

Addendum to the Draft Speed Management Plan

2024-2027

Purpose and background

This addendum expands our proposals for the speed limits on surrounding streets of schools within Southland District Council's draft Speed Management Plan 2024-2027 (the 'draft SMP') to include two additional schools:

- Te Anau School; and
- Fiordland College.

A proposal for changes to speed limits around these schools was omitted from the draft SMP endorsed by Council for public consultation on 4 October 2023.

We would like your feedback on the additional proposal for changes speed limits on roads around Te Anau School and Fiordland College which are set out below.

This proposal is intended to be included within the 'Schools' subsection of the 'Proposed speed management measures and their rationale' section of the final Speed Management Plan 2024-2027.

For further information in relation to Council's broader approach to speed management and schools please refer to the draft SMP.

Additional proposal details

Te Anau School and Fiordland College

The existing and proposed speed limits for Te Anau School and Fiordland College are explained in Table 1. The proposed speed limits are shown in Figure 1.

Table 1: Existing and proposed speed limits for Te Anau School and Fiordland College.

Roads	Average operating speeds (km/h)	Existing speed limit (km/h)	Proposed speed limit (km/h)	Rationale
Bligh Street	35	30	30 permanent	We are proposing a small extension of the existing permanent 30km/h through the Te Anau town centre to include more of the walking catchment from Te Anau School. The average speed that people are travelling on these streets is already around 30km/h so this proposed speed is anticipated to align with how the roads operate currently. This speed proposal ties in nicely with the existing slower speeds in the town centre, while further encouraging slower speeds around this area.
Howden Street	36	50	30 variable speed limit (VSL)	We propose a 30km/h VSL on Howden Street and Tom Plato Drive to capture the main entrance to Fiordland College on Howden Street, as well as the side access to the school field on Tom Plato Drive. It also captures the zebra crossing on Howden Street where a lot of people will be crossing. This VSL will tie nicely and align with the 30km/h VSL proposed by Waka Kotahi on State Highway 96 by creating a zone effect through the area.
Tom Plato Drive	N/A	50	30 VSL	

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State Highway 96	42-55	50	30 VSL	This speed limit is on the State Highway, therefore under control of Waka Kotahi. The extent shown are indicative as this was consulted on in December 2022 by Waka Kotahi and is still under consideration. Council cannot change speeds on State Highways, however, the proposed change has been shown for completeness.



Figure 1: Proposed speed limit changes for Te Anau School and Fiordland School.