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Ashburton District Council
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Long Term District Plan Submission Form Letter
From the Mount Somers District Citizen's Association

3. What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?

1. Curb and Channel - as required around the township, required by the Village Green on Ashburton Gorge Road with consideration for tour buses and cars for the impending build of the Information Station.

2. Street lighting down Ashburton Gorge Road and other roads to be identified and installed.

3. Street lights - Dark Sky Policy - like Tekapo for this township. Can Council conduct a Dark Sky Quality Survey at Mount Somers township and Lake Clearwater settlement within a year. And then following that survey, by 2023, have Council adopt a draft Lighting Management Plan, as outlined in the International Dark Sky Reserve Program. Can Council investigate remedial retrofitted shields to street lighting in Mount Somers on its current street lights?

4. Signage needs reviewing; as the village is Mount Somers whereas the mountain is Mt Somers. There seems to be some confusion with naming. Also we would like consideration for the Maori name to be included in the mountain signage for Mt Somers Te Kie Kie.

5. Land development section sizes - we are concerned about future size zoning of sections. There is a demand for varying section sizes - growing small towns for now and the future - smaller section sizes are required. There are areas of our town that need to be looked at for rezoning for smaller section sizes and perhaps joint septic systems for affordable housing solutions and sustainable growth for the village. We don't want housing development eating up arable land.

6. Reserve Board upgrades of a new Amenity Block and Septic Tank - we support the Reserve Board in this and ask for it to be brought forward to year 2 2022/23.

7. We have concerns there are so many freedom camping areas along the foothills area. We have an interest in how many campers there are - are they being monitored?

8. Roding - Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road speed limit slow down from 100kms to 70kms from south bridge to just beyond Ashburton Gorge Road is required for safety.

9. Safer turning into Ashburton Gorge Road, Pattons Road and Hoods Road from Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road - this needs to be reviewed and changes made for safety.

10. Water Scheme - we support the upgrade for year 2 and we support further investigation into secondary water sources for sustainability.

11. We support appointing a Townsperson - for mowing lawns, checking storm water drains etc with using the current Domain staff to assist with this and other jobs around the town.

12. We would playground equipment for the 12mths - 5 year olds in the township.

13. We would like Council support on our Village Green Information Station project.

Thank you for reading our submission, I would like to speak in support of our submission and am able to attend in person on the morning of 11 May 2021

Kind regards
Sarah Stanaway