

Arrowtown Village Association – Feedback to Queenstown Lakes District Council ‘Way to Go’ discussion on Arthurs Point Crossing – August 2020

The Arrowtown Village Association (AVA) is a volunteer-run incorporated society that represents the views of residents to local, regional and national government. We take up issues of public interest and work to improve and develop new amenities to meet the needs of the growing and diverse community in Arrowtown.

The following points we raise are directly relevant to the vision of the Shaping our Future Arrowtown (SOF Arrowtown) report. The AVA was in 2018 appointed guardian of the finalised SOF 2017 report

- SOF is a visioning document for Arrowtown compiled by an intensive community consultation process and the approval of QLDC.
- SOF is the most recent, community driven, vision for Arrowtown

The AVA speaks for the association's members in this case by reference to the SOF report and the community consultation from which it was finalised, irrespective of the views or interests of the individual committee members.

The AVA has encouraged community members to make individual feedback based on their personal opinions.

The AVA supports the discussion on upgrades to the Arthurs Point Crossing, whilst not at this point selecting one of the specific options. The Arthurs Point Crossing is a critical part of the Wakatipu transport network and is in urgent need of upgrade for the reasons outlined in the discussion document.

Arrowtown residents and visitors rely heavily on this crossing, both from a commuter and recreational potential use but also as a vital emergency link. As such the AVA fully supports upgrade, strongly supporting a focus on pedestrian and cycle use.

The Shaping Our Future (SOF) report for Arrowtown includes the following statement and recommendation highlighting the importance Arrowtown places on whole district connectivity:

ARROWTOWN COMMUNITY VISION 2050 AND BEYOND

- *A vibrant, diverse community that is pro-active in managing its future in a way that values and sustainably protects its heritage, character, lifestyle and the natural environment*

Community Connectivity:

- *TO DISTRICT Easy access to Frankton/ Queenstown/ education/health*

We thank you for the opportunity to support the Lets Go group Arthurs Point Crossing discussions, and look forward to further input as the process evolves.

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