

Our Reference: RDG-31 / 230510067505

12th May 2023

Kane Patena
Director of Land Transport
Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
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Dear Kane,

Speed Limit Change on Smith Street, Kaiapoi

Waimakariri District Council requests approval to reduce the speed limit on Smith Street in Kaiapoi between the State Highway 1 motorway interchange and the Cam River Bridge (where the present speed limit reduces to 50 km/h for the Kaiapoi UTA), from 80 km/h to 50 km/h.

The proposal to reduce the speed limit was consulted on in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022, with the following key dates:

- Submissions opened – 3rd November 2022
- Submissions closed – 28th November 2022
- Council approved the speed limit change – 4th April 2023

The change in speed limit is required due to changing land use in the immediate area.

Waimakariri District Council is presently preparing a full Speed Management Plan in line with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2022, with consultation expected later in 2023. Council requests approval to accelerate the change to a permanent 50 km/h speed limit on Smith Street through the alternative method due to the following factors:

- Substantial commercial development along the southern side of Smith Street, consented in 2021 and presently under construction.
- Installation of traffic signals, cycle facilities, and footpaths at the intersection of Smith Street and Tunas Street / Hakarau Road.

The intersection upgrade work is nearing completion and as such, Council intends to implement this speed limit within one working day following approval of this speed limit change.

This speed limit has been proposed in accordance with all relevant clauses in the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022.

Please see the attached report, which was referred to the Council from the relevant Community Board, and minutes of the Council meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne McBride
Roading & Transport Manager