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Dear Sir/Madam,

HAVE YOUR SAY:
Traffic signals at Abbotts Way and Grand Drive

Auckland Transport is seeking feedback on a proposal to introduce a number of road safety improvements at the intersection of Abbotts Way and Grand Drive.

We've included a consultation plan showing the proposed changes along with a freepost feedback form to be returned to us between the 21st September and the 2nd October.

What are the proposed changes?

Auckland Transport is proposing the following traffic signals improvements:

- Upgrading the existing give way control into a traffic signal at the intersection of Abbotts Way and Grand Drive.
- Installing a new traffic island on Grand Drive with pedestrian crosswalks on both roads.
- Installing new footpath on both sides of Grand Drive to connect with existing footpaths.
- Modifying road markings to provide two traffic lanes in each direction and introducing advance cycle boxes as required.

Why are the changes required?

Auckland Transport has received concerns from the community through the Orakei Local Board regarding safety and accessibility of the Abbotts Way and Grand Drive intersection.

There is a large delay for vehicles turning out of Grand Drive due to the continuous traffic flow on Abbotts Way. This issue is likely to worsen, due to the ongoing development of Stonefields, as well as the expansion of retail complexes and restaurants along Lunn Avenue. The crash records have indicated that the majority of crashes involved right turning vehicles on Grand Drive, which failed to give way to oncoming traffic.

The upgrade of the existing give way control at the referred intersection into a traffic signal control (also known as traffic lights), will aim to improve the traffic flow of vehicles turning into and out of Grand Drive, hopefully reducing the number of accidents at this location. The traffic signal will also be optimised to provide a smooth flow of traffic on Abbotts Way.

Additionally, when installing traffic signals improvements such as these, there is a requirement to create pedestrians and cyclists facilities. The pedestrian crossing signal, the traffic island and the new footpath will aim to assist pedestrians to safely cross through this intersection. The marking of designated, advance cycle boxes (where cyclists can pull in front of cars while stopped at a traffic light) will aim to draw the attention of drivers and make them more aware of cyclists, reducing the number of accidents involving cars and bikes.

Why are we removing parking?

Auckland Transport acknowledges that these changes will result in removal of on-street parking spaces. However, this is necessary to create enough room for traffic lanes, improve the capacity for traffic flows at the intersection and allow cyclists and motorists to safely navigate along this area.

The parking restriction will also aim to improve the exiting traffic congestion at this intersection, especially at morning and evening peak hours. A total of 35 spaces at Abbots Way and 2 at Grand Drive are likely to be removed as a result of these changes.

How do I provide feedback?

Give us your feedback by filling out the attached freepost feedback form, or going online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AbbotsWay>. Alternatively, you can call us on (09) 355 3553 and our call centre staff can complete the form on your behalf.

We would like you to tell us:

- What aspects of the proposal do you like, and why?
- What aspects of the proposal would you change, and why?

We would also like to hear any other comments or concerns you have about the proposal.

What happens after the feedback period closes?

Auckland Transport will consider all feedback received and make a decision on the final outcome. We will provide you with an update when this decision has been reached.

Further information

If you have any questions or require any further information, please:

- Contact me on (09) 447 5102.
- Email haveyoursay@AucklandTransport.govt.nz quoting the project name and the reference number found in the top left hand corner as the subject.

Yours faithfully,

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