

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Long Term Plan Hearing – Follow Up Questions

Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents Association Inc (KCSRA)

Dear Mayor

At the hearing of Long Term Plan submissions on 12 June 2024 Councillor Dawson requested supporting data for two points made in the KCSRA submission process, these being resident use of Kenepuru Road being less than non-resident use of Kenepuru Road and the likelihood that the rate increase will be unaffordable for many, including homes having to be sold. This data is provided below.

Road Usage

There is no data available specifically differentiating resident and non-resident traffic on Kenepuru Road. As such a survey of KCSRA members was undertaken and this indicates that Kenepuru ratepayers undertake an annual daily average of 61 trips in/out of Kenepuru Sound every day. This is summarised in the following table:

From KCSRA Survey	Permanent Residents	Non Permanent Residents	Totals
Count Received			142
Permanent Residents	55		55
Non Permanent Residents		87	87
Total Members			296
% Member Survey Response			48%
Total ratepayers			930
Representation of ratepayers			15%
Average Trips Per year	37	18	24
Total Trips			22,363
Average Trips per day by ratepayers			61
Traffic Counts per Trip			2
Average Daily Traffic Counts per day from Kenepuru Ratepayers			123

This data can be compared to the 10 year average annual daily traffic count on Kenepuru Road for all traffic. This data is based on average daily traffic counts taken from Count Site 60201766 near Linkwater between 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2020. The ten year average traffic count is adjusted for average traffic growth over a ten year period to give a **current** annual average total daily traffic count for Kenepuru Road of **534**.

10 Year Average of Daily Traffic Counts on Kenepuru Road (Count Site 60201766 near Linkwater) Between 01/01/2011 and 32/12/2020				
	Summer	Autum	Winter	Average Annual
10 Year Daily Average Traffic Count	670	403	273	449
10 Year Daily Average Traffic Adjusted for Average Traffic Growth*	797	480	325	534
*Growth is based on a 29% average traffic growth over 8 years 2015 to 2023 per Table 2-1 FAS Report - which factors down to a 19% growth rate to a 10 year average annual traffic count.				

This shows ratepayer traffic through Kenepuru Road as **23%** of all traffic through Kenepuru Road.

Affordability

The following survey of members on the affordability of the proposals was undertaken in June 2024:

Council proposes to charge Kenepuru Road ratepayers a road recovery rate that will, of itself, more than double the current rates. Rates are expected to materially increase from more general causes on top of this as well.

In this proposed increase likely to be:

1. *Easily affordable to you; or*
2. *Manageable but with some living standard sacrifice; or*
3. *Unaffordable to you. Unaffordable means you will likely face financial hardship or have to make more significant life or work changes, such as take up secondary or retirement employment, rent out room(s) or property, sell assets or property, or relinquish or significantly renegotiate a lease.*

We received 103 responses (35% response rate). The results are as follows:



This result is consistent with the oral feedback we have received from members and also with the Kenepuru demographic - which has the oldest Sounds population, and this amongst a wider Sounds demographic that is 20 years older than the New Zealand median. It is also relevant that the north of Kenepuru is in the top 20% of most deprived places in New Zealand¹.

Whilst we are aware of members who would likely be forced to downsize/rent and sell their Kenepuru home, there are others who might elect to share their home, to take up secondary or retirement employment, or to sell other assets – these are all equivalent indicators of undue hardship.

Please let us know if you have any further questions on these or other matters we have raised.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Caddie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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¹ Marlborough Sounds Future Access Programme Business Case 2.3.2