

Submission from Judith L Berryman

In opposition to New World NI's application to increase car parking spaces for their Ganges Rd Khandallah supermarket

- My home is at 45 Nicholson Rd on the corner with Everest St. I have lived there permanently since 2008. I am very familiar with the area, since members of my family, including my father Cr Keith Spry, have lived in the house since 1974.
- My concern is that increased traffic in this area of Khandallah will have serious impact on the well-being of the suburb.
- A car park, with entry/exit points on three sides of the block for over 100 cars, is totally unnecessary for the present supermarket, which is small compared with the major supermarkets in Johnsonville, Crofton Downs and Thorndon. At present, the existing car park with 30 spaces is rarely full except for rush hours 4-6pm during weekdays and middle day on weekends.
- New World management clearly wish to extend their business to cater for 100 cars, thus their need to have bought three residential properties to make a parking lot 3x the present capacity.
- If the application is approved, the next step would be to apply for consent to build a new building twice the size of the present shop.
- Present local shoppers will not increase in number, but shoppers from outside Khandallah will increase, and increased traffic will create unacceptable congestion in Khandallah's village and residential area, with its narrow winding streets and difficult intersections, lack of footpaths and pedestrian crossings.
- The proposed entry/exit on Nicholson Rd is dangerous. I note this has been acknowledged, and amended to left turn in/out. Even this is totally inappropriate for the narrow, up-hill section of a block in this totally residential area.
- St Benedict's School children would be at increased risk, as would train and bus pedestrians.
- Number 25 and 26 buses and number 24 bus having to negotiate the tricky Clutha/Nicholson/Dekka intersection would create a worse situation with increased traffic doing the same manoeuvre.
- Large delivery trucks from NW Ganges Rd clog the Everest-Nicholson intersection already, particularly 8-9am, when there can also be two buses, rubbish and recycling trucks and dozens of cars dropping off children from out of the suburb, all during this time.

I urge the Council to reject the application.