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Dear Submitter

PROPOSED PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2018

Thank you for your submission in July on Council’s proposed Public Places Bylaw.

Council has now completed its consideration of all the submissions, both written and presented in person and adopted the new bylaw on 30 October.

Council made the following decisions regarding the issues raised in the submissions:

Signs	The proposal was accepted to allow street signs up to a maximum size of 1m x 1m x 0.7m before a permit from Council is required. This should enable businesses to advertise in the street and for schools and community groups etc. to promote their events without having to go through a bureaucratic process. However, at the same time, this does provide Council with the ability to manage signs better.
Displays of goods	Council accepted that businesses should be able to display goods for sale on the footpath outside their premises to a depth of 1m without a permit.
Space on footpaths	The proposal was accepted to require 2m of clear footpath outside shops, cafes and other businesses instead of the previous 1.5m.
Restrictions on light vehicles	Council accepted the proposal to enable prohibitions on light vehicles at designated times and on designated roads. However, at the moment Council has no need to implement this, but is monitoring anti-social behaviour on some roads.
Mobile trading	<p>A number of changes to the draft bylaw were made for the management of mobile trading. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To continue to allow mobile traders to operate on Victoria Street, Cambridge opposite the Town Hall; physical changes to this site will be made by Council to help manage this site better; ▪ To require mobile trader sites to be approved as suitable by Council, and that Council will determine how many mobile traders may operate on each site at any one time;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To stipulate in the bylaw conditions that must be met for a site to be considered suitable for mobile trading;▪ Council to introduce a system of booking days/dates and times at each site to reduce the potential for disputes between traders if a particular site becomes popular or sought-after;▪ Council – as managers of public places – to prohibit goods and services that are subject to any statutory age-restrictions from being offered by mobile traders in Waipā.▪ The proposal to exclude mobile traders from some of the main streets and car parks in both Cambridge and Te Awamutu CBDs has been confirmed.
Stock droving	A number of changes were made to the requirements for farmers when moving stock along or across roads. These take account of today’s farm management practices, and also to help manage biosecurity risks.

Thank you again for taking the time and effort to make your views known to Council about this Bylaw. The combined responses of many people in our community have certainly made a difference in completing this large and complex bylaw.

Yours sincerely



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