

South Wairarapa District Council

Alternative Method Proposal

Variable speeds around schools

**National Land Transport Programme (NLTP)
period: August 2024 to July 2027**

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Strategic Context

South Wairarapa District Council's Alternative Method Proposal aligns speed limits around all schools in the district (excluding schools with entrances only on State Highways) with the requirements of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 (the Rule).

This Alternative Method Proposal has been put in place by South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) to directly address and comply with the requirements set out in the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. The objective of the Rule is to contribute to an effective, efficient and safe land transport system which gives effect to the key strategic priority; Safety within the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024.

This plan ensures GPS alignment and adherence to the Rule by including:

- A plan to implement variable speed limits of 30km/h outside all Category 1 schools within the South Wairarapa District to improve safety for all children and their families travelling to and from school
- A plan to implement variable speed limits of 30km/h outside all Category 2 schools within the South Wairarapa District to improve safety for all children and their families travelling to and from school.
- A plan for the provision of signs at, or near, point where speed limit changes will occur
- Information on consultation that has been undertaken in relation to speed limit changes
- Recommended safety infrastructure changes and the associated implementation programme.

SWDC's general approach to speed management has included:

A comprehensive review process undertaken in 2022-2023 which included development of technical proposals and associated consultation and engagement activities for reducing permanent speed limits around schools in the district. The outcome from this process was a Draft Speed Management Plan which was approved by the Director of Land Transport on 15 August 2024, which proposed permanent speed limits around schools, with some speed limit reductions within buffer zones on approaches to schools. This plan was not implemented due to proposed 2024 Rule change.

Adjustment to the technical proposals following the new approach to setting speed limits coming into force on 30 October 2024. This has resulted in a change in approach to all variable speed limits, with Category 2 designation proposed for three rural schools which have limited pedestrian traffic and a higher permanent speed limit in place.

Targeted engagement with schools based on this revised approach to determine agreed drop off and pick up time frames. With affordability being a key challenge for our District, we are focusing on the mandatory rules for reducing variable speed limits around schools before and after the school bell, along with minor safety improvements where practicable and affordable in future funding cycles.

Two permanent speed limit changes are proposed adjacent to Pirnoa School on Lake Ferry Road and Kahutara School on Kahutara Road, both are Category 2 schools. These changes have been consulted, deliberated and resolved to be adjusted to a permanent speed of 60km/h on as part of the wide South Wairarapa District 2024 speed review.

Consultation

Consultation for variable speed limits on roads outside schools is not required under the Rule.

Cost Benefit Disclosure Statements

Cost Benefit Disclosure Statements for variable speed limits on roads outside schools is not required under the Rule.

Implementation

Table 1 – Speed limit changes

Road (Include the start and end locations)	Existing speed limit (km/h)	Proposed speed limit (km/h)	Speed limit type	Year of commencement	Road Classification	Additional Information*	Map name / reference
N/A							

Table 2 – Speed limits around Schools

Name of School	Road/s outside the school (Include the start and end locations)	Category 1 or 2	Existing speed limit (km/h)	Proposed speed limit (km/h)	Speed limit type	If variable, provide operational times
Greytown School (refer Appendix A Figure 1)	East Street between 50m northeast of Church Street and 50m northeast of McMaster Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Greytown School (refer Appendix A Figure 1)	McMaster Street between East Street and Reading Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm

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Greytown School (refer Appendix A Figure 1)	Reading Street between Church Street and 50m northeast of McMaster Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Kuranui College (refer Appendix A Figure 2)	Arbor Place.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.10am to 8.50am 3.00pm to 3.40pm
Kuranui College (refer Appendix A Figure 2)	Bidwills Cutting Road from Main Street (SH2) to 450m south on Bidwills Cutting Road.	1	50/70	50/30	Variable	8.10am to 8.50am 3.00pm to 3.40pm
Kuranui College (refer Appendix A Figure 2)	East Street between Wakelin Street and Hospital Road.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.10am to 8.50am 3.00pm to 3.40pm
Kuranui College (refer Appendix A Figure 2)	Wakelin Street. (Full Length)	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.10am to 8.50am 3.00pm to 3.40pm
St Teresa's School (refer Appendix A Figure 3)	Bell Street between railway crossing and 100m southeast of Birdwood Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
St Teresa's School (refer Appendix A Figure 3)	Birdwood Street between 80m northeast of Bell Street and 80m southwest of Bell Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Featherston School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Lyon Street between Fitzherbert Street (SH2) and 50m northeast of William Benton Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Featherston School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Birdwood Street between Fox Street and Fitzherbert Street (SH2).	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm

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Featherston School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Fitzherbert Street (SH2) NZTA is the RCA, SWDC and NZTA are in liaison to coordinate implementation	1				
Featherston School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Revans Street (SH53) NZTA is the RCA, SWDC and NZTA are in liaison to coordinate implementation	1				
South Featherston School (refer Appendix A Figure 5)	South Featherston Road between 20m south of Longwood East Road and 170m south of Longwood East Road.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.10am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Martinborough School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Dublin Street from Greenaway Place to Vintners Lane.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Martinborough School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Roberts Street between Dublin Street and 80m southwest of Dublin Street	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Martinborough School (refer Appendix A Figure 4)	Broadway Street between Dublin Street and 100m northeast of Dublin Street.	1	50	50/30	Variable	8.20am to 9.00am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Pirinoa School (refer Appendix A Figure 7)	Lake Ferry Road between 270m northeast of McDougalls Road and 330m southwest of McDougalls Road.	2	70	60/30	Variable	8.30am to 9.10am 2.50pm to 3.30pm
Pirinoa School (refer Appendix A Figure 7)	McDougalls Road between Lake Ferry Road and 200m south of Lake Ferry Road.	2	100	60/30	Variable	8.30am to 9.10am 2.50pm to 3.30pm

Name of School	Road/s outside the school (Include the start and end locations)	Category 1 or 2	Existing speed limit (km/h)	Proposed speed limit (km/h)	Speed limit type	If variable, provide operational times
Kahutara School (refer Appendix A Figure 8)	Kahutara Road between 350m west of Pukio West Road and 250m northeast of Pukio West Road.	2	100	60/30	Variable	8.30am to 9.10am 2.40pm to 3.20pm
Kahutara School (refer Appendix A Figure 8)	Pukio West Road between Kahutara Road and 250m south of Kahutara Road.	2	100	60/30	Variable	8.30am to 9.10am 2.40pm to 3.20pm

School Category Comments

Pirinoa School and Kahutara School, are classified as Category 2 schools. Pirinoa School is in the centre of the Pirinoa settlement which has an existing speed limit of 70 km/h. Students typically travel to school by bus or are dropped off. There is on-road pick up/drop off in formed carpark area.

Kahutara School is a rural school on Kahutara Road which has an existing speed limit of 100 km/h. Students typically travel to school by bus or are dropped off. There is off-road pick up/drop off.

South Featherston School is a rural school and classified Category 1 near the intersection of Longwood East Road (with a speed limit of 100 km/h) and South Featherston Road with a speed limit of 50 km/h. The school is located in a peri urban area, and students typically travel to school by bus or are dropped off. There is space for on-road pick up/drop within carpark area.

NOTE Under the South Wairarapa District Council proposed Speed Management Plan the proposed permanent speed outside Pirinoa and Kahutara Schools is to be 60km/h

Signage Comments

Variable speed limits will be signed using either electronic variable speed limit signs and/or static variable signs.

Electronic variable speed limit signs will be installed on Kahutara Road either side of the Kahutara School and Lake Ferry Road either side of the Pirinoa School and static variable signs installed on minor side roads, as shown in the typical figure below. Signs for category 1 schools will be smaller than Category 2 schools.

Figure 3: Example of variable speed limit outside a school (electronic variable speed signs on road outside a school gate)

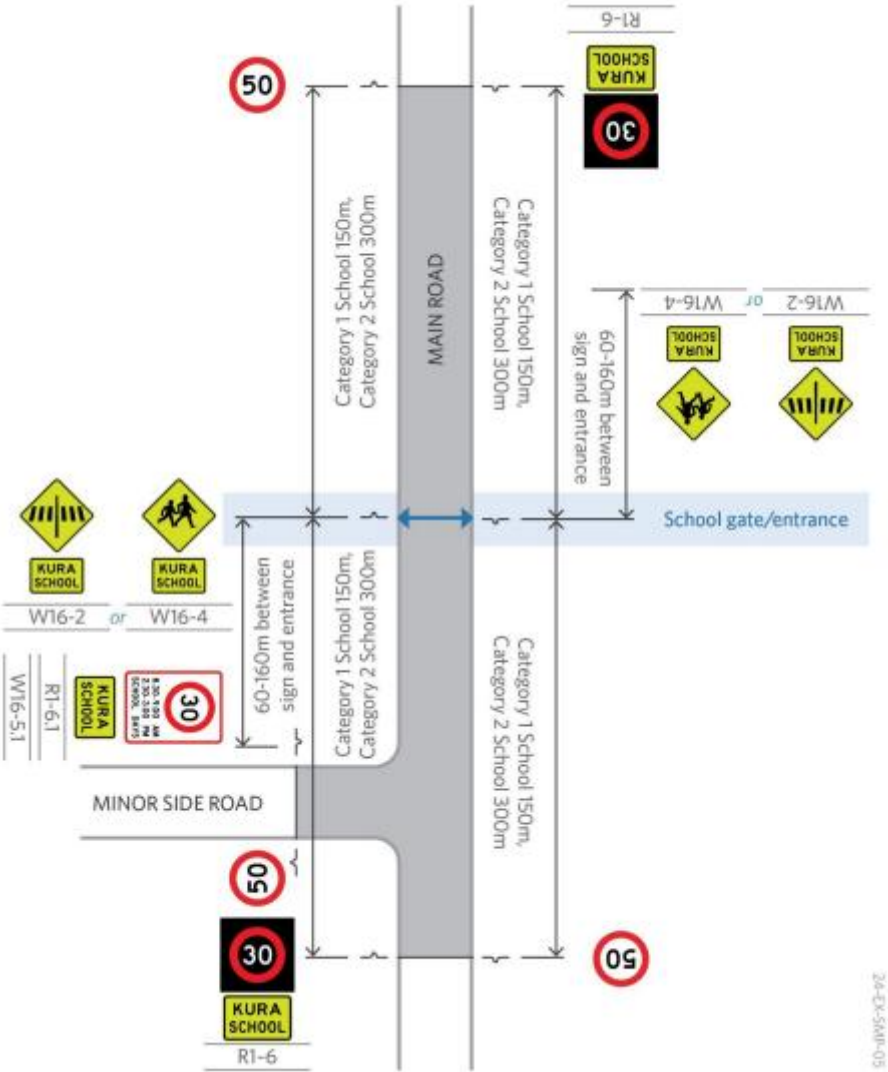
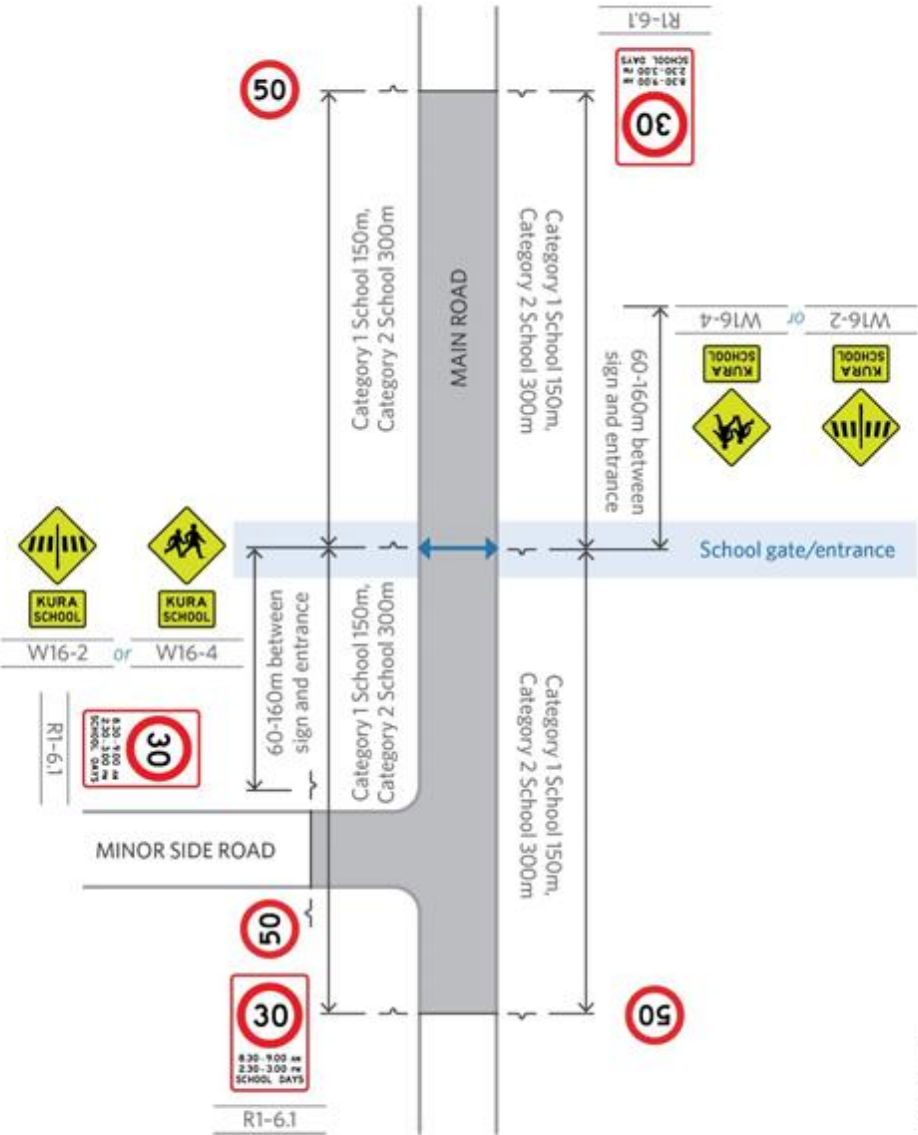


Figure 4: Example of variable speed limit outside a school (school static variable speed signs)



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Table 3 – Safety Infrastructure changes

Name of Road (include start and end point)	Proposed infrastructure changes	Year of commencement	Further information
Bidwills Cutting Road 70m south of Kemptons Line at the existing 70/100 km/h speed limit change	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs, place name signage (Greytown), with kerb buildouts	2026	
South Featherston Road 160m south of Longwood East Road.	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs	2026	
Kahutara Road 350m west of Pukio West Road	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs, school name signage	2026	
Kahutara Road 250m northeast of Pukio West Road	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs, school name signage	2026	
Lake Ferry Road 270m northeast of McDougalls Road	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs, place name signage (Pirinoa), with kerb buildouts	2026	
Lake Ferry Road 330m southwest of McDougalls Road	Threshold treatment including speed limit signs, place name signage (Pirinoa), with kerb buildouts	2026	

Declaration

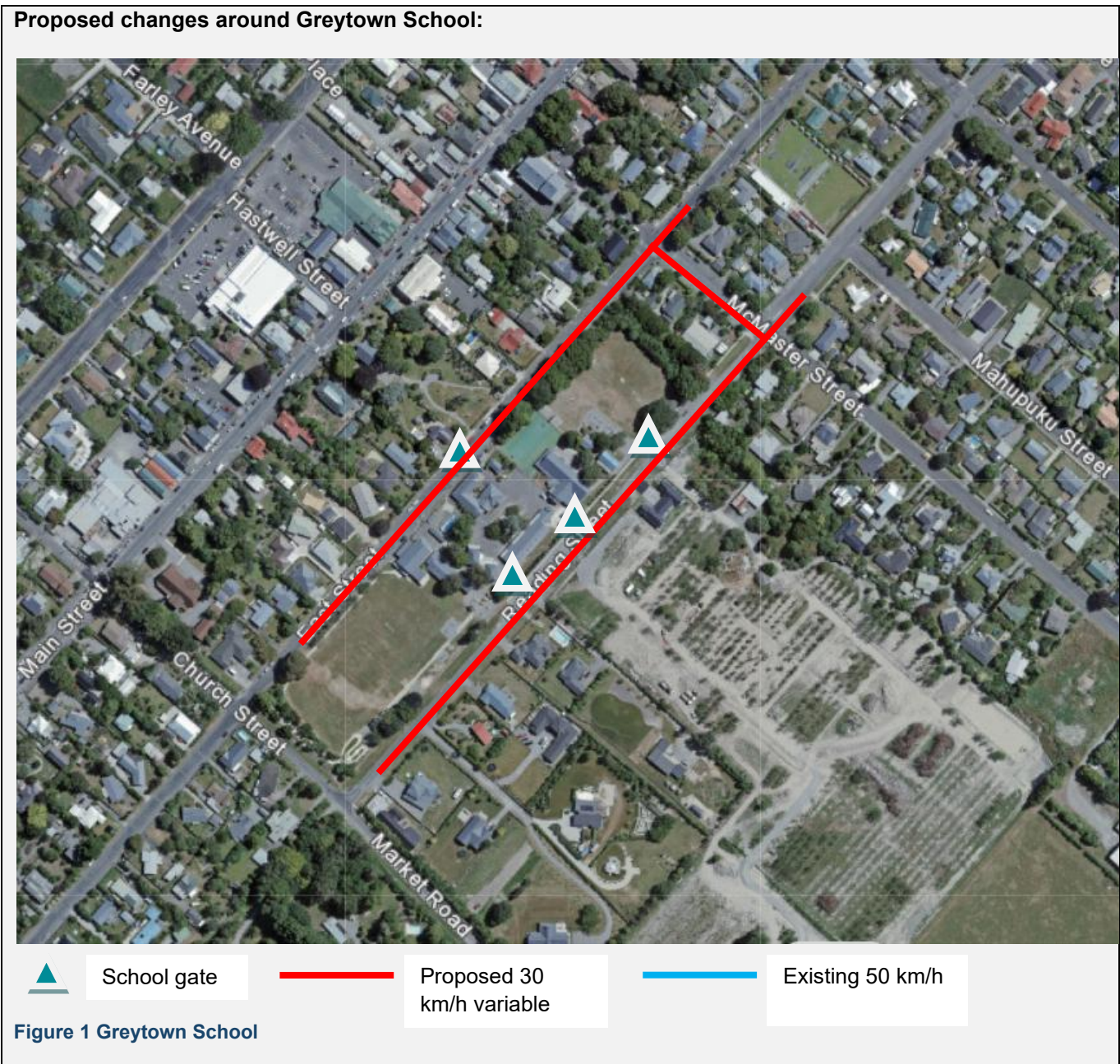
I Janice Smith [Chief Executive Office] from South Wairarapa District Council declare that:

Description	Yes/No
This proposal provides details to the Director of the proposed speed limit, including the information that would need to be submitted to the Registrar under section 200L of the <i>Land Transport Act 1998</i>	Yes
This alternative method proposal addresses roads outside schools exclusively; therefore consultation is not required - clause 2.6(2)	Yes
Requirements on a cost benefit disclosure statement have been met in accordance with clause 3.3 of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. Note: cost benefit disclosure statements are not required for speed limits proposed for roads outside schools or new roads	Yes
Speed limits proposed comply with clause 4.5 (to the extent that clause 4.5 applies) of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024	Yes
This proposal identifies all roads outside schools for which changes to speed limits are needed to set speed limits in accordance with Section 5 of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024	Yes
Legal requirements in relation to setting the speed limit have been satisfied outlined under section 200L of the <i>Land Transport Act 1998</i>	Yes

Signature:		Date:	2 September 2025
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Appendix

Appendix A - Maps



Proposed changes around Kuranui College:

- Note speed limit changes will be implemented in tandem with changes on State Highway 2 to ensure consistency.

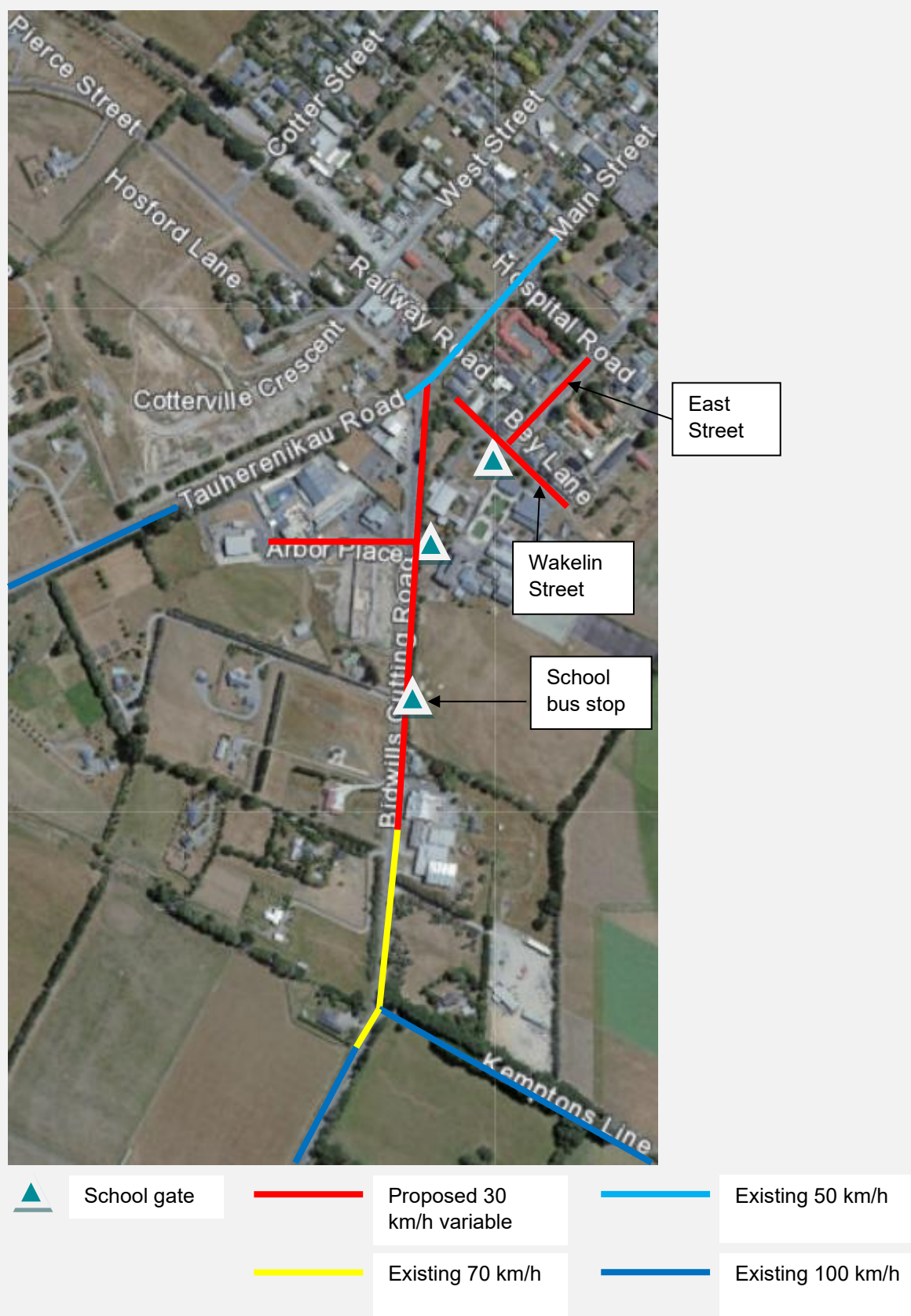


Figure 2 Kuranui College

Proposed changes around St Teresa's School:



Figure 3 St Teresa's School

Proposed changes around Featherston School:

Note speed limit changes will be implemented in tandem with changes on State Highway 2 and State Highway 53 to ensure consistency. **NZTA and SWDC are working together to ensure coordination to implementation.**

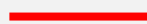


Figure 4 Featherston School

Proposed changes around South Featherston School:



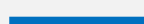
School gate



Proposed 30
km/h variable



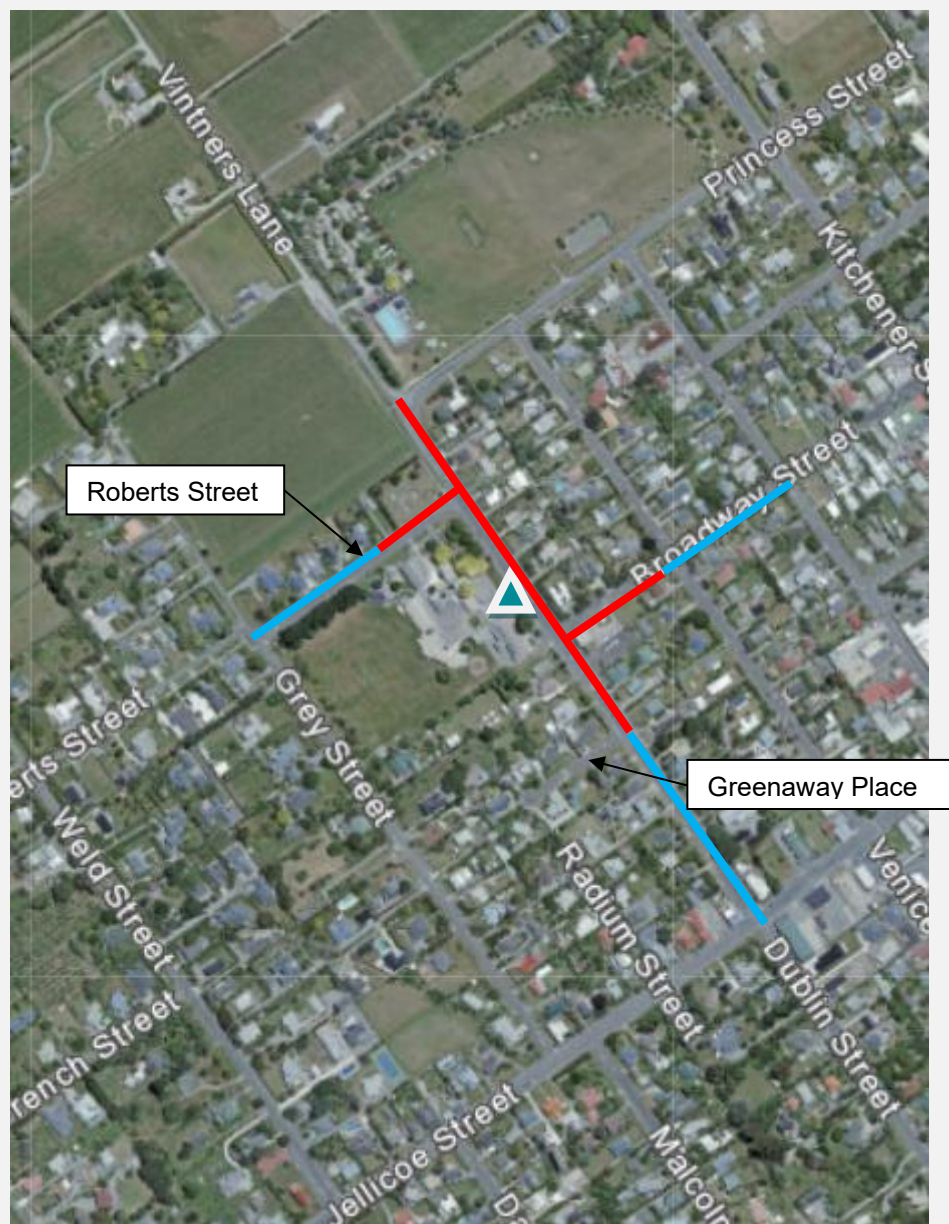
Existing 50 km/h



Existing 100 km/h

Figure 5 South Featherston School

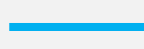
Proposed changes around Martinborough School:



School gate



Proposed 30
km/h variable



Existing 50 km/h

Figure 6 Martinborough School

Proposed changes around Pirinoa School:

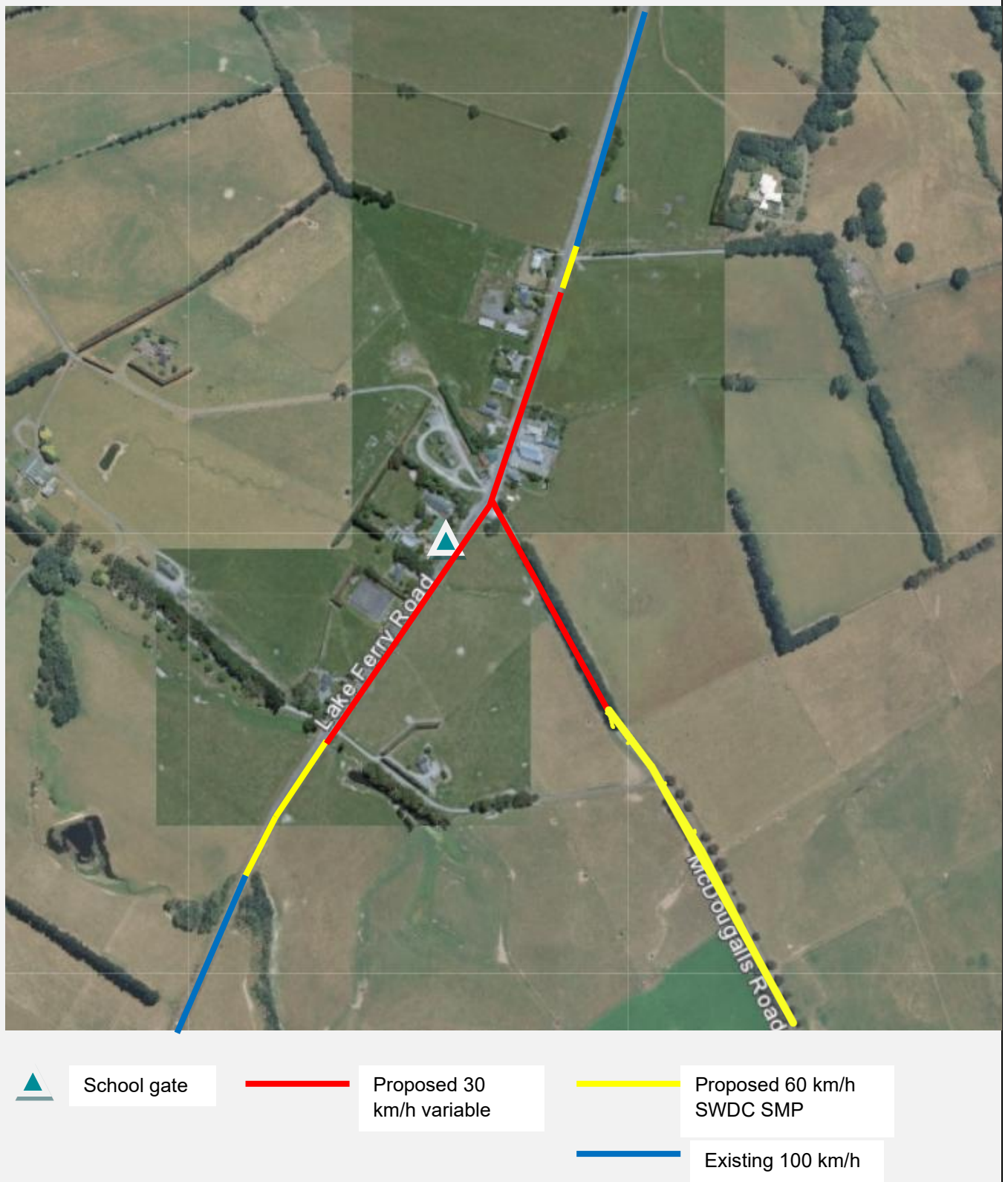


Figure 7 Pirinoa School

Proposed changes around Kahutara School:

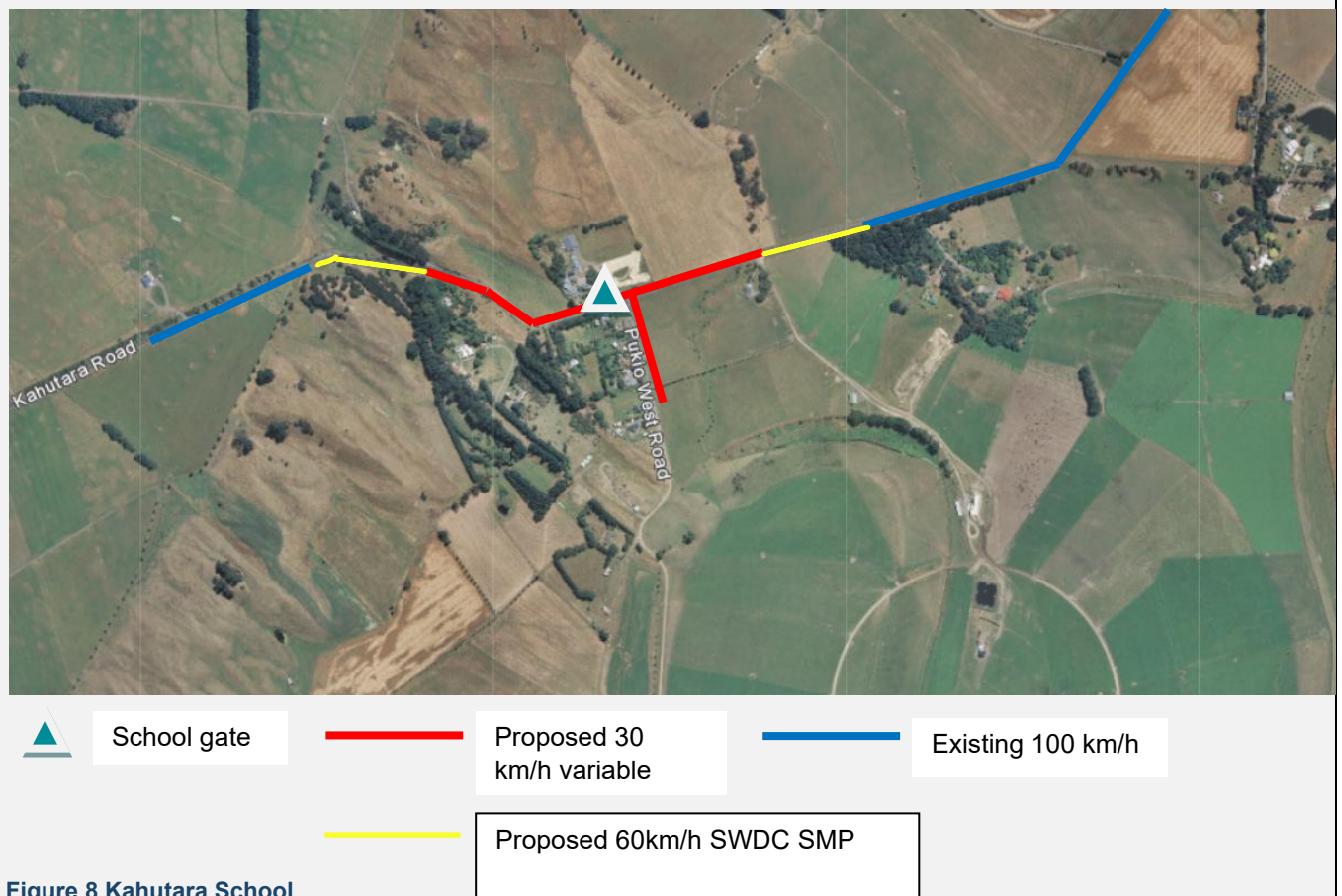


Figure 8 Kahutara School