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Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board
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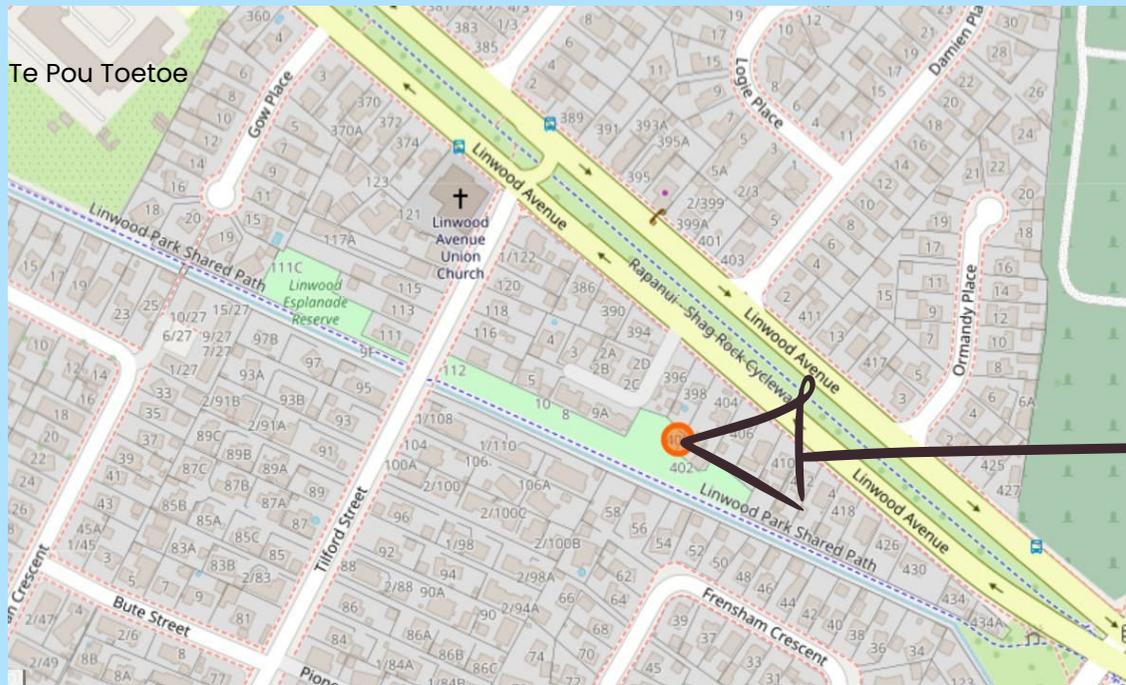
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The Space

400 & 402
Linwood
Avenue



From pop-up events, research and community input



The vision - Who benefits and why is it important

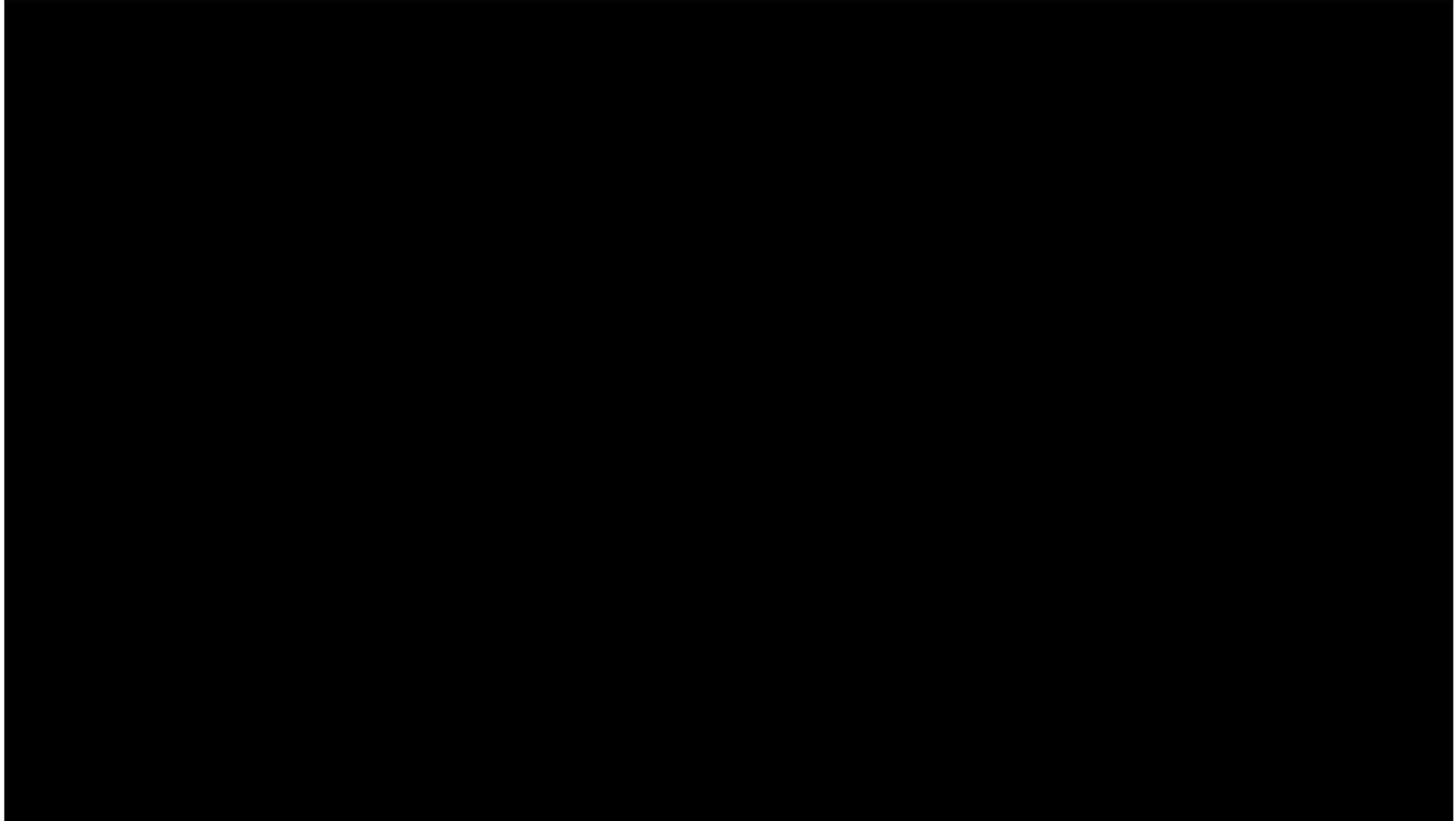


PLAY PARK
Tokyo, JP



Joomunjie Land
Queensland, AU





Questions?

Play Preservation Trust's vision for a new community play space in Linwood

Play Preservation Trust

- Formed in 2024 with the aim of increasing children's outdoor play by addressing social and environmental barriers
- Advocating for, supporting and creating spaces for play that encompass the ways children play and what they need for healthy wellbeing and development
- We have been involved in the Linwood, Woolston, Bromley area for 18 months - taking part in discussions about the Linwood Waterway, supporting UC students to research the Linwood waterway drain and surrounding greenspaces, hosting pop-up play days along the waterway and working with CCC, Te Whatu Ora, Bromley Community Centre and Christchurch Library to plan a play pathway walk for the upcoming Walking Festival

Why 400 Linwood Ave?

- Proximity to traffic free pathway - linking neighbourhoods with Linwood Park
- Fully fenced with vehicle access
- It is in an area which is rapidly densifying - meaning many children do not have access to 'backyard' play opportunities (trampoline, sandpit, hut building, mud pies, loose parts play etc.) - activities that are good for their development but are not offered or possible in CCC playgrounds
- There is a community and council focus on this area (the waterway, pathway and greenspaces) through the Linwood Waterway Working Group, with planning underway for improvements

What do we envision?

- Area set aside for children and young people - prioritising unstructured play
- Supervised area for play, opened at set times during the week for local children
- Available for schools, home schooling groups, after school groups/youth groups etc. to utilise
- Loose parts materials like; planks, pallets, tyres, milk crates, tubes, boxes, soil, water, sand, log rounds, tarps, ropes and more for children to create their own spaces for play

Why is it needed?

- Over the past 50-60 years, there has been a decline in children's unstructured play, both in NZ and globally. Paired with this decline in play has been an increase in anxiety, depression and suicide. The latest UNICEF Report card (Report Card 19: Fragile Gains – Child Wellbeing at Risk in an Unpredictable World) found New Zealand has appalling stats on child and youth wellbeing: ranking 32 out of 36 countries for child wellbeing; the lowest for mental wellbeing; 35th out of 41 countries for child physical wellbeing and has the highest suicide rate for adolescents
- 'Wild' spaces where children used to play (empty sections, abandoned lots, natural areas by creeks or the borders of towns) either do not really exist anymore (due to urbanisation) or are off limits to children - fenced or blocked by adult permission or social norms of where children 'are supposed to play'.

- Children are spending less time outside which impacts their physical and mental health, development and wellbeing and contributes to what Robert M. Pyle termed, an 'extinction of experience'
https://extension.unh.edu/sites/default/files/migrated_unmanaged_files/Resource007361_Rep10598.pdf
- Spatial equity and feeling a sense of 'ownership' for a space in their community encourages children to feel empowerment, that they belong and that they matter
- Loose parts play creates an inclusive play space where different ages and abilities can play together, contributing in their own way

Our journey so far and next steps

- We have engaged with the local community through our Pop-Up Play events and through the research our trust supported the UC students with. We know there is interest from local community for the pathway and greenspaces along the waterway
- We have been in dialogue with Lou Van Tongeren, the Play Advocate at CCC, Jacqui Miller as well as others from council and the Waters Team about the space and what we need to gain permission or a lease to use the space on a trial basis
- Support from local community, especially surrounding neighbours
- We are looking into funding for what we will need to create and maintain the space: signage, a pedestrian gate added into the fence (from the pathway), storage shed for materials which will need protection from weather, portaloo hire, staffing costs etc.

Adventure Playspaces - some international examples and background information

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-06-22/brisbane-playground-gives-city-kids-alternative-way-to-play/104000822>

<https://arpaonline.ca/resources/children-youth/mobile-adventure-playgrounds/>

<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/anarchic-playgrounds-risk-berlin-kolle37/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSEjlyugZWY>

<https://www.self-directed.org/tp/two-tales-one-playground/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-24741977>

<https://mssv.net/2025/01/26/experimental-playgrounds/>

Freedom Camping in North Beach

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board Meeting
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Presenter: Phillip Ridge

Problem definition # 1: Sheer Numbers

North Beach is being overwhelmed by freedom campers dominated by young tourists driving converted vehicles.

Reasons:

- The designation of New Brighton as the City Coastal Restricted Zone within the Freedom Camping Bylaw acts as an attractant despite freedom camping allowed in much of metropolitan Christchurch
- Areas banned from freedom camping within New Brighton – Broadpark Road, New Brighton, South Shore, temporary closure of Marine Parade along Thomson Park
- Messaging — CCC advertises North Beach as a specific destination on its website, which is amplified by Google Searches and freedom camping websites (e.g. SCNZ, Rankers)

Problem definition #2: Proportionality

North Beach has been disproportionately impacted by freedom campers relative to other suburbs in metropolitan Christchurch.

A legal principle

Freedom Camping Act, Section 11: Freedom Camping bylaws, Clause 2:

A local authority may make a bylaw under subsection (1) only if it is satisfied that—

(a) the bylaw is necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:

- (i) to protect the area:
- (ii) to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area:
- (iii) to protect access to the area; and

(b) the bylaw is the most appropriate and **proportionate** [*my emphasis*] way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area; and

Arguably, CCC has here acted in contravention of Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act.

Problem definition # 3: Self-Containment Regulations

- A low threshold is used to define “self-containment” in the Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act (2023) and MBIE’s Guidance to local authorities on key changes to freedom camping laws.
- The new regulations applies mainly to the freedom camper conversion industry — i.e. converted people wagons (e.g. Estima) or vans.
- The new regulations mean:
 - Toilets must be permanently fixed but not under beds;
 - There is no requirement for a physical separation between the toilet and reset of the vehicle;
 - Cassette toilets do not need to be plumbed or ventilated.
 - The system must hold 4 litres of grey water and 4 litres of fresh water per person/per day for a minimum of 3 days (12 litres per person total capacity).
 - Vehicles must have a green warrant card displayed on the windscreen.

**Most freedom camping vehicles may be certified as self-contained
but they are not self-contained.**

Problem definition # 5: Public Nuisance & Quiet Enjoyment

1. Public nuisance

Generally defined as something that is harmful, offensive, obnoxious or objectionable to the public.

Examples include:

- Defecating and urinating in the dunes
- Pouring greywater and sewage down stormwater drains
- Washing dishes in public toilets and park shower facilities
- Preparing meals and eating on the road, footpaths and carparks
- Littering and disposing rubbish in the dunes and on the road
- Blocking access to footpaths
- Public nudity

2. Quiet Enjoyment

Local residents are being denied their privacy and the right to the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

CCC actions and responses to date

- The designation of New Brighton as the City Coastal Restricted Zone *coupled with* specific prohibitions within the zone have concentrated freedom campers into a few small areas.
- Compliance and enforcement has focused on ensuring that vehicles are certified as being self-contained and display a green sticker.
- The Council has failed to recognize the problematic nature of the new regulations and respond accordingly.

In summary: CCC's actions have had a disproportionate impact on North Beach residents, who have been subjected to increased public nuisance and a loss of the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Recommendations

- A temporary freedom camping is immediately imposed by the CEO along Marine Parade between Broad Park and Thomson Park.
- CCC spreads the load by identifying parks and reserves across metropolitan Christchurch where there are public toilets and facilities with adjacent parking away from residential housing (e.g. Broadhaven Reserve, Bottlelake Forest Park)
- CCC allows limited designated freedom camping spaces in parks and reserves where there are public toilets.
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SPREAD THE LOAD





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North Beach is being overwhelmed by freedom campers. On any one night during summer the 1 kilometre of parking bays between Waimairi and the North Beach Surf Club is filled with freedom campers

This dominated by young European tourists driving converted vehicles although with the shoulder season we're noticing more purpose built motor homes, which obviously take up more room when parking.

For the predominantly young tourists driving converted vehicles freedom camping is a new, low-cost experience, which they cannot enjoy in Europe.

It is important not to demonize these tourists. For the most part my interactions have been pleasant and they are non-plussed by the fact that they are actually entitled to camp where they can opposite residential housing.

It is difficult to get a breakdown of the freedom camping as a percentage of the total tourism market but it estimated to be in tens of thousands, contributing only about 1-2% of total revenue spends, mainly in grocery purchases.

Many of them end up at North Beach not because they want to enjoy the beach but because Christchurch is the terminus of their NZ trip and they are either returning their rental vehicles before flying out or selling their vehicles before flying out.

Reasons:

- The designation of New Brighton as the City Coastal Restricted Zone within the Freedom Camping Bylaw acts as an attractant although freedom camping is allowed in much of metropolitan Christchurch
- Areas banned from freedom camping within New Brighton – Broadpark Road, New Brighton, South Shore, temporary closure of Marine Parade along Thomson Park — have concentrated freedom campers to a 1-kilometre strip long Marine Parade

It's worth noting that when the civil works along Thomson Park are complete there will be something like 10 fewer parking spaces, reducing the availability for freedom campers at a time when freedom camping is seeing a resurgence following Covid 19.

This is occurring at a time when the intensification of the housing stock in New Brighton is resulting in more on-street parking by residents.

- Messaging — **CCC advertises North Beach as a specific destination** on its website. Tell them and they will come. In turn, CCC messaging is amplified by Google Searches and freedom camping websites (e.g. SCNZ, Rankers)

Problem definition #2: Proportionality

North Beach has been **disproportionately impacted by freedom campers relative to other** suburbs in metropolitan Christchurch.

An important legal principle is involved here.

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The operative term in Clause 2B as far as this issue is concerned is 'proportionate'. The principle of proportionality as it applies to NZ law asks whether the state's --or in case the council's -- actions is appropriately balanced against the importance of the objective it seeks to achieve.

The principle applies both to freedom campers and also to local residents. The impact of the Council's actions in response to freedom camping has disproportionately fallen on the residents of North Beach.

Arguably, CCC has acted in contravention of Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act.

Problem **definition** # 3: Self-**Containment Regulations**

This is a consequence of the regulations being framed in consultation with the freedom camping industry.

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- Vehicles must have a green warrant card displayed on the windscreen.

To date the Councils efforts at compliance and enforcement has focused on ensuring that vehicles display a green sticker. Most freedom campers are certified as self-contained but they not self-contained.

What does this mean?

- Toilets — most freedom campers do not use the toilets installed in their vehicles. If you are caught short at night, what are you going to do? Walk 500 metres to the nearest public toilet which may or may not be closed or simply go to the toilet in the dunes?
- Cooking: Cooking facilities are built into a compartment next to the boot — you have to open the boot to cook
- Eating and sitting: There is no space in the vehicle to sit and eat, which means you have to set up furniture outside on the footpath or parking space.

For the most part, freedom campers are not being deliberately anti-social: they have no choice but to be anti-social.

Problem **definition** # 4: Environmental and social impacts

Two legal principles are involved here:

1. Public nuisance

CCC bylaws generally define public nuisance as something that is harmful, offensive, obnoxious or objectionable to the public.

Examples include:

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- Pouring greywater and sewage down stormwater drains
- Washing dishes in public toilets and park shower facilities
- Preparing meals and eating on the road, footpaths and carparks
- Litter and rubbish disposal
- Blocking access to footpaths
- Public nudity

2. Quiet Enjoyment

CCC defines the concept of “quiet enjoyment” as the right of residents to enjoy a reasonable level of peace, comfort, and privacy in their own property.

Local residents are being denied their privacy and the right to enjoy the quiet enjoyment of their own homes.

The loss of privacy, which led to mental health issues was cited as one of the principal reasons a temporary ban was imposed on Boadpark Road. We are now seeing same thing happening to residents on Marine Parade. Since the same conditions that applied to Boadpark Road are now occurring along Marine, the same action needs to happen — a temporary ban imposed.

Summary: CCC's actions and responses to date

- The designation of New Brighton as the City Coastal Restricted Zone *coupled with* specific prohibitions within the zone have concentrated freedom campers into a few small areas.
- Compliance and enforcement has focused on ensuring that vehicles are certified as being self-contained and display a green sticker. Most freedom campers are compliant but converted wagons and vans are not self-contained. Just because you say something is so does not mean it is.
- The Council has failed to recognize the problematic nature of the new regulations and respond accordingly.
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Recommendations

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- CCC website is changed to no longer emphasis North Beach and instead include other destinations in metropolitan Christchurch.
- CCC investigates providing designated zones with toilet facilities within the Red Zone. Although this would arguably be the ideal solution, we need to recognize that it is more complex, involving legislation and iwi, and will take longer to implement.

Fundamentally, we need to spread the load.

Good evening

My name is David East and I am the Acting Chair of the North Beach Residents Association and am here tonight to speak on behalf of the Residents Association re the Car Park at North Beach.

RA was submitted - want to speak

First and foremost, the Association's concerns have not been focused on the duration of parking but the proliferation of Freedom Campers in the area. No other beach front carpark in the city has parking restrictions and we see no need for them at North Beach either.

From a personal perspective my family have lived in North Beach for several generations and I have been a very regular user of the carpark having been a member of the Surf Club since 1968. In all that time carparking was allowed in the entire area of the Car park until the sudden appearance of a "footpath" on the outside edge of the carpark despite there being several other footpaths alongside or within the beach park,

The pedestrian way flows through the carpark

Our Association has raised concerns re this imposition and have real concerns for the safety of pedestrians (and cyclists) particularly when parking is allowed on the road edge outside the carpark. Exiting vehicles have to watch for pedestrians and potentially fast cyclists but then also get past the cars on the roadside of the carpark with limited or no vision. This is hardly a recognized safe transport model!!!

The carpark is actively promoted on a number of social media sites as a Freedom Camping area and literally dozens of Freedom Campers occupy the North Beach carpark and roadside lay byes from Waimairi Beach to New Brighton.

Within these areas there are some public facilities that some of the responsible Freedom Campers will use but unfortunately many will simply defecate in the sandhills or empty their waste in drains or also with in the sandhills

Reports are regularly received of naked showering at the external showers attached to the changing rooms at Waimairi and North Beach. People walking on the footpaths have been exposed to naked people lying in vans with doors wide open.

Frequent washing of dishes, clothes, teeth in drinking fountains / toilet facilities

Many supposed self contained vehicle have stickers on them that can be obtained on the internet, A number of hire firms provide a portable toilet but also give instruction that if the van is returned with the toilet unused – a refund may apply.

As outlined above, our Residents Association does not support the imposition of parking restrictions but has serious concern re the time and space that Freedom Campers occupy our carpark. Large campers can occupy two parks and campers often spread out with tables and chairs.

We are very disappointed that a petition, signed by 900 local residents, expressing concerns about freedom Camping got little recognition. It prompted an item on a Council agenda that was subsequently withdrawn by the Chief Executive. A previous CE exercised her delegated authority to

instigate temporary bans until a proper solution was reached but sadly this apparent delegation does not seem to want to be exercised currently.

Given the imminent relocation of the North Beach Coffee Shed and the building of stage 1 of the North Beach Surf Club, there will be a need for minor reconfiguration of carparking. I note that there is a staff recommendation in the agenda that again mentions some parking restrictions.

Whilst they are a distinct improvement on what has been trialed, again I reiterate that there is no other beach front carpark with time restrictions and nor should there be. The focus must be first and foremost controlling Freedom Campers rather than imposing restrictions on the local users of the car park

Any reconfiguration of the carpark needs full consultation and the buy in of local people. The methodology of consultation needs huge overhaul – a subject that is likely to be addressed by this Association and others

Needless to say LISTEN TO THE LOCALS AND DEVELOP AN OPTION THAT THEY HAVE AN INPUT INTO

In summary

Reading the various submissions

- P360 has had little or no impact on parking or Freedom Camping.
- No great support for any restrictions – no other beach location has any – it is only a Freedom Camping issue
- Almost universal local opposition to the proliferation of signage with a particular aversion to poles in the middle of the parking area. A time limit has not been necessary for decades and is not needed now.
- Car parking configuration needs to take into account the Coffee Shed relocation and the North Beach Surf Club redevelopment. Other than minor tweaks, any major changes should be deferred until these projects are complete. A major change to the configuration of the car park would again require significant consultation and the cost would necessitate inclusion in a Long Term plan process – something that would take a number of years to put in place.
- Most local people would prefer to see a ban on Freedom Camping within the North Beach Carpark (and a number of other locations nearby including Waimairi Beach). Whilst a ban would be good for regular users of the carpark, unfortunately this measure will only shift the problem elsewhere – something that Council will need to address with some urgency
- CCC needs an urgent review of the Freedom Camping By Law (whether it is due or not) and perhaps needs a designated Freedom Camping area in the red zone>
- If this problem was occurring in Fendalton or Merivale, a solution would be found overnight!!
- But we are only North Beach and have suffered differential treatment for decades

My name is Trudy Burrows and I'm representing myself, 36 of my immediate and extended family all of who visit North Beach regularly. I also own and operate the New Brighton foodbank. I'll talk to that later.

The area I am here to discuss today is the parking area encompassing the North Beach Surf Club and The North Beach Community Hall. Yes! It is a community area not a camping area. How many other community halls or surf clubs have freedom campers on their doorstep. Certainly not Summer, the city or Southshore as they are already no zone camping areas.

In April last year, myself along with 2 others presented a petition with 900 signatures to this Board. The aim of this petition was to ban freedom campers due to Health and Safety concerns, damage, access and environmental issues. None of these issues have been addressed to date. IN fact, the time restrictions imposed by council, and by the way were not asked for by the community, have been an utter waste of Council time and money . They have only caused frustration and confusion. Have you seen the amount of signs there are??? Many have become disillusioned at the prospect of any real change from the council.

We left here last year with the message, that nothing could be done until 2028/29 other than time restrictions. Legalities meant a ban could not be imposed! I'm here today to talk on legalities!

Firstly looking at the bylaw of 2021, which by the way was set up according to Council website to introduce stricter rules, such as Creating a City Coastal Restricted Zone.

The CHCH City Council bylaw of 2021: Which states;

PURPOSE

1 To protect local authority area

2 To protect the health and safety of people who may visit local authority areas

3 To protect access to local authority area

This act was later amended in 2023 to align with the SELF contained Motor vehicles Legislation Act 2023. These amendments were to ensure consistency with the new national standards for certified self contained vehicles. IT also STATES that the 2023 amendment did not reset the primary 5 year review clock established when the bylaw was first made in 2021. Hence by this it means another review is due 2026, but we have been told this can't happen till 2028/29.

HOWEVER, whether we look at the 2021 or the 2023 Act, both retain SECTION 10; and this is the crux of my brief

Section 10

1 To prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities

2 To allow maintenance to the local authority area of facilities

3 To protect the safety of persons or property

4 To provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for the area

The most important part to this is however the wording that has given power to the Chief Executive to restrict and change the current parking times. Section 10 states that ;

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNCIL MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE OR RESTRICT FREEDOM

CAMPING IN ANY AREA OR PART OF ANY AREA WHERE THE CLOSURE OR RESTRICTION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR ANY OF THE REASONS STATED above.

THEREFORE IF THE C/EX CAN USE THIS SECTION TO RESTRICT HOURS, SHE CAN CERTAINLY USE IT TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE THE AREA TO FREEDOM CAMPING and then when it is reviewed it can be made permanent.

I will just briefly outline supporting evidence a temporary closure;

1 - The first reason allowed is; To prevent damage to the area or facility.

In our petition presented in April we showed various images and photos of damage eg; A camper pouring his green waste straight onto the tarsal ground in front of the surf club, scraps, sanitary items, needles and unsavoury items all left on the ground and particularly under the tap that children and others use to wash themselves from the beach. Cars have physically been damaged trying to navigate parking especially around oversized camper vans. There has been damage in the toilets; the gardens and the actual dunes themselves. Rubbish bins have had to be replaced due to the demand and type of rubbish left by campers.

2-To protect the safety of persons or property

This is our main concern. There have been so many reports from people where children have been nearly knocked over by people navigating the parking areas specifically again where the campers are oversized and vision is poor. There have been children walking by and seeing naked campers just sitting casually in their vans with the doors wide open. Mothers have had concerns about children passing by on their bikes and a door from a camper just suddenly opens up.

Just last week one of the people that come to the foodbank was violently bashed inside his camper. It appears that a "skinhead" (not my word) just out of jail took exception to him. While he wasn't in this parking area it was only kilometre down the same road. This could happen here though just as easy.

A few of the homeless that live in their vans mainly have stayed closer to the pier but with more freedom campers now they are starting to go up the road more. I personally know of 3 of these homeless guys who have been beaten up in their vans at night. Drugs have been the common denominator. They are continually moved on down the road.

Due to the problems of trying to find a park, so many are now parked up the side roads requiring parents to have to be extra vigilant crossing a busy road. I'd also suggest a pedestrian crossing here. Walking and driving around the carpark now has also been made even more difficult by the walking lane which cyclists also both use. The cyclist don't slow down and now with a specific cycle lane being established there its only going to make this worse.

2 - To provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for the area. Our second main concern

Access is horrific at the moment. Trying to navigate around a camper especially when its double parked, or has a table at the back as well can prove diabolical.

Only last week a camper was so long that while he only took up 1 site he completely blocked all emergency access as well as the surf club. The week before I talked to a camper asking him to turn his table sideways to allow more room for others to move around him as he had a long table behind his van making it really difficult to drive past. He was not happy with me. Many families have stopped coming to North Beach altogether as they have just found it too difficult to navigate through the carpark due to the congestion of not just the vans but the gear that many just lay on the ground beside their vehicles eg surfboards, tables, clothes etc.

Access to the beach for the surf club, for schools using the area, for the disabled and children in particular is now proving a logistical nightmare for many.

SUMMARY

In summary I urge you to seriously consider section 10 of the bylaw act to put in a temporary ban for freedom campers. Its already being used now to restrict hours so why not to ban freedom campers. According to council last year nothing can be done till the next review, but that isn't on the schedule for 2 to 3 years. I can only imagine these problems escalating in that time frame, especially as freedom camping is only becoming more popular. Why wait till it gets any worse. Surely, ratepayers are to be considered over campers who bring very little into the economy of New Brighton. Some have even had the audacity to ask the Coffee Cart for hot water to make their own coffee in their vans!!!!

900 people signed a petition last year wanting a ban on freedom camping, and Councils answer was to put parking time restrictions in. This has only made things worst as now they can park for even longer. Theres also insufficient surveillance to monitor the area. When people call Council where a camper is in breach, by the time someone gets there theyve gone. With the new Williams Corp dwellings nearly finished this is going to put even more pressure on these same parks. With over 50 units and only 26 carparks where will they all go?

Sometimes we need to look at the spirit of the law, meaning the intent of the law. The Govt and Council made this bylaw to help Freedom Campers find suitable available sites for them to enjoy, but NOT at the expense of causing unnecessary worries and concerns for the communities they camp in.----- Section 10 was made to protect communities from the damaging effects of the unintentionally inflicted issues that some campers impose. Please consider Section 10 to look after our community.

The Chief Executive has the discretionary power to overturn the current situation. I besiege her to use it.

Please ensure I receive a sincere reply to my request.



Submission Points in relation to the Wainoni Park Masterplan consultation

We support the proposed Masterplan for Wainoni Park, particularly the inclusion of the fitness circuit, increased tree cover, and upgraded pathways.

We believe these improvements will be a fantastic addition to the park, encouraging greater community engagement and aligning with Sport Canterbury's goal of "More people, more active, more often." The tree cover will offer a level of safety and comfort for whānau to enjoy the park. The fitness equipment will encourage opportunities for physical activities for individuals and groups. The pathway can support accessibility through the park.

To support this submission, we encourage you to refer to the Neighbourhood Play System (NPS) Haeata Community Campus report.

Opportunities within the NPS Haeata Community Campus report that relate to the Wainoni Park Masterplan include but are not limited to:

- *Installing water fountains*
- *Installing more rubbish, recycling, and compost bins*
- *Increasing lighting at the park*
- *Adding artwork, colour, or murals to play spaces, such as the skate park*
- *Better monitoring and upkeep of the park's grounds, that is removing glass and other potentially harmful objects.*
- *Play trails and play-on-the-way opportunities*
- *Installing BBQs at Wainoni Park so that whānau can use the space to celebrate milestones or birthdays*
- *Improve independent mobility and active transport modes*
- *Strengthen connections and partnerships with local enablers*
- *Cultural representation within the Aranui neighbourhood*
- *Increasing tamariki voice in the design and decision-making process on kaupapa that impact them.*

You can read the whole report [here](#).

We also encourage ongoing engagement with tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau within this hāpori, as well as individuals living with disabilities, to ensure the plan supports accessibility, cultural equity, and inclusion at Wainoni Park.

Additionally, if new signage is introduced in the park, we recommend including Core Boards (communication boards).

4-5 Minute Speaking Notes – Wainoni Park Lighting (Eastern Eagles)

1. Opening (30-40 seconds)

Good afternoon Chair and members of the Board.

My name is ^{Rareigh} ~~Neil~~ and I'm here representing the **Eastern Eagles Rugby League Club**, one of the local sports clubs that regularly uses Wainoni Park.

Firstly, we want to acknowledge and thank the Board and Council staff for the work that has gone into developing the Wainoni Park Landscape Plan. It is encouraging to see investment proposed that will improve the park for the wider Aranui and Wainoni communities.

The club strongly supports the plan and the improvements being proposed.

2. Importance of the Park (45 seconds)

Wainoni Park plays an important role as a community hub.

Through rugby league alone the park supports:

- 20+ junior, youth and senior teams each season
- 400+ registered players for the 2025 season.
- 35+ volunteer coaches and team managers
- Hundreds of extended families and supporters

- the rugby league club ^{currently has}
close to 200 Junior members
registered and
over 100+ Youth registered
members - with numbers
yet to be confirmed with
the senior club.

Every weekend during the season our games bring together **hundreds of people from across the eastern suburbs**, creating a positive and active environment for young people and families.

We would like to continue to do so

3. Lighting Opportunity (1.5 minutes)

During the consultation process one of the consistent suggestions from the community was

increased lighting around the park and playing fields. ^{When Cameron Tukupua - our previous club president}
^{was part of the advisory board regarding the Wainoni Park Landscape Plan.}

We understand from the report that sports field lighting is typically **club-led and externally funded**, and we respect that approach.

However, we would like to highlight that improved lighting would strongly support several of the priorities already identified within this plan.

Firstly, **community safety**.

Lighting can increase visibility and legitimate use of the park during evening hours, supporting the **Aranui/Wainoni safety initiative**.

Secondly, **activation of the park**.

Better lighting allows safe evening training during winter months when daylight hours are limited. ^[This helps keep young people engaged in positive activities.]

^{As well as providing an additional playing space for our youth community who play on weeknights - with limited park spaces.}

Thirdly, **support for local sport and community wellbeing.**

Access to suitable training facilities helps clubs continue providing structured sport opportunities for youth across the eastern suburbs.

4. Club Willingness to Support (1 minute)

We also want to emphasise that the club is not simply asking Council to deliver this alone.

The **Eastern Eagles Rugby League Club**, alongside partners such as **Canterbury Rugby League**, would be willing to work with Council officers to explore how this could be progressed.

This could include:

- Supporting funding applications
- Working through lighting assessments and design planning
- Demonstrating community participation and demand
- Partnering in advocacy for external funding

Our goal is to work **collaboratively with Council**, not to place additional pressure on existing budgets.

5. Closing (30 seconds)

In closing, we strongly support the proposed Landscape Plan and the investment being made in Wainoni Park.

We simply ask that **sports field lighting be considered as a future complementary improvement**, given the clear community feedback and the benefits it would bring to safety, participation, and park activation.

Thank you again for your time and for your continued support of community sport and recreation in the eastern suburbs.

Suggested CRL Endorsement (1 minute)

Malcom to speak endorsement on

Russ & Ruby

Waitai Boardroom
corner Beresford Union st

- Eastern Eagles are a foundation of rugby league in Canterbury
- In 2022 Eastern Eagles had 10 teams (205 players) and in 2025 they had 22 teams (437 players). This is a 120% increase
- What this means is more players training requiring more training time required which is where lighting would be a real bonus
- From a CRL perspective we play all our youth football on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Nga Puna Wai. We are at capacity and in 2026 we are also having to reluctantly go to a third night (Tuesdays).
- Optimally we would like to be able to take the footy to our community and give them home games for the youth in the evenings. Given the housing around Wainoni park we believe youth footy could be a great spectacle for people to come out and watch in the evenings should the lighting be adequate.
- We believe this would provide for a real community feel and would support the Eastern Eagles club to thrive not only in playing numbers, but in local support and volunteers
- Poor lighting leads to poor experiences for participants which impacts on their decision to stay with the game or not.