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**Subject:** Re: Mt Albert town centre upgrade information

Thanks for the response. Apologies for the delay as I've been discussing the issue with residents and businesses.

Yes, can you please provide any non-confidential information on this project you have provided to the Albert Eden Local Board, to the Governing Body and to the AT Board during the project implementation and following its completion.

I understand my request and this information will be published on your website.

Thanks

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On 23/07/2019, at 10:52, Shane Ellison (AT) <[Shane.Ellison@at.govt.nz](mailto:Shane.Ellison@at.govt.nz)> wrote:

Dear Mr Thomas

As mentioned we are now well and truly in the official pre-election period. As such, under both AT's own policy and the Auditor General's election guidelines, it would not be appropriate for us to attend a meeting such as this; effectively it could be seen as supporting the (re) election chances of a candidate.

Of course we are however more than happy to liaise directly to the Business/Residents Associations about any issues they may have, and I will arrange that. I would point out however that this was in fact an Auckland council conceived and designed project- funded by the Local Board.

AT merely managed the physical construction of the project, which was completed last year.

To the extent we have provided any information to the Albert-Eden Local Board we are happy to provide you with this information although we will have to publish the request on our website. Can you please confirm you still want this information based on this requirement?

Regards,

**Shane Ellison | Chief Executive Officer**

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**Subject:** Mt Albert town centre upgrade information

Hi Shane, can I request AT meet with the Mt Albert Residents and Business Association representatives to discuss ongoing issues associated with the Mt Albert town centre upgrade which was completed last year.

I would also appreciate a copy if any information AT has or has shared with the Albert Eden local board since the upgrade was completed showing whether it has achieved its objectives.

My conversations with both local businesses and residents indicate significant concerns about the intersection design as well as a range of safety concerns driving through the village, and other issues.

Below is a recent Facebook post, which highlights this. You will see the emotion expressed and the genuine concern.

A public meeting with residents would be the best way to go, given the high interest levels, but I suggest meeting with local leaders first.

I have spoken with some of the Albert Eden local board members about this and they agree it would be very useful.

I understand this request will be dealt with under your elections's policy approach but would appreciate a quick initial response.

"I'm just going to say it, Auckland Transport are a collective bunch of useless idiot's. Many of you know this intersection.[corner Mt Albert and Carrington Rds].

I would like to point out that anyone wanting to enter the parking lot under the ANZ bank from either mt Albert road, carrington road or north on new north road have to stop at the foot of the intersection, wait for oncoming traffic to move while holding up traffic from everywhere else and cross 3 lanes of traffic from the other direction.

This is not only time consuming but incredibly dangerous as coming from any direction you are holding up traffic flow and causing havoc. The alternative is to drive all the way to the end of the south bound traffic do a dangerous u turn and sit through 10 traffic phases.

Originally there was a left slip lane that not only helped move traffic but also provide safe passage to get in and out of the bank garage.

According to Auckland council and Auckland transport was very dangerous and needed to be removed along with 6 parking spaces on that side.

I'm asking for your support to have this changed before someone gets seriously injured or even worse killed.

This is not personal and don't care about the parking but this intersection needs to be reversed.

Anyone that's does not think it's a problem please try to enter the garage during rush hour from these directions and see for yourself how dangerous it is. You will not think twice."

Regards

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