

Update for Elected Members — 22 May 2026

Responsible Camping Update (Dec 2025 – Apr 2026)

Executive summary

Tēnā koutou Elected Members,

The 2025-2026 summer marked another busy season for responsible camping in the district. The responsible camping team navigated a number of operational changes required to implement the new bylaw, including communications and signage, while responding to increased visitor numbers and continued growth in freedom camping in Aotearoa New Zealand. The bylaw remains new, with only five months of operational data available. While early trends are emerging, this timeframe is too short to draw long-term conclusions, and future reporting will be better placed to assess patterns and longer-term impacts.

While the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 was effective in managing freedom camping on our urban and residential roads, the high demand for spaces during the peak summer period placed pressure on public spaces and infrastructure, and tested community tolerance in some areas of the district.

The Responsible Camping Programme played an important role in managing these impacts through a coordinated approach that combined site management, education, monitoring, and enforcement. The Summer Ambassadors provided an important service and visible presence at key locations, welcoming campers, supporting them to comply with rules, collecting data, undertaking routine litter picks and escalating any issues where required to Council Officers. Their role continues to provide an important link between on-site conditions, campers, the community and enforcement responses. Enforcement remains an essential tool for managing freedom camping, particularly for addressing persistent non-compliance at designated sites and illegal camping on reserves and urban roads.

Feedback collected through Ambassador observations and the Request for Service (RFS) system demonstrated that while education and enforcement is an effective tool for managing freedom camping, the impact is often short term, resource heavy and limited in reach. Ongoing challenges caused by increasing visitor numbers, constrained infrastructure and the high demand for spaces - such as congestion, persistent disregard for signposted time limits and wider daytime behaviours were harder to prevent and enforce.

These challenges reinforce the importance of exploring wider work programmes and approaches to support responsible camping behaviour such as technology solutions, pay-per-use services or additional sites for free or low-cost camping. Following the Council Workshop on the 16 April, officers will present a report at the 25 June Council meeting, providing the outcome of investigations and options regarding the restricted freedom camping areas at Allenby Place and Beacon Point Road. This update provides an overview of summer activity, budget spend expenditure, future work programmes, and advocacy efforts.

Kā mihi,

Marie Day & the Responsible Camping Implementation Team

The numbers & overview of themes

The Numbers 1 December 2025 – 30 April 2026	
Request for Service (RFS)	1,054
Freedom Camping Infringements	2,311
Reserves Act Infringements	151
Summer Ambassador Site Visits	2,282
Campers 'Checked In'	10,528
Surveys With Campers	381
Media Enquiries	18
LGOIMA requests	7

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Requests For Service (RFS): Requests for enforcement, education, bylaw enquiries and feedback from campers and the community.

Media: Enforcement on the Wānaka lakefront, Mount Iron Carpark and Allenby Place Carpark. Portaloos at the Wānaka Recreation Centre and enforcement numbers across the district to date.

Infringements: Failing to comply with the restricted area conditions, freedom camping in a prohibited area, non-self-contained vehicles and illegal camping on reserves.

LGOIMA Requests: LGOIMA requests focus on freedom camping policy, enforcement, and related decision-making. The requests seek information on how the Freedom Camping Bylaw is being applied and enforced, including enforcement discretion and treatment of people experiencing homelessness; the development and status of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025, including policy advice and supporting evidence. Some requests asked for specific information on Allenby Place and the Mount Iron Reserve.

The Parks Team have also received a query from the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) as part of the community consultation on the Kawarau Riverside Reserve Management Plan (RMP) as to why camping isn't being consulted on as a potential activity in this area. We anticipate a formal submission from the NZMCA via the RMP process.



Key Dates

Responsible Camping Key Dates	
01 December 2025	Bylaw Launch
23 January 2026	Allenby Place Carpark temporary prohibition starts
05 February 2026	Council Meeting – CE Report; minor corrections to the bylaw
16 April 2026	Council Workshop – Season review and Freedom Camping Bylaw
30 April 2026	Ambassador Programme ends
25 June 2026	Council Meeting - findings and options report for Allenby Place and Beacon Point
*23 July 2026	Council Meeting - statutory determinations and statement of proposal adoption re: bylaw amendment
*August 2026	Consultation
*October 2026	Hearings
*December 2026	Council Meeting - decision as outcome of recommendations from hearing panel
31 January 2027	Allenby Place Carpark prohibition ends

**Dates provided are contingent on Council determining to proceed with a bylaw amendment process.*

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Budget

2021 Bylaw Judicial Review	
External Legal Costs (NZMCA Judicial Review)	\$135,475
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2025 Bylaw Development	
Tonkin + Taylor - Site Assessments + Technical Report	\$248,500
	\$248,500
2025 Bylaw Implementation Works	
Blue Paint, Wheel stops + Installation	\$8,921
Purchase and installation of signs	\$26,975
Project Support	\$12,075
	\$47,971
2025-2026 Responsible Camping Programme	
Summer Ambassadors - Wages + resources	\$214,384
Fleet vehicles	\$34,855
CamperMate Annual Data	\$3,000
Twilight Patrols - Cougar Security	\$11,395
Communications, resources and additional signs	\$8,526
Red Bridge Minor Improvements	\$19,949
Portaloo Hire	\$3,640
Waste Disposal	\$83
	\$295,832
2025-2026 Bylaw Policy Support	
External Legal Advice (Ongoing)	\$21,118
Bylaw Policy Support (Estimate)	\$51,300
Tonkin + Taylor - Allenby Place Transport Report	\$9,800
	\$82,218
2025-2026 Enforcement Patrols	
Enforcement Officers	\$95,893
	\$95,893
Total	\$905,888
2025 – 2026 Infringements	
Infringement Issued \$	\$945,200
Estimate Return \$ *	\$661,640 ¹

Council staff costs attributed to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 have exceeded 210k since October 2024.

From 1 December 2025 until 30 April 2026 of 2,462 infringements issued 1,216 infringements have been paid and 239 sent to the Ministry of Justice for collection.

¹ Infringements can take up to six months to progress through the enforcement cycle and reach court, and payments may then continue for several years. The Enforcement Team report on this annually, approximately six months after year end. Historically, a recovery rate of approximately 70% is achieved for freedom camping infringements. This percentage has been applied to the infringement amount issued so far.

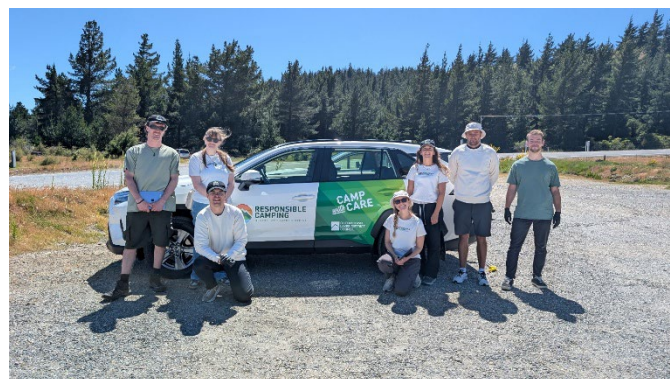
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Responsible Camping Programme

Summer Programme

Throughout the summer, Ambassadors maintained a high level of visibility and engagement with campers and the community at freedom camping sites and council reserves, reinforcing responsible camping behaviour and local rules. In addition to regular visits to restricted sites, Ambassadors were increasingly responsive to other RFS locations across the district, educating campers where possible and escalating issues to Council via the RFS system.

From 1 December 2025 until 30 April 2026, Ambassadors clocked up 5,058 hours worked and completed 2,282 recorded site visits, supported 10,528 camper check-ins, and conducted 381 on-the-ground surveys with campers to better understand their intentions while in the district. This year's team came from New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States of America and France.



Observations recorded through site surveys and end of day reports over the summer indicated that most campers were respectful, cooperative, and responsive to education, including guidance to alternative campsites when locations are full. Many campers actively sought clarifications about freedom camping rules, time limits, and check-in requirements, and most moved on when reminded. The consistent daily Ambassador presence was positive and supported improvements in behaviour and site cleanliness, however due to the high volume and turnover of campers, the team often found the improvements to be short-term as new campers arrived, and rules had to be clarified. While most campers complied once approached, these interventions were required repeatedly across all sites throughout the summer. This reflects sustained pressure from freedom camping, limited infrastructure and weak self-containment standards rather than isolated incidents of non-compliance.

I enjoyed the days when I felt like I was making a small difference, whether that was helping a camper better understand how to camp responsibly and travel with minimal impact, or helping clean up and care for the region. I also really enjoyed meeting people from all over the world and having meaningful conversations with them. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

It's not possible to see everyone and that was impossible to keep the sites empty until the arriving time. We also saw a lot of campers didn't move before the time leaving even if we explained all the rules the day before so sometime campers didn't really care about what we saying, but this remains a minority and most of the people we talked are kind and respect the rules. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

Ambassadors consistently observed issues with early arrivals, overstaying beyond checkout times and parking outside designated areas. The team noted some rules were difficult to implement in practice with, education alone often insufficient to influence non-compliant behaviours, particularly around arrival and departure times.

Campers that showed disregard for the rules generally continued to do so unless there were visible consequences or the likelihood of infringements. This disregard for rules was most clear around the arrival and departure times and check-in requirements.

Across the district, Ambassadors observed recurring issues at high-demand freedom camping locations. The most frequent problems reported were improper toileting, poor rubbish management, overstaying, and

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congestion. Sites such as Red Bridge Reserve and the Wānaka Recreation Centre experienced repeated incidents of toileting in the bushes and the accumulation of toilet paper, despite toilet facilities being available.

At all sites, but notably at the Wānaka Recreation Centre, and key Queenstown carparks (including Lakeview, Boundary Street and Queenstown Event Centre) early arrivals and vehicles exceeding site capacity were frequently managed through direct engagement. Campers were asked to move on, with referrals to enforcement teams where non-compliance continued. The team also distributed flyers to vehicles with absent campers, reminding them to use the QR check in system or to move on at the specified times.

I would say the job is best described as education, monitoring, and reactivity. We spoke with many campers who had been camping in NZ for weeks and did not know what it meant to be a responsible camper until our conversation. We also cleaned/rubbish picked a lot throughout the summer which is where I felt the most useful. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

Also, rubbish clean up was a big success. Without this role, the QLDC area would be much dirtier. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

This area needs the summer ambassadors to at the very least clean up. The amount of rubbish produced by freedom camping (inadvertently and intentionally) is quite a lot. Having roles that are dedicated to helping manage the immense volume of campers is essential. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

Ambassadors regularly intervened at Wānaka Recreation Centre and other urban sites to address misuse of facilities. This included greywater dumping, washing dishes in public bathrooms, and campers setting up picnics outside vehicles. These issues were typically resolved through education and requests to pack down and comply with site rules. Overflowing rubbish bins were frequently observed at the Kingston Freedom Camping Site, while loose litter and dumped rubbish bags were collected frequently across all site locations. Over the summer period, the team collected 44 bags of rubbish and mixed recycling and found many lost or discarded items that were taken to Charity Shops. We estimate this to be approximately 2,000 litres of rubbish collected from our precious public spaces across the district. Ambassador feedback highlighted that the custodian role was a successful element of the summer programme, contributing positively to site cleanliness and reinforcing visible stewardship of these shared environments.



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Community Sentiment

Throughout the summer, particularly through the peak period, Ambassadors regularly engaged with frustrated residents, most notably in areas near residential streets, reserves, and high use public spaces. This feedback reflects ongoing community concerns about camping activity and the pressures on community spaces. A persistent theme from the community was an opposition to freedom camping in busy, public spaces, like the Queenstown Event Centre, where camping activities was seen to conflict with other users of the carpark. While some community members were supportive, Ambassadors often bore the brunt of their dissatisfaction relating to broader regulatory settings beyond their control.



Our education of locals worked well. For those who approached us with questions, we were able to clarify what the rules and regulations were for the area. Many residents did not understand QLDCs position, nor did they understand self-containment until speaking with us! [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

The ambassador program is a great tool for bridging the gap between the community's needs and the high demand of campervan tourism in the region. Having ambassadors serve as liaisons to advocate for both sides worked really well and is a necessary piece of the puzzle in my opinion. [Summer Ambassador Feedback]

Campers also reflected this community sentiment through online forums, conversations with the Ambassadors and comments captured through the camper survey. During the summer there were reports of vehicles being 'egged' at the Wānaka Recreation Centre and at Camp Hill Road, highlighting instances of escalating tension between community members and campers.

It is obvious locals don't like free campers around here. About a month ago I camped there overnight and people came in the middle of the night and threw egg shells at cars. And last night some people came and were doing donuts on the parking lots which would throw gravel rocks everywhere and there were screaming and shouting and honking... I had to call 111 because I was scared. It is a shame because it is a nice parking spot but be aware. [CamperMate comment about Camp Hill Road, dated April 12, 2026]

Infrastructure

In response to persistent issues with inappropriate toileting at the Wānaka Recreation Centre, two Portaloo's were installed in January through to the end of April. The cost of hiring and servicing the Portaloo's was \$3,640 + GST. Ambassadors noted that while there was an immediate improvement at the site following installation, some instances of poor behaviour continued. Similar issues of inappropriate toileting or the presence of loose toilet paper were reported at the Red Bridge, despite permanent toilet facilities being available. Since July 2025 until the end of April, Parks Contractors have serviced the Red Bridge toilets 226 times over 303 days. This equates to a clean five days out of seven, and at a cost of \$3,204, reflecting the high frequency of use especially through the summer peak.

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Recreation centre shower facilities continue to be a popular service for campers. Showers can be purchased at reception for \$5 or some campers chose to enjoy wider facilities and pay for pool entry. QEC saw a usage increase of 26% on the previous summer while the WRC saw an increase of almost 100%. This sizeable increase was seen despite the WRC periodically closing access to the dry-side showers due to bookings such as the holiday programme or school swimming. During these times, people often chose to pay for pool entry instead. As a result, the usage figures below do not fully capture the total number of customers using the facility for shower access but rather indicate a strong and growing reliance on these facilities.

Recreation Centres Shower Usage							
	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	Total	Variance from 24/25
QEC	1,919	2,515	2,732	1,955	1,506	10,627	+26%
WRC	2,766	2,503	2,808	2,073	1,730	11,880	+99%
	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	Total	
QEC	1,281	1,865	1,978	1,659	1,651	8,434	
WRC	1,284	1,179	1,359	982	1,179	5,983	

3 showers for men, 3 showers for women but they're only available for casual showers after 2 p.m.! In the women's bathroom one shower was out of order. We went around 3 p.m. and there were 5 people for 2 showers. [CamperMate review about the Wānaka Recreation Centre Showers dated 2 April 2026]

A report prepared for MBIE in December 2025, *Tourism funding flows and impacts*, draws on data from the CamperMate app to illustrate the pressure of peak-season tourist traffic on some districts.

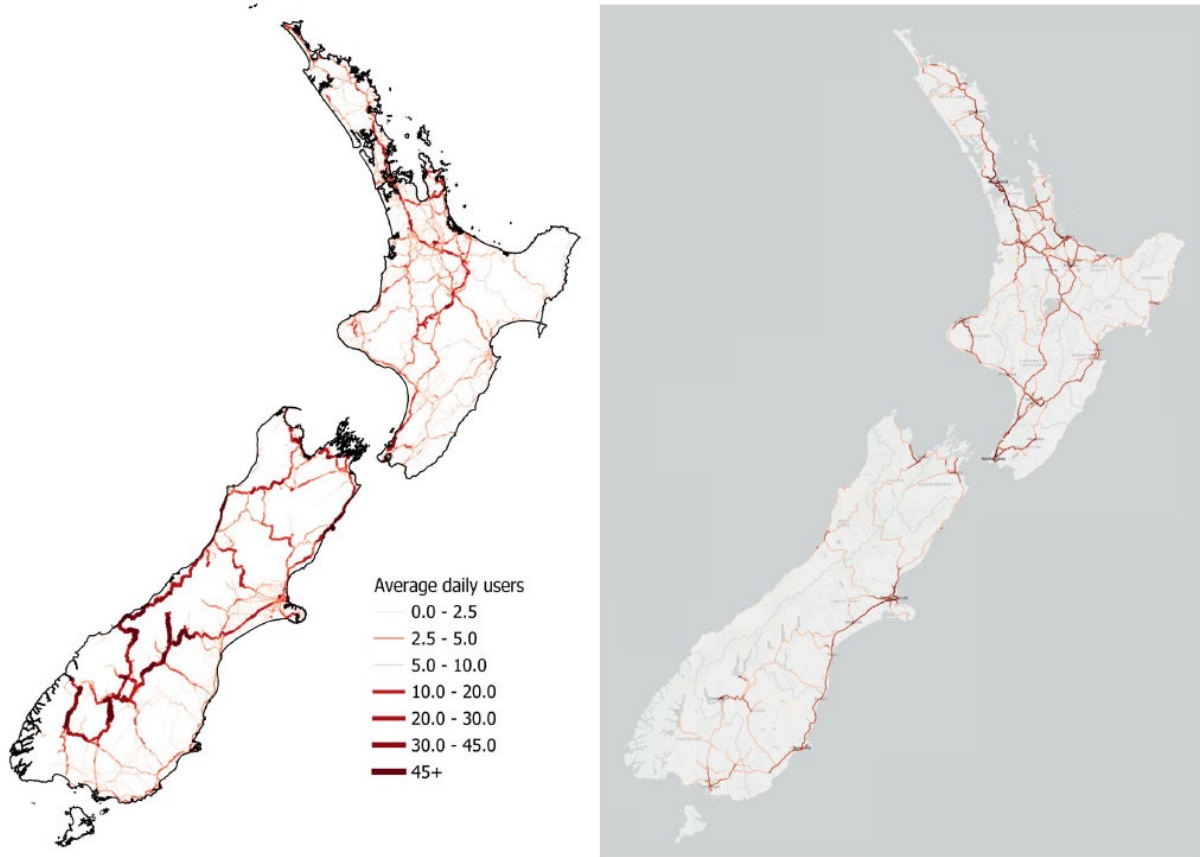
The report confirms that Queenstown-Lakes experiences some of the most heightened tourism-related infrastructure pressures in New Zealand, driven by high visitor numbers relative to its resident population along with pronounced seasonal peaks.

The CamperMate data shows that peak-season visitor traffic in Queenstown-Lakes is highly concentrated on specific state highways and regional approach routes, particularly those connecting the Queenstown Lakes with Christchurch, Westland, Te Anau, Milford Sound, and the Mackenzie Basin.² These routes experience heavy visitor use during summer, which are not always reflected in annual average traffic counts. As a result, associated impacts such as congestion, safety risks, and maintenance demands may be underestimated.

² Figure 21: Average daily traffic of CamperMate app users in January 2025 (Left) and NZTA annual average daily traffic on state highways (Right). Tourism funding flows and impacts, 22 December 2025.

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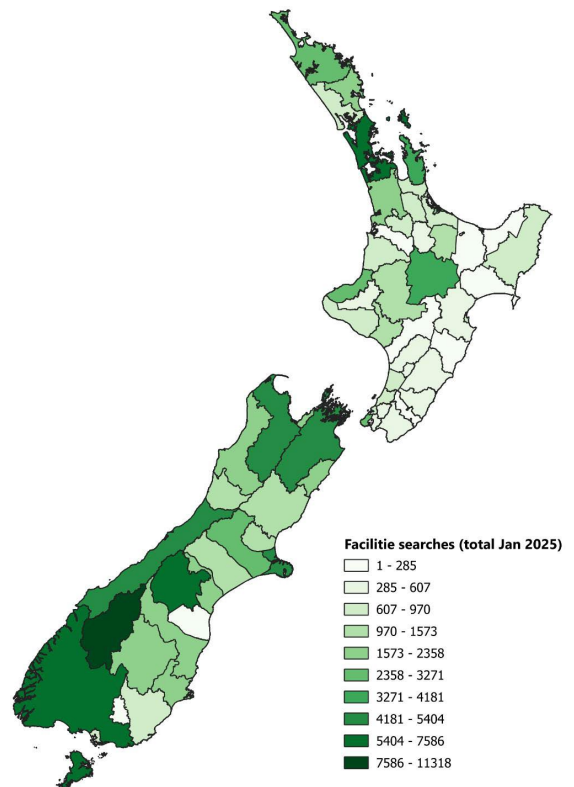
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Source: Sapere Analysis of CamperMate app tracking data and (NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, 2025)

Search data for public toilets and dump stations on CamperMate illustrates disproportionate pressure in Queenstown-Lakes compared with many larger urban areas. Despite a low resident population, Queenstown-Lakes records some of the highest per-capita demand for these facilities, reflecting intensive visitor use, including from freedom camping. During peak periods, this places significant strain on council-funded infrastructure.³

This data aligns with feedback gathered through the Responsible Camping Programme camper survey, with campers identified a need for more public toilets and waste disposal facilities across the district.



³ Figure 22: Search rates by TA for public toilet and dump station facilities by CamperMate users in January 2025 Source: Sapere Analysis of CamperMate app tracking data

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Camper Surveys

Summer Ambassadors complete camper surveys with visitors to gather information on their intentions, behaviours and activities in the district. Over the 2025-2026 summer period they completed 381 surveys, with visitors travelling in campervans at freedom camping sites, reserves, and commercial or DOC campgrounds.

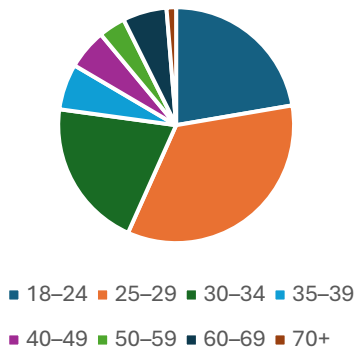
Demographics

Of the campers surveyed, 77% were aged 34 and under, and the majority were from Europe (60%). Europeans aged 29 and under were the largest single demographic, accounting for 41% of all campers who partook in the survey. Most campers were travelling with their partner or spouse (48%) or with friends (25%).

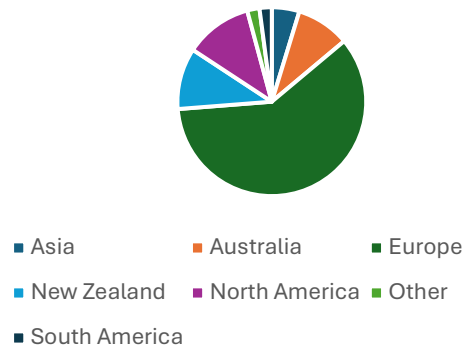
Only 36% had visited Queenstown Lakes District before, with 64% visiting the district for the first time.

Domestic visitors made up 10% of all camper surveyed. Of these 40 respondents, 30% were from Auckland, 25% from Canterbury and 15% from Otago.

What is your age?



Where are you from?



Planning & Intentions

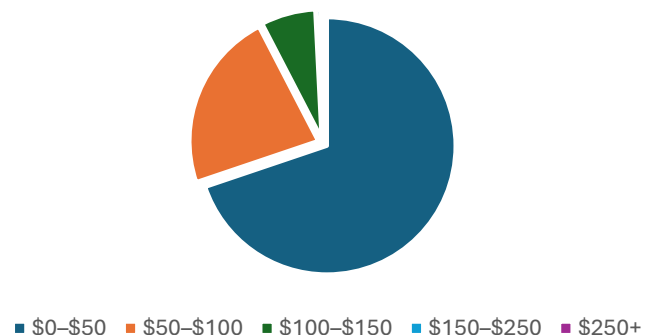
Most campers surveyed were planning to stay 4-6 days (30%) with just over half (54%) staying less than 6 days, although 10% did indicate they were planning to stay more than two weeks.

Only 51% of campers reported budgeting for their trip. Of those who had, 70% indicated they would only spend \$50 or less per night on accommodation.

Freedom camping was the most popular accommodation type with 353 of the 381 indicating they planned to or had freedom camped on their trip. DOC campsites were the next popular option (276 campers) followed by commercial campsites (152 campers – representing 40% of respondents). Note: this question allowed campers to choose multiple responses.

While visiting the Queenstown Lakes, walking and hiking was the most popular activity, with 80% indicating they would or had participated in this activity. The next most popular activities were sightseeing, food and dining, adrenaline activities and cycling/biking.

Expected spend on accommodation (per night)



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When asked how they planned their trips or located campsites, free travel app CamperMate was the most popular tool with 91% of campers indicating they had used it to plan their trip at some point. This shows a strong preference for digital information sources with 39% also using general internet searches. Only 4% indicated they had or intended to visit a local i-SITE for information.

Of those interviewed, only 9% were members of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA).

Responsible Camping Behaviours

Of the campers interviewed 360 of the 381 had toilet facilities onboard their vehicles. However, when asked how frequently they used their onboard toilets, (and despite changes to the self-containment regulations) 50% reported they 'never' used it or only used it 'in emergencies'. A further 34% indicated they used them 'occasionally' and only 16% reported using them 'always'.

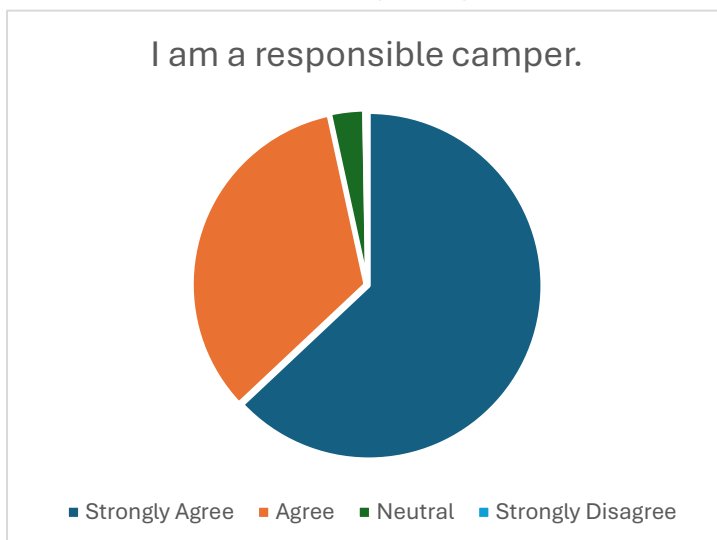


When questioned further about responsible camping practices, most campers said they used their onboard facilities to wash their dishes (85%), or commercial campsites facilities (52%). However, a small percentage indicated they had washed their dishes in a river or lake (3%).

A similar pattern was observed for personal hygiene, with 20% of the campers we spoke to indicating that they had use a river or lake to shower or wash.

In terms of waste disposal, 73% of campers reported disposing of waste using public litter bins with a relatively small number (24%) indicating they had used a local transfer station. This is at odds with Responsible Camping messaging which directs campers not to use residential or public litter bins for the disposal of general waste but instead to dispose of rubbish at a refuse centre. Overflowing bins and dumped rubbish were frequently observed by the Summer Ambassadors. To note, the new green warrants require secure rubbish storage within the vehicle, but rubbish bags left outside of vehicles was a common occurrence over the summer.

At the conclusion of the survey, campers were asked to rate their affinity with statements relating to responsible



behaviour. Despite the high use of public litter bins and the volume of waste collected by the ambassadors, 89% of campers we interviewed either agreed or strongly agreed that they were conscious of how much waste they produce and how they dispose of it. Similarly, 97% agreed that they were conscious of how they treat the environment while camping, and when asked if they were a responsible camper, 97% agreed. While these responses indicate positive intent, they highlight a gap between camper perception and observed behaviour, suggesting a need for continued education and clearer guidance to better align intentions with actions.

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Check-In System

Responsible camping sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis only and campers are required to scan the QR code to check-in on arrival. The current check-in system relies on voluntary compliance by campers and does not prevent campers from occupying a space without registering. In addition, daytime users still occupy the spaces into the evening.

As a result, the live availability shown in the system can under-report actual occupancy, particularly at high-demand sites. This discrepancy is recognised internally as a limitation of the current system rather than a site-specific fault. As campers are encouraged to check how many spaces are available before travelling to the site and not to arrive before the specified time, discrepancies between reported and actual availability have led to confusion and, in some cases, frustration for those attempting to comply with the rules.

This has had a negative effect on the overall efficiency of the system

The voluntary check-in system, while well-intentioned, was widely viewed by campers as ineffective in limiting overcrowding. Feedback from many campers indicated that a tool for viewing availability would be useful and that they used the availability dashboard to make choices but until the dashboard can accurately show on-site conditions there is a chance that it may have the adverse effect of increasing traffic to sites.

From 1 December 2025 to 30 April 2026, the 'check-in' system recorded 10,528 camper check-ins. Consistent with the camper survey data, the majority of users (73%) were from Europe with 63% aged 18 – 29. The type of vehicle was more evenly split, with 46% travelling in a rental vehicle and 54% travelling in a privately owned vehicle. Most campers (69%) indicated that they were staying 1-3 days, and 69% were travelling in pairs.

On average, campers checked in to our freedom camping sites 1.4 times, indicating the turnover of users is high. However, data also shows some campers staying for extended periods, with stays of up to 23 nights recorded at various sites across the district.



Trouble with this spot is that there are only 9 spaces and you can only book in from 8pm. We first arrived at 6pm and all spots were taken except 1 - if you like to play by the rules you would have no chance here it's just too popular. [CamperMate review about the Queenstown Event Centre, 14 March 2026]

Despite frequent Ambassador interventions, compliance with the check-in system has been low, with only 37% of campers registering their vehicle using the QR code. To note, the compliance rates calculations are based on the assumption that all sites have been at capacity throughout the summer – which the ambassadors confirmed through their observations and have been mirrored by the infringements issued to vehicles outside the designated areas and feedback received from campers. The Kingston site saw the lowest level of compliance (23%), likely because of its large informal layout, and reduced Ambassadors presence, as they tended to focus their evening hours on more central community spaces. Similarly, the recreation centres saw low levels of compliance because all campers occupy the spaces long before the official check-in time of 8pm (QEC only 34%

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and WRC only 36%). Conversely, smaller sites such as Beacon Point and Hansen Place achieved better rates (74% and 58% respectively).

Based on these observations, we estimate the number of freedom camping nights provided on local authority land since 1 December 2025 and 30 April is closer to 28,000 rather than the 10,000 recorded through the check-in system. This estimate does not include illegal freedom camping, freedom camping on rural roads or on Department of Conservation (DOC) land.

Enforcement

Since the QLDC Freedom Bylaw 2025 came into effect on 1 December 2025, Enforcement Officers have issued 2,311 infringements under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (FCA) and 151 under the Reserves Act 1977 (RA) (to 30 April 2026).

Most FCA infringements were issued for failing to comply with the restricted area conditions (60%) or for freedom camping in a prohibited area (35%). Two infringements were issued for freedom camping in an area where conditions had temporarily changed (Allenby Place) and one to a camper who deposited waste. It is interesting to note that despite community concerns of non-self-contained vehicles or fake certification bumper stickers, a relatively small amount of total FCA infringements (6%) were issued for freedom camping in a vehicle that was not self-contained.

Enforcement activity peaked in January and into February, with number of infringements gradually declining as into cooler months, a seasonal trend we see annually. At 60%, the Queenstown-Whakatipu ward accounted for most of the freedom camping infringements issued. However the Wānaka-Upper Clutha ward accounted for 58% of all Reserves Act Infringements issued. Roy's Bay on at the Wānaka lakefront was the most impacted location accounting for 42% of all Reserves Act infringements.



Year	Month	Infringement Issued	% of Total
2025	Dec	233	10%
2026	Jan	659	28%
	Feb	620	27%
	Mar	438	19%
	Apr	361	16%
Grand Total		2,311	100%

Ward	FCA	%	RA	%
Queenstown-Whakatipu	1,379	60%	32	21%
Wānaka-Upper Clutha	670	29%	88	58%
Arrowtown-Kawarau	262	11%	31	21%
Grand Total	2,311	100%	151	100%

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FCA infringements were issued for the following offenses:

Infringement Category	# Issued	% of Total
Failed to comply with the restricted area conditions	1,378	60%
Freedom camped in a prohibited area	801	35%
Freedom camper's motor vehicle not self-contained	128	6%
Freedom camped in an area where conditions had temporarily changed	2	0%
Freedom camper deposited waste in or on the area	1	0%
Freedom camped closer than 10 metres to a body of water	1	0%
Grand Total	2,311	100%

The top 20 locations for FCA infringements (\$400) are listed below. Green highlights a designated freedom camping location:

Street	# Issued	% of Total
Boundary Street	318	14%
Sir Tim Wallis Drive (WRC)	207	9%
Gray Street	161	7%
Camp Hill Road	159	7%
Industrial Place	155	7%
Beacon Point Road	107	5%
Glenorchy-Queenstown Road	100	4%
Flint Street (Hansen Place)	93	4%
Joe O'Connell Drive (QEC)	91	4%
Howards Drive	79	3%
Lakeview Carpark	68	3%
Allenby Place	45	2%
Brownston Street	45	2%
Queenstown Recreation Ground	41	2%
Ballarat Street Carpark	40	2%
Fryer Street	34	1%
Shotover Delta Road	31	1%
Isle Street	31	1%
Gorge Road	30	1%
Brisbane Street	28	1%

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RA infringements (\$800) were issued at the following locations:

Street	# Issued	% of Total
Roy's Bay Recreation Reserve	64	42%
Arrowtown Recreation Reserve	18	12%
Bush Creek Reserve	12	8%
Frankton Domain	11	7%
Ballantyne Road	8	5%
Queenstown Gardens	7	5%
Glenorchy Domain	6	4%
Sh84 Mount Iron Carpark	5	3%
Eely Point Recreation Reserve	4	3%
One Mile Reserve	3	2%
Ruby Island Road	3	2%
Roy's Bay Marina – Recreation Reserve	2	2%
Allenby Place Reserve	1	1%
Outlet Road	1	1%
Kelvin Peninsula Recreation Reserve	1	1%
Lake Hayes Showground Reserve	1	1%
Queenstown Recreation Reserve	1	1%
Brecon Street	1	1%
Grand Total	151	100%

For the period between 1 December 2025 and 30 April 2026, a total of 2,462 infringements relating to freedom camping were issued (FCA and RA combined). Of these, 1,216 (almost 50%) have been paid and 239 have been referred to the Ministry of Justice for collection (prosecuted). The remaining infringements are either still within their infringement lifecycle and awaiting payment or have been waived for various reasons. The table below outlines the types of infringements issued, along with the number issued, paid, and prosecuted.

Type	Issued	Paid	Prosecuted
Freedom Camping	2,311	1,168	221
Reserves	151	48	18
Grand Total	2,462	1,216	239

Request for Service (RFS) Themes

There have been 1,054 RFS raised since 1 December 2025. Of these, 621 RFS related to freedom camping enforcement, while 433 were requests for signage, education or bylaw enquiries from both campers and community members. The number of RFS received has remained relatively steady from December through February, aligning with introduction of the bylaw and the summer peak period, before declining into autumn.

Year	Month	# RFS Received	%
2025	Dec	253	24%
2026	Jan	248	24%
	Feb	266	25%
	Mar	166	16%
	Apr	121	11%
Grand Total		1,054	100%

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A number of complaints reflected persistent pressure and overcrowding at designated sites and illegal camping in residential areas, and the resulting perceived impacts on amenity in public spaces. A dominant theme throughout the summer was vehicles exceeding permitted limits and undermining designated site rules, such as times of operation.

As the season progressed into peak summer, environmental impacts were raised more frequently in RFS. These included improper toileting behaviour, such as human waste and toilet paper found alongside designated sites. Litter and food waste were also reported. Many of these were reported as public health concerns, while others note as a lack of respect for shared spaces from this behaviour. Many residents asked questions about national self-contained standards and made connections between environment degradation and poorly equipped vehicles.

Amenity conflicts were a recurring theme at multi-use community locations, including the Wānaka Recreation Centre and Queenstown Event Centre. RFS at these sites commonly cited perceived non-self-contained vehicles, the misuse of facilities, litter in shared spaces, and limited parking creating tension between freedom camping activity and everyday community and recreational use.



RFS have also been received from campers who have expressed frustration with limited freedom camping options, and other campers not abiding by the rules such as arriving early or failing to register their vehicle via the online check-in system.

A small number of locations accounted for a high proportion of repeat requests. Beacon Point accounted for 14% of all RFS received, with a significant proportion submitted by repeat customers (of the 149 RFS received 46 (31%) were from a single submitter and 61% were from three customers. A similar pattern was observed with Camp Hill Road, with 63 of the 103 (61%) RFS received from one customer).

Many RFS received reflect repeated issues rather than new behaviours and the persistence of complaints at locations such as Beacon Point and Camp Hill, highlights a continued community sensitivity towards freedom camping, the practical limitations of education and enforcement in correcting behaviour and a dissatisfaction with current regulatory frameworks.

There were some pressures with rural roads within Queenstown, notably Hansen Road and Tucker Beach Road, but many RFS also related to freedom camping on urban streets around the CBD and in residential areas.

The top 20 locations for RFS are listed below with green highlighting a QLDC freedom camping site

Location	# RFS Received	%
Beacon Point Road	149	14%
Camp Hill Road	103	10%
Allenby Place	98	9%
Joe O'Connell Drive (QEC)	48	5%
Sir Tim Wallis Drive (WRC)	46	4%
Tucker Beach Road	36	3%
General Enquiry	25	2%

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Location	# RFS Received	%
Gorge Road	19	2%
Hansen Place	16	2%
Ballantyne Road	16	2%
Kingston Road	16	2%
Wānaka -Luggate Highway (Mount Iron)	15	1%
Isle Street	15	1%
Veint Crescent	14	1%
Gray Street	13	1%
Hansen Road	12	1%
Shotover Delta Road	12	1%
Boundary Street	10	1%
Remarkables Crescent	9	1%
Fryer Street	9	1%

Looking Forward

Summer Responsible Camping Programme

As advised by elected members in the AP Deliberation session on 15 May 2026, funding to deliver the Responsible Camping Summer Ambassador programme (\$350k) will not be included in the AP2026-2027 budget. With this change to the programme, key aspects of this operational service will be transitioned over to the Enforcement Team. This still requires discussion/planning between the Responsible Camping Team and the Regulatory Team to agree the transition of services.

Planning for the 2026–2027 summer season will consider operational settings without Summer Ambassadors, including how visitor education is delivered, appropriate custodial service levels, and staff management of RFS, LGOIMA and media enquiries. Forward planning will also address data collection requirements to ensure consistent programme performance across seasons and alignment with delivery outcomes in the Responsible Camping Strategy 2022-2027.

The following table outlines key levels of service to be assessed and agreed in preparation for the next summer season.

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Levels of Service		
	With Ambassadors	Without Ambassadors
Education and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive Service - educate campers and visitors on bylaw rules responsible camping practices Promote local services, local campsites and support networks (e.g., recycling centres) Providing helpful community information such as fire bans or road closures Engaging with front line staff, such as the Recreation Centres to assist with camping relating issues Delivering pamphlets to campers, community hubs and local campsites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Officers can educate visitors on local bylaw rules Patrols can be reactive or proactive Delivering pamphlets to campers via Enforcement Officers, other front-line staff and community hubs RFS management (operational is required to align with the resourcing e.g.; Enforcement ownership and responsibility for continuity of customer experience)
Monitoring and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct daily visits to restricted sites Monitor prohibited camping areas and report unauthorized activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Officers can conduct patrols in high-priority areas such as restricted sites Patrols can be reactive or proactive
Environmental Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter picking and site clean-ups, taking collected rubbish to local refuse and recycling centres Sharing knowledge of recycling to promote sustainable tourism Remove outdated signage and installing 'spot' signage Reporting any maintenance issues on council land Use the Snap Send Solve app to report maintenance issues and any non-compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reactive clean ups carried out by Parks and Roding contractors, longer turnaround. Sign installations carried out by parks contractors. Relying on community RFS and Snap Send Solve to monitor conditions.
Community Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsive to RFSs to assist with signage, education, and custodian duties Supporting cross agency collaboration by monitoring all 'hotspots' Act as a visible, proactive presence to deter poor behaviour and mitigate reputational risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS split between parks contractors and Enforcement Officers.
Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using field maps to record issues and conduct site and camper surveys. Reporting trends across the entire district through site observations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Officers explore booking system/and or other technology to continue to collect data on campers.
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador hourly on-charge rate is \$43 (\$29/hour wage) Three fleet vehicles costing \$0.9k per month each for six months plus fuel and servicing costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement Officers hourly rate is \$75/hour including fleet Site clean ups delivered by Parks Contractor can be included in existing contracts and budgets at this stage, but resourcing/budgets will be monitored against demand, but responsiveness will be slower.

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Future Work Programmes

The table below outlines the Responsible Camping future workstreams for 2026–2027 and beyond, setting out a coordinated programme of policy, operational, advocacy and infrastructure initiatives to respond to ongoing visitor pressure and freedom camping challenges across the district. The workstreams focus on strengthening site management, service delivery, technology, partnerships and strategic alignment while incorporating lessons learned from recent summer seasons. Together, they provide a forward-looking framework to support sustainable visitor experiences, protecting the environment community wellbeing, and maintain confidence in the Responsible Camping Programme.

- Review QR check-in system and remove, replace or improve
- Explore technology to manage capacity, improve compliance, and provide real-time visibility of site users. Such as CCTV, boom gates and booking systems.
- Trial at the Red Bridge site to monitor efficiency.

Technology Solutions



- Identifying reserves for freedom camping and low-cost camping.
- Any subsequent modifications to reserves to accommodate camping.

Other Camping Options



- Update the Responsible Camping Strategy to ensure it reflects learnings from previous summer seasons, aligns with current operational tools, and sets out priorities and the next steps for balancing visitor demand with community and environmental outcomes.

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- Introducing pay-per-use facilities, such as toilets or showers in high-demand locations, could help ensure visitors contribute directly to the cost of essential infrastructure, improving community and environmental impacts.

Pay-per-use facilities



- Investigation of partnership opportunities with private landowners to facilitate the development of new freedom camping sites or facilities for campers

Public-Private Partnership (PPP)



- Continued and targeted advocacy to government agencies and tourism sector, including local MPs, MBIE, RTOs, TIA, and other TA's experiencing issues e.g. MacKenzie Country and Westland Councils.

Advocacy



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Advocacy and working with other stakeholders

Council officers continue to advocate at both a regional and national level for more sustainable approaches to managing freedom camping, including engagement with central government, other councils, and the tourism sector.

In March, the Responsible Camping Team met with MP Joseph Mooney to discuss freedom camping legislation, the self-containment system, local pressures caused by freedom camping, user-pays facilities and the declining social license for tourism within the region. A further meeting with Waitaki MP Miles Anderson to discuss the pressures facing Wānaka took place at beginning of May. At the end of April Joseph Mooney and Miles Anderson sent a joint letter to Hon Louise Upston and Hon Nicola Willis requesting a portion of the International Visitor Levy (IVL) for the Queenstown Lakes District. See *Appendix A*.

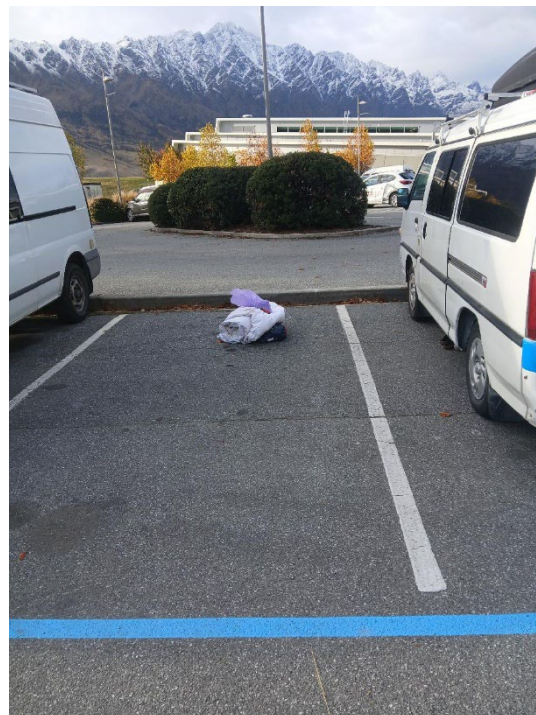
In December 2025, MBIE invited councils to submit potential IVL investment priorities for FY2026/27. QLDC responded with a proposal highlighting district-wide visitor infrastructure pressures, with a strong emphasis on freedom camping. This is the first time that QLDC has been invited to share investment priorities, and the submission sought funding for a freedom camping management trial, supporting infrastructure at high-pressure sites, and improved monitoring, enforcement and data systems. The proposals were to address sustained visitor demand, rising non-compliance, environmental impacts and community concerns, while aligning with Government objectives for visitor experience and maintaining social licence. Since the proposal was made, the Government has shown interest in funding – public toilets and while a decision is yet to be announced, officials have indicated a strong preference for a user-pays model as a condition for any IVL funding or infrastructure support.

Feedback from the 16 April Council Workshop highlighted the need for more explicit and targeted advocacy to support change at a national level. A timeline of QLDC advocacy and key themes is provided alongside this report. See *Appendix B*.



Since 2018, QLDC has advocated to central government for structural reform of the freedom camping system to address the disproportionate pressures experienced in the Queenstown Lakes District. While QLDC has supported improvements such as higher infringements, strengthened self-containment standards, and national certification systems, operational evidence shows these incremental changes have not resolved the underlying issues. In particular, the current legislative framework continues to permit freedom camping by default unless restricted by bylaw, placing a significant and ongoing burden on local communities, infrastructure, and council resources in high-pressure destinations.

QLDC continues to advocate that effective management of freedom camping requires greater local authority discretion, clearer national settings, and reform of the Freedom Camping Act to better reflect pressures faced by local authorities. This includes:



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- reversing the permissive default position of the Act
- improving national consistency while allowing flexibility for high-impact areas
- ensuring regulation is supported by adequate infrastructure, education, and monitoring.

Council Officers will continue to raise these matters to protect community wellbeing, environmental values, and the long-term social licence for tourism in the district.

How to report issues

Elected Members can continue to use the standard RFS process. When advising community members who want to report an issue, they should be encouraged to provide as much detail as possible using the options below.

Information such as vehicle registration, colour and make, and details of specific locations are all helpful for Council Officers.

Non-urgent issues (*rubbish dumping, illegal parking, etc*): services@qldc.govt.nz or [Snap Send Solve app](#) which provides a GPS location.

Urgent requests (*illegal camping, poor behaviour, non-self-contained vehicles, etc*): Phone 03 441 0499 (Queenstown) or 03 443 0024 (Wānaka). These lines are open 24/7.

Antisocial behaviour: For escalations relating to alcohol or if you witness anti-social behaviour, please report it to the police using the 105 Police Non-Emergency number.

Driving issues: For irresponsible driving call 555 to report road incidents which are urgent but not life-threatening.

Wildfires: Fire and Emergency NZ will respond to fires on reserves. If you see smoke or fire, please call 111 immediately.

Resources:

- [Responsible Camping page](#) — info and resources to better enable responsible camping Responsible Camping Map and Site Capacity Dashboard [QLDC - Responsible Camping Map](#)
- [Tiaki promise](#)
- [Department of Conservation map](#) — (select 'Freedom camping restrictions' on drop down)



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Camper Feedback

It's been an amazing month travelling round hiking together, camping every day. Thanks to the brilliant summer ambassadors, they were hugely insightful and fun to talk to

I've been around the South Island travelling for 3 months sleeping at freedom camps and DOC camps. I've only felt judged and unwelcome in Wānaka by locals, who took pictures of me and my car. For the rest I don't have any issues. I'm just missing bins.

The facilities and education in this area is excellent. I think responsible camping could be improved by there being clearer guidance in QLDC and all of New Zealand about what campers are allowed and not allowed to do.

Enjoying the lakes, looking forward to spending New Year here. Tyler and James gave us plenty of recommendations to stay, we are going to head to Kingston off their recommendation as Queenstown sounds like it will be hard to park during New Year.

Impossible to follow the rules and get a free site. Sites are full hours before check in time. It would be nice to have more toilets that are open all night.

Travelling from Munich, interesting to learn about the Tiaki promise. Excited for Queenstown tomorrow, James and Pierre have some great recommendations to stay.

We think the rule for checking in at 6pm is awful because people fill the spots from 4pm anyway so we can't get a space and it can't be enforced.

Many of the vehicles are not self-contained despite number plate stickers. If you can't enforce rules why have them? Taxes paying for toilets defeats the object of self-contained. Tired of people washing their dishes and doing their laundry in the pool.

Litter drop off needs to be free to help manage our litter issue.

Didn't feel welcome in Queenstown as a camper.

We have had a wonderful time in Wānaka and Hāwea. The summer ambassadors were a wealth of knowledge. Thank you for having the education program!

Mentioned to Tyler and James about campers coming into red bridge camp site last night and leaving early. Bit disappointing for us, apart from that it's been great to spend time in New Zealand.

Stayed in Glenorchy last night, couldn't find any public bins. Other than that great place to be.

Pierre was so nice with us, the camping experience is really great, [it's] clean and the people are kind, the only thing is that it's quite difficult to find camping area in the centre of Queenstown with still some place.

Put more bins, good to have open toilets every time, Queenstown is really beautiful, a lot of road work, put more free places to sleep. We are traumatised by the dead animals on the road.

Nice to be informed of the freedom camping rules by the team as it's our first time here. The bungee jump was amazing.

Amazing place! Thank you for providing free and cheap places to stay. Was great to chat to the camping team about the options and get local recommendations.

Please make more freedom camping spots :))

I have the feeling that the campers are not the welcoming in this district. I'm a little bit deceived about my trip.

Love the South Island but hard to camp here. Ryan gave some great suggestions for hikes in the area!

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Ambassador Observations

Toilet paper picked up x1. Tampons left in the toilet x2. One camper outside the designated area and ticketed. Two picnics set up in the carpark. Spoke to the two groups picnicking, explained why this was not okay and they both moved on from the carpark. Spoke to a couple who had questions about the sites, was also asking for advice with selling his van, shared recommendations for QT. [Wānaka Recreation Centre]

Talked to a couple who had a small van to let them know they [are] going to get a fine if they stay there and the man was haughty and a little bit aggressive... even if I helped them... They didn't moved. [Boundary Street Carpark]

Used fireworks containers left by designated parks. We picked up. The self-contained van had left things under including used jar, containers and frying pan. Weren't around to ask to put in car. [Industrial Place Carpark]

Talk to some Mums from the cricket club. They were concerned about the amount of vans already there in the prime picking up spots. Said we would keep an eye on it tomorrow. [Queenstown Events Centre Carpark]

Toilet paper found in bushes. Also 5 campers here at 11:30AM [Wānaka Recreation Centre]

Local woman let us know that campers are putting their rubbish in her bin across the street. Encouraged campers to take rubbish with them when bins aren't provided when we spoke with everyone. [Camp Hill Road Carpark]

Campers leaving rubbish bag on the ground outside their vehicle. They weren't around to speak to, so we put the rubbish bag on the hood of their car and left a responsible camping pamphlet. [Red Bridge Reserve]

Watched a camper walk to the bushes with toilet paper. We stopped her and educated. [Camp Hill Road Carpark]

Bag of rubbish dumped in bathroom and rubbish left in overflowing sanitary bins. There was toilet paper all over the floor so I did a SSS, suggested that three days in between cleans is too long. [Allenby Place]

One camper was still outside designated area when we walked through. Spoke with them about their infringement to which they said, "it is a joke and we will not pay \$400" (in a French accent). I explained it's the law that they broke by being outside the designated areas. [Wānaka Recreation Centre]

3 vans at Camp Hill, all but one left shortly after we arrived. One pile of human waste and toilet paper here - put through SSS. One of the workers here let us know that the campers are walking across the street to the private driveway and going to the bathroom in the bushes behind the tree. Found three pieces of "clean" toilet paper here. Disappointing to hear that human waste was already found here once this week. [Camp Hill Road Carpark]

Two separate people doing their dishes down at Frankton beach today with soap. Explained to both that the water drains into the lake and is not meant for washing dishes asked them to use their own facilities or a campsites. [Frankton Beach]

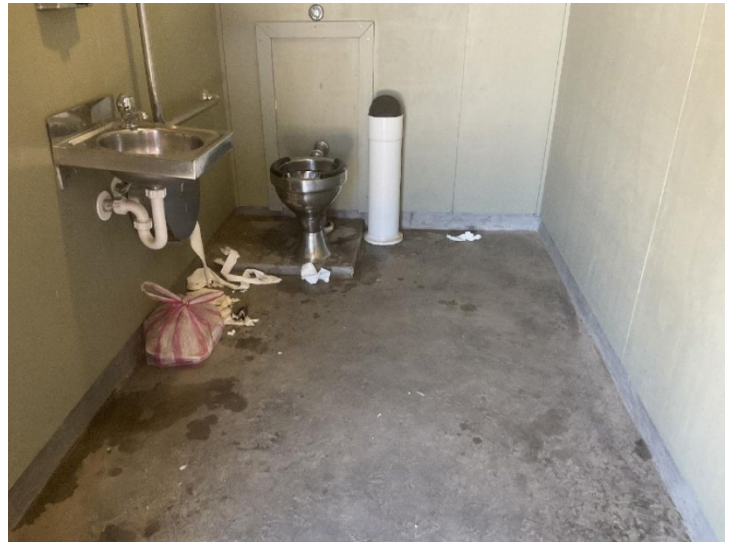
Town sites are all full at 8AM [for] tonight. People queuing for a spot as early as 6AM. Many people parking next to sites wondering what to do. We explain that if they do stay there that they could get a \$400 fine. Most people were willing to risk this to have NYE in Queenstown. Some people planning to Party all night and sleep during the day to avoid fines. [Lakeview and Boundary Street Carparks]

Asked boys who had spots at Industrial Place to not have chairs and tables set up in carpark. They seemed reluctant to put them away so after going away for 20 minutes we came back and the boys had put away their stuff but there was two other groups who had set up table and chairs. [Industrial Place Carpark]

Five small vans here all empty, four of them have paid until 6pm, shows intention to stay tonight? Grey water leaking from one of the empty vans. Girl in the carpark using her cooker on the grass. Toilet tissue picked up, lots of urine smells here. Spoke to the girl with her cooker, explained the fire ban and fire risk, she was very understanding and moved it. [Boundary Street Carpark]

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Ambassador Photos



Summer Ambassadors report and collect rubbish across the district.

Top Left to Right. Overflowing bin by the designated spaces at the Queenstown Event Centre, Ambassadors report dirty toilets and rubbish dumping at Allenby Place.

Above. Toilet paper scattered at the Red Bridge Reserve.

Left. Rubbish is dumped by the bins at the Kingston Freedom Camp.

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Incorrect disposal of wastewater was reported at a few locations, including at the Boundary Street Carpark and Frankton Beach, however the problem appeared to most persistent at the Wānaka Recreation Centre.

Following initial issues additional signs were installed at sites. To note there is a wastewater dump station at the BP Connect by the Three Parks roundabout - a short drive away.



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Signs of improper toileting was reported across all locations, even in locations with accessible toilets.

Pictured left to right: Wānaka Recreation Centre, Camp Hill Road, Beacon Point, Howards Drive, Red Bridge Reserve and the Wānaka Recreation Centre.

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Many complaints to the RFS system described daytime camping behaviours such as cooking in carparks. Such issues are addressed by direct engagement by the Ambassadors in lieu of any regulatory interventions.

Top left to right: Washing line at the QEC, picnics at the WRC.

Left: Campers reserve spaces for freedom camping at Boundary Street Carpark.

Below left to right: Camper arrange belongs at the QEC, camper washing dishes at Industrial Place.



Briefing

Temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark

To	[REDACTED] Chief Executive
From	[REDACTED]
CC.	[REDACTED]
Subject	CE decision to exercise clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 - Temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka
Date	15 January 2026

1 PURPOSE

This briefing provides information to inform a QLDC Chief Executive decision on whether to invoke a temporary prohibition of freedom camping at the Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka. It recommends that clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 to activate a prohibition at this area between 23 January 2026 and 30 April 2026 is exercised.



2 RECOMMENDATION

This briefing recommends that the Chief Executive:

1. **Note** the contents of this briefing.
2. **Approve** the temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026, exercising clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025.
3. **Approve** the temporary increase of restricted freedom camping spaces (from 18 to 21) at Wānaka Recreation Centre from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026, exercising clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025.

3 APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF FREEDOM CAMPING

If the Chief Executive exercises the powers under clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025, this section of the briefing document records formal approval of this action.

Approved under s9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025:	<p>a. I am satisfied that it is necessary to temporarily prohibit freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka in order to protect access to that area, and to protect the health and safety of persons who visit that area. My reason for this decision is that since the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 came into force, the use of the area for freedom camping has resulted in problems with access to the area via the narrow driveway on the area, problems with access due to increased vehicle congestion; and health and safety concerns caused by freedom camping vehicle movements on the area; and the shared use of the driveway and other parts of the area by both pedestrians and freedom camping vehicles. Accordingly, freedom camping is temporarily prohibited at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026.</p> <p>b. Following on from a. above, I have also decided to vary the conditions relating to freedom camping at Wānaka Recreation Centre, to increase the number of restricted freedom camping spaces at Wānaka Recreation Centre from 18 to 21 from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026. The impact of this increase in freedom camping spaces will be monitored and where necessary mitigations to protect the area will be trialed, such as the provision of additional temporary toilet facilities.</p>
Approved by:	 Chief Executive
Signature:	
Date:	15 January 2026

4 BACKGROUND

Overview

1. The district is the most popular place for overnight free camping in New Zealand. This has led to a range of adverse impacts on land controlled and/or managed by Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC or the Council). The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) provides for QLDC to make a freedom camping bylaw if it is satisfied that one is required to protect the area, access and/or health and safety of local authority areas from the adverse impacts of freedom camping.

2. The QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 (**the 2025 bylaw**) came into effect on 1 December 2025. Key aspects of the 2025 bylaw include:
 - Freedom camping is prohibited in urban areas. That means no camping in on-road parking spaces such as parallel or angle parks.
 - Freedom camping in certified self-contained vehicles is allowed in 15 designated carpark across the district (which contain a total of 141 spaces). Camping in these areas is only permitted if the specific conditions for each site are followed.
 - Camping in certified self-contained vehicles is permitted on rural roads such as off-road laybys, however, a range of specific bylaw conditions must be met – including how close a vehicle can park to the road.
3. One of the 15 carparks designated for restricted freedom camping is Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka which has three parking spaces designated for freedom camping. Anyone freedom camping here must only arrive after 6.00pm and leave before 8.00am (see other conditions outlined in the image below).
4. Between 1 December 2025 and 12 January 2026 QLDC have received 358 requests for service (**RFS**) about freedom camping, with 86 of these being about the Allenby Place Carpark. Common issues reported are campers exceeding maximum numbers and not respecting hours of operations. Residents are frustrated and report an increase in traffic on the street as campers try and secure a freedom camping space, including concerns about access to the area and health and safety of those using the area.
5. While most of the issues identified at Allenby Place Carpark are occurring to a greater or lesser degree across all the 15 designated freedom camping sites, this area has been identified as having a unique issue which may be exacerbating these problems. This area is accessed via an accessway road that also acts as a type of “shared driveway” for three residential properties at the end of the Allenby Place cul-de-sac.
6. Based on RFS received, vehicle movements and use of this carpark for freedom camping appear to be affecting resident access to their properties and may present a health and safety risk for those residents. The complaints also indicate the use of this space for freedom camping may limit access for all other users of the reserve due to non-compliance with the maximum spaces available and vehicles driving in to the carpark to check for freedom camping availability, staying longer than allowed under the rules and illegal freedom camping at the site, all of which result in increased vehicle congestion and thus impair access to the land in question.
7. This report outlines the current evidence of the issues related to freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark and recommends the temporary prohibition of freedom camping at this area to address these unanticipated effects, from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026 (following peak holiday periods at Easter and ANZAC weekend). To offset the loss of these three freedom camping

spaces, the report also recommends temporarily adding three additional spaces to the Wānaka Recreation Centre freedom camping area.

8. Under clause 9.1 of the 2025 bylaw: “The Chief Executive may temporarily restrict or change the conditions in any restricted freedom camping area or temporarily prohibit freedom camping in any restricted freedom camping area, if the Chief Executive is satisfied in relation to the matters in section 11(2) of the Act.” Considering a prohibition to freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark requires objective evidence to clearly identifies the problem and should be the most appropriate and proportionate way to address the problem. Temporary measures should be clearly defined with a timeframe for review to avoid circumventing proper consultation processes for permanent changes.
9. As the Council has only recently adopted the 2025 bylaw, a reasonable approach to the issue needs to be taken. A period of bedding-in is expected, with some areas performing better than others. However, considering the high volume of campers in the district since the start of summer, there has been a reasonable level of compliance in most freedom camping areas, and officers have proactively monitored the new bylaw areas to address issues as they arise. However, the volume of campers this summer has highlighted specific challenges at Allenby Place Carpark, a small freedom camping area close to town and Mount Iron Reserve. Increased traffic in this area from those seeking a space to freedom camp has exacerbated potential vehicle conflicts for residents and other persons accessing the area down the accessway and within the carpark, and this has been identified as a sufficient reason to temporarily prohibit freedom camping at this location.
10. While there is broad community support for the freedom camping bylaw, some negative sentiment towards freedom camping persists. This proposed temporary prohibition is in response to specific access and health and safety issues at Allenby Place Carpark, not general opposition to freedom camping. The 2025 bylaw’s temporary prohibition mechanism allows Council to address freedom camping areas that may not be functioning as intended. A response to the specific issues at Allenby Place should not set a precedent to use the temporary prohibition clause at other locations solely based on community sentiment. It is appropriate for Council to respond to the issues at Allenby Place Carpark, but this must be based on objective evidence.
11. Overall, the 2025 bylaw has been well received, though some unwanted pressure points remain. Tourism forecasts indicate continued high visitor numbers, which will be reflected in the volume of freedom campers travelling thought district. There are issues isolated to Allenby Place Carpark outlined in the briefing that makes it appropriate to respond. Between 1 December 2025 and 5 January 2026, there were 2,502 check-ins across the 15 designated restricted sites, demonstrating strong uptake and effective promotion. While most sites have been able to manage this volume, Allenby Place Carpark has experienced access and health and safety issues specific the accessway layout. To offset the loss of capacity, officers recommend temporarily adding three freedom camping spaces at Wānaka Recreation Centre, which can accommodate the additional demand.

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Temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark

12. The Allenby Place Carpark is a gravel accessway primarily used to access the Mt Iron recreation reserve and can accommodate approximately 18 vehicles. Vegetation around the site is fenced off. The portion of the road between the end of the cul-de-sac that leads to the carpark (and is a shared road for three residences), and the carpark itself, is a road that is legally identified as Local Purpose (Accessway) under the Reserves Act 1977. Key aspects for consideration regarding access to the area include:

- The portion of the road that leads into the main carpark is 4.5m wide, and 40m long with good sightlines, however it is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other, particularly larger vehicles such as campervans.
- The rest of the carpark is 12-14m wide, which is sufficient for residential street standard turning in one manoeuvre.
- Larger vehicles may have issues turning around in the carpark if there are vehicles parked inconsiderately. This may require vehicles to reverse down the accessway, across driveways and the footpath on Allenby Place - an undesirable scenario/manoeuvre.

Image 1: QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 – Restricted freedom camping area Allenby Place Carpark



The 2025 bylaw

13. QLDC adopted a new Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 on 9 October 2025, and this came into effect on 1 December 2025.

14. As part of the 2025 bylaw development, analysis of Allenby Place Carpark suitability for freedom camping found¹:

- Off street gravel parking area. No marked parking spaces. Close to residential area. Camping currently prohibited based on signage.
- Unrestricted freedom camping could negatively affect public access, particularly during peak hours.
- Recommend restricting numbers of freedom campers based on available number of carparks, other carpark uses and occupancy to protect access for other users. Recommend restricting camping to off-peak hours only, due to assumed high daytime occupancy, in order to protect access for other users.
- Recommend appropriate signage to communicate fire risk and related controls (to protect health & safety).
- Freedom camping can be considered, with appropriate transport restrictions and control measures.

15. Council officers visited Allenby Place on 4 June 2025 at 9:40 AM to conduct a site assessment. At the time of the visit five vehicles were in the carpark, which is a wide gravel area primarily used for Mt Iron access and can accommodate approximately 18 vehicles. Officer noted:

- Freedom camping activities such as cooking could increase fire risk, particularly in summer.
- Health and safety concerns were deemed to be minimal with limited freedom camping numbers, but delineation of spaces would be necessary to control usage.
- The carpark is located at the end of a cul-de-sac, and neighbouring houses are close by. Peak demand was anticipated in the evenings and weekends to use the Mount Iron reserve.
- Officers recommended restricting freedom camping to a maximum of five designated spaces² and enforcing time limits to maintain access for reserve users.

The 2025 bylaw implementation

16. Responsible camping sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis only and campers must use the online check-in system to secure a space. The Responsible Camping Map, QLDC communication and on-site signage directs campers to scan the QR code to check-in on arrival, and this message is regularly

¹ <https://www.qldc.govt.nz/media/nbqqqker/6d-attachment-d-tonkin-and-taylor-full-technical-assessment-c.pdf>

² Council reduced the number of designated spaces allocated for freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark to three at the adoption of the 2025 bylaw.

reinforced by the summer ambassadors employed to educate about the 2025 bylaw. Campers are advised to verify how many spaces are available before travelling to the site and not to arrive before the specified time. The capacity of the sites can be viewed in real time and is displayed from the time the site and check in opens for freedom camping at each location.

17. Since the 2025 bylaw has been in place, there has been high use of the 15 restricted freedom camping areas. Overall, most campers are trying to follow the new rules, however, there has been a significant increase in visitor volume putting pressure on these restricted freedom camping areas. Unfortunately, as seen in previous summers, there are a minority displaying poor behaviour and that tends to reflect badly on all campers. The main breaches of the rules include campers parking in the freedom camping spaces before the approved check-in time or staying late after the check-out time, and some cooking, cleaning, littering, and toileting in the surrounding areas.
18. District-wide freedom camping infringements and request for service (RFS) data from 1 December 2025 to 12 January 2026 is summarised in the table below:

Table 2 – District-wide freedom camping infringement and RFS data from 1 December 2025 to 12 January 2026

The Numbers 1 December 2025 – 12 Jan 2025	
Request for Service (RFS)	358
Freedom Camping Infringements	492
Reserves Act Infringements	42
Recorded Summer Ambassador Site Visits	650

19. The purpose of QLDC's Responsible Camping Programme is to educate visitors on appropriate behaviour, sustainable camping, and compliance with local rules so shared spaces can be enjoyed by both residents and visitors. Over the peak summer/autumn season, the use of 'summer ambassadors' provides a friendly on-the-ground approach to education and behaviour change, supported by enforcement when required. Enforcement of the Act and 2025 bylaw follow a proportionate approach with resources adjusted based on demand and observed non-compliance. This approach allows QLDC to increase or decrease resourcing depending upon demand and includes a mix of proactive targeted patrols and responses to service requests, with enforcement increased over the summer/autumn period to address higher freedom camping volumes.
20. Enforcement monitoring of the Allenby Place Carpark will continue throughout the temporary prohibition period.

Issues reported in relation to freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka

21. Complaints have been received about a range of issues that include both the freedom camping area and roads outside the Allenby Place Carpark area.
22. Allenby Place Carpark freedom camping infringements and request for service (RFS) data from 1 December 2025 to 12 January 2026 is summarised in the table below:

Table 3 – Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka freedom camping infringement and RFS data from 1 December 2025 to 12 January 2026

The Numbers 1 December 2025 – 12 Jan 2025	
Request for Service (RFS)	86
Freedom Camping Infringements	22
Reserves Act Infringements	-
Recorded Summer Ambassador Site Visits*	53

23. Since 1 December 2025 Council has received 86 RFS about the freedom camping area at the end of Allenby Place. Common issues reported are campers exceeding maximum numbers and not respecting hours of operations. Residents are frustrated and report an increase in traffic on the street as campers try and secure a freedom camping space.
24. Allenby Place residents have raised concerns about overcrowding and non-compliance with freedom camping rules, with more vehicles than permitted regularly occupying the area and sometimes the surrounding streets. Issues reported by residents and users of this area include:
 - Heavy traffic
 - Noise
 - Speeding creating safety risks, especially near playgrounds and walking tracks
 - Camper's use of public amenities has disrupted local access
 - Environmental risks such as outdoor cooking
 - A perceived lack of enforcement and monitoring.
25. Ambassadors observed persistent overcrowding, early arrivals, and inconsistent use of the check-in system. They report resident frustration is high, and while education efforts are ongoing, enforcement and signage alone have not fully resolved the issues. The ambassadors have observed negative interactions between campers and residents in this location. These interactions are reflected in some RFS and on CamperMate online forum discussions between campers.

Measures taken to address Allenby Place issues

26. Officers have implemented a range of measures to address issues raised about freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark and in other freedom camping locations; summarised in the table below:

Table 4 – Measures taken to address freedom camping issues at Allenby Place Carpark, December 2025

Date	Action	Outcome/observations
1 December 2025	<p>In-person education and enforcement: Part of our education campaign is to let campers know that freedom camping is only permitted if the conditions specified for each freedom camping site are adhered to, including that the number of designated spaces should not be exceeded. Ambassadors are encouraging campers to check the QLDC availability dashboard before travelling to any of our sites. As an additional measure, Cougar Security is undertaking evening patrols to move on any campers found not in designated spaces. Enforcement Officers are visiting in the nighttime hours to issue infringements.</p>	<p>Education is well-received by most campers but due to the volume of campers and the demand for freedom camping, non-compliance was observed after the launch of the 2025 bylaw. This is a resource-intensive measure.</p>
9 December 2025	<p>Communications: To address the issue of access and traffic concerns highlighted by the community, officers updated communications to ask campers to check the 'Site Availability Dashboard' before travelling to site, for example, on the CamperMate listing. This measure was implemented in response to issues at Allenby Place Carpark but has been rolled out to all other freedom camping areas.</p>	<p>The success of the check in system relies on behaviour change from campers, and despite the signage and communications some campers do not check in unless prompted directly by ambassadors. This results in the occupancy dashboard sometimes showing spaces as available when they are already occupied, causing confusion and unnecessary traffic as campers drive down to check for themselves.</p>
10 December 2025	<p>Ambassador intervention: On later shifts Ambassadors have tried to turn vehicles around at the end of the road when a site is full.</p>	<p>This solution appeared to work well but is unsustainable for the remainder of the summer.</p>

<p>23 December 2025</p>	<p>Signage: As a physical measure, sandwich boards were printed indicating when a site was a full and asking campers to not continue travelling down the street.</p>	<p>Ambassadors observed that while the sandwich boards were present daily and appreciated, its effectiveness was mixed—some campers ignored or missed the signs, and there were ongoing issues with visibility and durability.</p> <p>On the 29 December 2025 the ambassadors noted in their end of day report that <i>‘In a 30 minute period only 1 out of 6 vans turned around when they saw the sandwich board at Allenby. We asked one of the campers if they saw the sign and they said they did, but “wanted to drive down and check to be sure”.’</i></p>
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5 ANALYSIS AND ADVICE

27. This report identifies and assesses the following options for the Chief Executive’s consideration under clause 9.1 of the 2025 bylaw to temporarily restrict or change the conditions in the Allenby Place Carpark restricted freedom camping area; to ensure that the Chief Executive is satisfied in relation to the matters in section 11(2) of the Act before making this decision.

28. Option 1 – Exercise clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and introduce a temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026 and the temporary addition, for the same period, of three restricted freedom camping spaces to the Wānaka Recreation Centre (bringing the total number of spaces to 21).

Advantages:

- Temporarily address resident and community access concerns regarding Allenby Place Carpark during the peak summer/autumn tourism period.
- Introducing three additional spaces to the Wānaka Recreation Centre restricted freedom camping area may offset the temporary removal of Allenby Place Carpark as a freedom camping area.
- This option will provide officers time to investigate longer term options for this area.

Disadvantages:

- Temporarily introducing three additional spaces to the Wānaka Recreation Centre restricted freedom camping area may not be supported by some people in the community.
- The decision to exercise 9.1 may be challenged by someone who does not agree that a temporary prohibition is necessary to protect the area, health and safety of people who may visit the area or access to the area (s.11(2) of the Act).

29. Option 2 – Exercise clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and introduce a temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka from Friday 23 January 2026 through to Thursday 30 April 2026.

Advantages:

- Temporarily addresses resident and community access concerns regarding Allenby Place Carpark during the peak summer/autumn tourism period.
- By not adding additional spaces to the Wānaka Recreation Centre restricted freedom camping area, avoids the risk that this may not be supported by some people in the community.
- This will provide officers time to gather and analyse further evidence about the issues so appropriate conditions can be introduced to manage issues, or a more permanent change can be considered under the 2025 bylaw.

Disadvantages:

- Temporarily reduces the number of restricted freedom camping areas.
- The decision to exercise 9.1 may be challenged by someone who does not agree that a temporary prohibition is necessary to protect the area, health and safety of people who may visit the area or access to the area (s.11(2) of the Act).

30. Option 3 – Maintain the status quo and direct officers to investigate other options to address the concerns raised about access issues at the Allenby Place Carpark caused by freedom camping.

Advantages:

- Avoids the risk that a decision to exercise 9.1 may be challenged by someone who does not agree that a temporary prohibition is necessary to protect the area, health and safety of people who may visit the area or access to the area (s.11(2) of the Act).
- Avoids the risk of using clause 9.1 of the 2025 bylaw so early in the bylaw implementation phase, and the possible perception that the bylaw should be allowed to bed-in before this clause is invoked.
- Avoids the risk of an expectation that a temporary prohibition will be available for any other restricted freedom camping area.

Disadvantages:

- Complaints about freedom camping from residents and community members accessing Allenby Place Carpark during the peak summer/autumn tourism period are likely to continue or increase.
- Unless these concerns can be addressed over the current summer/autumn period, complaints about freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark are likely to continue at the current levels, or increase. Addressing these complaints places significant demands on officer time and have a negative impact on Council's reputation and the social licence for freedom camping, and tourism more broadly. While this is noted as a disadvantage, matters of social licence and resources are not part of section 11(2) of the Act effects which should be considered when using clause 9.1 of the 2025 bylaw.

31. This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because by exercising clause 9.1 of the QLDC Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 and introducing a temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark and increasing the number of freedom camping spaces at the Wānaka Recreation Centre this will address access issues identified by residents and users of the Allenby Place Carpark. Officers consider that this option meets the section 11(2) requirements of the Act.

6 FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

32. Significant staff time and resources have been used when responding to complaints about freedom camping at the Allenby Place Carpark, and further input will be required to implement a temporary prohibition at this site. Specific costs will be incurred to remove freedom camping signage and wheelstops in the Allenby Place Carpark and to install a new sign detailing the prohibition, and to install new temporary signs at the Wānaka Recreation Centre, along with printing of flyers for distribution on site. The approximate cost of these changes will be \$3,000. A similar amount will be required to update signage again at the end of the temporary prohibition period.
33. Implications of the option to introduce a temporary prohibition have been outlined in this briefing.
34. Officers anticipate some non-compliance from freedom campers to the prohibition initially, that could be exacerbated if don't provide enough education/communication in the lead up to 23 January 2026. There are a range of operational changes planned prior to the prohibition starting to ensure this risk is minimised, including:
- Media release
 - Social media post
 - Ambassadors start handing out flyers from Wednesday
 - Sign at the location advising of temporary prohibition as soon as possible
 - Snippet public notice.
 - Update website and responsible camping map
 - Update CamperMate
 - Freedom Camping signs and wheelstops³ removed on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

³ Wheelstops are physical barriers (painted blue for the freedom camping spaces) that are placed in parking spaces to stop vehicles from moving too far forward and to help define parking boundaries.

7 NEXT STEPS

35. If the Chief Executive approves option one, the following actions will be taken:

- 15 January 2026 – Finalise the communications plan for implementing the temporary prohibition.
- 15 January 2026 – Advise elected members and send a media release notifying the community of this temporary prohibition. This media release will also be sent to key stakeholders.
- 16 January 2026 – Ambassadors start distributing flyers at the site advising of the prohibition start date.
- 16 to 23 January 2026 – Website, check-in system and responsible camping map updated, and other communication measures implemented.
- 22 January – social media post advising of the start date for the prohibition on 23 January.
- 23 January 2026 – Allenby Place Carpark freedom camping prohibition sign installed and freedom camping signs and wheelstops removed.
- 23 January 2026 - New signage indicating three new spaces installed at the Wānaka Recreation Centre, and updates made to online maps, website and comms.

36. Officers are investigating the viability of longer-term options for responding to hot spot issues such as Allenby Place Carpark.

37. The media release about the temporary prohibition will be provided to all key stakeholders, such as NZMCA, DOC, and CamperMate at the same time this is sent to media.

Briefing

Temporary prohibition of freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark

8 APPENDICIES

38. Appendix A is provided as an attachment to this report and includes all RFS raised for Allenby Place from 1 December 2025 to 12 January 2026.

39. To follow are a selection of images and complaints about freedom camping at Allenby Place Carpark that relate to concerns about access and health and safety around the accessway and carpark.



Photos illustrating the frequency and types of vehicles trying to access the Allenby Place carpark though the narrow accessway. *Above left and right.*

Summer ambassadors intercept a larger campervan from travelling up the accessway when the site is full. *Below.*



Briefing

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Inconsiderate parking by a vehicle, partially blocking the entranceway to Allenby Place Carpark. *Left.*

Ambassadors talk to a camper with a tow caravan. *Below.*



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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0123	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Jan-2026 21:30:27	<p>This middle car been here all day.</p> <p>This freedom camping bollocks is a complete cock up</p>
FC26/0114	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	09-Jan-2026 08:31:07	<p>"Hey team, this is for the Freedom Camping policy and planning or ambassador team. Nothing for enforcement to action"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Hi team,</p> <p>Please see [REDACTED]'s complaint below: "Evening</p> <p>I just wanted to report that this afternoon and evening till now has possibly been one of the worst since freedom camping started in Allenby Place.</p> <p>I wouldn't be surprised if there were close to 100 campervans driving down our street trying to find a spot and failing - the heavy flow of traffic started from around 3:30pm. The dashboard also has spots showing, it seems every day that there is non-compliance with dashboard usage and checking in.</p> <p>A resident's sign has been put up near the start of the street threatening rotten fruit if people don't u-turn (image attached).</p> <p>When are QLDC going to acknowledge and act on the fact that a residential street is no Place for a freedom campground, all this for only 3 spots - what a waste of everyone's time.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0113	Freedom Camping Enforcement	09-Jan-2026 13:45:59	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>██████ is very upset with the responsible camping site near his property at Allenby Place. I've passed some of his feedback and ideas to the Freedom Camping team (FC26/0112).</p> <p>He reported that every night we still have more than 3 freedom campers at the spot and needs enforcement. Rodger also mentioned that he has seen people urinating in the carpark in the morning.</p> <p>Very upset customer.</p>
FC26/0112	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	09-Jan-2026 13:35:56	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>██████ is very upset with having a responsible camping site near his property at Allenby Place. He has complained that campers don't check-in on the app and spots are always showing as available even though they are full and multiple campers keep driving to the location. He is upset with the noise all those campervans create at night when they drive all the way there to find the carpark full and reverse back. In his opinion our check-in system is a failure, and his suggestion is that we automatically show these parking spot as full at 6pm because he can ensure it will be full every day before 6pm.</p> <p>The customer is also annoyed that there are too many campervans there throughout the day taking spaces from locals who want to do some of the tracks in the area. Campers get there very early in the afternoon to save a spot for later. I did explain to him that before 6pm all spots are available for parking, and all vehicles must comply with the restrictions of the carpark there are in, but we can't enforce freedom camping during the day.</p> <p>I'll also raise an RFS for enforcement under ██████'s name as he has made complaints about campers urinating in the carpark etc.</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0105	Freedom Camping Enforcement	09-Jan-2026 08:31:07	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>Please see [REDACTED] complaint below: "Evening</p> <p>I just wanted to report that this afternoon and evening till now has possibly been one of the worst since freedom camping started in Allenby Place.</p> <p>I wouldn't be surprised if there were close to 100 campervans driving down our street trying to find a spot and failing - the heavy flow of traffic started from around 3:30pm. The dashboard also has spots showing, it seems every day that there is non-compliance with dashboard usage and checking in.</p> <p>A resident's sign has been put up near the start of the street threatening rotten fruit if people don't u-turn (image attached).</p> <p>When are QLDC going to acknowledge and act on the fact that a residential street is no Place for a freedom campground, all this for only 3 spots - what a waste of everyone's time.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0099	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Jan-2026 09:50:29	<p>Hi Team,</p> <p>██████ has sent in : (I would like to know why the campers keep arriving until now (11:00pm) and your app still shows there is a space available now. It is full. Who designed this app ? Useless. Its useless because campervans don't do what you want. They don't register . Your algorithm is stuffed. Even though your road sign says "its Full, don't enter" They drive in, I have asked them, "why?" they say " to check". WTF!</p> <p>They want everything for free . You must make them do work and pay, be somewhere and buy a ticket. Why can't you see this? If you put the camping ground by the sewage pond, but free, it would be full. (actually, thats now a bad idea). Freedom Campers are a virus. Doing nothing means there will be a logarithmic increase next year. Just like an STD bloom.</p> <p>DO YOUR JOB. Improve our town.</p> <p>██████</p> <p>p.s don't send me 'how are we doing' type spam, you get rid of f...g free campers and I'll buy you a beer.)</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0098	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Jan-2026 09:48:56	<p>Hi guys,</p> <p>Another email from [REDACTED]</p> <p>“The freedom camping debacle continues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We've moved on around a dozen campers sleeping on our street in December. They park opposite the playground almost every night after the carpark fills up. - There's a guy outside my house sleeping in a van right now after being there all day. No one has arrived after I called the hotline. It makes me feel a bit uncomfortable having a stranger sleeping a few steps from my front door. - Yesterday a freedom camper got changed opposite my house while I was at the playground with my daughter. <p>This is all normal stuff for freedoms campers to do and I'm not blaming them. But it's very clearly not ok on a quiet residential street.</p> <p>There are so many reasons Allenby Place shouldn't be a freedom camping ground - the only way to fix it is for camping to be prohibited ASAP.</p> <p>Photos attached.”</p>
FC26/0091	Freedom Camping Enforcement	08-Jan-2026 00:22:28	<p>Caller reported someone is parked in front of her house, sleeping in the van.</p> <p>Location: 10 Allenby Place Wānaka Otago 9305</p>
FC26/0089	Freedom Camping Enforcement	07-Jan-2026 22:11:01	<p>2 cars freedom camping down Allenby Place</p> <p>Location: Allenby Place Wānaka Otago 9305</p>
FC26/0086	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	07-Jan-2026 16:22:49	<p>Hi team, [REDACTED] reports:</p> <p>freedom camping noncompliance. Allenby Place.</p> <p>Please see picture.</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0082	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	07-Jan-2026 09:44:18	We have received the following from [REDACTED] exceeding the permitted 3, multiple parking on Allenby Photo Attached
FC26/0081	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	07-Jan-2026 09:32:35	Subject: Re: Request FC25/0697 completed Hiya My request hasn't been completed. The issues with the campsite are ongoing and have not been resolved. We've got a camper setting up right outside our house for the night and there is no way to report them since the helpline is closed. Also - the responsible camping people and the sandwich board are not helping the situation. The campers are now arriving until 1130pm long after they've left and completely ignoring the sign. Yesterday my partner saw a man getting changed in the Mt iron carpark when taking the dog for a walk. It's unbelievable that this will all be going on for at least a month until you all get back from holiday on the 20th. Most likely all summer. It's a mess guys. Nga mihi, [REDACTED]
FC26/0072	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 16:46:24	Dec 17th, 710pm. Allenby Place Wānaka Yes that is a 2 way access , yes that is 2 vans parked in the middle of the road. Dangerous for residents and users of the shared drive. Photos attached.
FC26/0070	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 14:16:20	January 4, 2026 at 10:38 AM Freedom camping non compliance, Allenby Place Overnight non compliance, outside of designated area. And after 8am. Photo attached.

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0067	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 12:29:31	Hi team, [REDACTED] writes: Freedom camping vehicles are "queueing" up in the Allenby park toilets carpark blocking access for those wanting to walk up Mt Iron. Photos taken today at 4.47 demonstrate the problem. One person left their vehicle, was abusive and tried to demand I delete the photo. Without other people around his behavior would have been intimidating. (white spaceships KFR613) not sure how to attach the photos here ! The use of this carpark for overnight camping compromises the needs of the local community and those wishing to use it for its designated purpose.
FC26/0064	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 11:10:22	Thursday, January 1, 2026 4:41 PM Here we are again. Its 4.40pm and they are already parked up. What a joke! Photo attached.
FC26/0063	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 10:56:10	I find the decision to allow freedom camping in the Mt Iron car park one made without consideration to the users of the Mt Iron walking trail. I have over the recent weeks tried to find a parking spot without success. This area should be for walkers parking only !
FC26/0061	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 10:54:25	Quentin writes: Freedom campers washing and dumping grey water on cement at public toilet facilities Queuing to toilet late at night. Allenby Place.
FC26/0060	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 09:56:36	December 31, 2025 at 2:54 PM The current situation at Allenby Place and the main MT Iron car park is a major problem. Today vehicles have been parked since the morning to secure their spot. (for tonight) The last 3 mornings Mt Iron walkers are struggling to find a park, because of the campers. Many of the campers are in converted cars or small vans, that are not "self contained". This is beyond a joke, and needs to stop.

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
			Thanks
FC26/0057	Freedom Camping Enforcement	06-Jan-2026 09:56:36	<p>December 31, 2025 at 2:54 PM</p> <p>The current situation at Allenby Place and the main MT Iron car park is a major problem.</p> <p>Today vehicles have been parked since the morning to secure their spot. (for tonight)</p> <p>The last 3 mornings Mt Iron walkers are struggling to find a park, because of the campers.</p> <p>Many of the campers are in converted cars or small vans, that are not "self contained".</p> <p>This is beyond a joke, and needs to stop.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
FC26/0054	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 09:30:21	<p>Hi team, [REDACTED] writes:</p> <p>As usual Mt Iron is becoming a camping ghetto. Essentially our evening is a nightmare with campervans crawling along Allenby Place. The qldc staff and their signs make little difference. These people will keep coming for a free overnight until you shut it down. The anger from residents are reaching boiling point. Is this what you want? Move them out of town.</p> <p>Please see attached photos.</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0052	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 09:20:19	<p>Hi guys,</p> <p>Email from [REDACTED] regarding Allenby Place (will respond to him regarding Mt Iron).</p> <p>“Issues with the freedom camping spot at Allenby Place are worsening over the holiday season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today I saw a campervan cooking outside for the third time. These small vans can only cook outside so of course they do - can't blame them but the bylaw doesn't account for the reality of the situation. As you know Mt Iron is a very high fire risk. See photo attached. • 60+ caravans down Allenby PI last night. Half a dozen while writing this email. • Two massive caravans parked side-by-side in the middle of the road yesterday, blocking my driveway. Other residents have had trouble with accessing and leaving their properties too. See photo attached. • Four or five caravans have tried to sleep at Allenby Park opposite my house - we get one almost every night. I've politely moved them on, but I'd really rather not be doing this. See photos attached. • The site continues to be overfull every night. The responsible camping people leave and more caravans come. • There are now two signs and several resident made signs telling caravans the park is full. And yet they've made absolutely no difference - it'd almost be funny if it wasn't so annoying. See photos attached. • The carpark is a pedestrian thoroughfare for the Mt Iron Walk and three parks. Traffic is massively increased during the busiest time of year for walkers - I had to wait to get through the other day because there was a caravan traffic jam. <p>Any rational person can see a mistake has been made advertising and allowing a freedom camping space in a quiet residential street. The council needs to put their hands up, own the mistake, and work towards a solution as soon as possible so that Allenby PI residents (and people accessing mt iron) can continue to safely enjoy this Place.</p> <p>Is the council able to share a clear plan - and a timeline for a resolution? This has been a problem for a month and I haven't seen anything concrete yet.”</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC26/0050	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 08:57:12	<p>██████ and ██████ write: Additional damage to our shared driveway between 18 and 24 Allenby Place Wānaka from large campervans entering and existing shared drive.</p> <p>Please see attached photos.</p>
FC26/0049	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	06-Jan-2026 08:32:54	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>An email from ██████ regarding Allenby Place car park saying: queuing for the toilet and washing dishes in the public toilet and drinking fountain. Photos attached for record.</p>
FC26/0044	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 16:46:39	<p>Report of freedom camping van driving in and out of shared space drive to Allenby Place carpark at dangerous unsuitable speed and not watching correctly as distracted by phone navigation. 430 pm, 28th dec.</p>
FC26/0039	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 14:59:31	<p>Hi Team,</p> <p>██████ has sent in: (large van outside the designated area, prior to 6pm, setting up to camp. also inconsiderate parking obstructing access)</p>
FC26/0037	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 14:50:52	<p>More vehicles than permitted, outside of the designated zone, additional vehicles in the prohibited area adjacent to Allenby park.</p> <p>Many vehicles driving in and out through the evening. Many at inappropriate speed for share use drive and pedestrians, many distracted by navigation on phones.</p>
FC26/0031	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 13:42:23	<p>December 28, 2025 at 6:26 PM</p> <p>Customer sent in photos only of someone camping outside of Allenby Place designated Area. Thanks, ██████</p>
FC26/0026	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 11:53:54	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>██████ has emailed the following:</p> <p>Already here at 5.00pm. As you know these 3 free camping parks are a joke. Another several hours of campervan traffic to look forward to...NOT. Get these parks off the system. Photo attached (email from 28/12).</p>

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FC26/0022	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 11:20:34	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>Please see another email from Rebecca regarding Allenby Place car park - this is a follow on from RFS: FC25/0652.</p> <p>She sent another email on 26/12:</p> <p>Hi there,</p> <p>More illegal camping on Allenby Place.</p> <p>There's someone sleeping in a van outside my house in Allenby Park - the freedom campground is full. How do I report them when QLDC have shut their phone lines? Do I have to go out and tell them to stop sleeping outside my house, or is the only other way to report to call the police?</p> <p>Your sign is at the end of our street telling everyone not to come down, yet people continue to ignore it and keep speeding down the street.</p> <p>The fact is a freedom campground should not have been put down a residential street next to people's houses. It is causing residents stress from a health and safety perspective.</p> <p>https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/Wānaka/freedom-campers-upsetting-w%C4%81naka-residents</p> <p>What about the strongly worded signs showing the distress of residents? This impacts the health and safety of both the residents and the freedom campers. This just highlights how inappropriate a Place for a freedom campsite this is.</p> <p>All the vans have their vehicles opened up to cook facing onto the scrub, this is dangerous, especially when the report commissioned said that this area was a high fire risk, there should be absolutely no cooking allowed.</p> <p>When are QLDC going to do something about this?</p>
FC26/0016	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 09:34:16	<p>*8/01 - Please see email attached with updated reply. Thanks, [REDACTED]</p> <p>Hi team, see attached email regarding Allenby Place. Can we please respond to [REDACTED]</p>

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FC26/0014	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	05-Jan-2026 09:12:22	Hi Team, [REDACTED] advised that the issue he reported has not been resolved or require further action. His original request was his feedback regarding Camp Site issues. Email attached. RFS received 1/1/2026
FC25/0764	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	24-Dec-2025 08:30:59	Email from [REDACTED] Please note with a new sandwich board present at the end of the street saying the parks were full this was 745pm tonight. Like queen street. Vans were driving too fast in a share space/drive. Vans driving in both directions obstructing access on a 4m wide access. Danger for walkers and cyclists using share spaces.
FC25/0763	Freedom Camping Enforcement	24-Dec-2025 08:26:02	Hi team, [REDACTED] reported that a large van arrived late at night and parked outside of designated area and more than allocated number of vehicles. Please see photo attached. Could you please kindly look into this?

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FC25/0762	Freedom Camping Enforcement	24-Dec-2025 08:20:40	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>One for [REDACTED].... [REDACTED] reported the following: "Hiya</p> <p>I'd just like to report that the Allenby Place freedom camping remains a disaster.</p> <p>We're experiencing more of the usual issues, with a fairly steep increase of traffic now that the holidays have begun.</p> <p>40+ campers down our street this afternoon already, starting at 4pm. Three have driven past while I've been writing this.</p> <p>Campers are using our street as a waiting room, to cook outside and hang out when the site is full.</p> <p>Campers are completely ignoring the sign saying the campsite is full and continue to speed down our street in numbers. It's a waste of time I'm afraid.</p> <p>I reckon it's only going to get worse. We will get 100 vans down Allenby Place a day during the busiest periods. Imagine this on your street, or any residential street in Wānaka?</p> <p>We've had a couple campers going 60-70km an hour down the road, right next to the park where my toddler and dog play. We do not feel as safe using the playground as we did before and I will be reporting speeding campers to the police in future.</p> <p>The winds are up today. Campers are cooking outside their vans about 2 metres from the biggest fire risk in Wānaka.</p> <p>Guys, what's it going to take for this to be reversed? An accident on the road, Mt Iron on fire? Residents sleep is affected by caravans driving down the road until 1130pm - our mental health is certainly affected, and so is our safety.</p> <p>So far I've seen no urgency to solve this problem at all. For the residents of Allenby Place who are most affected, it's certainly urgent - and we need action from you ASAP.</p> <p>Nga mihi,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

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FC25/0758	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	23-Dec-2025 10:22:31	<p>Hi team</p> <p>Please see comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>Note that all FCers failed to clear the parks by the 8am designation and clearly were obstructing access by morning walkers parking which was in very high demand at this time of year. Regular users are being disPlaced by freedom campers.</p>
FC25/0757	Freedom Camping Enforcement	23-Dec-2025 10:22:31	<p>Hi team</p> <p>Please see comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>Note that all FCers failed to clear the parks by the 8am designation and clearly were obstructing access by morning walkers parking which was in very high demand at this time of year. Regular users are being disPlaced by freedom campers.</p>
FC25/0748	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	22-Dec-2025 09:12:32	<p>Hi team, I have informed parking team of this but putting through to your team just so you also have a photo of this.</p> <p>Yesterday 5:44 PM</p> <p>Car and caravan obstructing carpark access for reserve users.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT ONLY A FC BYLAW ISSUE THIS IS A PARKING ISSUE ALSO.</p>
FC25/0745	Freedom Camping Enforcement	21-Dec-2025 21:21:04	<p>Not self contained</p> <p>Note: This report contains a Snap Send Solve relay email which can be used to contact the Snapper.</p>

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FC25/0733	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	19-Dec-2025 08:27:49	Hi team, We have received the following complaint: "Another awful evening, Allenby covered in camperbludgers. How dare you ruin my street. Nobody is stopping them, nothing has changed. 20, 30, 40. DO SOMETHING." Could you please look into this and get back to the customer with an update?
FC25/0729	Freedom Camping Enforcement	18-Dec-2025 07:01:41	2 non self contained campers in Allenby park car park
FC25/0726	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	18-Dec-2025 07:01:41	2 non self contained campers in Allenby park car park
FC25/0724	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	17-Dec-2025 15:55:46	The Allenby Place is over full at 3:30pm, 6 or 7 campervans. They are not meant to be staying there until 6. You have to put in more signs restricting all areas except the 3 spaces. You make these crazy ideas and don't even follow the rules. [REDACTED]
FC25/0720	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	17-Dec-2025 08:40:49	Hi team, We have received the following complaint/request: "Hey, we have a problem: you have the Allenby Place car park Wānaka as a free camping area - it only has 3 parks so get it off because we now have over 30 campervans and mire coming past trying to get those 3 free parks! Also apart from Hampshire as a camping ground, there are also Albert town, outlet, top 10, aspiring holiday camp and the department of conservation camping ground near the Swing bridge on The Hawea River so WTF. Please do something about this NOW because your lack of information is doing our heads in! [REDACTED], resident of Allenby Place" This was sent to us as well as [REDACTED]

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FC25/0715	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	16-Dec-2025 08:16:38	Hi team, Somebody from enforcement was just at Allanby Park car park and cleared people out. A witness then saw all the campers go to the children's park there to eat and cook up their food. wondered if somebody can go back and educate please. Kids play ground allanby park
FC25/0712	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	16-Dec-2025 10:45:40	Hi Team, [REDACTED] has sent in: (Hi there When we woke up this morning someone was cooking on Allenby Place, outside of their van, outside our house, the freedom campground is spilling on to the residential street, which is a prohibited area. Thanks [REDACTED])
FC25/0704	Freedom Camping Enforcement	16-Dec-2025 08:16:38	Hi team, Somebody from enforcement was just at Allanby Park car park and cleared people out. A witness then saw all the campers go to the children's park there to eat and cook up their food. wondered if somebody can go back and educate please. Kids play ground allanby park

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FC25/0700	Freedom Camping Enforcement	15-Dec-2025 16:41:33	Hi Team, [REDACTED] has requested that Freedom Camping Enforcement to check Allenby Place tonight. Email attached.
FC25/0697	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	15-Dec-2025 12:11:08	Hi Hope everyone's had a good weekend. I'm emailing again to report serious issues with the newly instated Allenby Place freedom camping carpark. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - I haven't recieved a reply from you guys yet. This is a serious issue affecting many of your constituents, so I'd like a response please. My original email, sent Dec 5, is attached below for your reference. As always we've had dozens of vans driving down our street. One every few minutes. One just went past now at 945pm. The campers are not using the dashboard, as it's been full since 4pm and it's still showing one empty space. It's impossible to educate people who are here for a few days. We've seen safe camping cars driving around. This has made no difference to traffic, and often the carpark is overfill just after they leave. What's the point? Last night I got up with my restless toddler, and saw two freedom camping vans were parked directly opposite my house. They were gone at 7am when I got up. I need an indication from the council whether this is likely to be going on all summer and autumn - and whether any progress has been made to removing this as a carpark? Is there any way you can temporarily disallow camping until concerns are adressed? Besides the poor people who live adjacent to the carpark, we're probably the most impacted as our house is right on the street. This really has affected our enjoyment of our home - I'll be in touch regularly until we have found a resolution. Nga mihi, [REDACTED] Full email attached.
FC25/0695	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	15-Dec-2025 11:16:25	Hi team, [REDACTED] advises: "We wanted to tell you about our evening at Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka. We arrived at the car park late yesterday afternoon. Two Responsible Camping agents arrived to explain the rules and confirm that everything was OK. We then scanned the QR code to check in. At around 6:30 pm, a man (a neighbour) arrived with a notebook and started walking around the vehicles taking notes. He then approached us aggressively to tell us that we were breaking the law and that he was going to call security. A short time later, a security guard arrived and told us that everything was fine. That night, the man was once again prowling around the vehicles with his notebook before leaving when I raised my curtain. This morning, as we were leaving at 7:55 am, another neighbour was standing in front of her house with her coffee and started insulting us as we passed by.

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			I imagine you are already aware of these neighbourhood issues, but they are damaging to this Place. In any case, thank you for what you do for travellers"
FC25/0694	Freedom Camping Enforcement	15-Dec-2025 11:12:05	Hi team, We received the photo attached from [REDACTED] reporting freedom camping non-compliance. The photo was taken at 7pm on Sunday at the Allenby Place carpark.
FC25/0691	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	15-Dec-2025 09:36:21	Customer has sent the following through 14/12 7.00am(more than 3 freedom campers using this space): Have attached photos. Thanks, [REDACTED] Where are you people? Off camping? 7 am this morning. Allenby Place.
FC25/0690	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	15-Dec-2025 09:21:04	Hi team See comments from [REDACTED] "where are the Ambassadors tonight? This photo is van 35? 40? in our street . Photo at 8:15pm. This is going to get worse. Please stop this, it crazy." See attached
FC25/0681	Freedom Camping Enforcement	14-Dec-2025 23:33:47	Called in to report that there are about 6 to 7 camper vans in Allenby Place Carpark but there are only 3 dedicated spot there for freedom camping. Location: Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305
FC25/0679	Freedom Camping Enforcement	13-Dec-2025 19:16:33	[REDACTED] called to advise there is a Freedom Camper parked outside 10A Allenby Place, Wānaka, not in the Allenby Place Carpark, Mt Iron. Vehicle is a dark green, Toyota Grandvia, Registration DPE816 Location: 10 Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305

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FC25/0675	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	12-Dec-2025 13:35:41	We have received the following camp Allenby at 430 today.
FC25/0674	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	12-Dec-2025 13:30:47	<p>Subject: Re: last night's campers</p> <p>Thanks [REDACTED] I agree that we need to hit this hard - with enforcement officers doing the rounds from Beacon Point to Allenby and back from 6pm every night. With a midnight check.</p> <p>This Bylaw was always going to hurt at a few locations, and the answer was supposed to be excellent education and enforcement. That needs to happen, or we need to review the decision. It's not fair that the rest of the urban areas benefit from this bylaw while a few residents suffer the consequences. I'll send an email to that effect now. Apologies [REDACTED]</p> <p>---</p> <p>Subject: last night's campers</p> <p>As normal, after 10pm additional campers sneak in. It's not really free-camping is it? Free loading would be better. Anyway, the QLDC need to have full time wardens dealing with this problem. The qldc services went thru at 6pm, they must be there at 12am.</p> <p>As I keep saying, Christmas -New Year is going to be a campervan disaster. Get rid of free loaders. Don't wait until this is a major f.....up. Free accommodation is not a god given right. photo's at 6:30am [REDACTED]</p> <p>Full email attached</p>
FC25/0660	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	11-Dec-2025 14:58:58	<p>Parked up before the stated 6pm time</p> <p>Note: This report contains a Snap Send Solve relay email which can be used to contact the Snapper.</p>
FC25/0659	Freedom Camping Enforcement	11-Dec-2025 14:58:58	<p>Parked up before the stated 6pm time</p> <p>Note: This report contains a Snap Send Solve relay email which can be used to contact the Snapper.</p>

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FC25/0653	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	11-Dec-2025 10:24:24	Cleaning teeth and washing dishes in the near by toilets Note: This report contains a Snap Send Solve relay email which can be used to contact the Snapper.
FC25/0652	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	11-Dec-2025 10:28:10	Hi team, please see the attached email from Rebecca regarding her concerns for the Allenby Place campground. Thanks, Tess Update 19.12 See recent email chain attached.
FC25/0651	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 20:36:38	Too many in the space Note: This report contains a Snap Send Solve relay email which can be used to contact the Snapper.
FC25/0646	Freedom Camping Enforcement	10-Dec-2025 20:39:38	Allenby Place carpark camping area currently has a higher number of people than allowed. Location: 18 Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305
FC25/0643	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 12:51:37	Hi team, Are you able to respond to this? Please see attached email thread :)

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FC25/0639	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 11:39:58	<p>Hi there Please consider this a formal complaint to QLDC about the freedom campground at the end of residential street Allenby Place. I've categorised my concerns below. Noise pollution, speed and disturbance of residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a continual stream of loud vans and large campervans (noise pollution from large vehicles) speeding up and down the street from about 4pm onwards today and every day since the 1st of December trying to get one of three spots. The amount of traffic this has generated has changed this quiet peaceful cul-de-sac. It feels like our street is being invaded every afternoon until late at night. • The speed that these vehicles are travelling at is scary, often over 50 km/h as they're racing to try and find a spot for the night, this is right next to a children's playground and dog park. They're also so often looking at their phones while driving, obviously trying to find another spot. This creates a massive risk right next to a children's playground and dog park. We have a young family and dog so we are very concerned about this. Another reason you should not put a freedom campground in a residential street. <p>At odds with the bylaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This camping spot is the only one that is within a residential area, why is that? The bylaw states that freedom camping is prohibited in urban areas and residential streets, there's even a post about it on facebook below. I'd say that a campground on a residential street down three people's driveway is easily classed as an urban area. This goes against the spirit of the bylaw. • I noticed only one councillor voted against the bylaw, and he happens to be the only one who lives next to a freedom campground, I'm guessing if it was on anyone else's street they too would have voted against it. <p>Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom campers have obviously not been checking dashboards, it doesn't work. They drive down to check for themselves and you can't educate people when they're only in Wānaka for a few days. <p>Fire Hazard</p> <p>Full email is attached.</p>

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FC25/0637	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 11:06:39	<p>Hi team, Please lodged this one as an RFS so we can track how many complaints are coming in.</p> <p>From: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 3:13 PM</p> <p>To: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Cc: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Subject: Just a quick question.</p> <p>Hi, this is [REDACTED] from Allenby Place in Wānaka. Did you support the free camping changes that allow people to camp overnight at Allenby Place?</p> <p>If you did, could you please send me your home address. Tonight, when the 50 campervans come to my house, I can direct them to your Place.</p> <p>Much appreciated. [REDACTED]</p> <p>p.s [REDACTED] I guess this won't apply to you.</p>

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FC25/0619	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 08:34:07	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>We have received the following request/complaint:</p> <p>"Kia ora koutou,</p> <p>I'm writing to express serious concerns about the impact of the new freedom camping area on Allenby Place. We've had the usual 40 or 50 driving down our road tonight, starting from about 3pm and going strong now at 8pm. This has been constant since December 1.</p> <p>A few points for the council / councillors to consider:</p> <p>Serious fire risk</p> <p>Most of the campers are small, and you can only cook outside with these. Since they're arriving from 3pm I guarantee most are cooking dinner outside on a gas hob, metres from acres of dry Kanuka bush. In fact, I saw one cooking outside on Dec 5, which I reported. Who is accountable if a wildfire occurs as a result of Council-designated activity?</p> <p>Late night arrivals</p> <p>Last night the final camper arrived at 11.30pm. The larger campers make heaps of noise late at night, in what was previously a very quiet neighbourhood.</p> <p>5/6 councillors voted for this bylaw</p> <p>The only one who didn't was Quentin who lives next to the new camping spot. I wonder if the other councillors would have voted the same way if the freedom camping spots were next to their houses?</p> <p>I feel like we've really been let down</p> <p>This was not a well thought out decision. It's the councilors job to act in the interest of their community - and they have failed to do so. Me and my little family love our home. Before it was quiet, and private - the playground had families and the park had dog owners, and there was the odd Mt Iron walker going to the carpark. But now it feels completely different - IT'S SO BUSY.</p> <p>Most other residents oppose the new campsite</p> <p>I've spoken to a couple who have said this is a complete nightmare. There is also a couple angry-ish signs that other residents have put up. All this impact on people's homes for three freedom camping spots - is it really worth it?</p>

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			<p data-bbox="688 293 808 326">Nga mihi,</p> <p data-bbox="688 354 747 391">■</p> <p data-bbox="688 415 1514 448">Please note, this email was sent to all Councilors & the Mayor as well.</p> <p data-bbox="688 480 1073 513">Could you please look into this?</p>

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FC25/0611	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	10-Dec-2025 08:11:56	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>We have received the following request/complaint:</p> <p>"Hello,</p> <p>I am a regular user of the carpark and facilities at the Allenby entrance to Mount Iron in Wānaka.</p> <p>This small carpark is important to locals and visitors enjoying Mt Iron but unfortunately the new freedom camping rules mean that it is now noisy, hectic and untidy.</p> <p>I believe there is a rule of no more than 3 camper vans there at a time. This rule is flouted on a daily basis with 6 + choosing to stay the night. It becomes so full that I have even seen a camper pull into one of the adjacent house's driveways and park up.</p> <p>Along with the limit of 3 rule it is impossible for campers to see if the site is full until they enter it. The noise and disruption of multiple campers going up the driveway, reversing and turning around again to go down the drive because they haven't been able to secure a spot affects all the houses around the site day and night. It seems a shame that our permanent residents are impacted negatively for the sake of a few who will likely stay only 1-2 nights.</p> <p>I wish I had the answer to the challenges freedom camping presents. It seems to be the hot topic of conversation right across town at the moment with many people disgruntled and discouraged that better solutions haven't been forthcoming.</p> <p>At the very least I hope that the council will come up with better ways of policing this and come down more heavily on those who transgress. The idea of education is not working as these people visit so fleetingly, they don't give a monkey's about our camping rules. By the time they are 'educated' it is already too late. I watched the parking ambassadors at work last year and they were completely disinterested and ineffectual.</p> <p>It is a shame that we cannot have a blanket approach to freedom camping in our area i.e. 'No Freedom Camping' within a 5-mile radius. Perhaps it might seem unfriendly to some, but the residents and the environment would thank the Council for it. (...)"</p> <p>See the complete email attached.</p>

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FC25/0603	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	09-Dec-2025 09:01:47	<p>Note from enforcement: Hey team, please recategorize this to the freedom camping ambassador team. There is nothing we can action for an enforcement side as this is now classified as a day excursion and they are allowed to be there. Thanks! - [REDACTED]</p> <p>Vans still parked in overnight spots at 9am</p>
FC25/0599	Freedom Camping Enforcement	08-Dec-2025 15:45:53	<p>Hi Team, [REDACTED] has sent in the following...</p> <p>Allenby Place adjacent to Allenby park prohibited area.</p> <p>Sleeping in van 11pm</p>
FC25/0598	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Dec-2025 14:55:42	<p>Hi Team, please find attached email by [REDACTED] regarding health concerns with campervans at Mt Iron. Thanks [REDACTED]</p>
FC25/0597	Freedom Camping Enforcement	08-Dec-2025 14:55:42	<p>Hi Team, please find attached email by [REDACTED] regarding health concerns with campervans at Mt Iron. Thanks [REDACTED]</p>
FC25/0596	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Dec-2025 09:44:58	<p>Hi Team,</p> <p>Customer sent in the following: (Well it's only been a week and our quiet little cul d'sac is turning into a nightmare. Our address is 25 Allenby Place.</p> <p>With up to 60 to 70 vehicle movements into the car park its is both disruptive as they arrive at all hours and its dangerous. This laneway is heavily used by walkers and cyclists of all ages and it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.</p> <p>This is a huge problem. We get that, but Allenby Place is not answer.)</p> <p>.</p>

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FC25/0595	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Dec-2025 12:45:00	<p>Hi team</p> <p>See comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>"Hello,</p> <p>We are residents of Allenby Place and have noticed since the new freedom camping rules came into play last week we have been getting absolutely smashed my vans driving in and out constantly, people misusing the public toilets and there have been many more than the allocated 3 every night.</p> <p>Our quiet dead end street has completely changed in this week with many many more vans driving up and down.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
FC25/0591	Freedom Camping Enforcement	08-Dec-2025 09:44:58	<p>Hi Team,</p> <p>Customer sent in the following: (Well it's only been a week and our quiet little cul d'sac is turning into a nightmare. Our address is 25 Allenby Place.</p> <p>With up to 60 to 70 vehicle movements into the car park its is both disruptive as they arrive at all hours and its dangerous. This laneway is heavily used by walkers and cyclists of all ages and it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.</p> <p>This is a huge problem. We get that, but Allenby Place is not answer.)</p>
FC25/0586	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	08-Dec-2025 08:57:40	<p>Hi Team, [REDACTED] has submitted a complaint regarding the Freedom Camping rules and regulations. Please find attached images and her email for more information. Thanks [REDACTED]</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC25/0585	Freedom Camping Enforcement	08-Dec-2025 08:35:49	Hi Team, [REDACTED] has reported 8 campervans at 5.30am Saturday morning at Allenby Place carpark. QWA836, RJE97, KSK42, GBK35, GFK300
FC25/0584	Freedom Camping Enforcement	07-Dec-2025 23:36:46	Caller reported illegal camping outside of designated area, 1x Toyota Dark Grey VAN - QWH321 - was parked on the road adjacent to Allenby Park and 1x Dark coloured van - KEL97 parked on the parking lot adjacent to toilet block. Caller would like to get an outcome during daytime business hours if possible. Location: 2-14 Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305
FC25/0581	Freedom Camping Enforcement	05-Dec-2025 20:46:37	Customer advises that there is way more vehicles then permitted at the new freedom camping spot on Allenby Place, the noise is quite intense and there is alot more traffic then usual Location: Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305
FC25/0580	Freedom Camping Enforcement	05-Dec-2025 20:50:41	Caller reported four campervans illegally camping in a prohibited area on Allenby Place near his residence. Location: Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC25/0572	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	04-Dec-2025 15:15:22	<p>Hi team</p> <p>Please see comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>"Dear Sir,</p> <p>last night there were 7 campervans staying in the parking area. There was meant to be 3. From 5 – 10pm there were 20 + campervans driving into the cul de sac, backing in, backing out. It was a quiet street, now it kaos in the evenings. Which moron thought a dead-end street would handle 25ft campervans. This is a residential street, not commercial.</p> <p>Who is checking the number of campers? Whoever does it should check at midnight and 5.00am. Responsible camping – yeah, right.</p> <p>This is ruining Allenby Place, its bad now, Christmas is going to be horrific !</p> <p>Campers do not pay QLDC Rates. We do ! This insane free camping has got to stop. Show some balls.</p> <p>[REDACTED] "</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC25/0570	Freedom Camping Enforcement	04-Dec-2025 15:15:22	<p>Hi team</p> <p>Please see comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>"Dear Sir,</p> <p>last night there were 7 campervans staying in the parking area. There was meant to be 3. From 5 – 10pm there were 20 + campervans driving into the cul de sac, backing in, backing out. It was a quiet street, now it kaos in the evenings. Which moron thought a dead-end street would handle 25ft campervans. This is a residential street, not commercial.</p> <p>Who is checking the number of campers? Whoever does it should check at midnight and 5.00am. Responsible camping – yeah, right.</p> <p>This is ruining Allenby Place, its bad now, Christmas is going to be horrific !</p> <p>Campers do not pay QLDC Rates. We do ! This insane free camping has got to stop. Show some balls.</p> <p>[REDACTED] "</p>
FC25/0562	Freedom Camping Enforcement	03-Dec-2025 08:21:15	<p>Hi team</p> <p>See below comments from [REDACTED]</p> <p>"At least 6 vehicles at Allenby Place carpark tonight, only 3 permitted.</p> <p>Not sure any are self contained as per definition.</p> <p>Please let me know how many tickets are issued. "</p>

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Reference ID	Description	Date Received	Detail
FC25/0561	Freedom Camping Enforcement	02-Dec-2025 20:23:01	Some people are doing freedom camping outside the dedicated area in Allenby Place Carpark, Wānaka. Location: 18 Allenby Place Wānaka Wānaka Otago 9305
FC25/0551	Sign/Bylaw Enquiry - Freedom Camping	01-Dec-2025 08:43:25	Hi Team, Customer sent in the following: (Hi I see that the Mt Iron car park on State Highway 84 is not on your list of responsible camping sites in Wānaka. At 8.30 in the morning I am a regular user of this carpark and there are campers in small vans and cars who have obviously spent the night there. The car park can be three quarters full with all users. Apart from the usual problems observed of toilet paper and gas cookers being used, (fire risk) the filling of car park spaces is a concern. With holidays approaching, this car park in the past is often full in the mornings as many families and others walk the track. I imagine there will be need to park on the busy road with traffic travelling up to 80km/hr. I would like to know if you are providing wardens to deal with this problem from now on. With thanks for your attention and a thank you for the upkeep of this track and carpark for locals and visitors.)
FC25/0546	Freedom Camping Enforcement	01-Dec-2025 08:43:25	Hi Team, Customer sent in the following: (Hi I see that the Mt Iron car park on State Highway 84 is not on your list of responsible camping sites in Wānaka. At 8.30 in the morning I am a regular user of this carpark and there are campers in small vans and cars who have obviously spent the night there. The car park can be three quarters full with all users. Apart from the usual problems observed of toilet paper and gas cookers being used, (fire risk) the filling of car park spaces is a concern. With holidays approaching, this car park in the past is often full in the mornings as many families and others walk the track. I imagine there will be need to park on the busy road with traffic travelling up to 80km/hr. I would like to know if you are providing wardens to deal with this problem from now on. With thanks for your attention and a thank you for the upkeep of this track and carpark for locals and visitors.)



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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Tonkin & Taylor Ltd (T+T) have been engaged by Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) to undertake a detailed transport assessment for the restricted freedom camping area at Allenby Place in Wānaka. This has been requested to assist QLDC to determine whether to consider an amendment to the Queenstown Lakes District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 (the Bylaw) in response to a range of issues that were identified at the site between 1 December 2025 and 12 January 2026. This transport assessment has been prepared in accordance with the Variation issued to QLDC, dated 24 March 2026.

1.2 Report structure

Following a meeting with QLDC on 19 March 2026, this transport assessment has been prepared to assist QLDC with its review of the suitability of Allenby Place Car Park for Freedom Camping and includes:

- Section 2 – a review of the Allenby Place car park access safety and access issues (when Freedom Camping was permitted).
- Section 3 – a review of the remaining 14 car park sites where Freedom Camping is permitted in the bylaw to assess whether these sites have similar safety and access issues to the Allenby Place car park site.

Reference to vehicle tracking (or swept path analysis) is made within this report which uses drawing design software to predict the vehicle path to verify whether various types of vehicles can manoeuvre through a specific layout (e.g. a car park, accessway etc).

1.3 Assumptions

The assessment is a desktop review based on QLDC GIS mapping data. Given the wide range and sizes of campervans available, the assessment work used a range of campervans from small van style vehicles, two berth campervans and six berth campervans. The vehicle dimensions for these vehicles are based on details from rental companies websites including Britz, Maui and Jucy. The dimensions of these vehicles can be found below in Table 1.1 below.

Table 1.1: Dimensions of vehicles used in the transport review

Vehicle	Length	Width
Small van style campervan	4.89 m	1.87 m
2 berth campervan	7.05 m	1.93 m
6 berth campervan	7.9 m	2.35 m

Larger campervans, and cars towing caravans were not specifically tracked, noting any vehicles larger than those used for the assessment would compound any access and safety issues identified in this report.

2 Allenby Place Car Park - review of transport safety and access issues

2.1 Introduction

This section reviews transport safety and access issues associated with use of the restricted freedom camping area at Allenby Place (Allenby Place car park). Figure 2.1 below shows the location of the car park.



Figure 2.1: Allenby Place car park location.

2.2 Summary of transport safety and access issues before temporary prohibition of Freedom Camping

QLDC received a comparatively large number of complaints (RFS) for the Allenby Place car park during December 2025 and, in response to these RFS, the Chief Executive temporarily prohibited freedom camping at the car park, in accordance with clause 9.1 of the Bylaw. The RFS included transport related concerns which are summarised below:

- Campervans block residential accesses on Allenby Place whilst waiting to enter the car park.
- Campervans travelling at high speeds on Allenby Place, with drivers distracted using phones to locate the site.
- Safety risk for pedestrians, cyclists and other carpark users wishing to access Mount Iron due to campervans manoeuvring on the site, including the narrow accessway.
- Significant volumes of campervans entering and exiting the site due to the marked spaces being full, with associated manoeuvring issues and vehicle movements exacerbating safety issues onsite.
- Significant numbers of campervans driving on Allenby Place due to the site being oversubscribed as above.
- The QLDC Ambassadors in the Ambassadors report also noted cars towing caravans had difficulty manoeuvring within the car carpark.

The sections below provide a review of the transport safety and access issues raised.

2.3 Accessway width and length

At its narrowest point, the accessway is approximately 4.5 m wide, is designated as a road and since it provides access to a car park and three residential properties, cars travelling in each direction can pass each other. However, for analysis purposes, the QLDC Land Development and Subdivision Code (LDSC) of Practice (2025) which is the QLDC guidance on road design, has been applied. This means the accessway can be considered to be a shared space providing no through movement connectivity, low vehicle speeds with shared pedestrian and vehicle access. Section 3.3.2, Table 3-3 of the LDSC indicates a movement lane width of up to 3 m is required for lanes providing access to up to 6 dwellings and indicates a lane width of 5.5 m to 5.7 m for roads to land uses such as the car park. The existing width therefore falls short of what would be required as an access to the car park but is compliant in terms of width required for access to the three residential units.

The accessway is circa 43 m in length and it is feasible that more than one vehicle can be travelling on the accessway at the same time. This length of accessway could make it difficult for vehicles manoeuvring out of the car park to safely assess whether there are vehicles entering the accessway from Allenby Place and hence whether two vehicles can safely pass each other.

As shown in Figure 2.2, Figure 2.3 and Figure 2.4 below, all three types of campervans have been tracked passing a car on the accessway on their way to the car park.

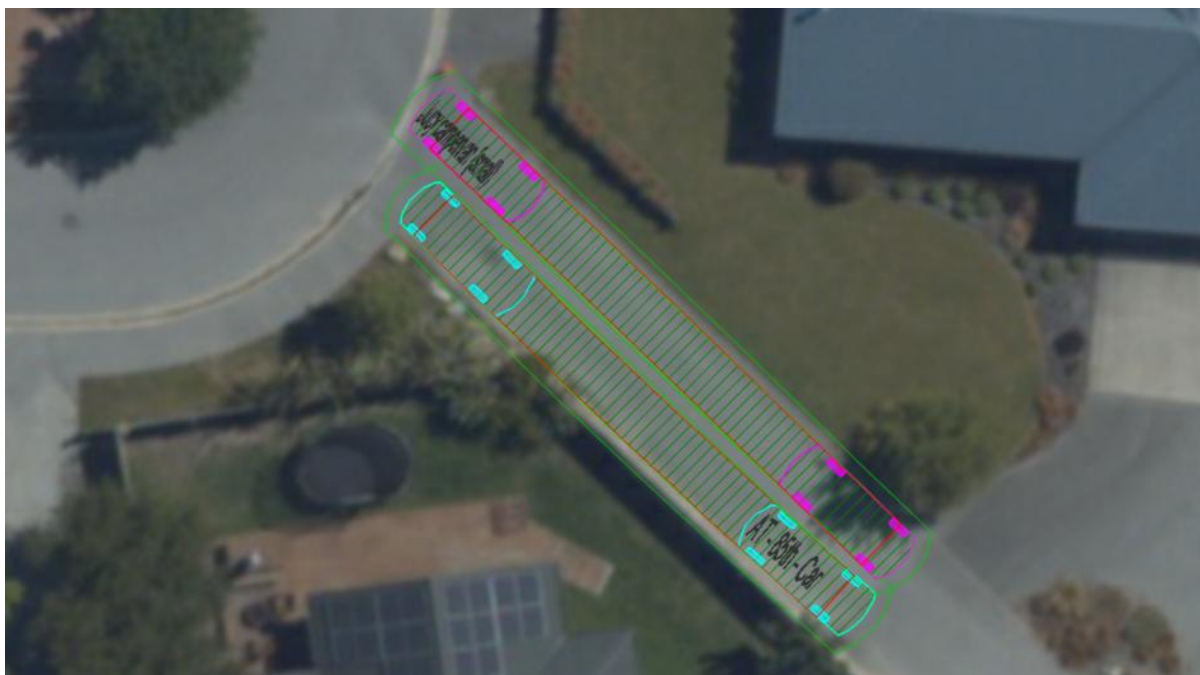


Figure 2.2: Accessway – car (green) and small campervan (purple) passing each other.



Figure 2.3: Accessway – car (green) and 2 berth campervan (orange) passing each other.

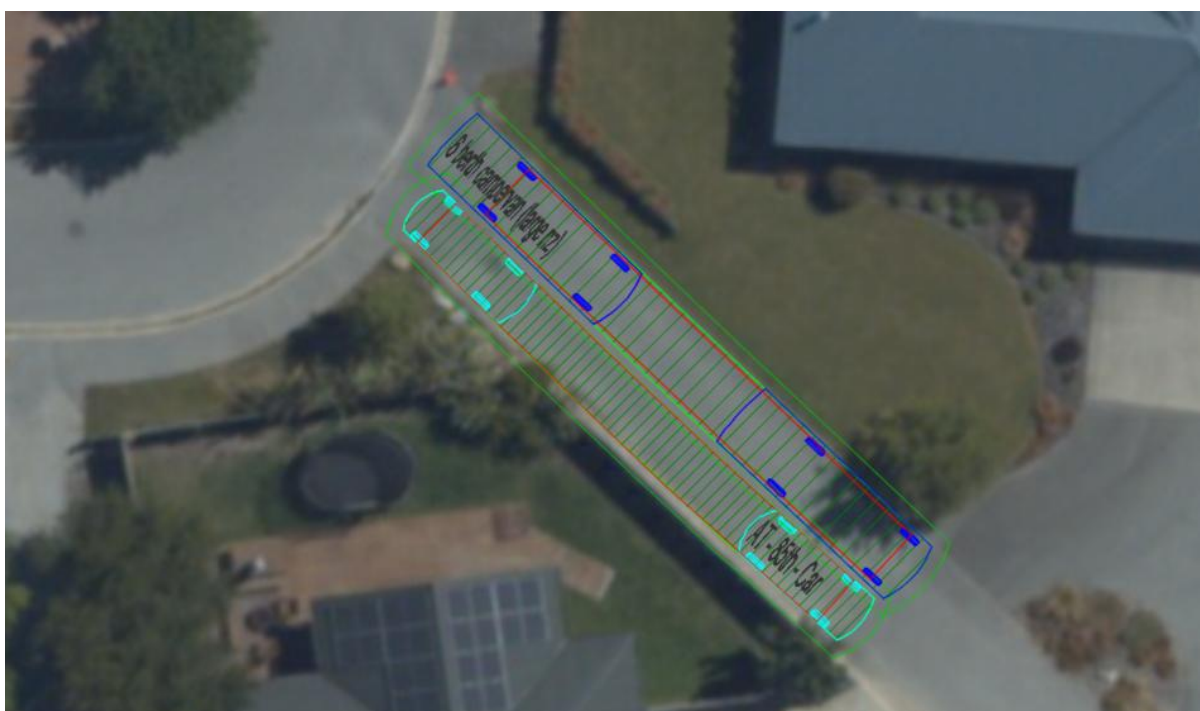


Figure 2.4: Accessway – car (green) and 6 berth campervan (blue) passing each other.

All three tracking scenarios assume that both vehicles are driving within their side of the road up to their respective outside edge. The tracking shows that there is encroachment of the required 0.5 m clearance envelope (which is used in vehicle tracking) which is a safety buffer added around the vehicle's swept path to represent the extra lateral clearance beyond the vehicle body and its actual tracking width to replicate real world tolerances. The tracking demonstrates that the encroachment of the clearance envelope occurs between both vehicles as well as the grass/fence at the edge of the accessway. The tracking does not take into account the additional width of the vehicle wing mirrors.

It is considered unlikely that the wider 6 berth campervan could safely pass an oncoming car in the accessway and for smaller campervans it is extremely tight with no clearance/safety buffer between each vehicle.

It should be noted that due to the swept path of vehicles turning into the accessway from either Allenby Place or the car park, then vehicles will also take up more of the accessway width when they are turning into it. As there is limited available width, a vehicle would not be able to turn into the accessway from Allenby Place if there is already a vehicle on the accessway.

The analysis shows that the width of the accessway limits the ability for a campervan to safely pass another vehicle on the accessway and the length of accessway can make it difficult for vehicles manoeuvring out of the car park to safely assess whether there are vehicles entering the accessway from Allenby Place and hence whether two vehicles can safely pass each other.

2.4 Access to/from the three residential properties on the accessway

Three properties (#20, 20A & 22) utilise the accessway (road) to access their residences. Residents' vehicles waiting to enter the accessway from Allenby Place have a clear sight line down the accessway to their respective driveways. They will be able to see any vehicles that are driving along the accessway, allowing them to wait for the accessway to clear before proceeding to their properties.

Properties #20A and 22 have clear sightlines from their driveways to both the car park and Allenby Place ends of the accessway, vehicles exiting these driveways will be able to see oncoming traffic entering/driving along the accessway.

Property #20 has clear sightlines to the entrance of the car park, but views to the Allenby Place end of the accessway are blocked by a fence. As such, vehicles will need to exit slowly, in case another vehicle is already in the accessway. As seen in Figure 2.5 below, if vehicles are reversing out of #20 Allenby Place, they are able to continue forwards along the accessway with the same tracking concerns discussed in section 2.3. When driving forwards out of #20 Allenby Place, it takes until the end of the accessway for the vehicle to track back to the left hand side of the accessway as shown in Figure 2.6 below. If there is a vehicle entering the accessway, a vehicle cannot complete a forward manoeuvre out of #20 Allenby Place. As soon as a vehicle edges forwards out of the driveway at #20 Allenby Place, they will have visibility beyond the fence down to the accessway entrance at Allenby Place.

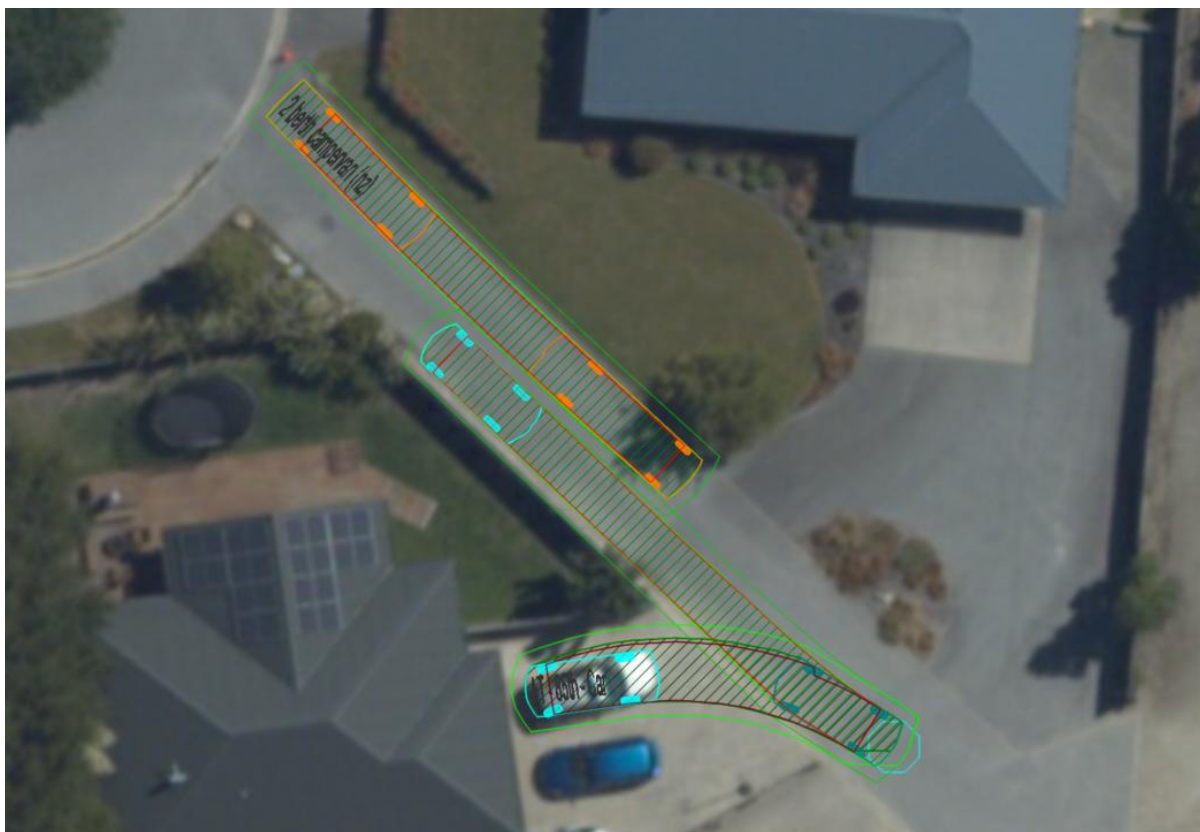


Figure 2.5: Accessway – #20 reversing out of driveway.

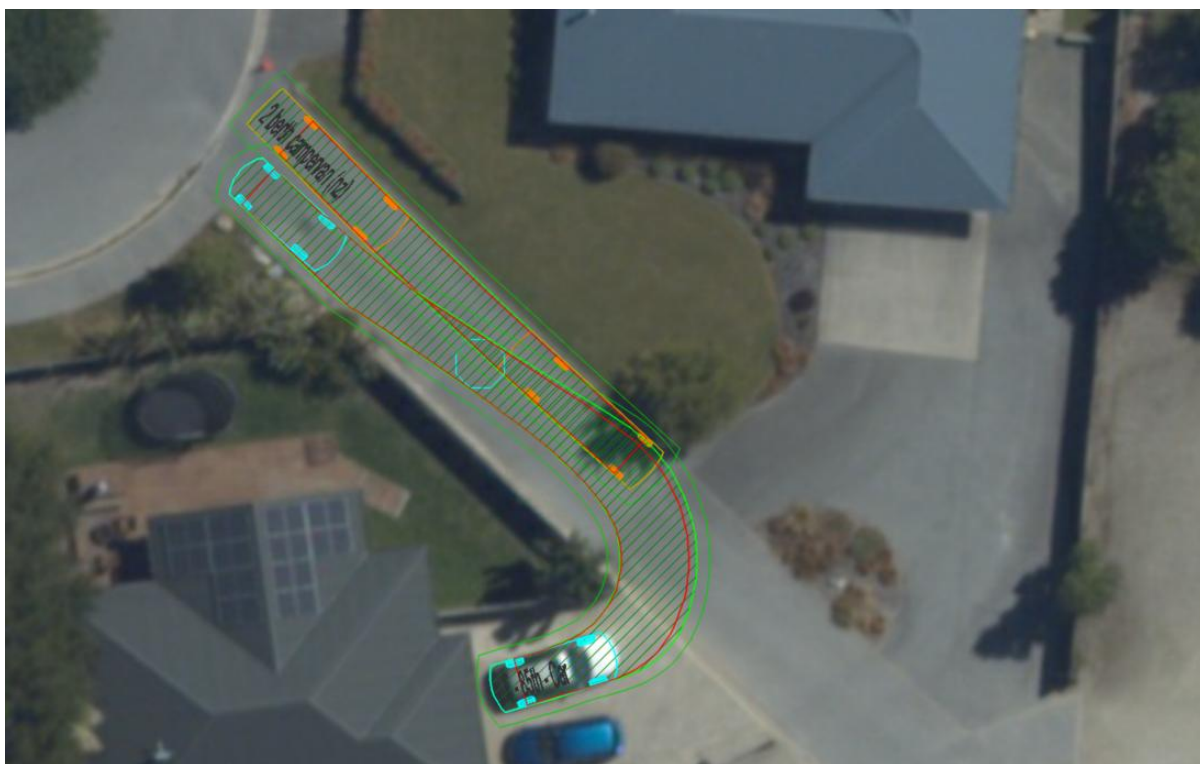


Figure 2.6: Accessway – #20 driving forwards out of driveway.

Vehicle tracking also indicates that there is insufficient width on the accessway for vehicles to manoeuvre in and out of the three residential properties when there is a campervan on or near to the accessway.

It is noted for completeness that the visibility issues outlined in this section largely apply to any other vehicles entering and exiting the car park, not just freedom camping vehicles, but that due to the potential size of freedom camping vehicles, this may incur additional limitations.

2.5 Pedestrian and cycle access

There is sufficient width to accommodate pedestrian/cycle movements and campervan movements along the accessway at the same time, with space for vehicles to safely pass pedestrians/cyclists. As discussed above in section 2.4 there is the potential for minor conflicts between vehicles reversing out of property #20 and pedestrians/cyclists using the accessway, due to restricted sight lines.

2.6 Freedom camping vehicles parking on Allenby Place

At the turning head of Allenby Place there are three vehicle crossings, serving five residential dwellings that could be blocked if campervans are parked waiting to enter the car park. While the focus of this transport assessment is on the freedom camping site (to reflect the legislative decision-making framework), due to the nature of the issues received then this matter has been included for completeness and to illustrate the issues raised in the RFS received on this matter.

As seen in Figure 2.7 below, one campervan can wait to turn into the accessway without blocking any vehicle crossings on Allenby Place. A second campervan will block at least one vehicle crossing for a residential dwelling, and if both campervans are not pulled forward as much as possible, an additional vehicle crossing (serving three residential dwellings) would also be blocked. Three or more medium to larger sized campervans will block all three vehicle crossings.

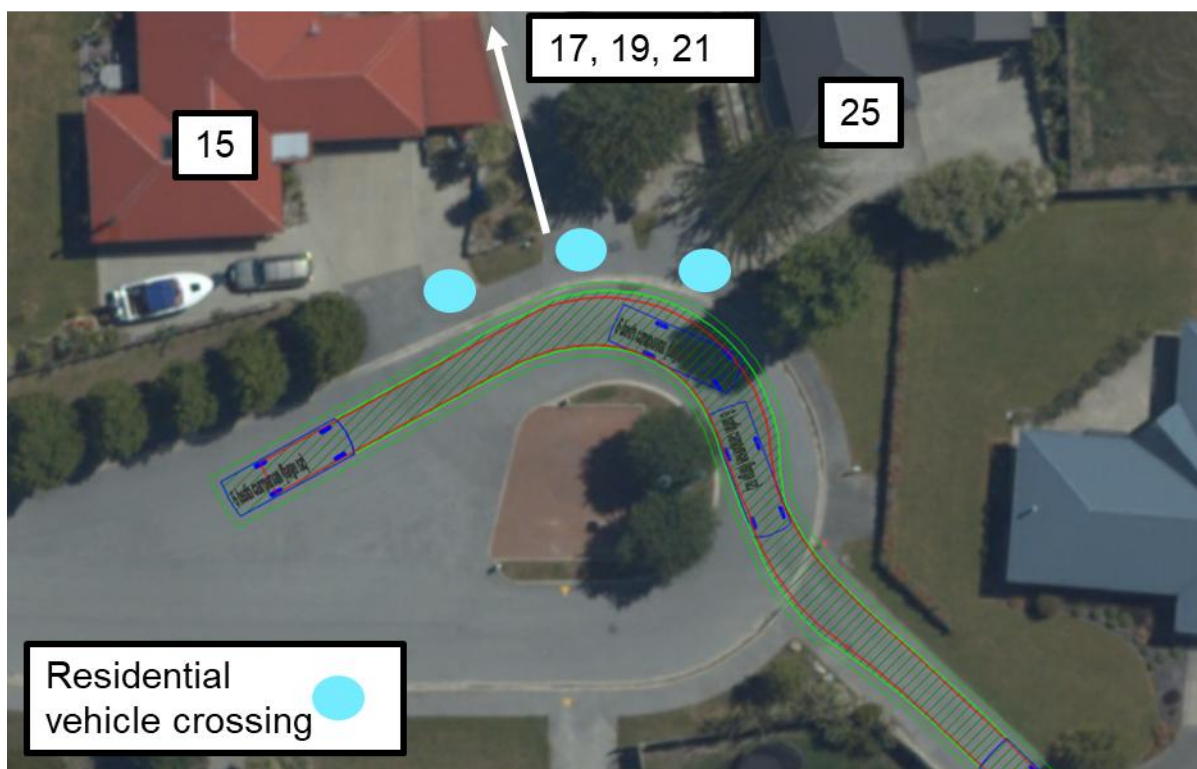


Figure 2.7: Allenby Place– large campervans waiting on Allenby Place.

2.7 Summary

The transport assessment of the Allenby Place car park site, indicates:

- There is insufficient width on the accessway for campervans to safely pass a car.
- There is also insufficient width for vehicles to manoeuvre in and out of the three residential properties when there is a vehicle including a campervan on the accessway.
- #20 has some limitations in terms of sightlines when manoeuvring in and out of their access which could create safety issues if there are campervans driving on the accessway.
- Should more than one campervan be parked on Allenby Place waiting to enter the car park, then this would block at least one vehicle crossing.

3 Transport review of the existing 14 car parks where Freedom Camping is permitted

The analysis has shown that a key issue present at Allenby Place carpark that resulted in the RFS received relates to the accessway that forms part of the site. To be able to compare and contrast the issues being experienced at Allenby Place with the other 14 restricted freedom camping areas in the District, these areas have been reviewed to determine whether they are accessed from an accessway that is part of the site, or via directly from a public road.

The assessment shows that a further four restricted freedom camping areas in the District are accessed via an accessway. These sites are

- Glenorchy Domain Carpark, Glenorchy.
- Hansen Place Carpark, Arrowtown.
- Lakeview Carpark, Queenstown
- Wanaka Recreation Centre Carpark, Wanaka.

For these sites, the following additional transport assessments have been undertaken to answer the following questions:

- Is the accessway wide enough for two vehicles (including a campervan) to pass each other?
- How long is the accessway and are there any visibility issues?
- Are there any other relevant issues on the accessway?
- How do pedestrians (other than people returning to their vehicles) and/or cyclists utilise the accessway and does it provide access to private property?

The results from this review are summarised in Table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1: Review of existing car parks where Freedom camping permitted from an accessway

Freedom Camping Location	Pedestrian, cyclist and/or private use of accessway?	Is the accessway wide enough for two vehicles to pass?	Length of accessway, are there any visibility issues?
Glenorchy Domain Carpark, Glenorchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most pedestrians using public toilets at rear of car park will do this via the pedestrian access via Mull Street. • Limited pedestrian/cyclist use of accessway outside of leaving or returning to vehicles. • No access to private land. 	No, but noting that two vehicles can pass one another on Jetty Street and given the good visibility can wait for a vehicle to use the accessway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 m. • No visibility issues.
Hansen Place Carpark, Arrowtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate pedestrian paths and access points available. • Limited use of accessway to access walking tracks in the vicinity of the carpark. 	No but noting that two vehicles can pass one another on Ramshaw Lane/Wiltshire Street and given the good visibility can wait for a vehicle to use the accessway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 m. • Existing hedge may reduce visibility for small (lower eye line) vehicles exiting the car park but should not be an issue for campervans.

Freedom Camping Location	Pedestrian, cyclist and/or private use of accessway?	Is the accessway wide enough for two vehicles to pass?	Length of accessway, are there any visibility issues?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No access to private land. 		
Lakeview Carpark, Queenstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate shared path in place, no conflict with pedestrians and cyclists on accessway. No access to private land. 	Yes, and accessway marked out as two lanes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 m. No visibility issues.
Wānaka Recreation Centre Carpark, Wānaka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate shared path in place, no conflict with pedestrians and cyclists on accessway. No access to private land. 	Yes, and accessway marked out as two lanes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 m. No visibility issues.

As detailed in Table 3.1, the analysis indicates that at the other four car parks:

- At two car parks the accessway is wide enough (and marked out) for two way vehicles.
- At two car parks, although the accessway is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass, the accessways are relatively short in length, with good visibility and there is a location for a vehicle to safely wait if there is another vehicle on the accessway.
- At two car parks there are separate shared paths in place and at the remaining two car parks there are alternative and separate pedestrian access paths.
- At all four car parks, their accessway only serves the respective carpark and does not access any private land.

This analysis indicates that none of the car parks experience similar safety and access issues as the Allenby Place site.

As shown in Figure 3.1, Figure 3.2, Figure 3.3 and Figure 3.4 below, vehicle tracking has been undertaken at each of the four car park locations for a campervan entering the car park and then exiting the car park in the event that all of the allocated Freedom Camper car parks are occupied.



Figure 3.1: Glenorchy Domain Carpark Campervan manoeuvre to enter and exit the site if the freedom camping spaces (in blue) are all occupied.

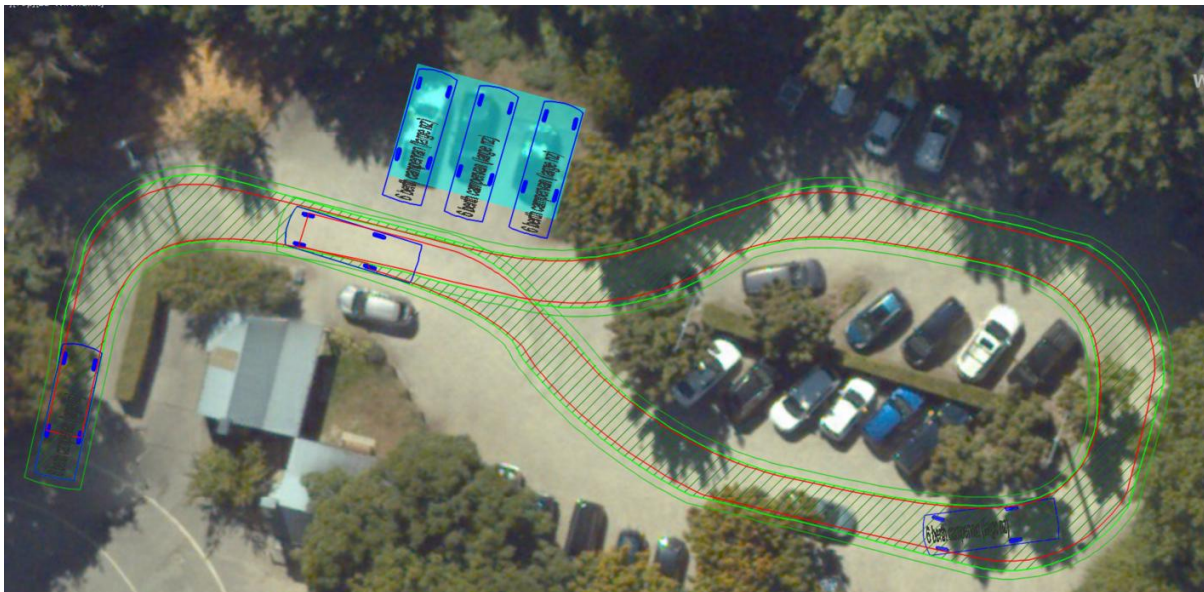


Figure 3.2: Hansen Place Carpark Campervan manoeuvre to enter and exit the site if the freedom camping spaces (in blue) are all occupied.

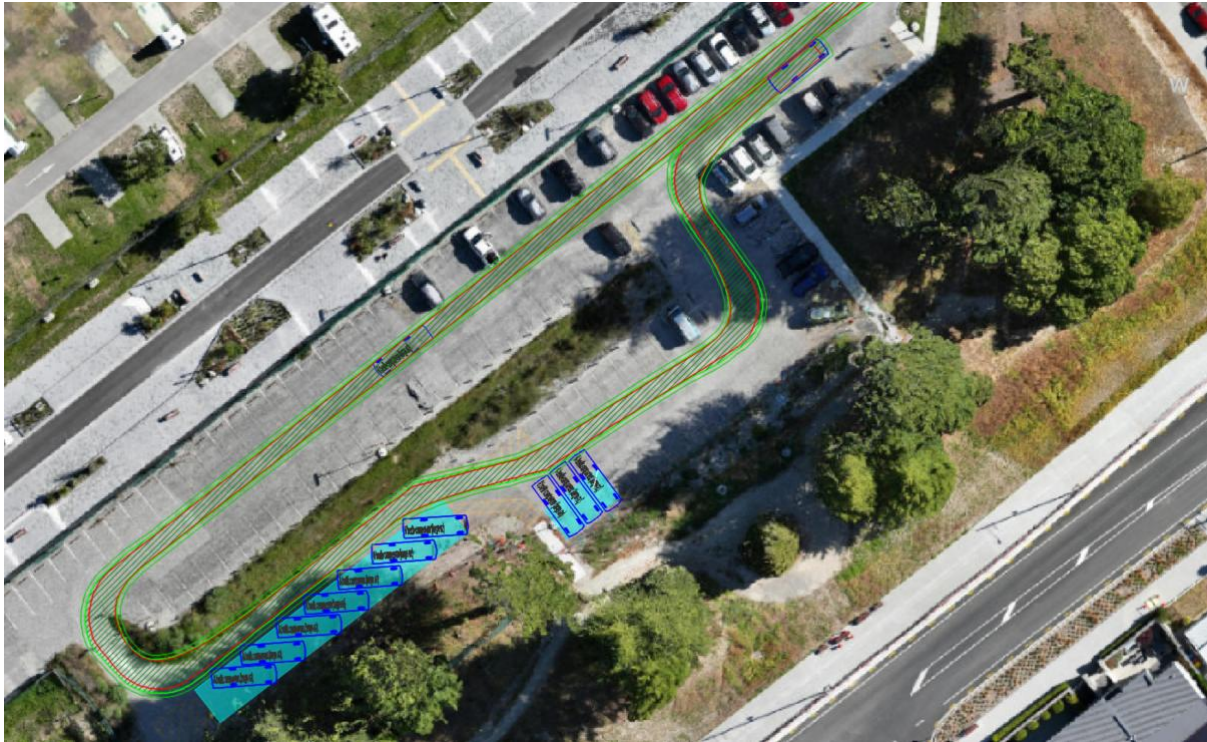


Figure 3.3: Lakeview Carpark Campervan manoeuvre to enter and exit the site if the freedom camping spaces (in blue) are all occupied.



Figure 3.4: Wānaka Recreation Centre Carpark Campervan manoeuvre to enter and exit the site if the freedom camping spaces (in blue) are all occupied.

The vehicle tracking demonstrates that for three of the four car parks, a campervan can safely enter and exit each of the four car parks in the event that the allocated Freedom car parks are occupied without requiring any turning manoeuvres. However, turning manoeuvres would be required for vehicles exiting the car park at Glenorchy Domain (see Figure 3.1).

4 Summary

The transport analysis of the suitability of Allenby Place car park for Freedom Camping indicates:

- That the width of the accessway limits the ability for a campervan to safely pass another vehicle on the accessway. The length of accessway can make it difficult for vehicles manoeuvring out of the car park to safely assess whether there are vehicles entering the accessway from Allenby Place and hence whether two vehicles can safely pass each other.
- There is insufficient width for vehicles to manoeuvre in and out of the three residential properties when there is a vehicle including a campervan on the accessway.
- Property #20 has some limitations in terms of sightlines when manoeuvring in and out of their access which could create safety issues if there is a vehicle including a campervan driving on the accessway.
- Should more than one campervan be parked on Allenby Place waiting to enter the car park, then this would block at least one vehicle crossing. This would create access and safety issues for the residents needing to access their property.
- In terms of the key issue present at Allenby Place of being accessed from an accessway, only four of the other 14 restricted freedom camping areas in the District are accessed from an accessway. However, the analysis indicates that none of the car parks have similar safety and access issues as experienced at the Allenby Place site.
- Vehicle tracking demonstrates that a campervan can safely enter and exit each of these four car parks in the event that the allocated Freedom car parks are occupied.

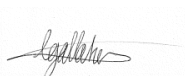
5 Applicability

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Attachment D: Transport Assessment Summary and Comparison – Allenby Place carpark

Transport Assessment Summary and Comparison – Allenby Place carpark

This Appendix provides a summary of the analysis of the matters present at the RFCA at Allenby Place carpark to provide a comparison to the RFCA analysed in Section 3 of the April 2026 Tonkin & Taylor Report (TT Report). The details provided in this Appendix is informed by the wider analysis undertaken in Section 2 of the TT Report.

The transport assessments undertaken for the four identified RFCA were:

- Is the accessway wide enough for two vehicles (including a campervan) to pass each other?
- How long is the accessway and are there any visibility issues?
- Are there any other relevant issues on the accessway?
- How do pedestrians (other than people returning to their vehicles) and/or cyclists utilise the accessway and does it provide access to private property?

The assessments for these matters for APCP are provided in **Table 1** below.

Table 1

Is the accessway wide enough for two vehicles to pass?	Limited width of accessway limits the ability for a campervan to safely pass another vehicle. The accessway edges are further constrained by fences, vegetation and formed curbs on both sides of the accessway.
Length of accessway, are there any visibility issues?	Length of accessway can make it difficult for vehicles manoeuvring out of the car park to safely assess whether there are vehicles entering the accessway for safe passing purposes.
Pedestrian, cyclist and/or private use of accessway?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No separate pedestrian or shared path available. There is sufficient width to accommodate pedestrian/cycle movements along the accessway at the same time. • Anecdotal evidence that pedestrian and cyclist are comparatively high users of the accessway to gain access to Mt Iron through the APCP. • Three properties also use the accessway to leave and enter their properties.

Section 3 of the TT report also provides vehicle tracking for the other four RFCAs to show how vehicles can manoeuvre within the carpark in the event the allocated freedom camping sites are occupied. **Figure 1** below provides an example for this for APCP.

Figure 1 – Allenby Place Campervan manoeuvres required to exit

