.

On enquiry I am told that the present buses are 10.5 metres long. I do not know how wide the buses are but I expect them to spread well over their side of the road.

10.5 metres from the 6 metre line from the pedestrian crossing would stretch uncomfortably over the entrance to 41 Hallenstein Street and comes close to the neighbour's drive, number 43. See Road Code.

I expect this proposal to affect the value of the property negatively.

The view to be compromised as well as plans for future development

The broken yellow lines outside 41 Hallenstein Street: See Road Code.

The afternoon school buses park over the yellow lines.

Parents' cars picking up children after school add to a situation that has been described by two Queenstown residents as chaotic.

Cars coming up Beetham Street add to this situation, particularly when school buses are outside 41 Hallenstein Street.

I consider that the bus route needs rethinking and the bus stop and proposed bus shelter placed outside St Josephs School on the other side of Hallenstein Street as one possible, far safer, option than school buses stopping at the 'T' intersection, as they presently do, even if it takes longer and costs more as it should be safer for small children to negotiate particularly in bad weather ie snow and rain.

Extract from the Road Code 2013. Land Transport New Zealand.

.. page 174 – 175. 'Where not to park.'

'You risk being fined and/ or having your vehicle towed away if you park in these areas.
You must not park or stop your vehicle : ----

.. near a corner, curve, hill, traffic island or intersection, if it will stop other people from seeing along the road.

.. on , or closer than 6 metres to, an intersection, unless there are parking spaces or a notice telling you that you can park there.

.. on, or closer than 6 metres to, the approach side of a pedestrian crossing.

.. in front, of or 1 metre to, a vehical entrance.

.. on no stopping lines [broken yellow lines] marked within 1 metre of the edge of the road, which you may see near the edge of pedestrian crossings, intersections , driveways or narrow roads.

.. on a yellow circle on the road, or between the circle on the road , and the footpath,unless someone who can move the vehicle stays with it.

.. on, or closer than 500mmtg a fire hydrant, unless someone who can move the vehicle stays with it.

Changes would have to be made with the arrangements around yellow lines and school buses see page 175.

Many thanks,

B. Gummer.