From: Michael Brown (AT)
To: [redacted]
Cc: Andrew Allen (AT); Randhir Karma (AT); Bryan Sherritt (AT); Teresa Burnett (AT); Wally Thomas (AT); Shane Ellison (AT); [redacted] Councillor Desley Simpson; Andrew Garratt (AT)
Subject: RE: St Heliers AT proposal
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Hi M[redacted]

Shane has asked me to respond to you directly relating to the guidance received from NZTA that has helped us to develop our Safer Speeds Programme. NZTA has been a key partner throughout the development of this programme and have been involved at various stages.

From the outset we have been following the guidance contained in the Speed Management Guide and Mega Maps tool, these documents gives lots of guidance around the direction of the programme and specifically on where we should focus our initial efforts and to ensure the primary focus is on the areas of highest risk. As you are probably aware the Speed Management Guide was developed following the implementation of the Speed Setting Rule 2017 that provided Local Authorities greater flexibility to introduce safe and appropriate speed across the network and provided clear guidance on the approach that should be taken.

Auckland Transport has been a member of the National Working Group to look at how the Speed Management Guide is put into practice and how we can implement safer and appropriate speeds across the country. Auckland Transport has also been directly involved with the Ministry of Transport in the development of the next 10 year transport strategy and through this process our methodology and plans for implementation were shared with the working group and it was widely recognised that Auckland Transport is leading the way across the country.

The Speed Management Guide and Mega Maps were used to develop our programmes with specific prioritisation methodology developed for each of our main themes. I have included a report explain how Mega Maps was developed and their development of the Infrastructure Risk Rating tool that has been used as a key element in deciding on the top 10%..

Following the development of the programme NZTA where part of the key stakeholder group who were involved in endorsing the programme. Our primary focus has been to concentrate on the top 10% of roads identified in Mega Maps but also the desire within the Speed Management Guide to have lower speeds in our town centres and areas with high pedestrian and other vulnerable road users.

I note Rachel has also been in contact with further information but please don't hesitate to get in contact with myself or Andrew Garratt if you require further assistance, I found that catch up we had to be very constructive and hope that you can continue to work with the team to find a positive outcome for all involved.

Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 10:20 a.m.
To: Shane Ellison (AT) [redacted]
Cc: Councillor Desley Simpson [redacted]
Subject: RE: St Heliers AT proposal

Thanks Shane,
We are of course very disappointed that AT will not be able to supply a speaker tonight for the public meeting. You are of course very welcome to have an incognito observer present to see what meeting attendees think of the proposal.
At our meeting with your staff last week at Annabelle's in St Heliers , Michael Brown responded to my question on whether NZTA had directed AT in this matter, that NZTA had provided guidance to AT. Can you give us more detail on the nature of that guidance, preferably the actual communication from NZTA to AT setting out this guidance?
Regards
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M[redacted]

From: Shane Ellison (AT) [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 2:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Councillor Desley Simpson [redacted]
Subject: RE: St Heliers AT proposal

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Thanks for your email and I note the email from [redacted] and our phone call on Friday and the

discussions with Michael earlier this week.

A couple of points with respect to the consultations. One, the changing of speed limits, is a bylaw consultation which has regional implications and has very specific requirements. As a said during our meeting the engineering changes do not require any form of consultation but in this case because the works are location specific i.e. St Heliers and Mission Bay Auckland Transport has voluntarily chosen to consult in the communities affected.

In addition to wide public consultation we have established a working group comprising the Business Association and Residents association to look more closely at the proposals and themes that come out of that public consultation. While I note there has been some concern and questioning about the involvement of elected members in a topic which could be highly politicised in the run up to the Local Government elections and due to a separate approach with respect to a Community Liaison Group we felt it was important to also include the Local Board as they have a clear mandate in "place-shaping' around town centres and also bring a wider community perspective. I am pleased that you consider the meeting this week to have been constructive.

We have given significant consideration to the request for us to attend the public meeting on Monday night. I note what Michael Brown has relayed in terms of either M[redacted] or your comments about the crowd being 'hostile', your comment below about a level of angst, some of the behaviour we experienced at the drop in day at the St Heliers Library on 19 March, and Councillor Simpson's comments during our recent meeting that she would not recommend having a public hall meeting in St Heliers. I also note our disappointment at the issue being referred to the media and 'shop window" campaign in/around the area.

These are not the sorts of actions we would expect if there was a genuine desire for constructive dialogue.

I note also that there are very limited details with respect to an agenda or how the meeting will be run on Monday evening.

In light of all these factors we don't believe there is anything to gain in AT having its people attending the meeting on Monday evening. You will also be aware that I have a duty of care to the wellbeing of AT's employees.

You have requested that working group make the decisions following review of the consultation. I see value in the working group continuing to meet and work through any issues but as we noted this is a consultation. Unfortunately, I do not have the legislative power to delegate decision making on the outcome of the consultation and I also note, by way of transparency, that Michael's availability will be time limited given he has resigned from AT.

I understand your point of view with respect to taking the proposal off the table. However, as I found out later the evening we met, taking the proposal off the table was physically impossible given the consultation documents were already in delivery. We have to move forward with the consultation process that is underway. As I have previously noted, if AT saw no value in the consultation we would not do it and we are committed to continuing meetings of the working group. AT regularly receive credible submissions through consultations processes and often

make changes to our proposals before implementations. We encourage all the community to make submissions with respect to the proposal so we can consider them.

Regards,

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Cc: Councillor Desley Simpson [redacted]
Subject: St Heliers AT proposal

Hi Shane

Just a couple of things I would like to cover

Met yesterday with [redacted], [redacted] and Michael from AT.
We were pleased to start dialogue to hopefully move forward in a constructive win, win way

Moving forward
As you are aware the from land the Transport tool you guys worked with ,the top 10% of problem areas for Auckland was only for Tamaki Drive not the Village. This has driven the change process.
Andrew confirmed that from the info sent to me.
Was concerned that your speed consultation focussed on speed alone. Yesterday was advised significant engineering in the Village would have to take place as part of the speed proposal. The general population or I was not aware of this.
I feel you are exposed on this as you split the consultations and we weren't fully informed

We have a public meeting Monday night to be run by the residents association, [redacted] who you met with assistance of the Business Association , me. Desley , [redacted] will be there. [redacted] has been advised by [redacted] and we would like ATs presence to put your case forward. [redacted] seemed to be hedging. It would be important for you to be there. We want it to be constructive. There will be angst but so be it [redacted] will chair the meeting

The locals are not happy your next drop in session on 17th is in Orakei not St Heliers the day before Easter. It doesn't look good on your part.

I think a working group with Myself , [redacted] , OLB rep and the Councillor and say 2 or 3 AT

people, Michael and A[redacted] seem like good guys to communicate with. Could you commit to this working group reviewing both consultations and making the decision on the changes to take place. It would be good to have something positive for Mondays meeting. I believe a joint decision is the most positive way to go.

I am concerned some of the agreements we discussed in our meeting have become quite diluted and changed this has caused the current situation including media and public meetings.

As I said in our meeting if we had taken the proposal off the table and set up a working group then a lot of the current angst wouldn't have occurred.

You must remember the small businesses in St Heliers are worried about their future

Please give me a call if you wish to discuss or look forward to your reply.

Sorry this is a bit rushed.

We all want to work together for the best outcome.

Desley[redacted] and myself are still committed to helping you deliver something we can all buy into.

Cheers

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