Grange Street Opawa - A Living Street

I'd love to see the Living Street theme started on Aynsley Terrace extended the length of Grange Street from Aynsley Terrace to Opawa Road.

Grange Street draws a lot of Heathcote/Lyttleton traffic seeking a shortcut into town in the mornings (going this way bypasses 3 sets of traffic lights). Grange Street is not designed for this. The carriage way is too narrow, the edges ill defined, and if cars are parked on the grass verges they tend to be also partly on the carriage way. This means that they are parked some distance out from the gutter – potentially dangerous if one is trying to exit a property with parked cars blocking the view and moving traffic coming down Grange Street at considerable speed, which much does.

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Grange Street needs proper parking areas. It also needs speed humps to discourage traffic using it as a shortcut, and to limit the speed of the traffic which does use it.

As an aside, I understand that traffic calming measures are supposed to reduce the speed of traffic – this has not been noticeable on Aynsley Terrace due to the lack of speed humps which I understand were not allowed because Aynsley Terrace is classified as a feeder road. I have little doubt that the alterations left as they are will result in serious accidents. Its present form of being a living street could turn it into a death trap.

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