

16 April 2015

Proposed Plan Change 40  
Upper Hutt City Council  
Private Bay 907  
Upper Hutt 5140

Dear Felicity

**Proposed Plan Change 40 - Wallaceville**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed plan change 40 – Wallaceville. Please find attached the NZ Transport Agency’s submission.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of our submission with Council officers and the applicant. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (04) 894-5236 or [angela.penfold@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:angela.penfold@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



Angela Penfold

**Senior Resource Planner**

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## Submission on Proposed Plan Change 40 - Wallaceville.

**To:** Proposed Plan Change 40  
Upper Hutt City Council  
Private Bay 907  
Upper Hutt 5140

**From:** NZ Transport Agency  
PO Box 5084  
WELLINGTON 6145  
Attn: Angela Penfold

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### 1 **The NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) opposes Proposed Plan Change 40 - Wallaceville.**

#### 1.1 **General position**

The Transport Agency wishes to thank the Upper Hutt City Council (the Council) for the opportunity to submit comments on proposed Plan Change 40 - Wallaceville (PPC40).

Our review of the PPC40 has two transport issues of concern to the Transport Agency. One of these is directly related to the proposed plan change and the other is related to wider transport issues for Upper Hutt. Both are discussed in detail below. The Transport Agency would welcome opportunities to discuss these with the applicant and Upper Hutt City Council in more detail with a view to resolving them before a hearing.

#### 1.2 **Summary of key submission points**

The Transport Agency is seeking:

- 1) Financial contributions for the cost of bringing forward any State highway 2 (SH2) upgrade works required as a result of the additional commuter pressure created by the development; and,
- 2) To work closely with the Council as it responds to development growth to ensure that transport needs are addressed in a timely and efficient manner with investment from suitable parties and a range of modal solutions considered.

### 2 **Background information**

#### 2.1 **Role of the Transport Agency**

The Transport Agency is a Crown entity that provides an integrated approach to transport planning, investment and delivery.

The Transport Agency's objective is to undertake its functions in a way that contributes to an affordable, integrated, safe, responsive, and sustainable land transport system. It aims to

create transport solutions for a thriving New Zealand and does this through four key functions, which are:

1. Planning the land transport networks (with partners)
2. Investing in land transport (with partners)
3. Managing the state highway network, and
4. Providing access to and use of the land transport system.

Proposed Plan Change 40 – Wallaceville effects how the Transport Agency will fulfil these functions in Wellington Region.

### **3 The NZTA's submission is that:**

#### **3.1 Potential impacts of the application site on SH2**

The site is well located in relation to urban amenities and a suitable range of land uses is proposed within the site. The site is near Wallaceville rail station, which is desirable for commuters, particularly as the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan (2015) seeks that public transport is the primary mode for peak hour commuters through the Hutt Corridor. The Transport Agency has not considered the local road connections, cycle or pedestrian provisions of the plan change as for this site, these are more appropriately considered by Upper Hutt City Council.

The modelling the applicant has undertaken for SH2 shows a deterioration in peak hour levels of service. The Transport Agency will need to assess the extent of the deterioration, how it might impact on highway upgrades and whether financial contributions would be appropriate. Unfortunately the plan change request does not include sufficient information to enable us to undertake a detailed assessment of the anticipated deterioration.

In addition, the plan change request did not include prior consultation with the Transport Agency. We encourage early consultation on land use development matters to enable resolution prior to notification.

The Transport Agency intends to work with the applicant to address SH2 levels of service issue in a timely manner.

#### **3.2 Transport and land use development in Upper Hutt**

The Transport Agency has previously raised concerns with the Council about additional peak hour commuter transport as a result of residential development in Upper Hutt. As per our letter to Council dated 31 August 2014, the Transport Agency wishes to determine if there are problems that need to be addressed and, if so, commence a city-wide business case to determine how they might best be resolved. PPC40 is the type of development that would be facilitated by this process. Accordingly, the NZ Transport Agency hopes that the Council will be ready to commence the process soon.



**4 The NZTA does wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

Dated at Wellington this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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*Pursuant to a delegation from the Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency.*

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