

Progress at Last

On the 16th December 2014 at the meeting at Soljans Winery, NZTA requested of the Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association to assemble a representative group to represent the District, to meet with Engineers of their office and Auckland Transport.

The challenge was given to me to select the group that could represent and speak for the area from Brigham's Creek, Waimauku, Riverhead, Taupaki & Muriwai.

The group is about 20 strong and has a wide range of professional & business skills to bring to any meeting. Developers of the Triangle Project have two representatives on the group.

The adjacent Residents & Ratepayers groups, along with 2 members of the Local Board are in the group, so hopefully the wider group can achieve more for the District than has been done in the past.

The Mayor's visit to the Arts Centre on the 5th March probably was an eye opener for him. He admitted that he was surprised at the passion of the expression and issues raised by the community.

As a result of that meeting, he asked to meet with the group on Saturday 14th March (in the Auckland Mayor's Office). At that meeting which was attended by 2 Board members, Penny Webster and 9 from the community. The Mayor welcomed the group and indicated that the Kumeu-Huapai area had been left behind by his Council and the previous Rodney Council.

He gave an undertaking to work with the group to resolve the infrastructure problems in our area. Knowing that the Triangle submission closes on the 27th March, Len Brown promised a response to the group by the 20th March.

Looking overall, it appears that the Structure Plan and associated issues will be advanced ahead of time which can only be a good thing for the whole community.

It appears progress is being made at last on infrastructure. For the community's sake, I really hope so.

Regards

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