

Parking proposals



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say**

Have your say on parking in Ponsonby

We're seeking your feedback on our plan to improve how parking and street spaces are managed in Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, Herne Bay, and St Marys Bay.

Feedback is open until
Monday, 1 December 2025



Your city moving



What happens next?

Once you've provided your feedback, we will look for common themes, review any direct property access concerns and ensure we haven't overlooked anything important. After that, we'll meet with the Waitematā Local Board to review everything together and decide on the next steps. We'll then share the outcome with you, so you know what's happening and what to expect.

Come and talk with us

Come along to meet with the project team and provide your feedback.

Business drop-in session Thursday, 6 November 2025

Studio One Toi Tū, 1 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, 5pm to 7pm

Community drop-in session Saturday, 22 November 2025

Te Rimutahi, 254 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, 9am to 12pm

Provide your feedback

To find out more and give your feedback, scan the QR code, visit [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parking-in-ponsonby](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parking-in-ponsonby) or come along to a drop-in session.



Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, Herne Bay, and St Marys Bay are some of Auckland's most iconic inner-city neighbourhoods. With their vibrant retail and hospitality scenes, heritage charm, and strong community spirit, they attract residents, workers, and visitors alike.

Ponsonby Road alone sees over 20,000 vehicles a day. The residential streets in the area are also narrow and provide access to dense historic neighbourhoods. As a popular area, we need to manage many competing demands for limited road space. We're seeking your feedback on how we can better manage parking, improve safety, and support access while staying true to Ponsonby's unique identity.

We regularly make small changes to parking in Ponsonby and now's the opportunity to take a big picture look to make sure it all works well together.

What we're addressing

- High demand for on-street parking in Ponsonby during the day and the evening.
- Supporting businesses with fair access for customers and deliveries.
- Lack of pick-up and drop-off spaces and loading zones along Ponsonby Road.
- Pedestrian safety issues caused by street clutter.
- Unreliable bus journeys around Three Lamps.
- Damage to public assets caused by berm parking along Richmond Road and Williamson Avenue.
- Commuter parking on residential streets.
- Preparing for future growth and better travel connections.

What did we look at?

We've taken a detailed look at how parking works in the area. This included checking how full parking areas get, how long people stay for, and where parking rules are often broken.

We've also spoken with the Waitematā Local Board and Ponsonby Business Association to understand what's important to the community.

We have considered future growth and projections, and planned commercial and residential developments.

What the data tells us

- There are 6,500 on-street parking spaces in Ponsonby
- There are also 650 public parking spaces in three off-street sites
- 85% of on-street spaces are in residential areas
- 15% of on-street parking spaces are paid, mostly along Ponsonby Road, while the majority (80%) are time restricted
- Demand for on-street parking is highest on the side streets off Ponsonby Rd and they are often full for extended periods of time during the day
- Evening parking demand is highest in the central part of Ponsonby after 6pm
- More than 50% of parking fines issued were related to overstaying the time limit or paid parking session, or not paying for parking at all.
- There are issues with providing reliable bus services around the Three Lamps area



Creating a pedestrian friendly ponsonby



We are aware that it can sometimes be hard to find a parking space in Ponsonby, but that doesn't mean parking is allowed on footpaths and berms. People using wheelchairs or strollers often need the full path, and stepping into the road to get around a car is unsafe. Parking on berms and footpaths damages them, costing ratepayers more money to repair the ground, and can impact on underground services.

We're planning to discourage illegal parking by adding clear 'no parking' signage on the northern side of Richmond Road and in between 24A and 48 Williamson Avenue.

Our changes to how rental scooters are parked along Ponsonby Road and on a few other streets will also make it safer for people to use the footpaths.

Public parking

We know many people rely on their cars to get to Ponsonby for work, shopping or to enjoy the vibrant nightlife. So, we want to make sure there's reliable access to parking when it's needed the most, easing congestion and keeping parking turning over in the right places to support businesses.

New parking on Hargreaves Street

We're planning to add four new parking spaces at the western end of Hargreaves Street.

More parking on Fitzroy & Brown Streets

We're planning to convert parallel parking to angle parking on Fitzroy Street and Brown Street, creating extra parking spaces.

Extending the Resident Parking Zone (RPZ)

We're proposing to extend the resident parking zone to include Kelmarna Avenue and Bulter Street, to prevent commuter parking from limiting access for residents.

Introducing paid parking near Ponsonby Road

To improve parking turnover and improve access to businesses along Ponsonby Road, we're planning to convert some time-restricted parking to paid parking in high-demand streets, including parts of:

- Tole Street, O'Neill Street, Pember Reeves Street, Summer Street, Vermont Street, Lincoln Street, Norfolk Street, Douglas Street, Brown Street, Fitzroy Street, Anglesea Street, Picton Street, and Richmond Road.

Evening paid parking

To ensure everyone can enjoy Ponsonby's popular nightlife, we're planning to extend paid parking from 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays to Saturdays in busy streets within the central part of Ponsonby, including parts of:

- Ponsonby Road, Tole Street, O'Neill Street, Pember Reeves Street, Summer Street, Vermont Street, Lincoln Street, Norfolk Street, Douglas Street, Brown Street, Anglesea Street, Picton Street, Richmond Road, Mackelvie Street, Pollen Street, and Rose Road.

Paid parking at Margaret Street car park

We're planning to introduce paid parking at the Margaret Street off-street car park due to high demand for parking throughout the day.



Specialty parking

Regular parking spaces don't work for everyone. We provide other types of parking, in place of general vehicle parking, where it is needed. This includes pick-up drop-offs, mobility, loading and servicing, motorcycle, bicycle and scooter spaces.

We understand that there is high demand for rideshare and food delivery services in the area. We need to make sure there's enough short-term parking spaces available for quick pick-ups and drop-offs so there isn't disruption to the road. A number of our proposals for Ponsonby consider this.

Pick-up and drop-off spaces

We're planning to add 10-minute pick-up/drop-off spaces at key locations along Ponsonby Road for ride-share vehicles and general use.

Loading zones

- At 252 and 346 Ponsonby Road, we're proposing to allow general loading (including food delivery) at the two existing loading zones from 6pm to 6am. These loading zones would remain for goods vehicles between 6am and 6pm.
- At 57 Mackelvie Street, we're planning to allow general loading (including food delivery) at all times.
- We're planning to add evening general loading zones (6pm-10pm) at Vermont Street and Brown Street, near their intersection with Ponsonby Road. These loading zones can also be used by food-delivery vehicles.
- A new daytime loading zone is proposed for 6 Crummer Road for goods vehicles only.

Specialty parking

We also plan to remove the loading zone at 105a Jervois Road which is no longer in use.

Improving access – mobility parking

We're proposing to add a new mobility space on Brown Street near 146 Ponsonby Road and improve signage and road markings for existing spaces at 50 & 56 Pollen Street and Vermont Street.

More parking options for everyone

- Motorcycle: New motorcycle parking is planned for 1 Richmond Road and 39 Brown Street
- Cycle parking: We're planning to add cycle racks at:
 - Albany Road, Wanganui Avenue, Ardmore Road (near Jervois Road).
 - Vermont Street (near Ponsonby Road).
 - Brown Street (near Fitzroy Street).
- Scooter parking: To make footpaths safer and reduce clutter, we're adding dedicated e-scooter parking for rental scooters at intersections along Ponsonby Road, including:
 - Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby Terrace, Tole Street, Summer Street, Franklin Road, Lincoln Street, Anglesea Street, Richmond Road, Picton Street, Pollen Street, Hepburn Street, Crummer Road, College Hill, Douglas Street.
- More scooter parking is also planned for Brown Street, Williamson Avenue (near Domino's Pizza) and 33 Ponsonby Road.

Bus improvements

We know that public transport plays an important role in connectivity to all parts of Auckland.

- We're planning to add a bus stop on Curran Street to improve connectivity for people travelling to/from the North Shore, St Marys Bay, Ponsonby, Karangahape Road and Newmarket.
- We're planning to create a clearway near 100 College Hill during peak times (7-9am and 4-6pm) Monday to Friday to improve travel times for buses.

