

8th August 2017

The Chairman

Raglan Community Board

Waikato District Council

Private Bag 544

Ngaruawahia

3742

Dear Sir,

The Raglan I-site and the Raglan Museum Society have been coming increasingly concerned about the all-day parking that takes place from time to time outside of the museum building.

In bringing this to your attention we suggest that the parking spaces be restricted to 90 or 120 minutes and one parking space directly outside of the I-Site be made for disabled persons.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

Ken Soanes

President

Raglan and Area Museum Society

Raglan and Districts Museum Society Inc

11th June 2018

The Chief Executive

(Copy to Raglan Community Board for the meeting of 12th June 2018)

Waikato District Council

Private Bag 544

Ngaruawahia 3742

Dear Sir,

We note with concern that the Raglan Community Board Agenda includes proposals for changes to parking arrangements outside of and adjacent to the Raglan museum building. We note that our letter of 8th August 2017 (copy attached) has not been acknowledged and seems to have been ignored. Our request was for a disability car park near the Museum entrance as many of our visitors are elderly or have mobility problems. Further, we were looking to make the museum more accessible through the provision of limited time parking outside of the building to prevent full day parking (restricting visitors) which is presently the norm.

The plans by BECA consultants show a number of matters of concern:

- The rear access of the museum is to be blocked by a disability carpark. This is unacceptable as it is the only access for large museum items and service vehicles.
- A loading zone of 2 spaces directly outside of the Museum/I-Site entrance is not necessary. One would suffice and is questionable as courier visits are rare and for very short periods.
- Bus parking, will be a nightmare for the museum access if placed directly outside of the museum. The gathering of 80 or more people waiting for the bus at a time of inclement weather (or even fine weather) would be unacceptable. The Bus clientele have no shelter. If the expectation is for people to gather in the entrance to the museum I-site this would be a major problem and needs to be re considered.
- The front of the Museum is in the process of a makeover with historic Maori Pou carving installation, Pelton wheel and settler farm machinery about to be installed (as previously advised to the community board as a place making venture). We, with the I-site have planned this change for next summer with tables and seating to go where the present Pelton wheel display is presently situated.
- Car Parking for bus clientele has not been considered.
- The museum presently hosts some 5 to 6000 visitors per year and many bus trips of visitors. The Museum is popular with school groups from all over NZ and also some elderly and disabled busloads of visitors. No consideration appears to have been made for extended parking of busses.
- The Building consent for the museum building included that car parks were to be formed for the Museum/i-site. These were thought to be formed along Stewart St. The Waikato District Council were responsible for the building development/construction and as such were (and are) responsible for developing the car park provision. We are still waiting and assume that the building consent is still not signed off as complete because of the omission.
- The changes to Joyce Petchel Memorial park will need to have approval/ consent from New Zealand Historic Places Trust as well as local Iwi. This is a historical site to Maori and was base for the Te Awamutu Militia camp.

We request that you revise the proposed parking plan and reassess the considerations above. Also we believe that the bus stop should be relocated to another location where a purpose built shelter and waiting area can be built.

Yours Faithfully

Raglan and District Museum Society
K.R Soanes
President

Patrick Day
signed on behalf