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Tasman District Council
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Attention Jamie McPherson
Transportation Manager

Dear Jamie,

Re: Mapua School Pedestrian Crossing on the corner of Mapua Drive and Aranui Road

My recent emails have set the scene for this letter but in summary there is considerable dissatisfaction amongst the Mapua community over the decision to site the Mapua School kea crossing on Aranui Road so close to the Mapua Drive/Stafford Drive intersection.

In December 2016 the Principal of Mapua School, Neil Chalmers reported to the Mapua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) that the School and the owner of the property housing the Mapua Country Store, Dale Vercoe had signed off with the TDC on the extension of the Mapua Drive footpath around the Store and the siting of the kea crossing as per the J Katterns Plan 29.9.2016. I reported to you that the community was not happy with the siting of the crossing but given that the School had signed off on it we believed that they owned the outcome. The community and Dale Vercoe believe that children coming down Mapua Drive should be directed through Aranui Park to a crossing sited south of the Store near the clothing bins. They simply do not buy the "Desire Path" phenomenon.

Dale Vercoe approached me on 11 September expressing real concern with the detailed plan he had just received from the TDC and when asked he was adamant that he had never signed off on the plan. Kirstin, the owner of the Store is also very upset with the plan and voiced this concern at the MDCA meeting on the 11th September.

I reported the situation to the MDCA meeting and was directed by the meeting to write to you seeking a delay in tendering the project until all affected parties had met to discuss the issues. This should not be seen as a reason to unduly delay the construction of a crossing which has now been under discussion for 3 years.

I have had a discussion with Andrew Palmer, Chair of the Mapua School Board and point of contact for this project. He is in agreement with the decision made by the TDC to site the crossing as planned but is happy to meet with affected parties to get consensus.

I have copied Andrew and Counselor Anne Turley into this correspondence and will provide copies to Dale and Kirstin. I believe the next step to resolve this issue is for affected parties (Andrew Palmer, Dale Vercoe, you and myself as MDCA representative) to meet and request that you arrange that meeting as soon as possible. You have email addresses and Dale's telephone number is 03 5402369. He can involve Kirstin if required.

Yours sincerely

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