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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter concerning Petition 021-24, lodged by Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA, regarding parking at Florey Shops.

Prior to receipt of the petition, the ACT Government had identified the need to consider improvements that could be made to traffic, parking and pedestrian safety. Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) engaged a consultant to review and identify options to improve pedestrian access and circulation and utilisation in the car parks. A consultant's report has been produced identifying a number of new improvements.

TCCS recently engaged with the community regarding several proposals to improve traffic, parking and pedestrian safety at Florey Shops. Initial proposed improvements include:

- a new pedestrian crossing at the front of the medical centre on Kesteven Street
- 2 new streetlights and a speed cushion on the approach to the pedestrian crossing
- a reduced speed limit of 40kmh in the Florey shops precinct
- 2 new speed cushions on the approach to the existing pedestrian refuge island on Connah Street with age friendly crossing warning signage
- new wayfinding signage, including to the car park adjacent to the oval which has lower utilisation
- new seating.

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Community consultation began on Thursday, 27 June 2024 and closed on Thursday, 18 July 2024. The consultation included three 'pop-ups' at the Florey Shops, enabling the community to discuss and engage with TCCS officers directly. In addition to the proposals above, TCCS officers also engaged with the community on suggestions for parking improvements.

Themes from the community consultation included:

- Support for a new crossing outside the Medical Centre
- Varied response to the speed limit and associated speed humps
- Increase the number of accessible parking spaces (currently two)
- Change parking restrictions, to have some short-term parking (i.e. 15 minute or 30 minute) near the shops with longer term parking (i.e. 2-hour parking) further away and also some within the oval
- Retain some all-day parking at the oval
- New street lighting at the oval car park, to improve safety and encourage use during the winter/evening shopping
- Consider motorcycle parking (currently no specific motorcycle parking area)
- Consider loading zone (currently no specific loading zone for some shops (i.e. butchers, bakery, etc);
- Improve the traffic arrangement / one-way system through the area.

Following community consultation, TCCS will consider feedback and identify improvements, which will seek to address the issues raised.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely



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