



North West Rapid Transit - Royal View Road proposed bus hub

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Good afternoon Mujahid

I recently received in my letter box an invitation letter re: Notice of application by NZ Transport Agency.

Despite the content being of quite gobbley-gook language with information and links to various documents, I have ascertained that, simply put, there is to be a bus link from Brighams Creek Road into the city centre.

This link will stop at a number of hubs along the way created by making bus bridges off the motorway at Westgate, Royal Road, Lincoln Road, Royal View Road, Pt Chevalier, Newton and city. Hugely expensive and not exactly cosmetically pleasing to the eye.

All of this is concerning to me for a number of reasons. To name a few:

1. Huge cost to rate payers. Would it not be simpler to use the side lanes of the motorway SH16 creating a light rail network which will take cars off the motorway which I seem to see is your plan. This creates hubs along the existing route. (See other European countries for ideas either rail or tram i.e. Luas (tram) Dublin, Ireland or Metrolink tram network and regional trains in Manchester, England.
2. Seeing what is planned (and it took a lot of digging to find some of this information – links not user friendly) especially for Royal View Road, looks like all the houses (even numbers) from the top of the street to opposite Vera Road are being removed to make way for a hub. It is not clear if Royal View Road will be for buses only making it not for cars.
3. For me, as a resident of Royal View Road, creates a big issue.
How will this affect access to my house?
Will visitors to my house not have anywhere to park on the road?
How is safety and security of my property going to be maintained, as historically when bus hubs/stations are built invites homeless, rough sleepers, (often criminals), graffiti artists and often general low-life to an area. This in turn brings the area down to slum standards and will devalue properties in the area.
Will there be 24 hour/7 days a week security on hand to prevent this happening?
When I leave each day to go to work, will my property be safe?

I actually thought that the buses that currently stop at the motorway has covered the transport issue into the city as these are express buses.

All of this could be immaterial, and I could be wasting my time writing this, as I see in Westgate what looks like a bus hub under construction. So, therefore, NZ Transport has had no consultation with people, or information given to those in residential areas, has happened in proposed or planning stages – totally unacceptable.

I vehemently object to the creation of a bus hub on Royal View Road and would welcome feedback on the above.

Kind regards

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