

## Notes from the Southern Links project joint Community Liaison Group meetings, 2019

Wednesday 4 December from 3pm to 7pm at Te Waananga O Aotearoa, Ohaupo Road, Hamilton.

The meetings were held in the form of an open day, run in conjunction with Hamilton City Council who hosted the open day to update the community about the Peacocke Development. These were the main queries raised during the session:

- *How will the construction project protect the native trees in the area?*
  - Where possible native trees will be avoided. As this is not possible in all locations the Designation conditions require establishing ecological mitigation or habitat restoration areas .
- *Is Southern Links likely to feature in the Government's upcoming infrastructure package?*
  - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is not in a position to be able to comment on what the Government may announce.
- *What is the timeframe for the construction of the Council's main Peacocke arterial roads?*
  - Under the conditions of the HIF agreement some roads will be built within the next five years.
- *Is it the case that residents who have property on the alignment and want to sell are required to go to market before approaching NZ Transport Agency?*
  - The requirement to list a property on the market is only in relation to a request for an Advanced Purchase. This means where a property is impacted by a designation but where the project is not active. Where a landowner requests an advanced purchase under [Section 185 of the Resource Management Act](#), the landowner must show that they have "tried but been unable to enter into an agreement for the sale of the estate or interest in the land subject to the designation or requirement at a price not less than the market value that the land would have had if it had not been subject to the designation or requirement". If, however, the project is active, there is certainly no requirement to market the land.
- *What will happen to alleviate the growing pressure on SH3 Ohaupo Road?*
  - The construction of the Peacocke Southern Links arterial roads along with the proposed Waikato River bridge and the connection to Wairere Drive will help with this pressure. We realise that these connections are some way off yet. In the mean-time we are actively working with Hamilton City Council on low cost improvement with a focus on bus priority and intersection improvements
- *There are growing traffic volumes on Bader St and the surrounding state highway network, what can be done to reduce this?*
  - See answer above
- *When will the connection to Peacocke along the riverbank be built?*
  - This is planned to be one of the last parts of the Southern Links roading network to be built, so this is likely to be some way off. This is a Hamilton City Council project but requires joint programming with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to widen Cobham Bridge. It is not in the Council's current Ten Year Plan.