

**Information Session/Workshop - Waihoru Spreydon-
Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board
NOTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Thursday 19 March 2026
Time: 4.06 pm
Venue: Linwood Boardroom, Gate B,
180 Smith Street, Woolston

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Summary of Feedback on the Draft Waihoru Community Board Plan Priorities

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Plan 2026-28. The Board received **46 written submissions**, from 38 individuals and the following organisations/school:

- Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Inc
- Summit Road Society
- Stolen Bikes Christchurch and Canterbury
- Spokes Canterbury
- Play Preservation Trust
- Place Cadets Trust (formally Gather Foundation)
- Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network
- Addington Te Kura Taumatua

We also held three in-person drop-in sessions with both staff and elected members at the following times, all of which have informed this summary of feedback document:

Saturday 7 March 2026

Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market

Mt Pleasant Community Centre, 3 McCormacks Bay Road

9am - 12pm

Sunday 8 March 2026

South Christchurch Farmers' Market

66 Colombo Street

9am - 12pm

Monday 9 March 2026

Hoon Hay Community Centre

90 Hoon Hay Road

6 - 7pm

People were generally supportive of the draft vision and priorities, and provided a range of suggestions to strengthen them. A detailed list of feedback can be read in the submissions report:

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	Feedback
<p>Vison</p>	<p>A majority of submitters liked the draft vision statement and/or had no specific comment on it.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want more focus on diversity/inclusion • A desire to see a climate-related statement • Would like to see the word ‘interconnected’ used • Multiple people want to change the word ‘distinguished’, to something less ‘pompous’. <i>i.e. ‘happy, inclusive and fun’</i> • Change the phrasing from ‘working to create’, to ‘continue enhancing’, or ‘work to maintain’ • Would like to see wording around ‘for all ages and abilities’ • Multiple submitters Want to see it being ‘Vibrant, Resilient and Connected’ • Remove ‘productive’ from the statement • The board needs to be a good ‘connector’ of people
<p>Priority 1: Ki Uta Ki Tai</p>	<p>A large majority of submitters were supportive or strongly supportive of this priority.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple submitters like this being listed as the #1 priority • Suggested objective 2 (Port Hills Plan) becomes objective 1 • Add domestic cat management (would like to see all domestic cats kept indoors) to pest control • Include action on wasp management • Weeds are often not given the same attention as pests, but they are ‘as dire’ of a threat to biodiversity and species. • Take stronger wording than ‘support’ – use ‘drive’ • A LARGE number of submitters (incl. mana whenua) mentioned the importance of sediment management and its impacts on water quality, river health, the general amenity of our waterways and flood risk alike. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Wording suggestion: Rather than "support sediment management" – “actively support improvements to historic stormwater discharge arrangements in hillside suburbs.”</i> • More thorough dog control enforcement, especially when and where leashes are required • Grow the scope to include minor waterways and parks • Public education on the subject / shared ownership of nature • Trial a predator Free Zone somewhere in the Port Hills • Would like to see more recognition/action around the upstream areas that affect the Ōpawaho Heathcote River • Trial netting on stormwater outlet pipes to reduce rubbish entering the waterways

	<p><i>One submitter did not support this goal</i></p>
<p>Priority 2: Response to Intensification</p>	<p>Overall, mostly supportive of this priority, with considerations for changes, additions and removals.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple advocates for a new High School in the South-East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two commentators were unsure ‘how’, and felt this might sit best with Central Govt. ○ Also mentioned supporting Halswell Ward in a similar effort, if possible • A lot of submitters particularly supported the potential for development work at the Waltham Pool/Park area • Apartment-style developments increase the need for green spaces (pocket parks) and areas for safe unstructured play. • Council should be more involved in the permissions placed on developers and social housing providers, to ensure community and the surrounds are not overly affected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritise pedestrians on footpaths ○ Do not allow sloped/steep footpaths towards gutters ○ Consider how to manage growing numbers of bins • CCC needs to focus on higher quality housing being the standard for communities – put build guidelines in place. • Multiple submitters commented on the importance of diverse transport options in managing the effects of intensification. • Keep neighbourhood’s child-friendly • Submitters were supportive of work in the SoMo area, including more bicycle parking options to limit central-city workers filling all available parks. • More tree planting in Commercial/Residential areas of Sydenham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Lots of support overall for more green-space and tree planting, across various submitters</i> • Simplify the objectives – Support developments with off-street-parking, adequate drainage lighting and tree cover. • Two submitters were not supportive of the “Living Street in Spreydon” project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A third submitter <i>was</i> supportive – provided it was suitable for multi-modal transport. • Need to also consider there will also be intensification of domestic pet populations • If we’re going to intensify, the community assets/facilities that support this (<i>cycle lanes, quality bus service, successful local commercial areas, etc.</i>) need to be in place

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Linked to Priority 3, a lot of submitters referenced the relevance of transport infrastructure (cycling, buses and cars) to successful intensification.</i> ● Invest in initiatives that connect communities ● Would like to still be able to park on the street ● One submitter commented “intensification is preferable to sprawl and development on the Port Hills”
<p>Priority 3: Transport Choices</p>	<p>Submitters were broadly supportive of this Priority (<i>particularly supporting cycleways</i>) and more so than on any other priority, many wished to give their <u>specific</u> requests for work objectives</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General support for any initiatives that support the increase of walking, cycling and public transport networks that improve safety, reduce congestion, and encourage active lifestyles for all ages. ● Lots of support for bus lanes, bus frequency, bus routes & better bus shelters ● Change the use of ‘walking’ to ‘pedestrian’ in the document ● Generally, want more, safe Cycleways ● Safe Bike Parking/EV and E-Bike charging stations ● Want to see a recognition in the plan for those who still need to drive. ● Three submitters were supportive of more slow-streets (30-40kmp/h where possible) ● Two submitters commented that roundabouts (like those at the bottom of Dyers pass road) are not good ● Under bullet point #3, include “Engage with planning for the Major Cycleway – Opawaho River Route” ● Multiple submitters were supportive of the completion of the Selwyn Street Masterplan <p><i>Specific projects mentioned:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Multiple submitters supported the cycle connection along Edinburgh Street, incl. Safe crossings at Lyttelton Street. ● Create a cycle connection linking Westmorland to the Nor-West Arc Major Cycleway. ● Multiple submitters referenced improvements sought to the amenity and safety of Rose Street. ● Improvements to Simeon St & Coronation St ● Would like to see a new access point for Addington Te Kura Taumata (dedicated dropoff/pickup points) ● Multiple Submitters mentioned improvements at the junction of Tennyson St /Colombo St and Strickland St. ● A zebra crossing by Selwyn Street Kindy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Studholme Street and the Footbridge over the Heathcote river. • Look at congestion-management options on Colombo Street • Invest in upgrading Gasson St cycleway to provide a safe connection north to the Stadium • Improvements to Ferry Road as a core cycling commuter route • A cycle connection between Roker Street and Milton Street • Valley Road and Selwyn Street need better street-sweeping • The Main Road Master Plan, Redcliffs section • Cycle Connections to/into Westmorland & other developing neighbourhoods • Safe crossings at Lyttleton St. • A large number of submitters mentioned safety at the roundabout of St Martins Road/Wilsons Road • Improvements to the roundabout at Wilsons/Centaurus Rd. • Barrington Mall entrances and exits • Safe crossing points at Mathers / Tankerville Road • Multiple submitters mentioned Selwyn street - general improvements
<p>Priority 4: Parks & Recreational Amenities</p>	<p>Submitters were overwhelmingly supportive of this priority and provided many specific projects they would like to see actioned.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want it to read "...places where people of all ages can move, play, gather and relax" • Engage with Children and young people more in the design of community spaces, as they are primary users • Want wetland areas to be dog-on-lead only • Open the Waltham pool earlier in the morning • Multiple submitters liked the concepts of play and unstructured elements in Parks • Want improvements to the Barnett Park Cave circuit track • Want more water fountains and multi-purpose equipment in parks • Multiple submitters mentioned wanting action in Simeon Park • More usage of Addington Park in general will happen; especially with the inclusion of the Garden on-site. • The Somerfield Park toilets just need a refresh • Toilets at the base of Rapaki Track need a refresh • Safety of Church Square so that it is safe for children • Create a track between Kiteroa Place and Shalamar Drive for bikes • connect Te Kuru and the Hendersons road with a walkway

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very supportive of the Rapaki Track amenities and Port Hill amenities in general • Multiple submitters mentioned work at Barrington Park, which is frequently flooded, muddy etc. • Multiple submitters mentioned installing bike stands at recreational areas, including beside public bathrooms. • Playing field upgrade at Centennial Park and Football / sport spaces • Add: “Support community organisations who carry out restoration projects adjacent to the Opawaho and in other parks and reserves”
<p>Priority 5: Activation of Ōmōkihi and Surrounds</p>	<p>Overall, submitters were overwhelmingly supportive of this priority. There is a positive community feel towards the facility, but they want to see the surrounds activated successfully.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple submitters want to see the bike track completed successfully and the provision of basketball court(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One submitter was concerned about the noise that a basketball court or other recreational spaces could bring, disrupting quiet book-readers, would like to see enough distance and/or noise mitigations put in place • Multiple submitters were supportive of the quality completion of the Hunter Terrace Pump Track • Multiple submitters mentioned the creation of a general ‘youth area’, a space for play nearby to the facility. • Want to see the regeneration of the river plantings as core to this priority • One submitter wanted the reserve to omit any plans for a cycleway/walkway to prioritise picnickers
<p>Priority 6: Community Resilience</p>	<p>There was a general appreciation for the inclusion of this as a priority in the board plan.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A very large number of submitters were interested in/supportive of the Board advocating for Funding to support rooftop solar/battery storage on community facilities, for the purpose of energy security and emergency resilience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One recommended moving it higher in the list ○ Choosing the right buildings is important, however • One submitter also suggested rainwater collection tanks as an additional feature to consider adding to community centres.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to trial innovative pilot partnerships with industrial buildings and mixed-use buildings in the Sydenham area to try and lower energy costs. • Feeling that this goal puts a lot of pressure on communities to deliver the work, rather than the board/Council • Would like to see fire-resistant trees being planted on the port hills with priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern about the pine trees at the Adventure park • Would like to see more Flood mitigation measures in place • Council should look at houses being built in flood-prone areas in Heathcote • Suggest a docus on hazard vulnerable areas and community refuge locations/centres <p><i>One submitter did not support this priority.</i></p>
<p>Overall Comment</p>	<p>Overall submitters were strongly in favour of the priorities, as currently detailed. The nuance in their feedback primarily related to particular projects that they would like included, excluded or changed <i>within</i> a particular priority.</p> <p><i>From the feedback received:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A desire to see the board try to “unlock economic opportunity and growth in Sydenham’s mixed-use area”, through its decision-making powers and advocacy. • Four submitters would like to see Community Resilience ‘ranked’ higher in the list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Another still felt that it was being made the community’s responsibility, rather than the Board’s/Council’s • Would like to see an <i>overarching</i> board priority of “Prudent financial management that results in annual rate increases for residents at or below the CPI” • The balance of priorities tends to favour some parts of the Board Area, over others • Would like to see the Board supporting lesser-known and under-resourced/informal groups, rather than the larger more established ones. • Please focus on improvements to Sydenham Cemetery • Want to see mana whenua perspective perspectives across all priorities, and to continue to engage with Mana Whenua, especially as it relates <p><i>9 of the submitters indicated their desire to speak to their submissions. They will be invited to the meeting of 16 April 2026.</i></p>