

43 Hallenstein Street  
Queenstown  
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Attention please Mr Andrew Edgar  
Queenstown Lakes District Council  
Dear Sir,

Re - The Proposed bus shelter at 41 Hallenstein Street, Queenstown

My concerns are -

There is already a bus pull in across the road outside the school where the children are dropped off every morning and have no reason to cross the busy road at all. This is a more appropriate place to have a bus shelter for the children if a bus shelter is necessary and the buses are pulled in off the road instead of on this side of the road - parked in the gutter making it a 'one lane' street as it is a narrow street to begin with. The buses are also parking over the fire hydrant which is illegal plus the fact the street is quite narrow and has yellow lines right along this side of the street - (also not legal to park).

For approximately 40 years the school children have waited on the lower end of my driveway for the school bus to pick them up after school. The number of children being picked up after school was a maximum of 7 children to begin with but this gradually increased over the years to something like 70 plus children sitting on my driveway every day after school and that of course meant I was unable to use the driveway in any way at that time of day. In all those years there was no shelter for them and no complaints as far as I was aware - except not always convenient for us.

At one stage we were very concerned and eventually found out it is not legal to have the children crossing the road to catch the school bus on the opposite side of the road to the school. It is now an extremely busy road when there is a sign at the bottom end of Hallenstein St stating it is the main road to the Airport!!!! and the idea is to lighten the traffic from down town. It is absolute chaos when the school buses are lined up on this side of the street one behind the other on the yellow lines waiting for the children to be loaded, the parents parking on the other side of the road on yellow lines, and the grass verges, etc with traffic piled up either side of the road. It certainly makes it impossible to see to get out of my driveway but I fear a large bus shelter on this side of the street certainly is not going to do me any favours either and will make it even harder to see to get out on to the street from this side of the street. My property is not the only one that will be affected if it is allowed to go ahead which I certainly hope will not be the case.

Yours Faithfully,

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I feel the buses picking up the children after school in front of my property and 41 Hallenstein St are now larger in size – (lengthwise) so presumably carrying more children – all added weight on the gutter and storm water grate as they drive along in the gutter.

When I cleared the leaves from the grate in front of my bottom garage I discovered the grate has dropped considerably and the crack in the road has opened up even more than it was - making it impossible for me to take the car into the bottom garage. I usually put it in that garage in the winter when my stone drive gets wet and then turns to ice when there is a frost. Obviously that certainly will not work for me this winter if nothing is done to repair the gutter and road.

However, I now find the tow bar on the car is hitting on the road when I take the car down the stone drive from under my house, so obviously the problem is getting worse as I have never had that happen until now and there was nothing in the boot to make extra weight. The crack in the road has now extended across my frontage as well. I still expect and want to be able to use my car!!

The photos I have taken today don't really show the extent of the damage because the gutter has sunk and the road was too busy to stand in the middle of the road to take the photos.

I have complained about the problem before but it was considered to be 'minor'. It certainly isn't the case now and no doubt will get progressively worse if nothing is done about it.

Kathy Smith



