



Allendale Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements Engagement Summary Report



Executive summary

Engagement Overview:

- Total Survey Responses: 69 submissions
- Total Site Visits: 258
- Engaged Participants: 62
- Document Downloads: 33
- 3 email submissions and 2 key stakeholder responses (not counting LB)

Engagement Period: 13 September 2021 to 10 November 2025

Overall Sentiment:

- Support the proposal: 29 responses (40%)
- Oppose the proposal: 43 responses (60%)

Locals expressed support for the project, particularly its safety features:

- Student and pedestrian safety
- Traffic calming for residential street
- Difficulty exiting driveways and crossing the road

Concerns were raised such as:

- Six existing speed humps already in place
- Root cause not addressed: Mt Albert Town Centre congestion
- Parking already creates single-lane pinch points
- Increased noise, emissions, and vehicle wear
- Poor use of ratepayer funds and priorities



Project overview

This project involves the installation of two additional speed humps on Allendale Road in Mt Albert.

The Local Board requested these measures to address concerns about drivers using Allendale Road as a rat run to avoid the town centre.

The new speed humps will be placed where there are large gaps between existing humps, under existing streetlights to ensure cost efficiency. The aim is to reduce through-traffic and improve safety.



Engagement undertaken

Engagement Undertaken

- Project letter was mailed - 137 letters were sent to residents along Allendale Road and surrounding streets
- Project webpage and online survey - <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/allendale-road-mount-albert> (Active from 24 October 2025 to 10 November 2025)

Community Response

- 258 people visited the project page
- 215 people classified as 'aware' of the project; visited at least one page
- 124 people classified as 'informed'; they interacted with the page (viewed documents, visited FAQ or Key Dates pages)
- 62 people classified as 'engaged'; they contributed to the survey or other engagement tools
- 72 submissions were received - 69 via online survey and 3 via email
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Feedback received



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General Themes:

Positive themes	Number
Safer for pedestrians (children and elderly)	8
Traffic calming needed/ Rat running will be reduced	7

Opposing Themes	Number
Speed Humps Unnecessary / Already Sufficient	10
Root Cause: Mt Albert Town Centre Congestion	9
Narrow lane width and on street parking create pinch points	7
Increased congestion	7
Noise and Emission	6

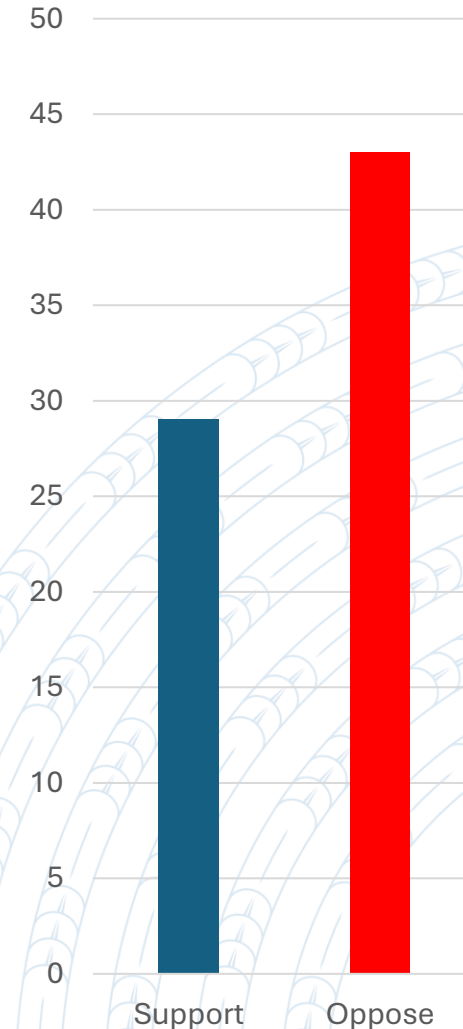
Suggestion Themes	Number
More parking restrictions	7
Alternative traffic calming measures	4
New Pedestrian crossing outside Elim Christian College	3



Survey summary

- The Survey Questions were:
 - What do you think about the proposed changes?
 - How would the proposal benefit your neighbourhood?
 - What are your concerns about the proposal?
 - Do you have any suggestions to improve the proposal?
- The survey ran from 20 October 2025 to 10 November 2025
- Total responses including 2 supporting feedback from key stakeholders, 3 mixed email feedbacks and accounting for duplicate entries. There are 72 Responses total.

Position	Count
Support	29
Oppose	43
TOTAL	72



Overall feedback themes / Survey themes

Speed Humps Unnecessary / Already Sufficient

- "There is no need for these extra speed bumps at all... We have lived on Allendale Road for over 60 years and frankly every change AT has made in the last 20 years has been unwarranted, unnecessary and just made the road less safe not more."
- "We already have 6.... traffic is banked up to our driveway at peak time, from Mt. Albert Rd....Any other time it is not a problem."
- "putting in two additional speed humps are simply not needed... The fact that the road is used for parking for the train results in the road only being able to be used by one car in any one direction."

Increased Congestion

- "The additional speedbumps would further congest the road leading it to be far slower than what anticipated and overall a much less resident friendly road to life on/around."

Root Cause: Mt Albert Town Centre Congestion

- "I think a lot of people use Allendale as a cut through since they changed the traffic light intersection of Mt Albert and New North Rds. This intersection is now very slow"
- "The reason its been used as cut though because AT reconfigure New North and MtAlbert Rd lights and lanes is screw up. AT/ council has created the problem we shouldn't have to pay for it."
- "this issue begins on New North Rd Mt Albert leading up to Mt Albert Village and until traffic flow issues are sorted there drivers will continue to seek out the quickest routes on their journey, hence the rat run attracts."

Noise and Emission

- "More damage to vehicles, more waste of money and more emissions"
- "Creating more speed bumps in Alberton will only intensify the noise levels for residents in the street."

Narrow lane width and on street parking create pinch points

- "There are often cars parked on the road which narrows the road to effectively only one lane."
- "It is already slow with many speedbumps, and is very often one way given cars parked on both sides as well as rubbish trucks etc."



Responses to feedback themes

Theme	Response
Speed Humps Unnecessary / Already Sufficient	<p>This project was requested and funded by the Local Board to improve safety on Allendale Road and to encourage drivers to use main roads instead of cutting through this residential street.</p> <p>Allendale Road is a local neighbourhood street where people live, walk, and travel to nearby schools. While the existing speed humps already help slow traffic, there are long gaps between them where vehicles can still pick up speed.</p> <p>The proposed additional speed humps would shorten these gaps, helping to keep vehicle speeds consistently low along the entire road. This will make the street safer for everyone, particularly students and families who walk to and from school each day.</p>
Root Cause: Mt Albert Town Centre Congestion	<p>We understand concerns about congestion in and around the Mount Albert Town Centre. While this project does not address traffic conditions on main roads, it focuses on improving safety on Allendale Road as a residential street.</p> <p>The changes are intended to discourage through-traffic and reduce the number of drivers using Allendale Road as a shortcut. This will help improve safety and reduce traffic impacts for people who live on the street.</p>
Narrow lane width and on street parking create pinch points	<p>Checks have been carried out to make sure vehicles can safely travel along Allendale Road with the proposed changes in place.</p> <p>To help maintain clear space around each speed hump, short sections of no-stopping lines will be installed nearby. This will support safe vehicle movement while keeping disruption to residents to a minimum.</p>
Increased Congestion	<p>Most congestion on Allendale Road is currently caused by drivers using the street as a shortcut.</p> <p>By slowing traffic and discouraging through-traffic, the proposed changes are expected to reduce this behaviour. Over time, this should improve traffic conditions and make the street quieter and safer for residents.</p>
Noise and Emission issues	<p>We understand concerns about noise and vehicle emissions. Based on experience from similar projects, any increase in noise is usually short-term.</p> <p>As drivers adjust their behaviour and travel at steadier, lower speeds, braking and accelerating typically reduces. The overall safety benefits for residents, pedestrians, and students are expected to outweigh any temporary inconvenience.</p>



Suggestions and other relevant feedback

More Parking Restrictions

- "Perhaps a reduction in parking in some areas on Allendale Road. It is very difficult to get out of driveway with cars parked in both sides."
- "A timed no-parking zone would allow better visibility for students and increase safety"
- "Make one side of McLean St no parking all the way along the road as currently it's almost impassable with cars parked on both sides of the road."

Alternative Traffic Calming Measures

- "If the speed bumps already there aren't working, try a sign suggesting drivers slow down."
- "Ideally Allendale (and connecting streets in this pocket) should have a speed limit of 30 as it is all residential. Alternatively narrow the road in the suggested locations with planter boxes which will lead to slower speeds."
- "the proposed speed humps should be replaced with lane narrowing (horizontal traffic calming device). The road narrowing down to single lane (similar to existing devices outside no's 15, 56 & 70) is much more effective at slowing down the traffic."

New Pedestrian crossing outside Elim Christian College

- "A pedestrian crossing on Allendale Rd for students to cross safely from Elim Christian College"
- "Put a pedestrian crossing on Allendale Road for the Elim Christian College Mount Albert students to cross safely."



Response to suggestions

Theme	Response
Request for more parking restrictions	<p>We understand that parked vehicles on both sides of the road can make it difficult to exit driveways.</p> <p>It is important to find a balance between safety, traffic flow and onstreet parking</p> <p>At times we may implement parking restrictions such as broken yellow lines (no stopping at all times) and timed parking.</p> <p>However, as on-street parking serves an important function for residents, the removal of on-street parking is generally unfavourable to residents and requires a high level of justification to gain approval from the community and Local Board.</p> <p>This falls outside the scope of the current scope of the project, which is focused on safety and reduction of rat-running through the installation of speed humps.</p>
Alternative Traffic Calming measures	<p>The planned traffic calming devices are the best way to help slow cars down to safer speeds for everyone using the road. They will also help stop unsafe driving and reduce the number of drivers using this residential street as a shortcut..</p>
New Pedestrian crossing outside Elim College	<p>We previously looked into the request for a dedicated pedestrian crossing on Allendale last year. At that time, pedestrian counts showed that only a small number of students and other members of the public were crossing the road at this location. Based on this data, the crossing did not meet the required criteria for installation, and we are therefore unable to proceed with the proposal.</p>



Next steps



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In collaboration with the Albert-Eden Local Board we are proceeding with the proposal.

We expect to make these changes in May this year.

