

The following is broadly the process used in working through the application from NZ Post for approval to operate Paxsters on Hamilton City footpaths:

1. Staff met with NZ Post to hear about their training, H&S and the general proposal (including a look at a Paxster and seeing it in use on road). This was an opportunity for staff to get to understand the processes that NZ Post have and to work through any concerns we may have had.
2. Councillors advised of application from NZ Post and that staff were working through a process before coming back to them with updates, and who had the 'authority to approve'.
3. Staff organised a meeting with Advocacy Groups for NZ Post to provide an opportunity for NZ Post to present their proposal, training, etc. This included a viewing of the Paxster and talking with the trainers. The Advocacy Groups that were regularly engaged with are:
 - CCS Disability Action
 - Blind Foundation
 - Living Streets
 - Cycle Action Waikato
 - Generation Zero
4. Councillors given opportunity to meet with NZ Post, to ask questions and to see the Paxster in use.
5. Councillors voted in non-binding vote to assist the CEO to have comfort in signing off the approval.
6. Based on feedback from the Advocacy Groups and Councillors, a draft set of additional conditions for inclusion in the approval document were prepared and worked through progressively.
7. Legal advice obtained on conditions.
8. CEO signed the agreement and a media release followed formal notification to councillors.
9. Monitoring regime put in place, working with CCS Disability Action for surveys. NZ Post will attend our Advocacy Group meetings on a monthly basis initially.

I can only HIGHLY recommend early and full engagement with the key groups that have the most potential to be impacted upon by this approval Noting that there is an increasing number of mobility scooters, etc on our footpaths – and they don't have any training, H&S plans or agreements with Council as to their behavior!

Kind regards

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