

Bus parking improvements for George Street, Newmarket

We thank everyone who provided feedback on our proposal to improve safety and traffic flow during school pick-up and drop-off times on George Street, Newmarket.

After reviewing the feedback, we will **proceed with no changes to the proposal**. This includes:

- Converting two paid parking spaces outside 8 George Street into bus parking
- Operating on school days only from 7:30 am to 8:30 am and 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Outside these hours, the spaces will return to paid parking, as they are located within a paid parking zone

What happens next

We anticipate these changes will be installed by September 2026.

Engagement summary

- Project letter was mailed to property owners along George Street and surrounding streets and hand-delivered to impacted businesses.
- Project online survey - <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/george-st-newmarket-bus-parking> (active from 1 May 2026 to 15 May 2026)
- We received nine submissions in total, with most respondents supporting the proposal:
 - Three submissions were received through the online survey
 - Six submissions were received via email

Summary of feedback received and our response

These are some of supportive comments:

- ✓ It is critical for ACG Students to get bus parking.
- ✓ Extra parking for buses which is a form of transport we want to encourage.
- ✓ I am writing in support of the additional George Street Bus Stops.

The road is basically unusable to the public at school pick up & drop off times currently. The school needs to be able to safely have space for students of all ages to wait for their bus & board their bus without the pressure of public cars speeding and not paying attention to the dangers around them.

School is an essential part of our society, and we must prioritise the short window of time students have to get to & from school without any further implications.

I fully support at least 1 additional bus stop being added.

Below is a summary of your feedback and our responses

Suggestions

Topics	Auckland Transport response
Suggested adding more bus stop spaces to better accommodate school buses and improve safety.	On-street parking is a valuable public asset, and Auckland Transport generally does not make changes solely to meet the needs of a specific individual, business, or organisation. Any changes to parking need to carefully consider the needs of the wider community. In this case, we acknowledge the need for additional bus parking due to high demand from the school in the area. However, after considering the impact on surrounding businesses and the need to balance parking for both school buses and customers, we are unfortunately unable to provide more bus parking than what is currently proposed. In 2024, Auckland Transport provided bus parking, and the proposed changes represent a further addition to support the school.

Suggested relocating the proposed bus stop location to improve visibility, access, and reduce potential disruption to nearby properties.	We have reviewed it and undertaken further investigation, including a site visit during the afternoon school pick-up period and discussions with a Traffic Engineer at Auckland Transport. During the site visit, we observed vehicles using the driveway at 8 George Street, likely by parents collecting their children. While this was occurring, vehicles exiting the shared driveway were travelling at low speeds and were able to manoeuvre safely. Based on these observations, drivers exiting the driveway should be able to cautiously edge forward to gain sufficient visibility past buses on either side, after checking for oncoming traffic. Additionally, approaching vehicles travel over a speed table, which reduces their speed and allows them to stop more easily if required while a vehicle is waiting to turn right out of the driveway. We also noted that limit lines are already in place adjacent to the driveway, meaning shuttle buses are expected to park within these boundaries. During our initial site visit, a shuttle bus was observed parked in this location, which suggests that this area is already being used for shuttle parking during afternoon school pick-up period. While we acknowledge that the proposed location may create some visibility constraints, our observations indicate that vehicle speeds are low and drivers are generally able to navigate the area safely. Based on this, we do not intend to make any changes to the proposal at this stage.
Suggested extending the proposed afternoon operating hours from 3:30pm to 4pm to better align with school pick-up times.	We have contacted the shuttle bus operator to confirm whether any buses are scheduled for 3:45 pm. They advised that their buses typically wait for students who are occasionally late. We understand this situation can be challenging. However, extending the bus parking time to 4:00 pm would impact customers and local businesses who

	rely on these paid parking spaces after the restricted period ends. For this reason, we will not be extending the bus parking time restriction at this stage.
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