



## **Bike Waikato Submission to Cobham Dr. (Normandy Ave to Tristram St) Speed Limit Consultation**

Kia ora Hamilton City Council,

We are writing in support of the proposal to retain the 60km/h speed limit for Cobham Drive between Normandy Ave and Tristram Street.

Increasing the speed to 80km/h will increase the severity of an accident if it were to occur. This stretch of road contains multiple hazards such as blind corners, pedestrian flows at either end of the street, and proximity to a narrow footpath frequently used by cyclists and pedestrians.

Without strong mitigation measures and changing the road layout, the speed increase will unduly put people at risk for minimal time saving along a 1.17 kilometer stretch of road. Retaining a lower speed limit along this road will keep people traveling by any mode safe.

According to information provided by the Hamilton City Council, there has been a major reduction of crash incidents—by 70%—in the short time since lowering the speed limit.<sup>1</sup> The city council should maintain that safety takes precedence on all local roads by doing what is best for the people of Hamilton rather than following national standards which go against international best practice.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Kind regards,

Bike Waikato Committee

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<sup>1</sup> <https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/cobham-drive-speed-limit-reduction>