

Waikura
Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board
Submissions Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

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SUBMISSION TO: The Christchurch City Council

ON: Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2022/23

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1. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Waikura Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make this submission to the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan (AP) for 2022/23 especially at this time of uncertainty in the world.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of this submission.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1. **Strengthening Communities Funding** – the Board supports the Council’s Long Term Plan 2021-31 commitment to Strengthening Communities Funding.
- 2.2. **Phillipstown Community Centre (new project)** – the Board support the proposed funding (\$3,706,796) allocated to the Phillipstown Community Centre to assist the centre to find a permanent home base once the Ministry of Education pilot project is completed. The Community Centre have recently produced a feasibility study that outlines the importance having a community hub in the neighbourhood.
- 2.3. **Improving Bromley Roads (new project)** – Over time light industry has increased in the Bromley area, a result of which has been an increase in heavy transport and buses using the residential streets as through ways. This has impacted negatively on the amenity of the area and the wellbeing of residents. This project aims to create an integrated plan that addresses the traffic issues facing the Bromley neighbourhood, including channelling heavy traffic off residential streets. The Board acknowledges the support of the Council for this project through the allocation of funding in this Draft Annual Plan.
- 2.4. **Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote River Guidance Plan** – A Working Party of elected members and community group representatives have prepared a draft guidance plan for the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote river corridor. The guidance plan was out for public consultation from 22 March to 19 April 2022.
This plan seeks to provide a coherent overview to guide current and future work along the river corridor from Opawa to Ferrymead. Once the plan is adopted by the Community Board, the Board will seek endorsement from Council for work carried out along this stretch of the river to be aligned to the guidance provided in this plan. The Board expects that community groups involved will also use the plan to provide background for their submissions and projects.
- 2.5. **Greening the East Development Plan** - making the Inner-City East a greener and more pleasant place to live for its residents is an important focus for the Board. The Board appreciates the commitment of Council staff to this project. The Board supports the funding bid for the project of capital expenditure and operational expenditure.
- 2.5. **Edwin Mouldy Track** – is a track that was well used prior to the 2010-11 Canterbury Earthquakes. The track is from Heberden Avenue to Scarborough Road. The Board have received a briefing and information on

what is required to re-open this popular track and tsunami evacuation track. Staff have estimated a total of \$240,000 (in 2020) to reopen the track. The Board wishes to have funding allocated to reopening the track.

- 2.6. **Linwood Park Temporary Village Site** - The Board is supportive of the mitigation of the Linwood Temporary Village site within Linwood Park which is programmed to be completed in 2022/23. The Board would be strongly opposed to the reintegration of the temporary village site into Linwood Park being delayed further.
- 2.7. **Opawa Village Pedestrian Crossing and Slow Speed Neighbourhood** – the Board acknowledges the support of the Council staff to have improvements made to the Opawa Village pedestrian crossing.
- 2.8. **Footpaths and Inner City Pedestrian ways** – the Board prioritised the improvement of footpaths in its Community Board Plan, and wishes to emphasise that footpaths are not an “add on” to roads or cycle ways; especially the contribution walking provides to lowering emissions and improving wellbeing. The Board continues to suggest that there should be a greater weighting on the quality and ‘fitness for purpose’ of footpaths, especially for less mobile citizens.
 - a. The Board supports the contribution that ‘woonerf streets’, such as Dawson Street, make towards better pedestrian access, and suggests that when staff are making decisions on how to seal roads and footpaths, consideration needs to be given on how the street and/or footpath is to be used, rather than simply focussing on cost.
- 2.9. **Beachville Road Esplanade** – When SCIRT finished their work in the area after the Canterbury Earthquakes the grass was not replaced, the grassed area was treated as temporary as at that stage installation of a bike bump track for junior riders was under consideration for part of the area. Staff have endeavoured to reseed the grassed area on Beachville Road in 2021 however this has not been successful. The Redcliffs Residents’ Association have written to the Board asking for the area to be reinstated to pre-earthquake state and protected from vehicles. The area is adjacent to the Coastal Pathway and the Board would like to ensure that all parts of the Pathway are completed and useable.
 - a. The Board have been advised that the estimate to have the area successfully regressed (including an irrigation system) and bollards installed is \$162,000. The Board requests funding be made available to install an irrigation system, reseeding and installation of bollards to stop the parking of vehicles.
- 2.10. **Sumner Esplanade Seating** – The Board brought to the Council’s notice the condition of the Sumner Esplanade seating at its 7 April 2022 meeting. Sumner is a significant destination for visitors from right across Christchurch, and as such its facilities need to be well maintained. The Board have requested staff advice as to the reasons for the poor maintenance of the seats along the Esplanade, and seeks to have funding for their replacement made a priority particularly given that the coastal pathway is now nearing completion.
- 2.11. **Stormwater Management on Port Hills** – The Board recently received a public forum presentation from a Mt Pleasant resident around the issue of being flooding caused by storm water. The Board wishes to highlight the issue of storm water management for the Port Hills residential areas where the stormwater collection systems are failing to capture and retain all stormwater. Many of the gutters have cracks where collected water falls through and travels underground rather than in the gutter, and in other places, the drains are insufficient to handle the volumes now arriving in the heavier rain events now common, and floods out over roads and onto properties. The Board requests a review be undertaken of stormwater drainage across the Port Hills to develop an updated strategy for repair and renewal in situations where stormwater is leaking underground or flowing overland in ways which impacts on private property.
- 2.12. **Marriner Street**– ongoing issues with the condition of Marriner Street are of concern to the Board, and it wishes to ensure the work planned for Marriner Street in 2022/23 be confirmed and is not delayed.

- 2.13. **Radley Street** - the Board have met with residents of Radley Street and surrounding streets. Approximately 25% of people living in the area are aged under 15, with a number using Radley Street to walk to the five nearby schools. Residents are very concerned about safety and speed on Radley St, and also on the Radley Street/Cumnor Terrace intersection, which is a wide intersection with a gradual turn allowing traffic to travel around it at speed. The Board requests that infrastructure changes are made to Radley St, and also to the Radley Street/Cumnor Terrace intersection to slow traffic and improve safety. The Council will be aware that the Heathcote Express cycleway also crosses Radley St, in front of speeding motorists.
- a. The Board notes that the proposed changes to improve safety and speed on Bromley streets will have a flow-on effect for the safety of Radley St, so reiterates its support for the Bromley roading improvements. The Board is currently working with staff on ways to prevent heavy vehicles continuing to use Radley St as a by-pass between Brougham Street and Ferry Road, and instead divert heavy traffic to use Dyers Road. The Board notes there may be funding implications for this that may form part of a future draft Annual Plan submission.
- 2.15 **Free City Central Electric Bus Service** - the Board supports the Council's approach to Environment Canterbury to discuss reinstating the central city bus/shuttle service that previously operated, providing a connector service for residents to inner city amenities. The Board notes that this was raised during the Long Term Plan process, and supports the efforts of councillors to bring this project to fruition. The Board requests that the reinstated service be carbon neutral/electric.



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