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Feedback Form – Constellation Drive Clearway Zone

Introduction

Business North Harbour, formerly North Harbour Business Association, represents approximately 4,500 commercial property and business owners located within the business district north of Constellation Drive/Upper Harbour Highway and south of Albany metropolitan centre.

The number of businesses in this area has grown from 1480 in the year 2000 to 3717 in 2014 *(source Auckland Council Business Demographic data, 2014).

Our submission on the Constellation Drive Clearway Zone is as follows.

Sarah de Zwart
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Assumptions:

Business North Harbour has not undertaken independent verification of Auckland Transport's plans nor designs.

Our positioning is based on the assumption that Auckland Transport's plans are both robust and accurate. If this proves not to be the case, our position and subsequent evidence may need to change.

Our Process

Business North Harbour requested Auckland Transport to review the traffic flow in both directions on Constellation Drive, with regards to peak-time congestion. We were advised that Auckland Transport had completed their survey, with traffic count and camera footage, then sent letters to the affected properties and businesses within the area.

As a service to our members, we personally contacted all the tenants/owners who were in the immediate vicinity of the new changes. We needed to understand the level of support, or opposition, to these plans and the impact on both access and parking these changes would have on our business and property owner membership – and their staff.

Our Findings

Please find attached the results of the contact made by Business North Harbour.

There was general support in favour of the Clearway, however the commencement time was of concern.

Objections:

Due to the clearway commencing at 4pm there was a concern that the staff who require the parking would be disrupted as they moved their cars to another location to complete their working day.

Further clarification and information required

Business North Harbour request to review the completed footage and flow count survey to ensure the best representation for our members.

Once received, we will publish this additional information, and our submission on our website www.businessnh.org.nz so that our members know their feedback has been forwarded to Auckland Transport.

Conclusion

Overall Business North Harbour, and those members contacted, support the Constellation Drive Clearway.

However, further information is required regarding the proposed clearway times.

Thank you.