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Submission re Proposed Mount Eden Residential Parking Zone

Our Meeting House and the Auckland Friends Centre, which are both owned by the Religious Society of Friends, are on the corner of Mt Eden Rd and Sylvan Ave East. It is in relation to these properties that we are making this submission.

We realise that our property is not in the proposed zone but the zoning near these properties will affect us. Especially if there is a large group using the Meeting House mid-week. Our large groups are those attending a funeral and when the Meeting House is used by some other group.

For funerals we do encourage people to come by public transport but that is not always feasible especially for the families and the elderly, hence they wish to park either in our grounds or along Sylvan Ave (both East and West) or in Kelly St.

The time one is at a funeral can easily exceed two hours, especially if you are a family member or one of those helping at it. What with arriving early to bring in food and/or to be part of those welcoming people to the funeral or making sure you are not late for the funeral; the memorial meeting/service/funeral can be for longer than an hour; the tradition cuppa afterwards; washing up and cleaning up do often take longer than two hours.

We would hope that consideration may be given to ways those attending a funeral in the Meeting House may be able to park on the streets around the Meeting House for more than two hours. Have you thought of a way that this may happen?

We realise that we are not the only religious group who may be affected like this by the proposed Mount Eden residential parking zone

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