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Dear Ian,

**Re: Meeting with Foodstuffs and Urban Perspectives, Mt Cook School, Neighbours, Mt Cook Mobilised**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with representatives of the Mt Cook community, Mt Cook School and Mt Cook Mobilised on 16 February. We appreciate learning more about the Rugby St supermarket development and having an opportunity to air our concerns.

Below is a summary of the key points raised by the group:

The main topic was pedestrian safety, especially for primary (Mt Cook School, St Marks) and secondary (Wellington High School, Wellington College, Wellington East Girls' College) school pupils many of whom use the Rugby St area between 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm when walking to and from school. There are also pre-schoolers being dropped off at Te Kainga Nui child care centre immediately opposite the truck exit onto Tasman St.

Recommendations from the group:

- Pedestrian Management Plan section of the Construction Management Plan to include a clause to say that there will be no truck movements to or from the site between 8am – 9am and between 3pm – 4pm
- Once the supermarket is operational, include a clause to say that there will be no truck movements to or from the site between 8am – 9am and between 3pm – 4pm

The vehicle exit for the apartments which exits onto Douglas St is close to the point where pedestrians exit the lower Douglas St steps (northern side). The concern is for the speed likely to be used by car drivers exiting and entering the car park and that children will not be wary of exiting cars.

Recommendations from the group:

- Close the northern side of the Douglas St steps, forcing pedestrians to use the steps on the other side of lower Douglas which exit onto Douglas St on the southern side footpath, away from the car exit for the apartments.
- Include a pedestrian crossing at the end of Douglas St, to cross Tasman St. This will bring pedestrians to the side of Tasman St that the brick wall is on, where there are no vehicle exits. (There is already a pedestrian crossing to allow pedestrians to cross from Tasman back to Rugby St.)

Parking for the apartments with no car park, apartment visitors, and for staff working at the supermarket is another key topic, given that the residents in this area are already jostling for car parks. N.B. The number of new apartments will more than double the existing number of residences in Douglas St. The group felt that the apartments with no car park would not deter their residents from owning a car and needing parking.

Request from the group:

- Please re-visit parking

Tasman Street was designed to avoid high traffic volumes and uses speed humps to reduce speeds. Residents have real concerns about increasing traffic volumes.

The sale of alcohol was discussed, as this is a concern to the local community who fear that the sale of alcohol at the supermarket will exacerbate the problems associated with alcohol that are already being experienced by the community.

There have been some concerns with the tenanted properties, particularly regarding rubbish left lying around. We understand that this should be taken up with the property managers. Please supply contact names and numbers for Quinovic.

The group raised the topic of including some community space in the supermarket development.

The group is very keen to be involved as the development progresses, both in terms of being able to offer a local perspective and also with the hope of ensuring potential issues are averted rather than requiring a reactive response.

The meeting highlighted the need for interested parties to continue talking with not just Foodstuffs but the Wellington City Council.

Yours sincerely,

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