

Responses by Justin Lester to the Wellington Northern Ward 2016 Mayoral Candidates Survey

No.	Question	Support, Consider or Oppose?	Comment
1	What is your position on the WCC introducing metered parking onto the streets of Johnsonville, Newlands and/or Tawa?	Oppose	Time limited parking may be appropriate, introducing paid parking in the northern suburbs is not.
2	What is your position on the WCC adding MDRA zoning to central Newlands and central Tawa to require higher density housing?	Oppose	I voted against this at Wellington City Council because I have concerns about poor quality design, lack of off-street parking and because the northern suburbs (Johnsonville, Newlands and Tawa) were being treated differently to the rest of the city
3	What is your position on the WCC supporting an upgrade of the Johnsonville Mall?	Support	I have been driving this at WCC for the past 6 years and WCC is now fully supportive. We have also completed our roading upgrades to accommodate the Mall's future development. WCC is currently in pre-application meetings with the Mall's owner and I expect a positive announcement in coming months.
4	What is your position on the Council funding the \$5m to finish the Johnsonville Triangle Road improvements instead of waiting for the Mall re-development contribution?	Oppose	As part of the resource consent the Mall owners have agreed to do this. This should not be borne by ratepayers.
5	What is your position on the WCC putting in peak hour bus lanes along Hutt Road in the next three years to improve public transport?	Support	I firmly support bus prioritisation on the Hutt Rd to improve bus travel times.
6	What is your position on having a rule that MDRA areas of higher density housing must also have adequate space for public parks and playgrounds?	Support	As part of the compromise for MDRA in Johnsonville we have secured funding for Keith Spry Pool, an upgrade of Alex Moore Park and walking track, a new bridge on Broderick Road, a new library and an upgraded urban centre around the library. One playground has been upgraded and significantly improved adjacent to West Park School and we also got a kids bike track at West Park School. Our remaining playgrounds are now in need of renewal.
7	What is your position on having a rule that housing developments in MDRA zones that do not comply with MDRA rules for minimum parking, minimum setbacks and/or maximum heights must be subject to public notification?	Support	I have opposed the MDRA requirements because of problems around design and impact on infrastructure. I am in favour of greater community input and more robust design to get good quality outcomes.

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8	What is your position on the proposal to establish a Community Board for Johnsonville and Newlands?	Support	I have pledged my support in favour of a Community Board for Johnsonville and Newlands.
9	What is your position on WCC acting to mitigate any negative short or long term impact of the proposed Petone-to-Grenada road on the Horokiwi community?	Consider	<p>I've been actively involved in working with the Horokiwi community to hear their concerns and advocate on their behalf to NZTA. I will continue to do so as Mayor.</p> <p>Most people agree the Petone-to-Grenada road is a necessary piece of infrastructure for Wellington's transport and resilience needs, but it's also important to ensure Horokiwi is not divided and NZTA maintains good access to and from Horokiwi for residents.</p>
10	What is your position on investment in road and rail public transport into Wellington in response to the rapid expansion of housing development in the Northern suburbs?	Support	<p>I have consistently voiced my concerns about the impact of medium density housing on infrastructure in the northern suburbs, particularly in Johnsonville, Newlands and Tawa.</p> <p>I've been a strong supporter of transport improvement projects in the Johnsonville triangle, the motorway on- and off-ramp and Westchester Drive in Churton Park. Medium-term I would like to see a motorway on-ramp for Newlands residents from Helston Road on to the motorway to take traffic off Johnsonville Road and away from the Johnsonville town centre.</p> <p>I'll advocate for the implementation of integrated ticketing, meaning people can change buses or trains without having to pay twice, and to freeze public transport fares for the next three years to make sure public transport is affordable. I'm also a strong advocate for bus priority lanes to ensure bus travel times are reliable.</p>

Survey conducted on 2nd September 2016 by the Johnsonville Community Association