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Let's Get Wellington Moving

Via Email Hannah.hyde@lgwm.nz

Dear Hannah

WALKING AND CYCLING FACILITY ON KIWIRAIL LAND ADJACENT TO THORNDON QUAY

I am writing in response to recent discussions with KiwiRail staff regarding using KiwiRail land to the east of buildings on Thorndon Quay for a laneway for walking and cycling.

After discussing the proposal internally I am able to confirm that KiwiRail does not support this proposal and is unable to make the land available. The land in question is part of the operational rail corridor, forming part of the EMU stabling and maintenance facility, with live electrical overhead above and regular train movements. It would be unsafe and impractical to operate a laneway in this area as there is not enough clearance from the existing track to do so safely and removal of the tracks would negatively impact existing and future rail operations.

KiwiRail, and its predecessors, have released large areas of rail operational land between Kaiwharawhara and Wellington Station as technology and transport patterns have changed. The land area now occupied by rail has shrunk to an essential core and with current growth in rail the strategic importance of the corridor must be recognized. As rail use continues to grow long term our use of this land is likely to intensify rather than diminish so any reduction in available corridor would be extremely short sighted.

While we are unable to support the laneway proposal KiwiRail is keen to continue to work with Let's Get Wellington Moving both with respect to our role in the transport system and as a key landowner in this area. Michael McKeon and Lyndon Hammond will continue to be our initial point of contact for these matters.

Yours Sincerely



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