

A further frustration is that the new subdivision service road opposite the Station Road/Saunders Road intersection has street lighting. In my opinion the Shire missed a great opportunity to negotiate with the developer at subdivision planning application stage for a double, back to back street light bracket to be installed on the pole nearest to the Kilmore Road intersection, so that at least that intersection would have been lit for free! It's a pity a bit of lateral thinking did not occur.

b) Uncertainty regarding the extent of proposed improvements Calder Freeway

We discussed the long overdue; but thankfully now planned, upgrade of the Calder Highway from Sunshine Avenue to Diggers Rest (it's still not a freeway in my opinion). We believe grade separation is planned for the Sunshine Avenue Intersection and the new Kings Road Intersection. We expressed uncertainty on what is proposed for Calder Park Drive and Holden Road. Hopefully Calder Park Drive will be grade separated or diverted via a parallel service road to Kings Road. I doubt Holden Road can be grade separated due to rail line proximity; but it should, as a minimum, be diverted via a parallel service road to a grade separated intersection. To leave these intersections "at grade" will undermine the other improvements stated above. Right turns need to be completely removed from this increasingly busy length of road. This therefore will also involve the diversion of Duncans Lane and the entrance to Calder Park Raceway, via parallel service roads, to the proposed grade separated intersections. Only when all of the above are completed will we have a safe freeway! Hopefully all of the above are part of the planned overall upgrade?

Thanks again for listening to our concerns. Hopefully you can now take matters further for a satisfactory outcome. Please note I have copied this letter to my local Councillor John Letchford and upgrade campaigner Mr Russell Mowatt, in the hope of gaining wider support on the long overdue resolution of the New Gisborne street lighting/speed limit issue.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Russell Mowatt, Calder Action Group.