

Oral Presentation to WCC Strategy & Policy Committee Meeting  
Thursday 3 December 2009

*Report 4: Thorndon Quay – Proposed Cycle Improvements*

1. Cycle Aware Wellington (CAW) strongly supports the proposal to go to public consultation on Thorndon Quay improvements
2. CAW would like to see the consultation take place on two options: 5.3 Change Thorndon Quay Parking and 5.4 Clearway

What has changed since 2001?

- 4x more cyclists
- More cycle crashes
- WCC Cycling Policy
- Better public transport services provided along Thorndon Quay

Achieving a safer and more attractive cycling environment on Thorndon Quay is the top priority for CAW.

- Also strongly supported in WCC's cycling policy as it is the major safety concern for cycling in Wellington.
- Thorndon Quay/Hutt Rd is a crucial strategic route for Wellingtonians who cycle.
- High numbers of people cycling on this route.
- A crash black spot in Wellington (under-reported, potentially by factor of 5)
- CAW member was involved in a serious injury crash on the Hutt Rd cyclepath last week - has highlighted the problems in this corridor for CAW.
- NZTA national office now taking an interest in this route - asking what WCC is doing

CAW undertook an informal survey of some businesses on Thorndon Quay yesterday.

- Three quarters of car parks along Thorndon Quay were empty indicating supply exceeds demand.
- Feedback from retailers indicates mixed needs for businesses. Providing only one option will elicit responses based on 'this proposal or nothing', where retailers will obviously choose status quo as a preference. Presenting two options gives the clear message that Council are committed to improving the safety of the road but are giving retailers some option as to what might best suit their businesses.
- Some retailers are unhappy with the current situation. Staff scared of hitting cyclists due to the road layout.

Enforcement will be an issue with clearway option. Parallel parking provides a permanent option.

*Report 5: Proposed Speed Limit Reduction: Aro Street Shopping Area, Te Aro*

CAW has already submitted on this issue. Want to reiterate our strong support for the 30 km/h zone, and would like to see this extended to Ohiro Rd.