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Support or oppose Oppose

Reasons for support or oppose We have a lot of horses. Just goes to show we are not just a one horse town. OK bad jokes aside, I strongly oppose the proposal to ban horses in town. Horses are a big part of our identity and always have been. Until recently we still had the odd hitching post in town. Until recently no-one seemed to mind horses in town. Legend has it that "Boy" actor James Rolleston rode his horse to the school ball. Putting aside the warm glow of rose tinted reminiscences, it would be a social injustice to ban horses from town. It would deprive children and people of all ages, often from the less well off families of our district from enjoying the pleasure and handy transport of horses and riding. Should we just leave horses for the elite who can afford to live out of town? For a child to learn how to ride a horse, care for a horse and love a horse is to teach compassion and empathy. So, no horses, I expect we will see an increase in bored young people hooning about on dirt bikes, other motorbikes and cars. Sounds like a recipe for disaster to me. Yes, there has been a problem with roaming horses but that comes down to education and regulation, not a ban. Also, it seems there's been a decrease in places to keep horses in town recently and I imagine as new housing increases in town there will be even fewer empty sections or paddocks for horses. But let's put our heads together and come up with solutions rather than just ban horses outright. It's simplistic and a lazy way out.

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