



15 Dec 2025

Attn: Kurt Gibbons

RE: Ridgeburn – Fast Track Application

Dear Kurt,

1. Queenstown Trails Trust (QTT) neither supports nor opposes the Ridgeburn Fast Track application.
2. QTT does however recognise an opportunity for improved public access through the Ridgeburn Development, between the Twin Rivers Trail and Morven Ferry Road, which will provide significant recreational amenity for the community, as well as active transport benefits for the proposed Ridgeburn development.
3. In conjunction with this access, QTT believes that a separated walking and cycling trail in the road reserves of Morven Ferry Road and Arrow Junction Road will mitigate the concerns of additional traffic caused by the development and will enhance the trail user experience.
4. The current Arrow River Bridges Trail shares the narrow Arrow Junction Road, where cyclists and pedestrians are currently exposed to the risks of fast-moving vehicles. Morven Ferry Road is also popular with recreational cyclists and equestrians.
5. These proposed trails would serve to provide pedestrian and cycling access at grade 2 (QLDC Trail Design Standards) and would create an integrated offroad link from the Twin Rivers Trail (and its connections to Lake Hayes Estate and Frankton) into the Arrow River Bridges Trail and Gibbston.
6. A future link into the Hogans Gully Basin and Ayrburn Heritage Precinct is also possible from the intersection with Morven Ferry Road and State Highway 6, linking with existing easements through Lot 3 DP 478112 and Section 2 SO 440817.
7. Additionally, QTT would support the identification of additional trail easements on the southern flanks of Morven Hill in the west of the development property, where currently the 'Morven Hill Summit Trail' is indicated in the spatial plan.
8. An off-road MTB trail network would provide recreational benefits for the community, as well as provide for significant conservation outcomes by enabling access for the removal of exotic wildings, replanting with native species and the opportunity for predator control and trapping.

9. If the Ridgeburn Fast Track is approved, conditions for the provision of these trails and their construction would improve access and connections into wider trail network, mitigate trail user experience and health and safety concerns for the existing Queenstown trails and provide opportunities for ecological enhancement and active transport.
10. The trail/s should be constructed in accordance with QLDC's standards for Grade 2-3 trails.
11. The plans attached to this Submission show the following:
 - a. Ridgeburn - Site Connectivity, spatial Plan
 - b. QTT – Links to existing trails/proposed connections
 - Yellow – Grade 2 offroad trail in Morven Ferry and Arrow Junction Road reserves
 - Orange – Future connection to Hogans Gully Basin in Morven Ferry Road reserve
 - Green – existing easements on Lot 3 DP 478112 and Section 2 SO 440817

QTT advocates for the development of an integrated trail network throughout the Wakatipu Basin and wider District, to connect our communities, providing alternate modes of transport and recreational amenity for both locals and visitors.

The trails in this proposal will provide significant benefit and amenity to trail users and further enhances our network.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

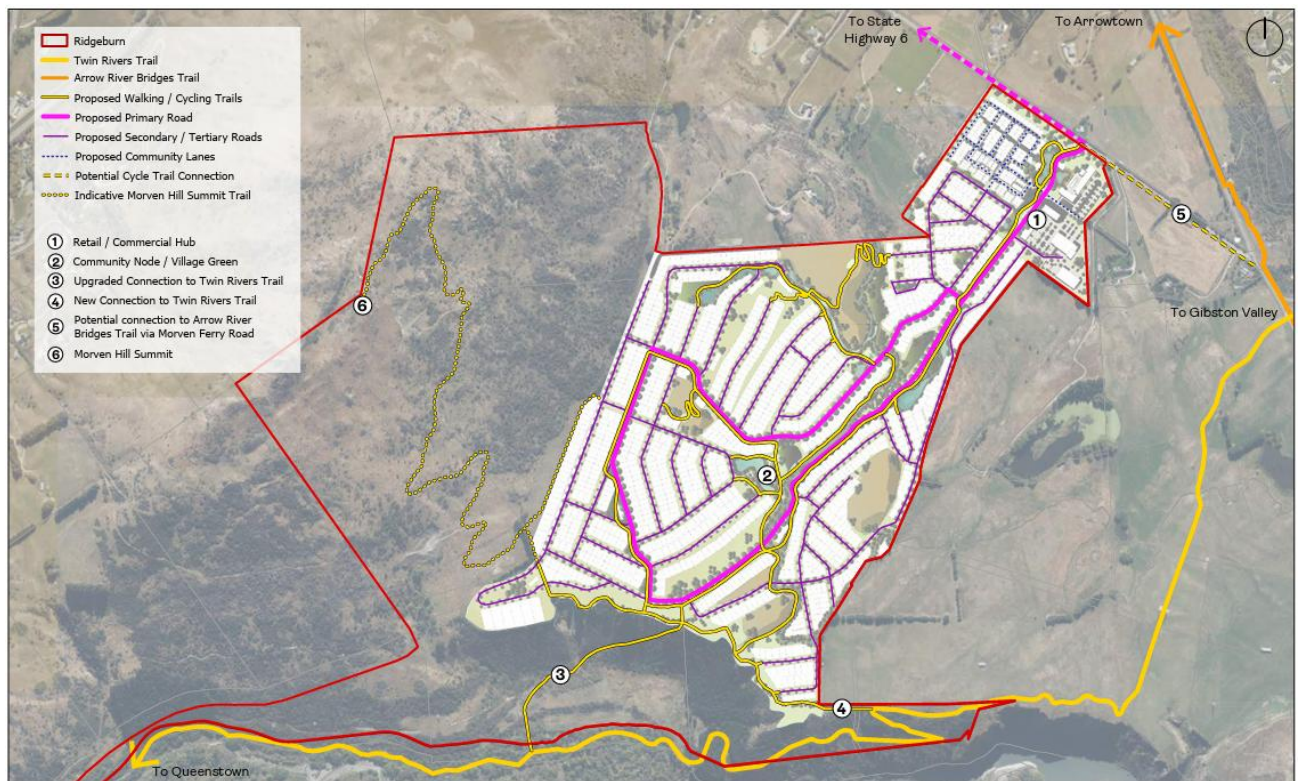
Yours sincerely



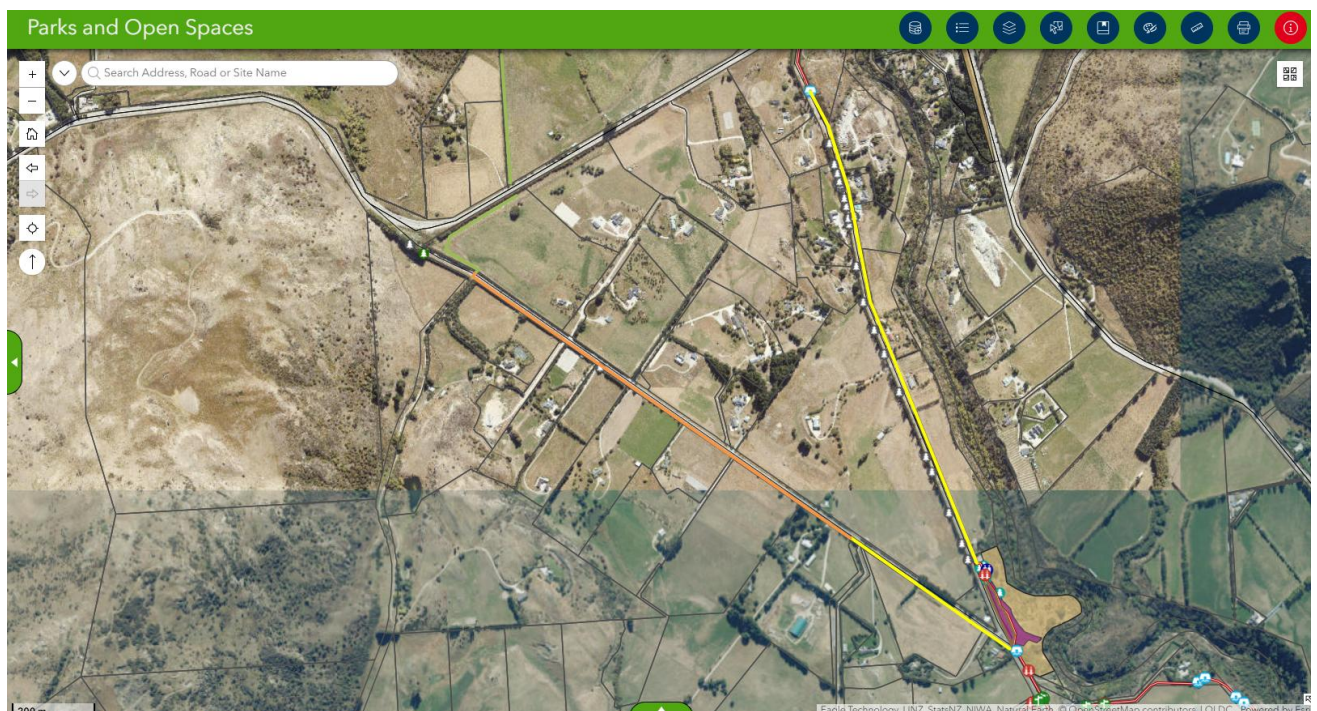
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