

## Knights Stream Park and Longhurst area proposed 40 km/h speed limit consultation summary

Consultation on the Knights Stream Park and Longhurst area proposed 40km/h speed limit opened on 2 October and closed on 24 October 2018.

Information about the speed limit was included in 1500 leaflets hand delivered to homes, businesses and the school in the project area and emailed to key stakeholders.

Eighty eight submissions were received with 57 (65%) supporting a 40 km/h speed limit, two (2 %) partially or conditionally supporting it, and 29 (33 %) opposing it.

Many of those who supported a 40 km/h speed limit referred to the large number of children walking to parks and school in the project area. Cars were often parked on both sides of roads, making them quite narrow.

The new Knights Stream School is due to open at the beginning of the school year and the principal of Seven Oaks School said he was happy for the speed limit to change to 40 km/h.

Speeding was an issue along a number of roads including Caulfield Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Murphys Road, Hamill Road, Ishwar Ganda Boulevard, Packard Crescent and Whincops Road, according to submitters.

Seven submitters stated that given all these elements, a 30 km/h speed limit would be preferable in this area.

Enforcement was an issue for 10 submitters if any new speed limit was approved. The traffic engineer has confirmed that speed is monitored and reviewed after a new speed limit is implemented.

The New Zealand Transport Agency generally agreed with the proposal, except for the proposed 40km/h speed limit for John Paterson Drive, which was currently in a rural road environment. Sense testing could have the speed limit at a 'rural residential' 60km/h, according to a spokesman.

The Council intends to connect John Paterson Drive to the northern end of Richmond Avenue in a separate project. This would link it to the residential area and justify a slower speed limit. It would also stop many drivers turning from Halswell Junction Road onto Denali Street. At times cars are driving 10 metres on the wrong side of Halswell Junction Road to get around the traffic island and drive down Denali Street without performing a U turn, according to one submitter. The Council is to install temporary bollards and additional signage to stop this occurring.

Halswell Residents Association supported the proposed 40 km/h speed limit but added that the change must be accompanied by

- a) a review that puts in place consistent and predictable speed limits across Halswell.
- b) a comprehensive programme of driver behaviour change education, and enforcement.

It submitted that Longhurst Knights Stream had 50% more dwellings per hectare than older areas of Christchurch (15/ha vs 10/ha), meaning that there were 50% more driveways and (potentially) 50% more people. This density meant more chance of a collision, whether between motor vehicles or between a motor vehicle and a person walking or biking.

The Association said that local residents were frustrated by the multiplicity of speed limits around Halswell, and poor enforcement of existing speed limits.

Nineteen of the submitters who opposed the blanket 40 km/h speed limit in the Knights Stream Park and Longhurst area said that the proposed limit should target specific streets, and not the whole subdivision. Twelve said they supported a 40 km/h school speed zone outside the schools.

Other locations and methods to curb speed were also suggested but these are outside the scope of this project.