

Email from Wayne Chisnall sent 9.5.17 with Jamie McPherson's replies highlighted.

Hi Jamie,

I reported back on the status of the footpath work in Mapua at last night's MDCA meeting. A number of questions arose:

-Concern that the new footpath on Higgs Rd be integrated with the paths around the Mapua Drive Roundabout. Perhaps a copy of the planned footpath might be useful here? The path will hook up with the existing path on south-west side of roundabout (coastal side of Higgs Rd)

-Last year I advised Gary Clark that people were concerned about the danger of frost on the wooden walkway section of the Mapua Drive footpath. There was an expectation that netting might be installed on that section. Do you have any thoughts on this? Yes this is the plan and we are expecting a price from a contractor shortly

-There was a long debate about the speed limit in Mapua Village, especially along Aranui Drive. Several years ago MDCA asked the TDC to consider reducing the speed limit to 40kph and this went through the District Council protocol as defined by LTSA. I believe it was a close run decision to retain the 50kph limit because there is a plan to upgrade Aranui Road. With increased housing and Mapua becoming a "destination" the traffic has increased and traffic has to weave in and out of parked cars, especially near the two preschools. This is a heads up but you can expect a letter from the MDCA advocating for the speed limit in Mapua Village as a whole to be reduced to 40kph and for parking to be staggered along sections of Aranui Road. Comments noted. Generally a reduction in speed limit like this would need to be reinforced by appropriate physical changes to the road environment (eg narrowing, calming) to ensure the speed limit feels right to drivers. In the current Long Term Plan, streetscaping improvements in Aranui Rd are planned for 2020/21 (with consultation and design in 19/20) and this may be a logical time to incorporate a speed limit change (something similar is presently happening in Queen St Richmond). In the meantime we will get a traffic speed count completed to see what traffic speeds are in Aranui Rd and let you know what the results are.

-Speed restrictions on Seaton Valley Road were discussed but I suggested that the planned footpath would obviate the need for speed being reduced. I believe that pathway is in the 2017/18 budget? We are still finalizing the 17/18 new footpaths programme and need to confirm whether Seaton Valley will fit within the available 17/18 budget. Will let you know as soon as we can.

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