



**Public meeting Monday March 12, 2018  
Held at the Mt Eden Village Centre,  
corner of Ngauruhoe St and Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden.**

Attendance – over 250 people in attendance, listed on separate sheet  
Facilitator: Justice Rod Hansen  
Meeting opened at 7.15 pm

1. Welcome and introductions

Justice Rod Hansen (RH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a general introduction as to the purpose of the meeting. RH introduced Steve Roper (chair of Mt Eden Village Inc)

2. Overview

Steve Roper (SR) provided the meeting with an overview of the engagement between Auckland Transport (AT) and Mt Eden Village Inc (MEV) – see below

SR presented a timeline on the changes that had been made in the Village by AT since 2013 to present day – see below

- 2013 – AT reviewed and installed 2 new loading zone parks – removing 2 car parks
- 2014 – AT took out 6 metres of parking (4 carparks in total) to add in a 6 metre 'no stopping zone' in front of the 2 x bus stops to give more room for the buses to turn out into the traffic. They also advised the double decker buses were coming.
- 2014 – AT published a draft Parking Discussion document for public feedback. This document contained the first mention of a regional approach to bus lane operational hours hinting that there would be changes ahead for Mt Eden Village.
- 2014 – AT undertook a review of the verandas along Mt Eden Rd to identify the options for improving the introduction of the double decker buses. The options chosen by AT was to extend the footpaths, thus moving the buses away from the verandas.
- 2015/2016 – AT began the work to extend the footpaths through the Village – this took 12 months to complete and resulted in a much narrower carriageway.
- Nov 2016 – AT advised they would undertake a Village car park review project to identify where improvements could be made to better use existing car park stock and find areas where new restricted parking could be installed. Note: we opted to delay this project until 2017 after the footpath extension project was complete and all signs of roadworks had been removed.
- Nov 2016 – AT advised us their proposal to replace existing clearway operational hours and bus lane and bus stop improvements
- Early 2017 – advised AT would come back and do the re-curbings and footpath alignment at the intersection of Mt Eden and Stokes Rd – to date this work has not been completed.
- December 2016 – MEV manager met with AT staff regarding the village car parking review process

- December 2016 – MEV manager advised AT all projects need to be considered as one, requested that the bus lane operational hours, the bus extension proposal and the Village car parking review should be done together.
- Feb/March 2017 – Village car parking review business survey done
- April 2017 – MEV Manager advised AT again that the Village car parking review project needed to be part of the bus lane operational hours and the bus extension proposal.
- July 2017 – AT presented to the Business Association. The presentation included Village car parking review, bus lane operational hours and bus stop extension proposals.
- August 2017 – Mt Eden Village business association sent in their feedback to the presentation
- August/September 2017 – Mt Eden Village undertook a survey, photographic evidence documenting the situation in the Village and identified a new option for the bus stops. This evidence was sent in to AT.
- October 2017 – AT presented to the Business Association – this included 3 options for the bus stops, AT preferred to go with their original choice to extend the existing bus stops.
- 25 November 2017 – Mt Eden Village Business Association wrote AT advising them they would not support their proposal and further action would be taken.
- Feb 2018 – AT arranged a meeting with Chair Steve Roper and committee member Maureen Keene to discuss the situation. No progress was made.

The meeting agreed that there was no long-term planning in place during the changes. SR provided a timeline of contact with AT and confirmed MEV felt ignored and believed AT was pushing their agenda ahead (as per other areas across Auckland) without meaningful consultation and comprehensive plan. AT has no long term plan, just a short-term piece meal solution.

3. Mt Eden Village submission David Haines  
RH introduced David Haines of Haines Planning. David reported to the meeting presenting the MEV submission to AT. David's report supported the views of MEV's proposal. On behalf of MEV David gave an outline on what should be good urban planning in a historic village such as Mt Eden. This included defining the public property (being historic main street) and the movement within it. He recommend that Mayor Phil Goff, Christine Fletcher, Cathy Casey and Peter Haynes be requested to direct AT and the Council to move to a more inclusive form of consultation, and request a Centre Plan for Mt Eden.
4. RH introduced Councillor Christine Fletcher (CF)  
CF told the meeting that AT showed a complete lack of respect by not attending this meeting and ignored the need for a full transport plan for Mt Eden area including Dominion Rd. Arterial roads are key, but our villages need to be protected.  
CF urged her colleagues to find a more sustainable solution. There are many groups complaining but there is no master plan. She believes a comprehensive plan needs to be put in place considering all aspects of Mt Eden Village. She believed that there is no overview of AT.  
CF expressed frustration at a governance level.
5. RH introduced David Seymour (DS) – ACT Party, member of parliament for Epsom.  
DS supports the MEV and expressed his fondness for the village. DS believed the suggested solution offered by the MEV is a good one and needs to be listened to. He urged residents to send a strong message to AT.

## 6. Q&A

6.1 There were several residents and business owners of Mt Eden who stood up at the meeting to speak on the subject including:

- David Jones (Poronui St) who noted Mt Eden has an older population, and that residents and businesses have invested and worked hard to restore the history bringing back our heritage value. Strongly in favour of a more comprehensive plan for the village. David Jones thought the AT consultation was misleading and plans were poor.
- Paul Graney – spoke of residents have parking issues as a result of commuters using Mt Eden as a car park.
- Chris – noted we need more parking in the village and people not waiting for the traffic lights when getting off the bus.
- Lee Corrick – Albert Eden Local Board member – confirmed she is committed to supporting the MEV submission.
- Rachel Langton - Albert Eden Local Board member – confirmed she is committed to supporting the MEV submission.
- Rosemary Langham – disappointed AT is not here, parking is vital to the village and we want a resolution going forward.
- Mary Bordick – wants something tangible from this meeting.
- Lisa Pregor representing the Occupy Garnet Rd group spoke of their experiences with AT. They urged the village residents and business owner to go more militant as they said their experience was that AT ignored submissions.
- Peter Webb – need to look further down the track to cycle ways.
- Gail Baldock – Park and ride should not be the first principle of village design.
- Dave Watson – spoke of the village history and bus history.
- There were other comments made, however the note taker wasn't able to catch the name of the speaker.

6.3 A number of attendees (residents) expressed their anger at the nonattendance of AT and questioned the absence of Peter Haynes (chair of the Albert Eden Local Board) from the meeting. This question was addressed by Albert Eden Local Board member Lee Corrick.

## 7. RH summarised the meeting thus far

The tone on the meeting captured the residents and business owner's anger at AT attempts to change the nature of the village without proper oversight and a master plan. Feeling was running high during this discussions. The meeting attendees felt AT had been evasive and deceptive in their presentations to the public.

## 8. Resolutions

- 8.1 Move to note it is unacceptable for AT to decline to attend this meeting and consider this as a failure in ATs duty to this community.
- 8.2 Move to urge AT to halt all steps to implement these projects before producing a longer term, holistic plan done in consultation with residents and MEV
- 8.3 Move of support for the MEV in their response to AT proposal and for organising the opposition to AT's plans.
- 8.4 Move to direct the elected representatives to push for a long-term plan to include parking, bus stops and roadways in and around Mt Eden Village. Further to place

the current plans on hold and demand the development of a design-led Centre Plan for Mt Eden by Auckland Council and AT.

Moved – Steve Roper – OPSM chair MEV  
Second – Maureen Keene – City Cake Co  
Carried – virtually unanimously with no dissenters.

The meeting concluded at 9pm

Confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting:

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Date: 18 March 2018

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