

To Ian Duncan
Cc Jim Harland
From Roy Johnston
Date 16 June 2017
Subject Frankton removal of Parking Submission Summary Report

Submission Summary

Total = Thirty five
Supporting – Five
Against – Twenty nine
Neutral/Unknown – One

There were 35 submissions received in total. Five generally supported the removal of parking although the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) requested P120 near the cemetery. The Otago AA supports the proposal but requested alternative parking be developed.

Themes identified from the submissions that opposed removal of parking:

1. 17 questioned whether there is alternative parking for workers
2. 5 questioned whether there was alternative or adequate parking for airport users
3. 2 questioned whether this was appropriate with no public transport alternatives from Wanaka or rural areas
4. 10 suggested the problem would impact local roads and/or wanted some parking retained
5. 3 questioned the rationale related to first impressions for visitors
6. 4 questioned whether the safety rationale was substantiated
7. 6 questioned the affordability issue for residents of QLDC
8. 1 questioned impact on business
9. 3 expressed concerns about the consultation process

NZTA Submission Response:

1. The QLDC has made all local roads between SH6 and Frankton Arm P48 hour. We believe this will provide sufficient parking opportunities for workers to compensate for the loss of on highway parking.
2. The Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) has developed a park and ride facility for people using the airport.
3. There are many similar areas where no public transport is available and people have to utilise options such as the park and ride.
4. There may be some impact on the local roads and as the QLDC developed their parking strategy with knowledge of this proposal we expect that this has been given proper consideration. Some people asked for P12 hour or P24 hour parking near the cemetery. The QLDC have requested P120 parking. We have agreed to this request as they have developed their parking strategy for Frankton and should

- be aware of what is required. It should be noted that QLDC are being delegated authority to manage parking and have agreed to undertake a review in six months once the changes are operational.
5. This is a perception that may be based on fact; however this does not restrict the NZTA's ability to amend our bylaw to remove parking. In addition what was not communicated as it was not confirmed when consultation began is that parking on SH6 will be removed to accommodate extra traffic lanes within the next 2 years.
 6. This is considered to be perception based but for some is their reality of the situation. However the NZTA can amend bylaws for many reasons including safety and/or potential safety risks. In addition what was not communicated as it was not confirmed when consultation is the expectation that parking on SH6 will be removed to provide room for extra traffic lanes within the next 2 years.
 7. Affordability was considered and the NZTA position is that paying for parking in some instances is an expected norm especially around airports and urban areas. Our priority was to ensure there were adequate alternatives and it then becomes a decision for the QAC and QLDC as to whether they charge for parking in those situations.
 8. Dart Engineering will be given a licence to continue occupying the area in front of their business until the Grants Rd to Lucas Place project progresses in the next 2 years.
 9. Some submitters commented on the process of using public notices and pamphlet drops on vehicles. We believe this was adequate given the localised area and our ability to provide all relevant information on the pamphlet and public notice.

Supporting Information

Queenstown Lakes District Council Parking Changes Information



Proposed traffic control device

Removal of parking on SH6, Frankton from Lower Shotover Bridge to Kawarau Falls Bridge

The NZ Transport Agency is proposing to permanently remove parking on the 3km section of State Highway 6, Frankton from the Lower Shotover Bridge to the Kawarau Falls Bridge, and confirm proposed and existing bus stops.

The removal of parking was considered following requests from the Queenstown Lakes Council (QLDC) and Queenstown Airport Corporation. They are concerned about a potential safety risk, especially from angle parked vehicles backing out onto a busy section of highway when exiting their park. Both organisations also believe parked vehicles along SH6 on Kawarau Road between the BP roundabout and Kawarau Falls Bridge does not create a positive impression for visitors to Queenstown, as a world class destination.

As a result of a review that followed after these concerns being raised, the Transport Agency agreed to remove highway parking once QLDC and Queenstown Airport Corporation provided alternative parking locations. The proposed area where parking will be removed on SH6 is from the Lower Shotover Bridge to Kawarau Falls Bridge, and this was decided on to minimise the risk of those affected by the removal of parking on SH6 Kawarau Road from moving to other sections of SH6.

The bus stops are shown to confirm existing and proposed changes.

In making this decision, the Transport Agency considered the potential safety risk, and the impact of accommodating the QLDC and Queenstown Airport request to remove this parking, to improve the initial impression visitors have of Queenstown as a world class destination.

The map shows the affected areas and the extent of these proposed changes.

Once the Transport Agency has consulted on this proposal, it intends to remove parking and confirm the bus stops by making a bylaw.

Feedback on this proposal can be made in writing to the Senior Safety Engineer, NZ Transport Agency, PO Box 5245, Dunedin 9058, or email SpeedLimitOtgoSthInd@nzta.govt.nz by 9 June 2017.

If no feedback is received by this date, the Transport Agency will take this as acceptance of the proposal to remove parking.

We hope you'll read the information provided and let us know your views on this proposal.

Ian Duncan

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More information about the new Queenstown Airport Corporation Park and Ride facility can be found at <http://www.queenstownairport.co.nz/parkandride>