



## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

### AMENDMENT TO SPEED LIMIT BYLAW 2009

#### Dixon Way

In January 2017, Council considered amending the speed limit along Dixon Way following feedback from the local community that the speed limit did not reflect the actual driving speed and the risk to the numerous walkers on the road. This change was not able to be made at the time due to the requirements under the previous speed setting limit rules. Change to these rules came into force late 2017 meaning that the requested speed reduction is now achievable.

#### Legislative Requirements

The Speed Limit Bylaw is a legal requirement under the NZTA Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2017. Councils (as a Road Controlling Authority or RCA) are required to develop bylaws that allow speed limits on roads within their respective areas.

The setting of speed limits rule gives power to Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) to set speed limits that:

- In the RCA's view are, safe and appropriate
- Are consistent with speed management throughout New Zealand
- Are of a reasonable and safe length
- Have speed limit change points located at, or close to a point of significant change in the road environment
- Have taken into account submissions received during consultation
- Have regard to any other factor the RCA considers relevant to achieving travel speeds that are safe and appropriate to the roads
- Aim to achieve a mean operating speed less than 10% above the speed limit

#### The Major Matters

It is proposed to lower the speed limit along the whole length of Dixon Way and the short sections of Otaihape Valley Road and Mangaone Valley Roads which link Dixon Way with SH1.

#### Penalties

All speed limits that are adopted under this draft Speed Limit Bylaw are enforceable by the Police, people caught speeding are liable for a speeding tickets and other penalties prescribed by law.

#### Submissions

Written submissions from the community are open until 12pm, **18 May 2018**



Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled for 13 June 2018 at the Council Chambers in Taihape. You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

Due to the location of Dixon Way and the involvement of the Taihape Community, the Taihape Community Board will be considering submissions and conducting deliberations for this proposal. They will be providing a recommendation to Council to adopt/ not adopt the bylaw amendment.

### **Further information**

Further information, including the draft Bylaw, map and a submission form, is available at the following places:

- Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)
- Council's library in Taihape
- By calling 0800 422 522

If you have any questions please contact Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst.

