

Tasman District Council, 11.4.19, Staff, Councillors, A4A Members.

Tabled @
Public Forum
Engineering Services
11/4/19

Re. NZ Post Paxster Electric Quad Bike deliveries, proposal for their usage around Richmond.

Citizens are welcome to use our footpaths, ie people using their feet, walkers and runners, mobility scooter users are also welcome, also the hearing/sight impaired, and those recovering from illness and injury, plus families with children and prams, and citizens exercising with their dogs. Citizens have an enshrined legal right to unencumbered access on footpaths.

Walking is one of the most popular of recreational pursuits.

'Our street footpaths for citizens are under attack'

Walkers around our streets are now faced with skateboarders, scooters, soon/already E Scooters, unicycles, plenty of bikers (now legal up to 12 year olds), plus in the central area have intrusive 'sign boards' etc to negotiate, TDC Councillors were to consider new rules for staff to implement, from ratepayers advice to TDC staff about non compliant signs. Many vehicles, boats, trailers etc. also park up on our footpaths, making it unpleasant and intrusive for walkers to negotiate.

Citizens are now faced with the possibility of NZ Post 1.2m 'quad bike' Paxsters roaming our footpaths delivering mail, pamphlets and 'on line' packaged goods. With central Queen Street improvements completed, intrusions were to be assessed by TDC staff,

Some TDC streets have very narrow footpath walk reserve areas , just some examples of width, upper Queen St. 1.4m down to 1.2m, Champion Road 1.4m/1.2m. There are a number of places around Richmond where footpath width is down to 1.6m, 1.4m and even 1.2m, with intrusive overhanging growth from residents footpath 'reserves', and residential gardens causing a narrowing hinderance. A number of vehicles are being parked 'two wheels up' some 'four wheels up' on footpaths, also causing a hindrance for legitimate footpath users.

Presently there are a number of courier firms carrying out delivery of online goods, offering very good service, including NZ Post. Pamphlet deliveries in the main are handled by our young people keen to earn some good pocket money. Mail deliveries at present are by NZ Post (cycle), PX Service (motor bike), and personal 'hand drop' information from residents. The Nelson Mail/ChCh Press delivery is excellent, handled by either motor bike or vehicle service. Australian Post utilise small motorbikes.

Paxster width 1.2m, are they NZTA road/street registered as a quad bike, are helmets compulsory ? If they are a registered vehicle they are obligated to be on the street/road carriageway.

I do not think it is safe or appropriate for NZ Post to be given approval to use quad bikes (Paxsters) on footpaths, this is simply a commercial enterprise and undertaking to move into deliveries of online goods, plus pamphlets and the usual mail, to the detriment of delivery companies and compliant footpath users.

This will be an unsatisfactory intrusion for footpath users.

Regards, Malcolm Saunders, Tui Haven, 18 Warwick Street, Richmond, 544 5053.

cc. Active Transport Forum 12/3/18, Nelson City Council 7/12/17, 23/8/17, A4A Group Meeting TDC 8/9/17, Neighbourhood Support Waimea 25/9/18 & 19/2/19, Tasman District Council Works Committee, 23/8/17. A4A Forum, TDC, 15/3/19