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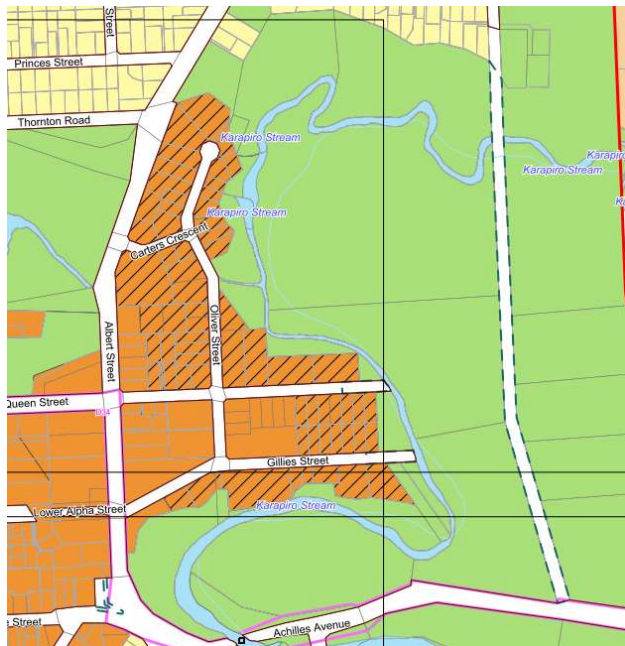
Good Afternoon,

Waipā District Council is intending to undertake a plan change that will review the zoning of two commercial areas in Cambridge – Carters Flat, and the area on the corner on Cook Street and Shakespeare Street.

The District Plan is the Council document that manages subdivision and development, the types of activities that can occur in certain locations, and the effects of those activities such as noise and traffic.

Currently the District Plan zoning maps show the Carters Flat area as being partly in the Commercial Zone and partly in the Deferred Commercial Zone. See Map 1 below. The brown coloured area is Commercial Zone and the hatched brown area is Deferred Commercial Zone.

Map 1: Excerpt from the District Plan showing zoning for the Carters Flat area.



In the Commercial Zone, commercial activities are permitted without a resource consent. The District Plan includes a specific list of those activities and their performance standards.

In the Deferred Commercial Zone, the rules default to the Industrial Zone, meaning activities that are permitted without a resource consent in the Industrial Zone are permitted in the Deferred Commercial Zone of Carters Flat. This recognises the historical industrial use of the area and enables those activities to continue.

An independent Issues and Options paper prepared by an external consultant recommended that the whole area be Commercial Zone with some provisions specific to the area, that will recognise the



unique characteristics of the locality, potentially including light industrial activities. There are various costs and benefits resulting from this option, both to Council and to business owners.

Waipā District Council would now like to consult with the business owners in the Carters Flat area. Waipā District Council have already heard ideas for this area through the Cambridge Town Concept Plan project, but now would like to identify some specifics for the Carters Flat area. An expert will be employed to help translate your ideas into a Local Area Plan, and from there include provisions in the District Plan that suit business owners now and into the future.

You're invited to an online breakfast workshop to be held at 7:30am to 9:00am on 11 November 2021. Waipā District Council is hosting this workshop along with the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and would appreciate it if you can make the time to come along and tell us your ideas for the Carters Flat area.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at info@cambridgechamber.co.nz