

## Report To: Council



**Meeting Date:** 30 June 2026

**Subject:** **Deputation: Joshua Aguilar - Te Kumi Road Loud Noise and Vibrations**

**Type:** Information Only

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### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to advise Council that Mr Joshua Aguilar on behalf of residents of Te Kumi Road will be in attendance at the Council Meeting to speak to a Petition which has been lodged with Council and Fulton Hogan relating to excessive noise and vibrations on State Highway 3 due to the state of the road surface.
- 1.2 A copy of the Petition is attached to this paper for information. Also attached is a copy of the Fulton Hogan response to the petition.

### 2 Suggested Resolutions

- 2.1 The following are suggested resolutions only and do not represent Council policy until such time as they are adopted by formal resolution.
  - 1 The Deputation from Mr Joshua Aguilar on behalf of Te Kumi Road Residents relating to Loud Noise and Vibration issues be received.

### 3 Attachments/Enclosures

Attachments:

- 1 Petition signed by Te Kumi Road Residents (Doc # 983210)
- 2 Email Response from Fulton Hogan

19 June 2026

**Darren Laycock**  
Roading Manager  
Waitomo District Council

Dear Darren

**Re: Loud Noise and Shaking**

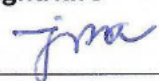

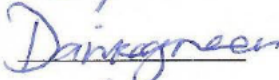





We have a supportive and friendly community here and that is one of the reasons why we have been living in Te Kuiti for a few years. However, the current state of the road surface near our houses at Te Kumi Road is affecting us and our wellbeing and we would like to bring this to your attention.

We observed that after the last two chip sealing works around the manhole at Te Kumi Road, there is now an unacceptable level of noise and shaking. We can see that the manhole cover and the road surface are now at different levels. Because the manhole is located directly in the wheel path, vehicles that drive over it are subjected to a significant jolt, which creates a loud thunderous noise throughout the night and day. Our houses shake and we are awoken at night. If left unchecked, our houses will break, and our wellbeing will be greatly affected; well sadly it is already affected now.

Through the years, several projects were completed to maintain the pavement at Te Kumi Road or fix the uneven surface by laying new asphalt or chip seal around the manhole. However, only after a few months, as can be expected, the asphalt or chip seal would crack, buckle or wear away and cause uneven levels around the manhole. The root problem is the location of the manhole. If that manhole continues to be where it is, these problems of uneven surface, loud noise, our houses shaking and us being awakened at night will keep returning. As a permanent solution, we would like to request that the manhole be relocated, please, out of the wheel path to make the road a uniform pavement. This problem isn't new as I can refer you to a complaint laid back in December 2013 (please check-out: <https://fixmystreet.org.nz/issue/3942>)

We look forward to a solution, and we sincerely thank you very much for your time, help and ongoing care for our local roads and residents. Like you, we care for the community and the residents of Te Kuiti.

Warm regards,

Name of Resident	Address	Signature
Joshua Aguilar	████ Te Kumi Rd, TK	
Jason Penninghouse	████ Te Kumi Rd, TK	
Danka Green	████ Te Kumi Road, Te Kuiti	
Ollie Karu	████ Te Kumi Rd,	
SHARON KARU	" "	
Saxon Jerry	████ Te Kumi	
Rita Jerry	████ Te Kumi	
Tuedi Knapp	████ Te Kumi	

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Te Kumeu rd.

Toha Katipa, Makuku



Te Kumeu SD RD

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Noema Katipa, Maitangi



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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 June 2026 9:41 am

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**Subject:** RE: Email re noise & vibration

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Dear Joshua

Thank you for your letter regarding the persistent noise and vibration issues along Te Kumi Road, and for taking the time to outline your concerns and provide signatures from residents directly affected.

We acknowledge the concerns raised about the disturbances being experienced and the potential impact on nearby homes.

We have previously advised one of the complainants that work to correct the service cover is planned. This work is intended to be completed alongside additional road pavement repairs in the area.

At present, the additional pavement repairs are awaiting approval from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA). We expect to receive that approval soon and, subject to approval being granted, we are hopeful the work can be carried out in July. Until that approval is received, we are unable to programme the work.

We appreciate your patience while this process is being worked through. Once approval is confirmed and the works can be scheduled, we will provide a further update.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention.

Regards

Glenys Farries

Customer and Stakeholder Manager

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