

Waihoru
Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Thursday 16 April 2026
Time: 4.01 pm
Venue: Linwood Boardroom, Gate B,
180 Smith Street, Woolston

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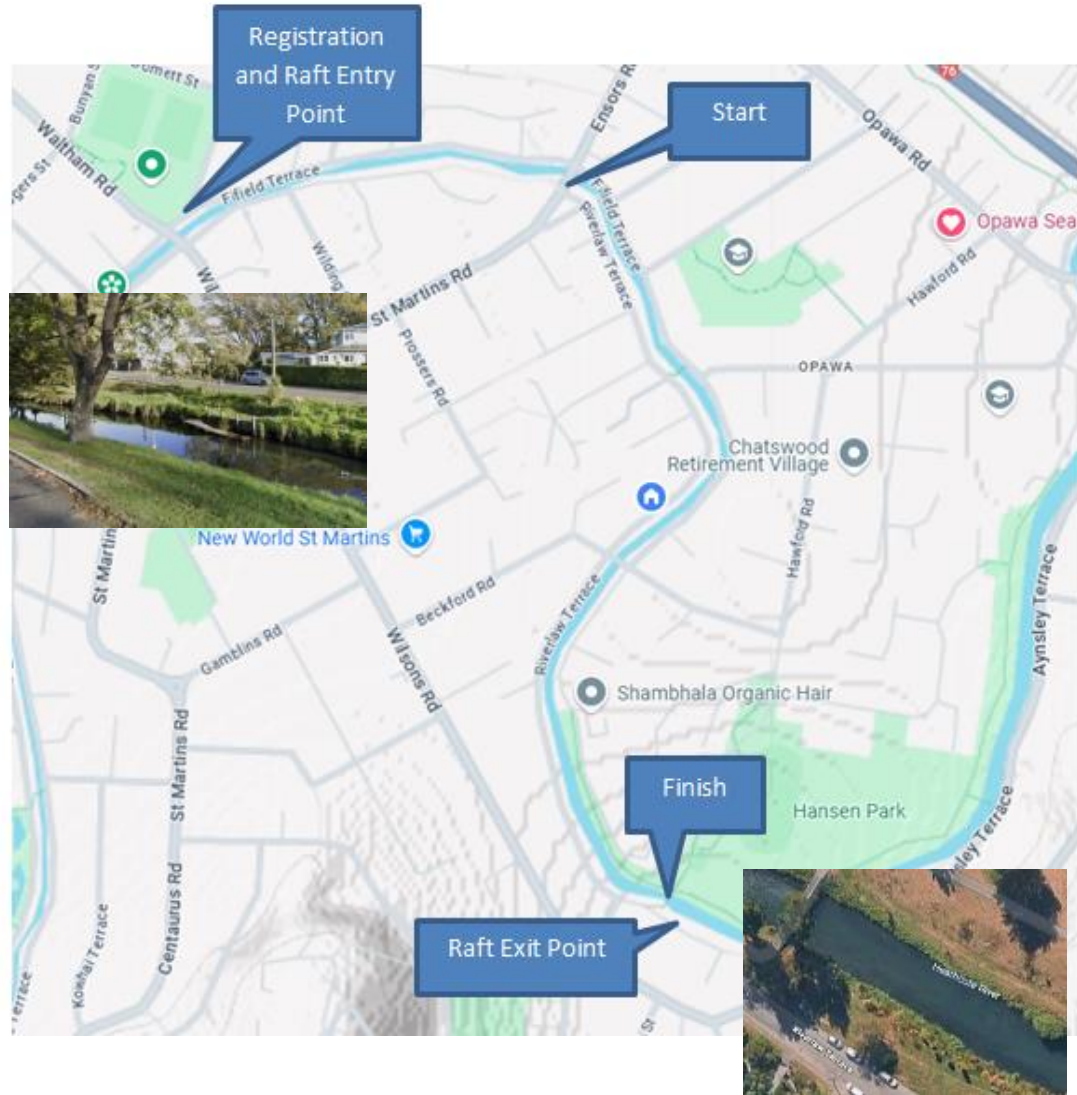


Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Day

History

- The Heathcote river day raft race was held between Waltham pool and Hanson Park from about 2000 - 2010. Contestants used homemade rafts, canoes and anything else which floated.
- The event was run by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, with help provided by Adventure Specialties Trust and the St Martins Scout Group.
- Before 2010 the event was held on a Saturday in December, February or March and there were typically 10 – 20 rafts in the race.





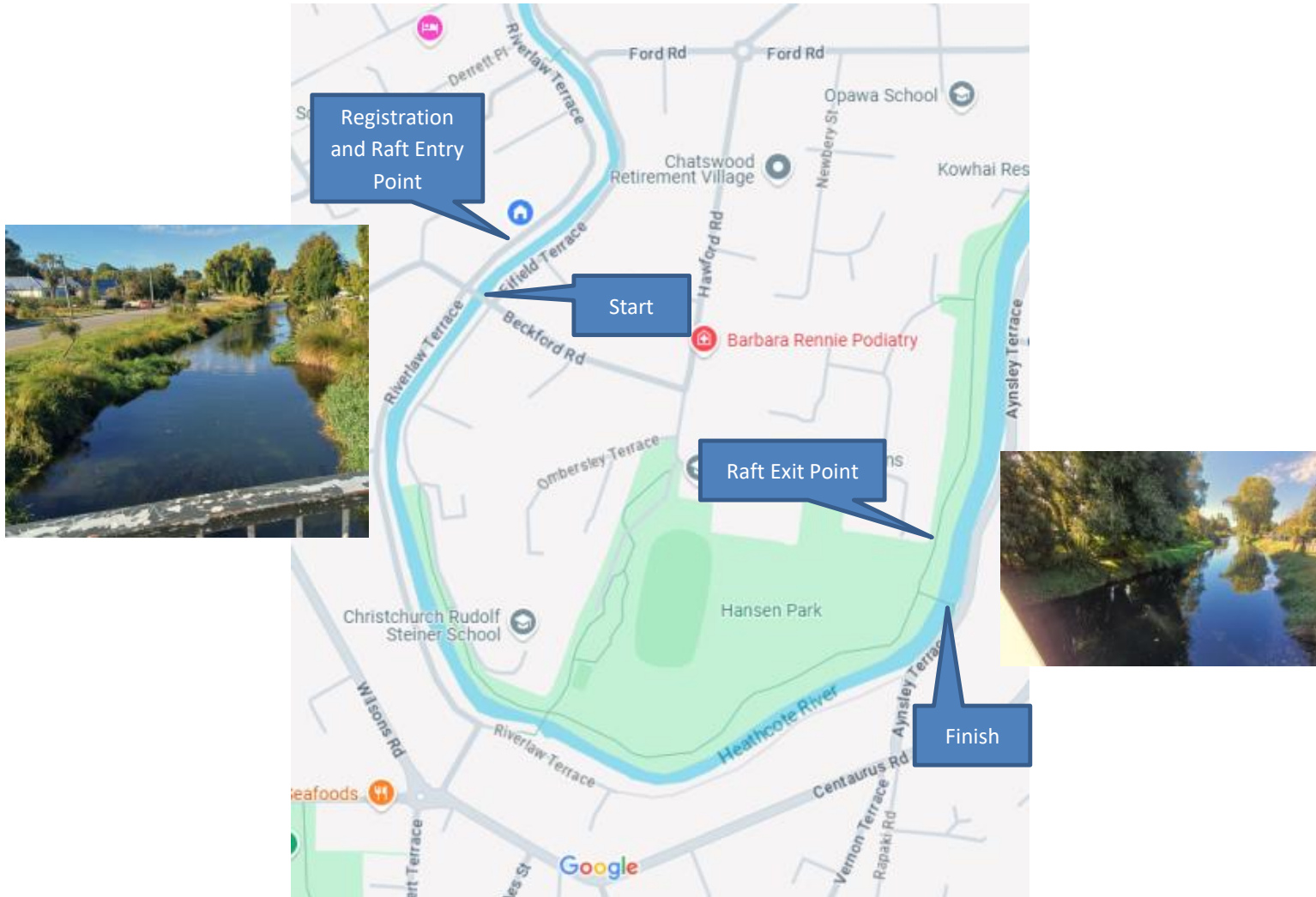
- In 2010 the event was moved to a Sunday afternoon to avoid Saturday sport, and March to avoid Christmas and other major events.
- 10 – 20 rafts were expected. About 150 rafts took part!
- Due to the large number of rafts there was extreme congestion by Waltham pool due to the lack of parking on Fifield Terrace and Waltham Rd became blocked by traffic.



2011

- For the event to be held in 2011 it was decided to move the race downstream with the start at the Beckford Rd bridge and finish at Hansen Park.
- Contestant vehicles would enter Riverlaw Tce from St Martins Rd and offload their rafts near the jetty near the Beckford Rd bridge.
- The rafts would then travel round Hansen Park to the foot bridge near Aynsley Tce and exit the river into Hansen park.
- Contestant vehicles would be allowed to enter Hansen park to collect their rafts after the race.
- Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the Earthquake.





2026

- Hugh Worrall (formally the St Martins Group Leader and one of the organisers of the 2011 event) decided in 2025 to restart the event.
- The 3 parties who were previously involved (CCC, St Martins Scouts and Adventure Specialties Trust) were contacted and were keen to help with the event, but the CCC was not able to run the event.
- The Heathcote River Day Trust was setup to fundraise and provide the required public liability insurance.
- A committee was formed to organise and run the event. Committee members included the Trust, CCC, AST and St Martins Scouts.

- It was decided to use the new course proposed for the 2011 event and add food stalls and entertainment in Hansen Park.
- Sunday 8th March was chosen as the river would be at its deepest at the start point at about 12pm and there were no other major events on this date.
- Sponsorship for services and material were obtained from local businesses including:
 - Raine & Horne St Martins – BBQ & Face painting in Hansen Park
 - Hamptons ITM – Timber of pontoons in Hansen Park
 - TES Technical Event Solutions – Stage and sound equipment
 - St Martins Scouts & St Marks School – Gazebos for Hansen Park
- A grant was obtained from the CCC to pay for traffic management on Riverlaw Tce and public liability insurance.

Hansen Park



Entertainment Area



Website and Pre-enrollment

- A website was created with details on the event and pre-enrollment.
- Pre-enrollment via the website was made compulsory.
- It was agreed to limit the number of rafts to 75.
- Street signs and posters were created to advertise the event.



Budget - Expenditure

Opawaho Heathcote River Day Budget							
23-Oct-25							
Expenditure							
	Item	Description	Cost	Total	Quote Supplied By	Quote Obtained	Paid By
1	Traffic Management	Riverlaw Tce - one way		\$1,000.00	Fulton Hogan	Yes	Grant
2	Public Liability Insurance			\$500.00	Gerrards	Yes	Grant
3	BBQ (500)						Raine & Horne
	Gas		\$45.00		Mitre 10	Yes	
	Sausages		\$250.00		Mad Butcher	Yes	
	Bread		\$60.00		Copelands	Yes	
	Hand Sanitiser	Handsan 5L	\$29.00		Mitre 10	yes	
	Other		\$50.00	\$434.00			
4	Stage			\$450.00	Happy Hire Christchurch	Yes	TES
5	Sound System			\$250.00	Happy Hire Christchurch	Yes	TES
6	Gazebos			\$700.00	Happy Hire Christchurch	Yes	Scouts/St Marks School
7	Advertising						Grant
	Leaflets		\$50.00				
	A4 Posters		\$30.00				
	A0 signs		\$400.00	\$480.00			
8	Water Testing	e-coli water testing	\$175.00	\$175.00	Hill Labs	yes	Grant
9	Platforms	Floating Jetty x 3	\$600.00	\$600.00	ITM	yes	Hamptons ITM
10	Volunteer gifts		\$200.00	\$200.00			Grant
11	Trust Accounts		\$500.00	\$500.00			Parallel
				\$5,289.00			

Budget - Income

Income				
Sponsors				
	Sponsor	Description		Amount
1	Raine & Horne	BBQ Supplies		\$434.00
2	TES	Stage & PA		\$700.00
3	Scouts	Gazebos		\$700.00
4	Parallel	Trust Accounts		\$500.00
5	Hamptons ITM	Platforms		\$600.00
				\$2,934.00
Grants				
	1 CCC Discretionary Response Fund			\$2,355.00
				\$2,355.00
Total Income				\$5,289.00

Registrations

- 64 Rafts
- 265 Contestants
- Registration form per raft with contact details
- Event waiver form per contestant

Opiwaho Heathcote River Day Raft Race – Registration Form

Sunday 18th March 2026
Event Registration closes Wednesday 25 February

Team Name: _____
 Organisation / Group: _____
 Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Address: _____

Declaration: All the team members are aware of the 'Safety Rules and Rules' outlined in the information pack. For all children under 14 years, the parent/guardian is also aware of the 'Safety Rules and Rules' and gives permission for their child to participate in the event. The registering adult Team Captain has read and understood the 'Important Information' and agrees to the 'Waiver Event Rules' in the information pack.

Team: _____ Date: _____
 Signature: _____
 Team Captain (must be 17 years or over for a Supercharged Adult or for all other teams must be 18 years or over) (Print Name) _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
 Address: _____

Coast Guard Name	Age	Sex	Height? (Print Name)	Weight? (Print Name)

Please tick if this pack is needed by email to your team

Please return this form and the Event Waiver Form to: **Wednesday 18th February 2026**
 Delivered to: **Heathcote River Day (1200) Heathcote, St. Helens, Christchurch 8022**

Send to: info@cherryjams.com
 For more info: heathcoteriverday.com

Opiwaho Heathcote River Day Raft Race – Participant Waiver and Release of Liability

Please: Opiwaho Heathcote River Day Raft Race.
 Location: Heathcote River, St Helens, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Date: 17 March 2026

1. Acceptance of Risk
 I acknowledge that participation in the Opiwaho Heathcote River Day Raft Race ("the Race") involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:
 • Drowning, unconsciousness, or temporary water blindness
 • Collisions with other rafts, natural obstructions, or man-made objects
 • Being stuck in a fall-out and/or in the river
 • Excessive dehydration, hypothermia, or other weather-related risks
 • Potential injury, illness, or property damage
 I have read and understand the risks of this activity, and I accept the responsibility of the organizers or others.

2. Release and Waiver
 In consideration of being admitted to participate, I:
 • Release and discharge the Christchurch City Council, its officers, volunteers, the Christchurch City Council, and any associated parties from any and all liability, claims, demands, or damages (including attorney's fees) for any injury or loss.
 • Agree not to make any claims or commence legal proceedings against the above parties for a raft from, through, which, or through which I am a participant.

3. Safety and Conduct
 I agree to:
 • Wear a properly fitted **Bladder BFTS** at all times while on the water.
 • Observe any and all rules, bylaws, and conditions of the event.
 • Follow all instructions from event organizers and safety officials.
 • Not participate under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any medication that may impact my ability to take part safely.

4. Medical
 I certify that I am physically fit to participate and have discussed any medical conditions that may affect my safety. In case of illness or injury, I consent to receiving medical treatment deemed necessary by those attending or emergency personnel. I accept responsibility for any related costs.

5. Release
 I agree to indemnify and hold the organizers harmless from and against all claims, demands, or damages (including attorney's fees) for any injury or loss.

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Aynsley Antagonists	St Martins Scouts 1
Rose Street Water Rats	St Martins Scouts 2
Da Boys	St Martins Scouts 3
Arabella's Anchors	St Martins Scouts 4
No Duck Itch Here	St Martins Scouts 5
Thorrington Tuna	Mt Pleasant Sea Pirates (Scouts 1)
VAVE	Mt Pleasant Sea Sharks (Scouts 2)
The Fastest	Warriors
Voyager	Four tuggers
The Wright Gardeners	Up The Creek
Nuclear FISH-on	Paddlepooza
Barrels of Monkeys	Mount Pleasant Vikings
Taco-Flotal	The Supership
Guppy	Springston Floaties
Pond Team	The Unsinkables
The GOATS	Bowenvale
The River Rascals	Heathcote Pirates
The Aura Farmers	River GOATS
Team Topping	Oar We There Yet?
Shower Power!	The diggle daggers
Marvin O'Gravel Balloon Face	The Happy Ever Rafter's
Sumner Girl Guides 1	South America!
Sumner Girl Guides 2	Team Awesome
Munemo_1	St Martins Raine and Horne
Munemo_2	Studholme Splash Squad
Munemo_3	Blue Thorns
Penguins	Water monkeys
Water Rats	The Jolly Pickler
Icebergs	Titanic
The wicked witches of the water	All Oar Nothing
Rocket Raft	The Steiner Stingrays
HayDuff	Steiner Support Kayak

Cancellation

- Unfortunately due to heavy rain the river was deemed unsuitable for the raft race and the event had to be cancelled.



2027 – Suitable Dates

- The preferred date for the race is a Sunday in February – March which avoids any major events.
- The depth of the Heathcote river varies depending on the tide at the estuary. The Heathcote is at its deepest at the Beckford Rd bridge about 2hrs after high tide at Lyttelton.
- The raft race requires the start time to be 2 – 4 hours after high tide at Lyttelton.



Lyttelton Tide Charts 2027

February

	Time	m
7 Su	05:56	2.3
	12:13	0.7
	18:13	2.2
14 Su	04:52	0.7
	11:06	2.2
	17:18	0.7
	23:32	2.3
21 Su	05:17	2.6
	11:34	0.4
	17:43	2.5
28 Su	05:21	0.7
	11:30	2.2
	17:42	0.7
	23:58	2.2

March

	Time	m
7 Su	04:41	2.3
	10:55	0.7
	16:57	2.2
	23:12	0.7
14 Su	03:41	0.7
	09:56	2.2
	16:04	0.7
	22:21	2.3
21 Su	04:04	2.5
	10:18	0.4
	16:30	2.5
	22:46	0.4

Possible Dates and Times

Date	Race Start Time	Comment
14th Feb	2pm	Day after Mitre10 Sparks
21st Feb	2pm	Could clash with Round the Bays and Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
14th Mar	1pm	

Major 2026 Events

Mitre10 Sparks (Hagley Park)	Sat 14 Feb
Chinese New Year Festival 2026	Fri 20 Feb
Southern Cross Round the Bays	Sun 22 Feb
Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon	Sun 22 Feb
Children's Day	Sun 1 Mar

Lessons Learned

- Allow for a larger contingency in the budget for increased costs and unexpected expenses. Fulton Hogan estimated the cost of traffic management at \$1,000 but the final quote was about \$1,400.
- Make certain costs include gst! Fulton Hogan's costs did not include gst.
- Can't control the weather. Check feasibility of a backup date or location.



Next

- Committee to decide:
 - Event Date
 - Backup date?
 - Budget
 - Grants to apply for



Questions?

Thank You



Public Forum

Coastal Pathway markings

Images

Callum Templeton

Creator of the Scarborough, Riverlution and Kaiapoi river parkruns





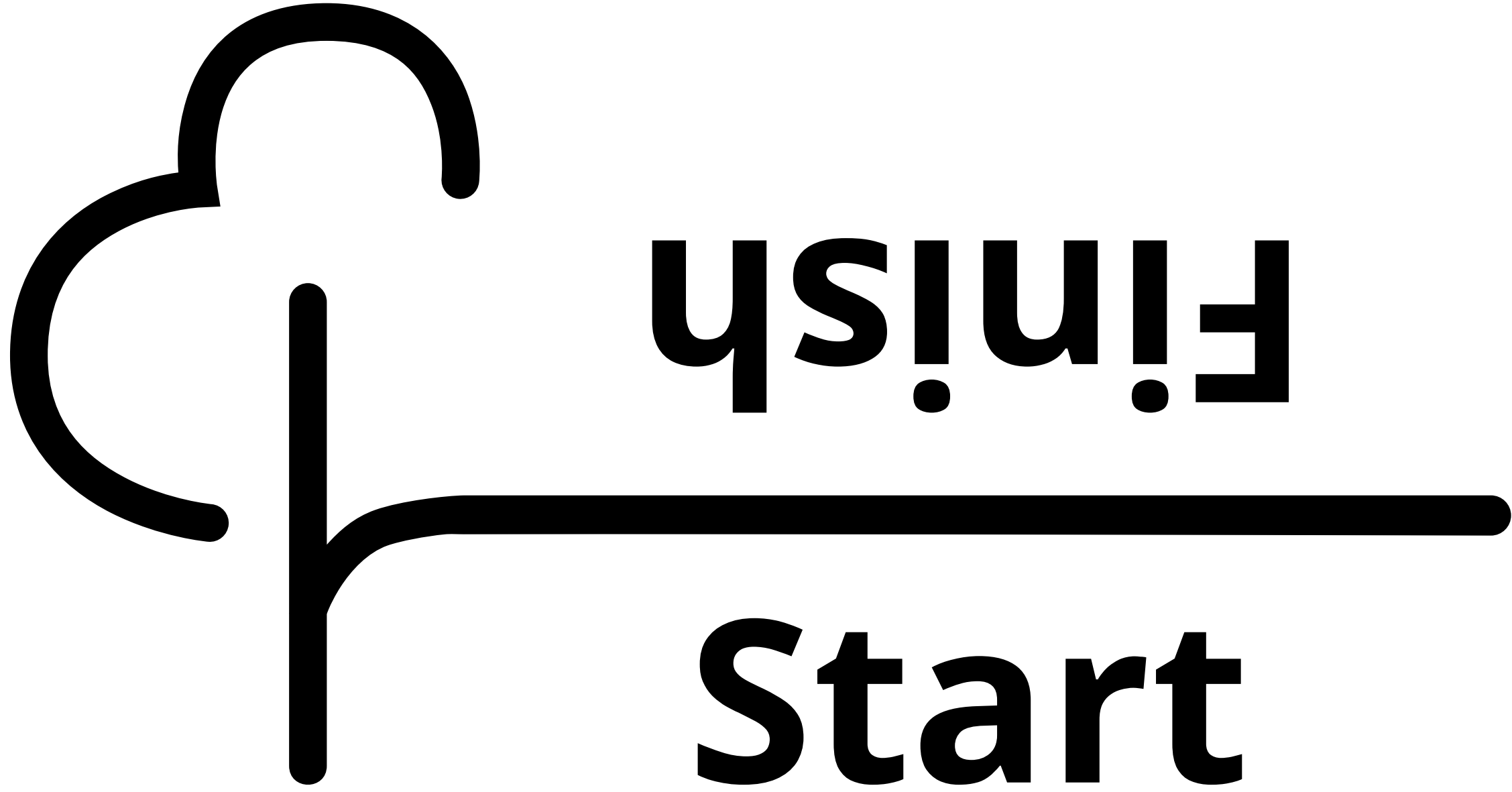


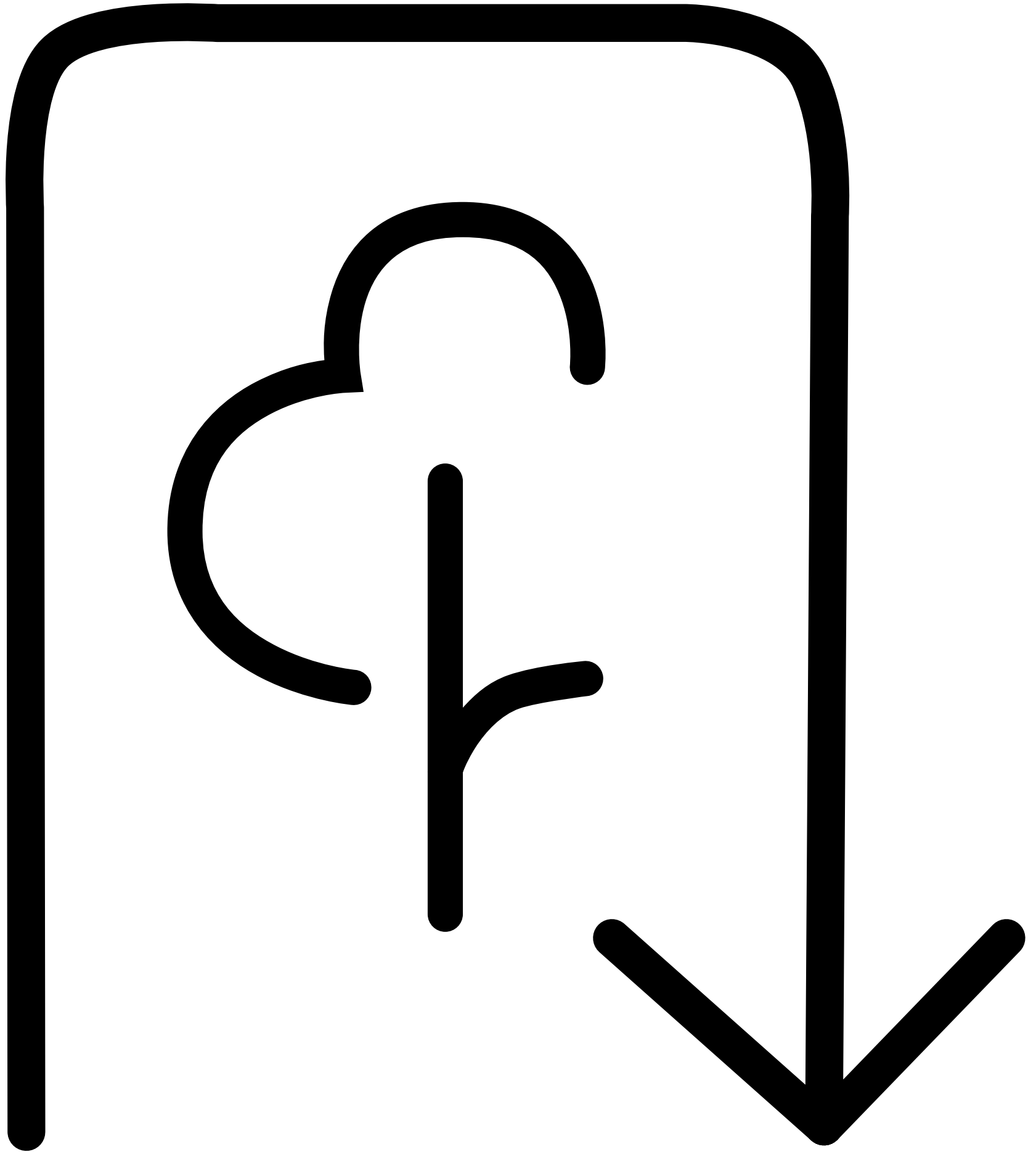




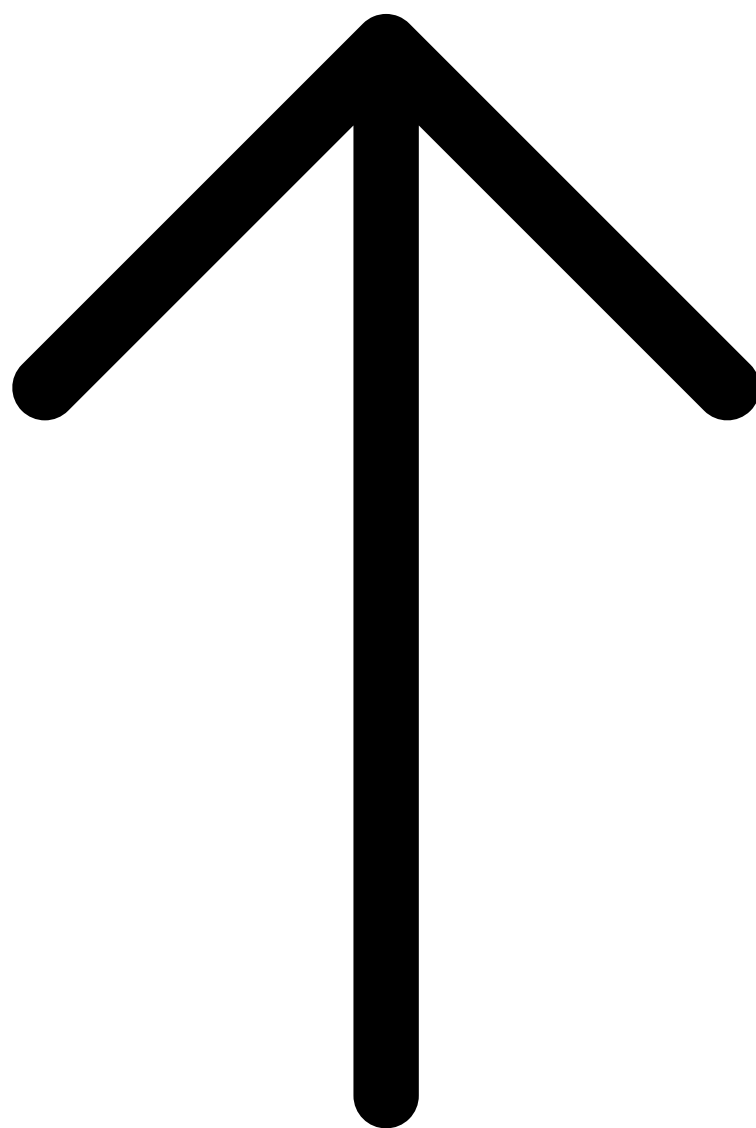
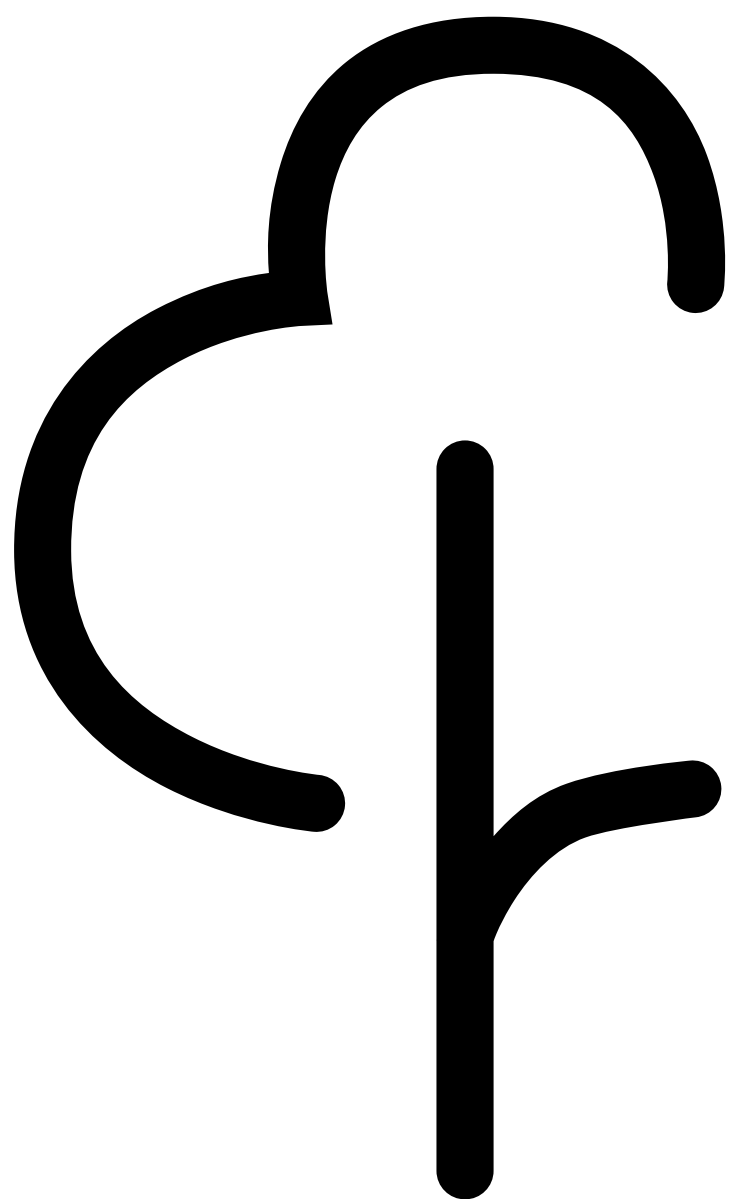




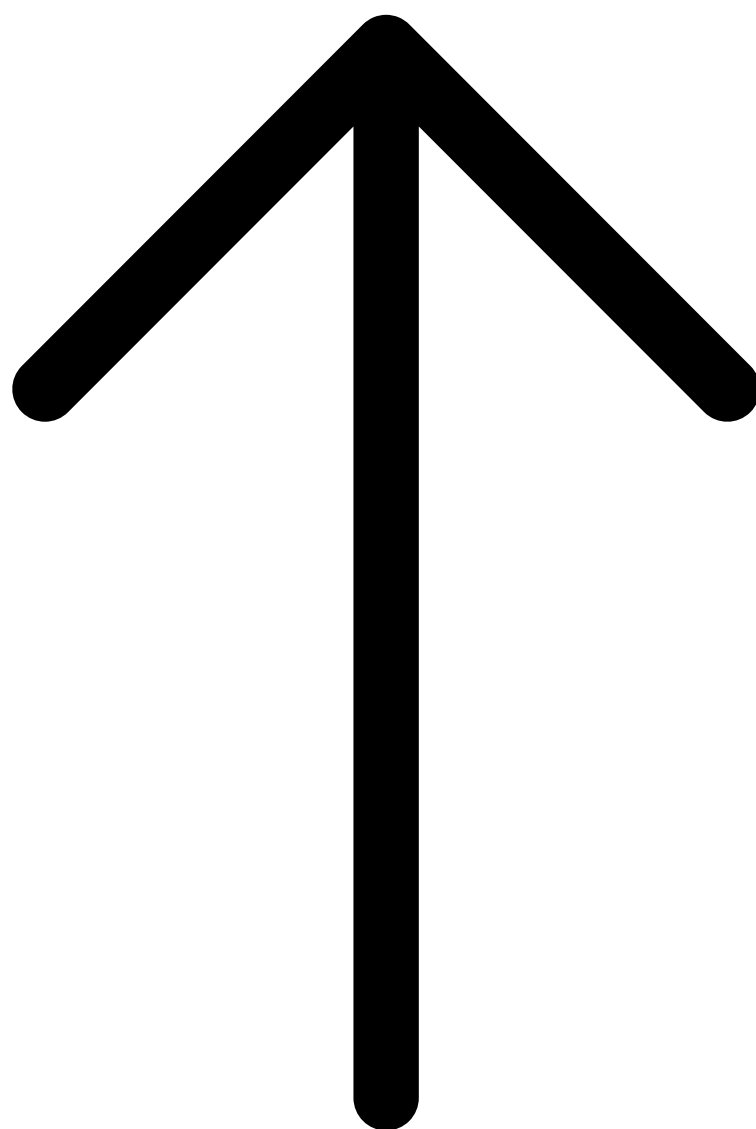
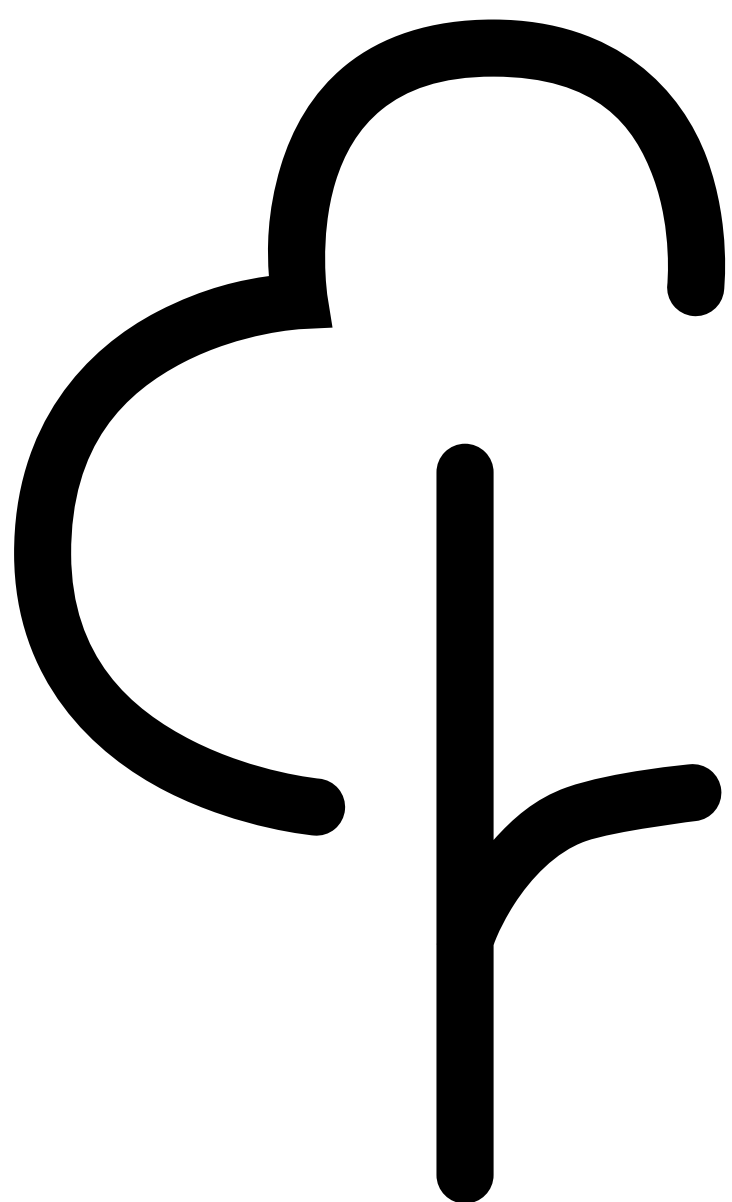




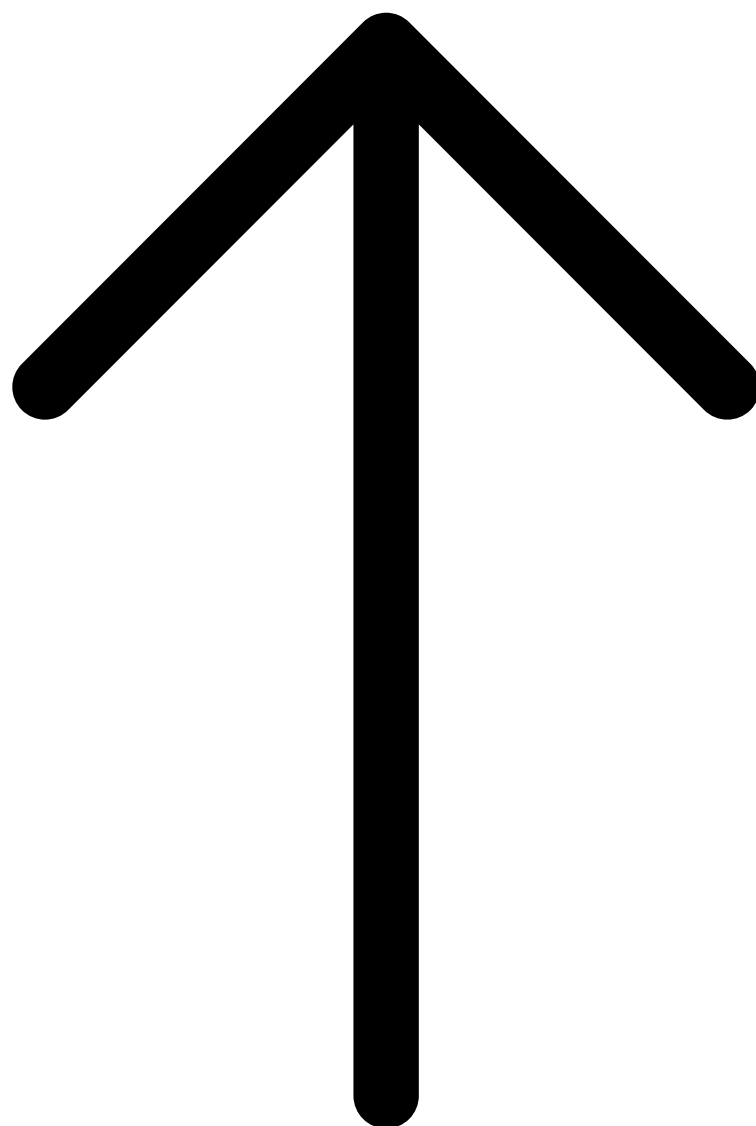
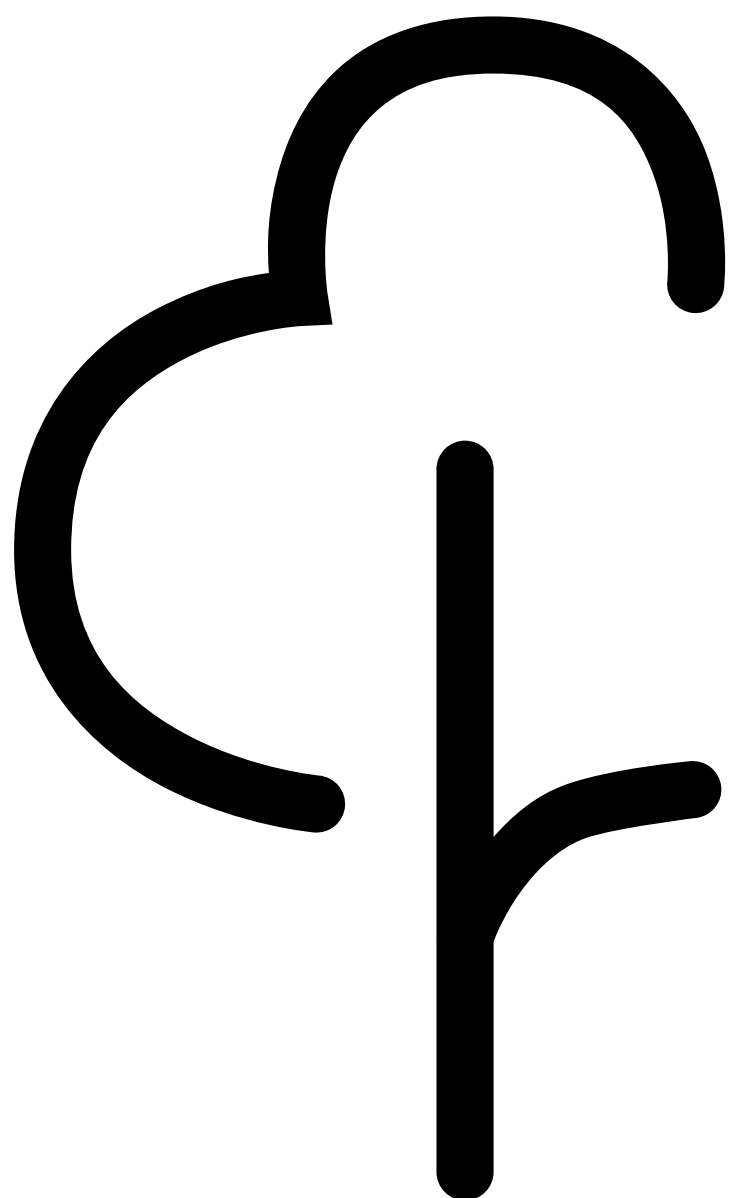
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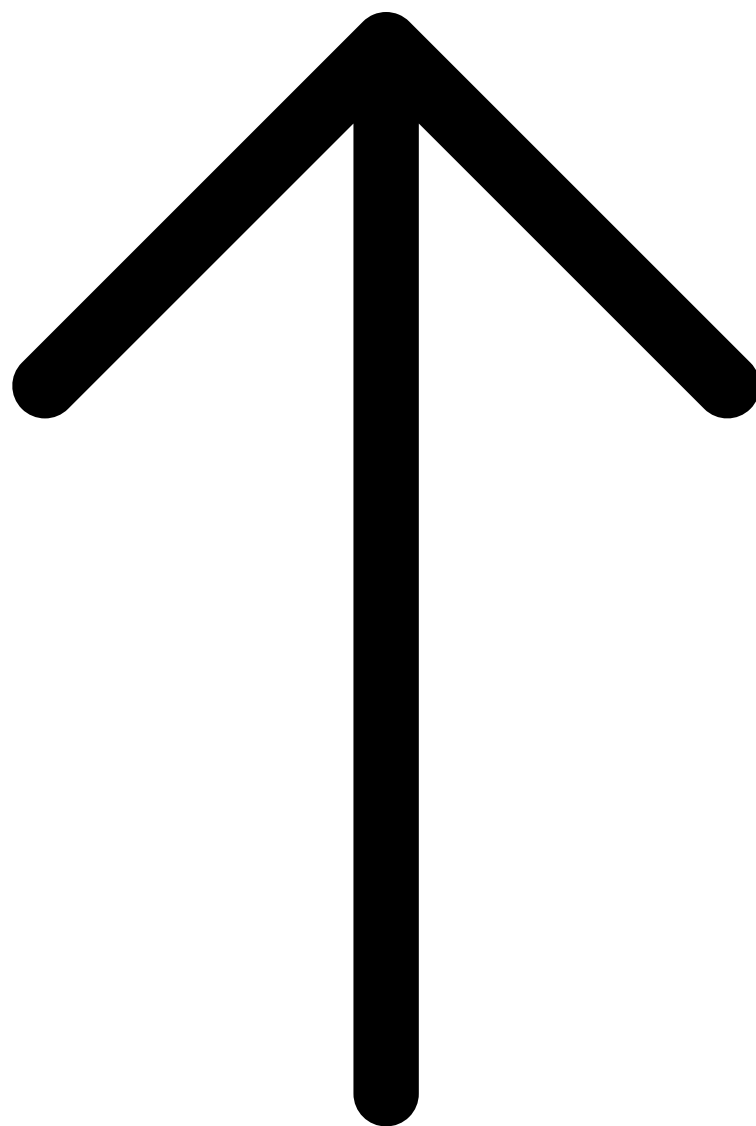
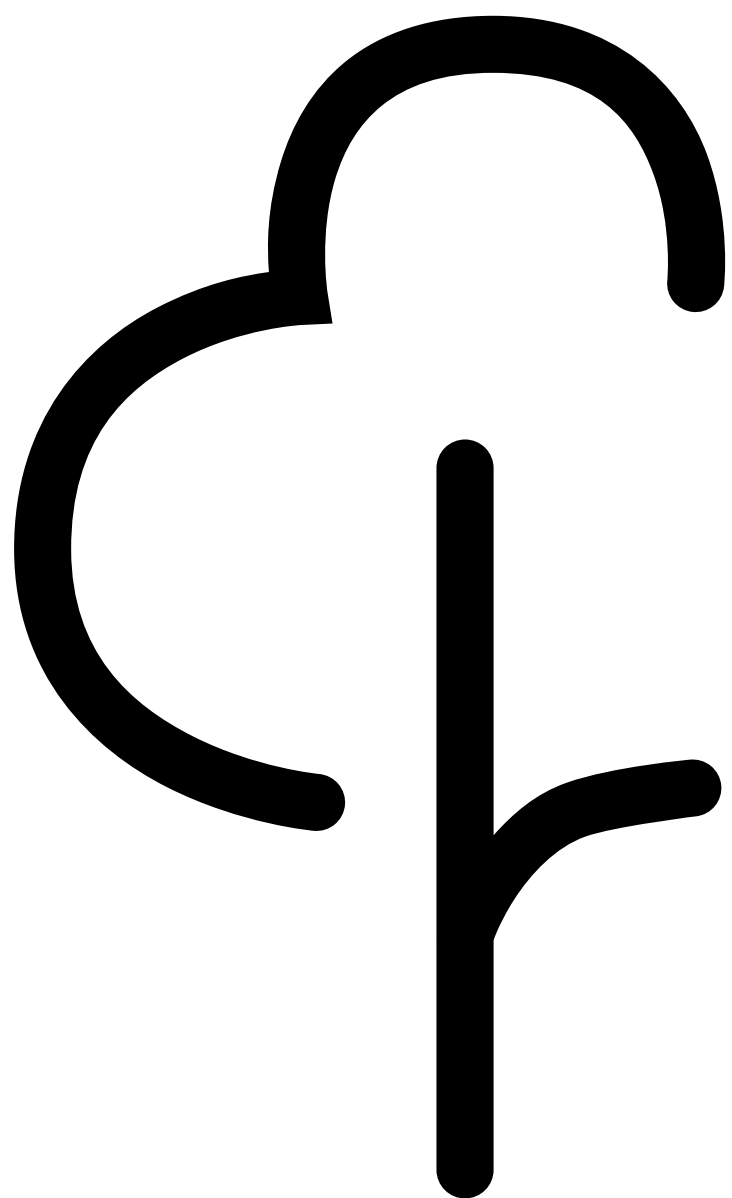
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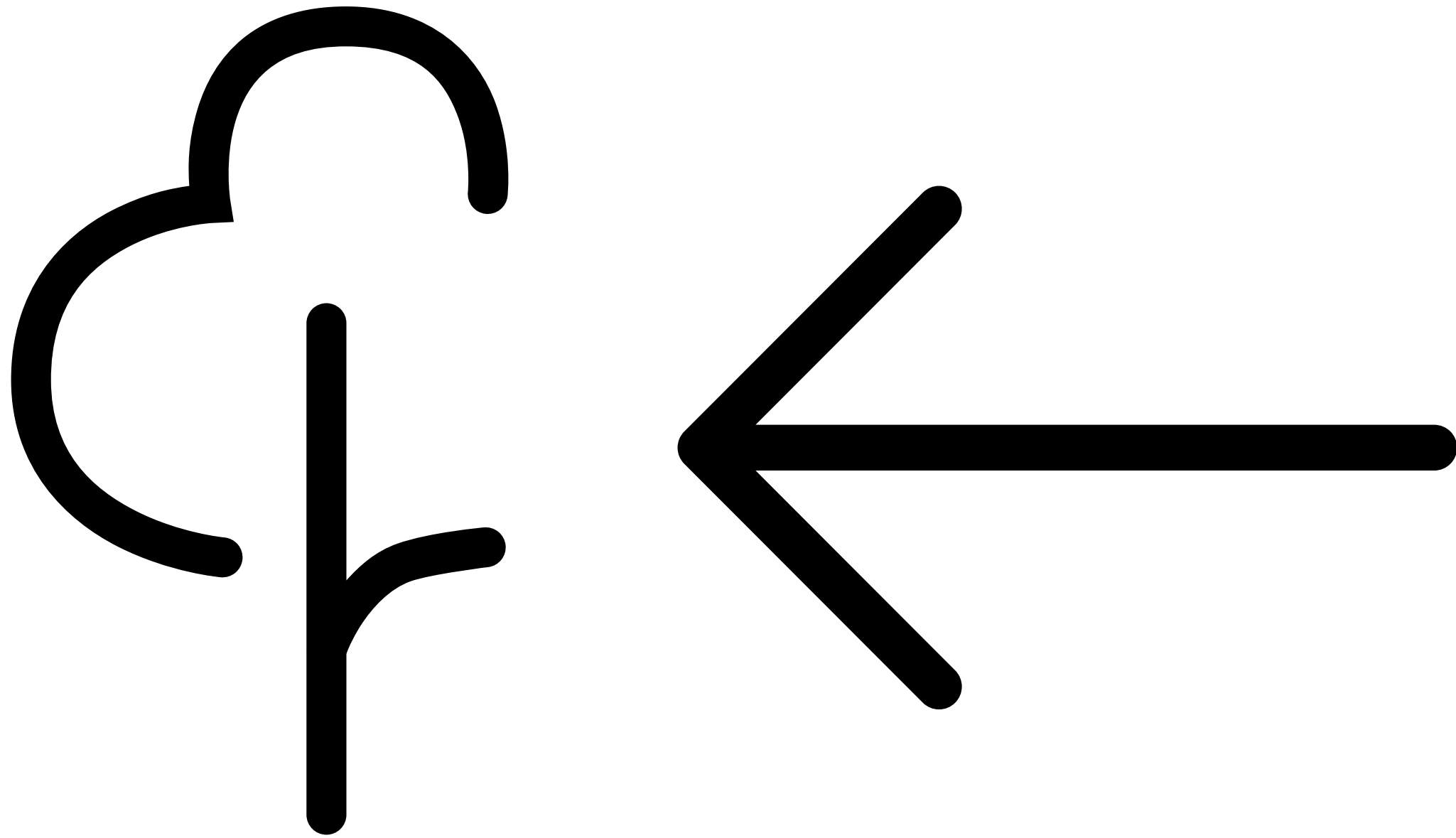
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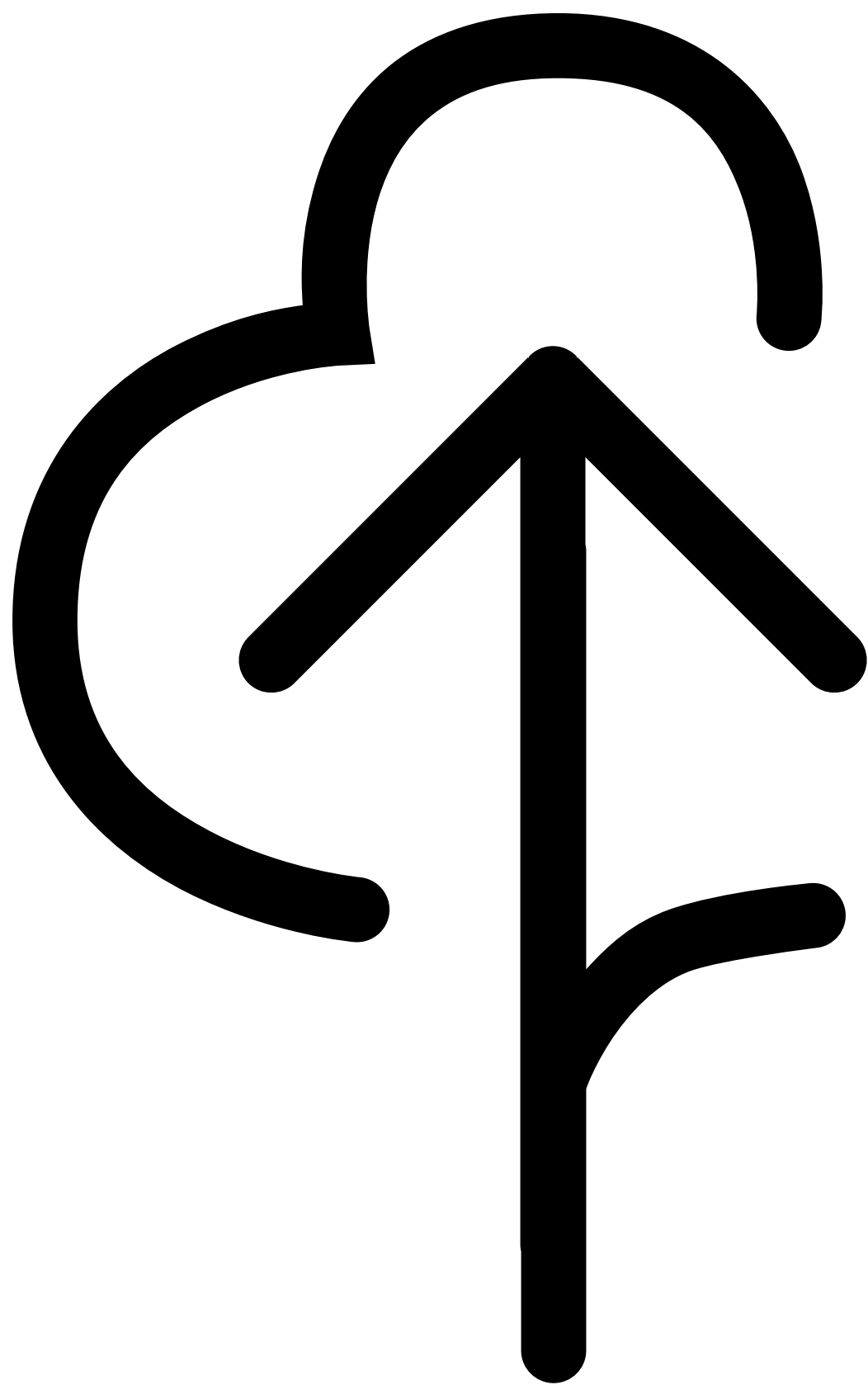
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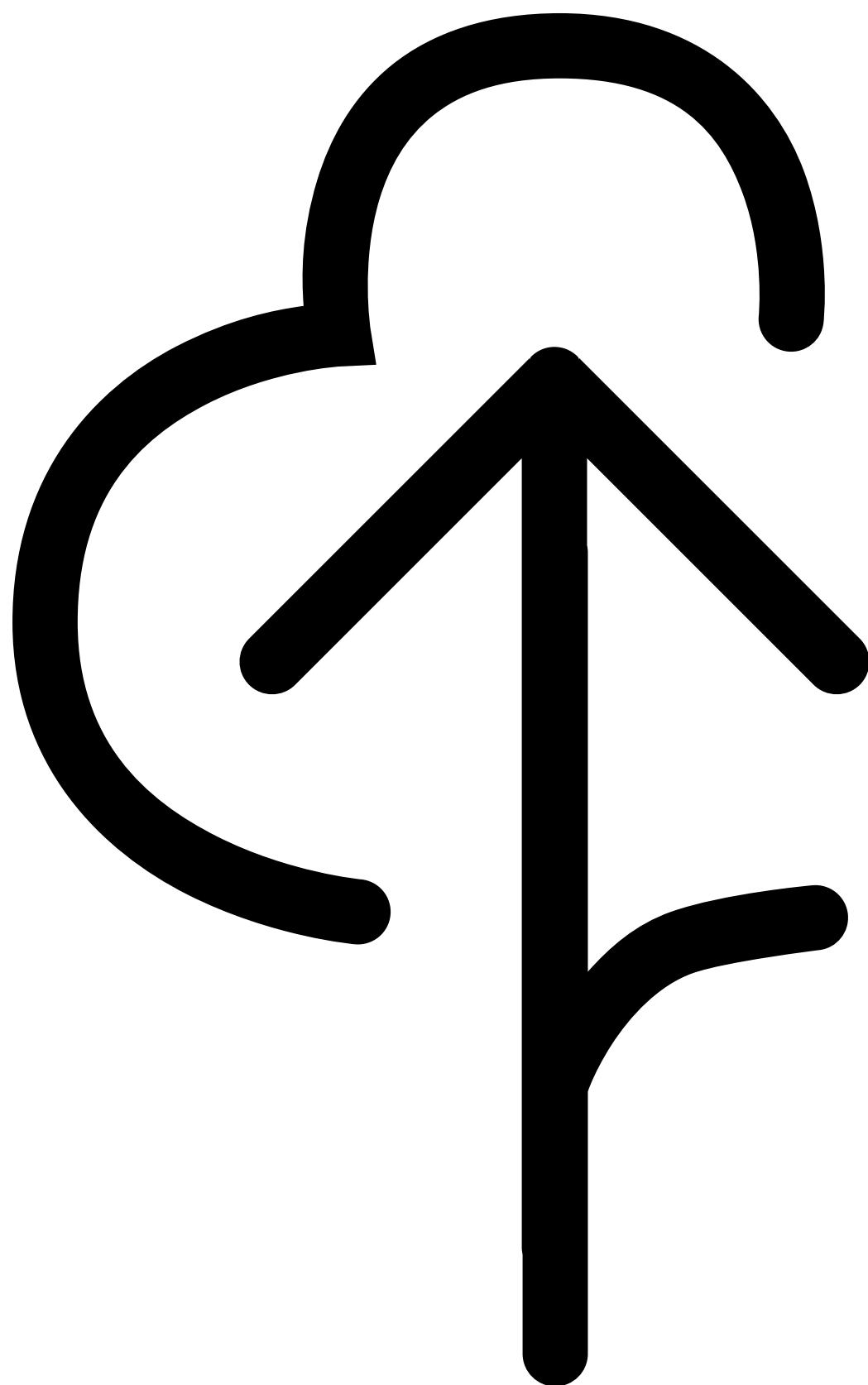
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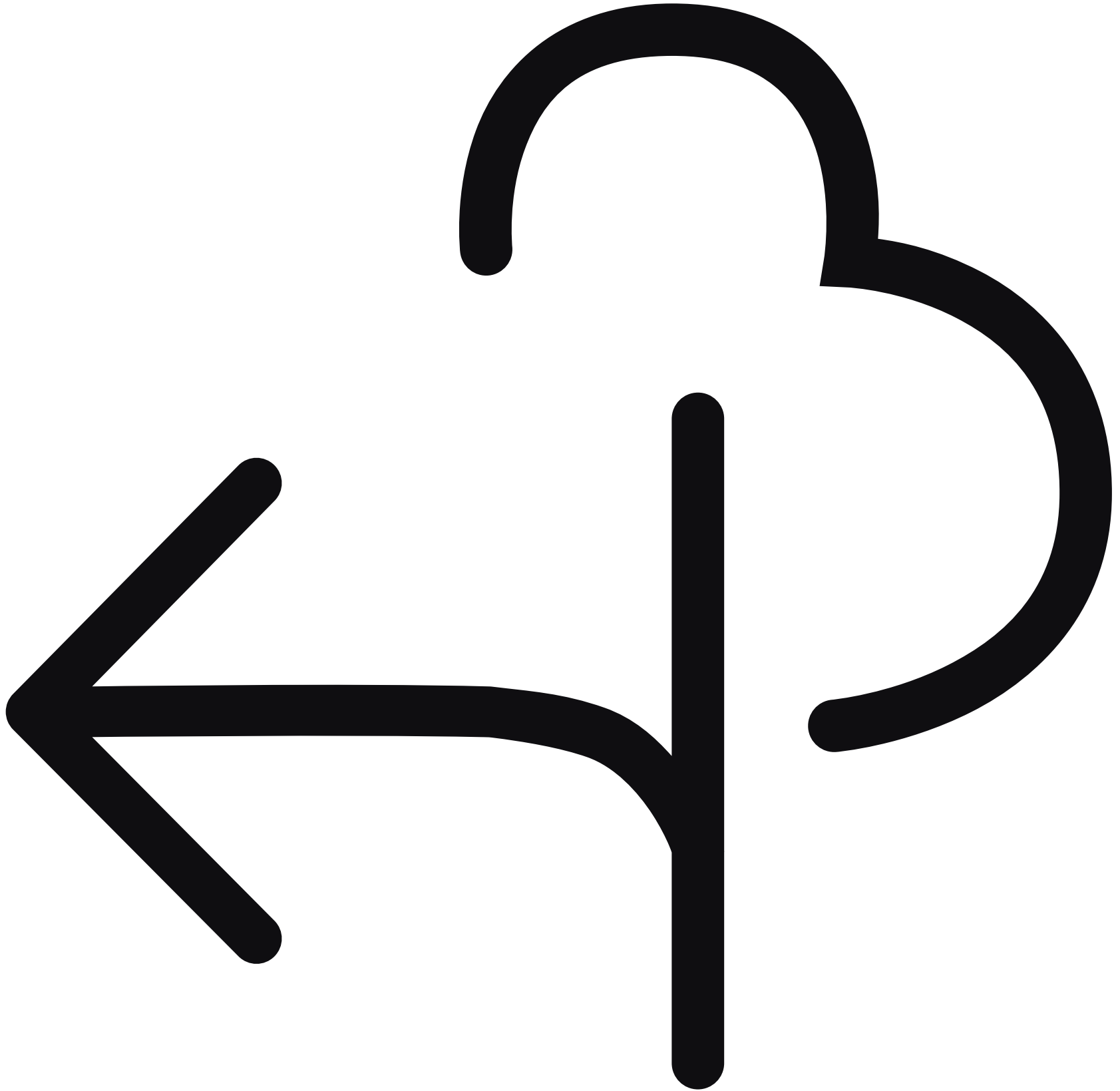
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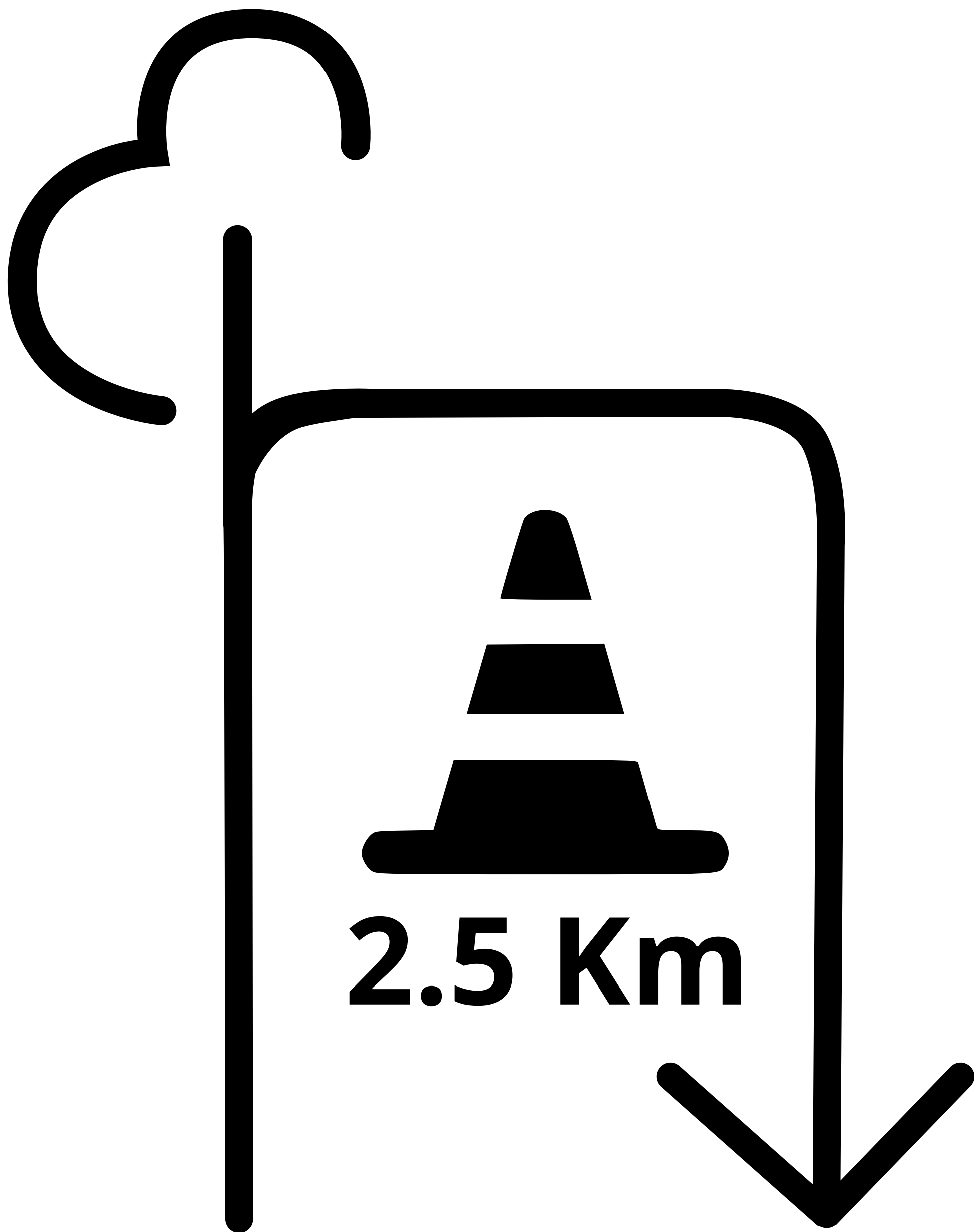
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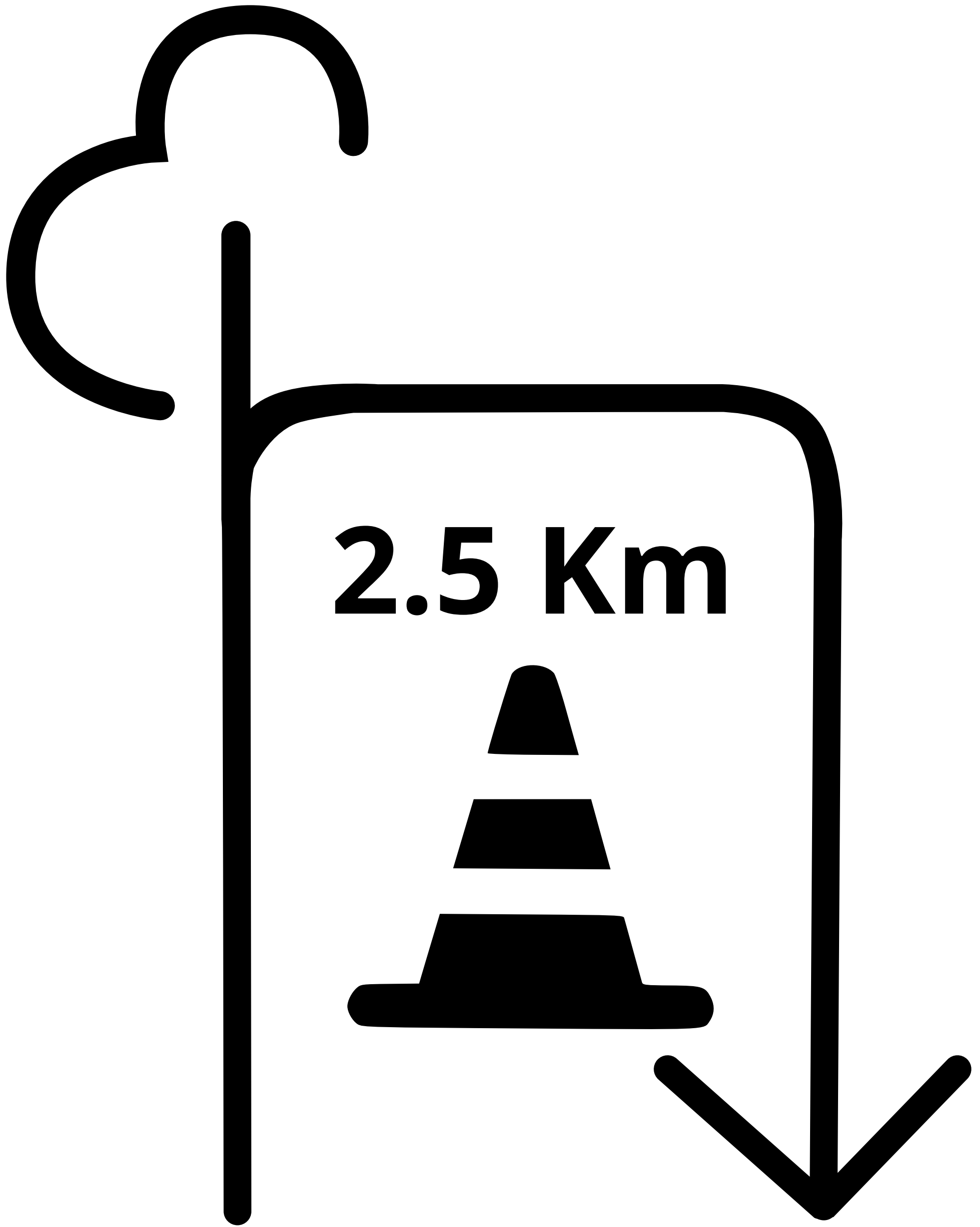


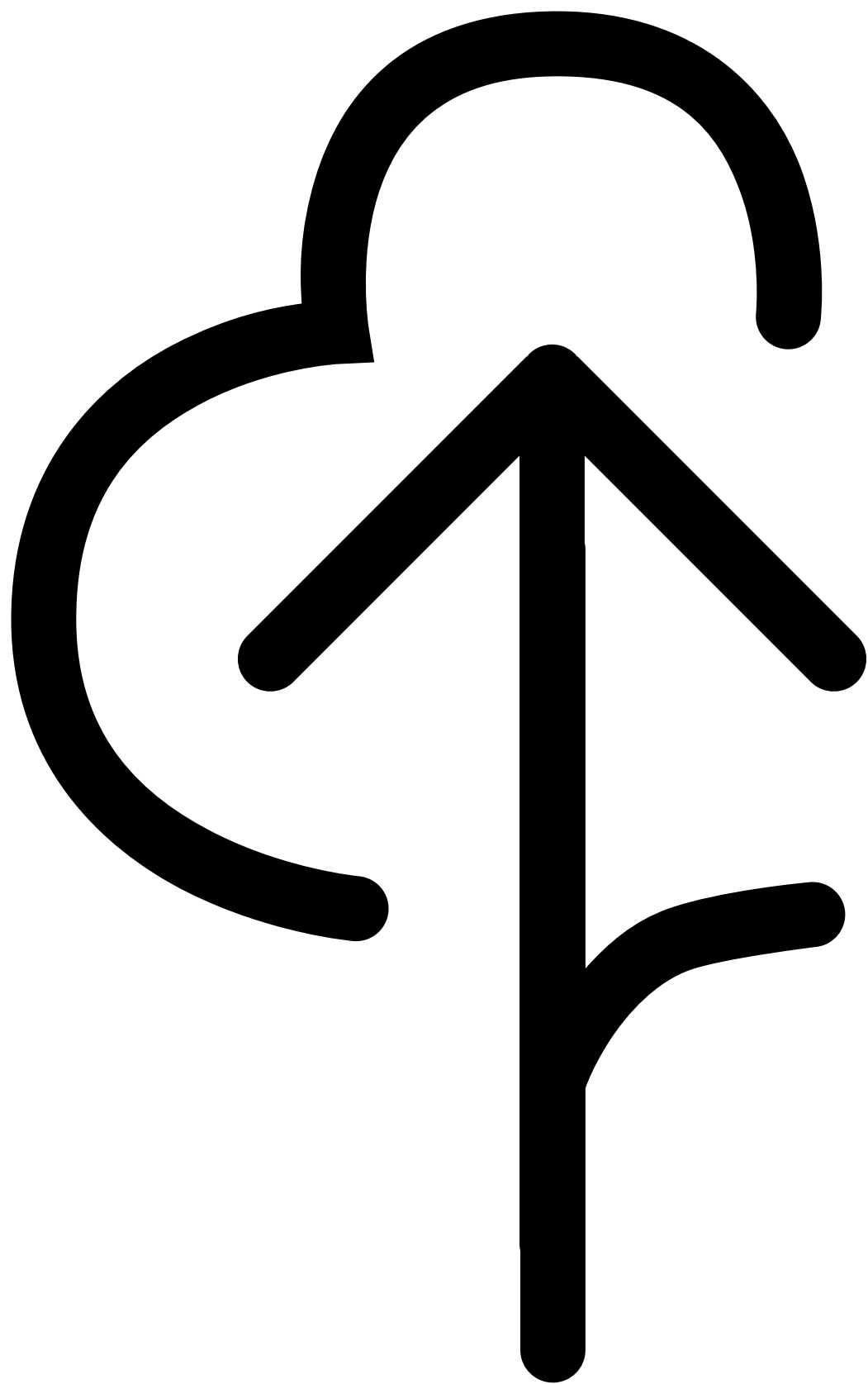
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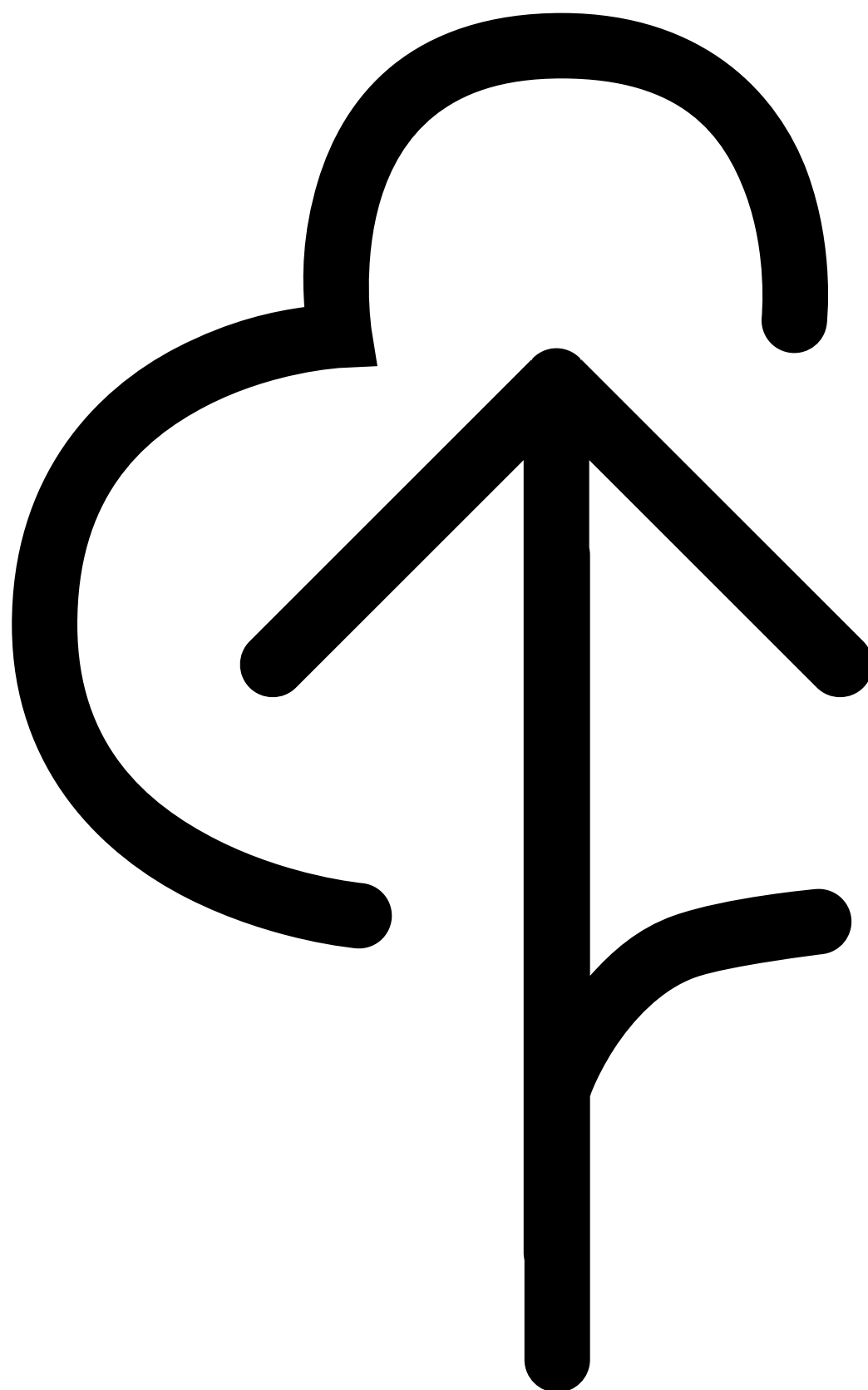
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3 Km



4 Km

I would like to speak to a number of concerns regarding the proposal for the tennis club to obtain exclusive use rights over public land.

My understanding is that while the club is seeking exclusive use, such arrangements are constrained by the ****Reserves Act 1977**** and the ****Local Government Act 2002****. These require councils to ensure fair public access, transparency, and clear community benefit in any use of public land. In practice, this means clubs may be granted priority or partial exclusivity, but not absolute control in the way a private landowner would have.

My first concern is how this will operate in reality.

I am aware of connections between members of the tennis club and individuals within council. That raises a legitimate concern about whether these principles will be applied impartially. I speak to this not as speculation alone, but from direct experience. My six-year-old son applied for tennis lessons through the appropriate channels, including via the school, and we received no response. I understand this is not an isolated case. There appears to be a pattern of selective inclusion, which raises concerns about fairness and accessibility.

It is also clear that the club includes members from outside Sumner. For example, one of my older son's friends, who lives in Mairehau, is a member. This suggests the facility is not serving the local community exclusively, despite being situated on public land within this ward. That raises a fundamental question: how is local community benefit being prioritised?

A related concern is how "public access" will be defined in practice. There is a real risk that access could be technically provided, but only at times that are of little practical use. For example, access might be offered during weekday mornings when children are at school and working people are unavailable. Meanwhile, high-demand times such as after school hours and weekends are likely to be fully occupied by the club. If that occurs, the appearance of access is maintained, but the reality is exclusion.

This leads to a key question: how will access be meaningfully managed and monitored?

In my view, there should be independent oversight of any such arrangement. This oversight should sit outside both the tennis club and any closely aligned networks, to ensure that commitments to fairness and community benefit are actually upheld. Without that, there is a risk that the intent of the legislation is not realised in practice.

My second concern relates to parking and safety.

Even with the current four courts, there are already significant issues. Vehicles regularly park across the road in a way that effectively blocks one side. They park on yellow lines, and most concerningly, they park over a fire hydrant. Our property backs onto rural land, and given the history of the Port Hills fires, access to fire infrastructure is not a theoretical issue. It is a real safety risk. If emergency services cannot access hydrants, the consequences could be severe.

Increasing the number of courts will inevitably increase demand and traffic. Without a clear and enforceable plan, this will amplify an already problematic situation. There is currently a lack of respect for local residents in how parking is managed, and that needs to be addressed before any expansion is considered.

My third concern relates to the land itself.

This area was significantly affected by the Canterbury earthquakes, and I am not aware of whether appropriate due diligence has been undertaken regarding the history of the land, including whether there are any sensitivities relating to past use or impacts. Given people died in the earthquakes on this road, I think it is important. Equally, I am not aware whether consultation has occurred with local iwi and with the recent Redcliffs land use sale, I think it's important to understand if anything should be built on this site.

Finally, I would like to raise a broader community question.

The tennis club already has four courts. Sumner is a relatively small community, and those facilities appear sufficient if they are serving local residents. However, as noted, the club draws members from across Christchurch. This raises the question of whether

public land in this area is effectively being used to support a wider population, rather than prioritising local needs.

At the same time, Sumner has limited recreational diversity. We have a skate park and a tennis club, but comparatively few other facilities. I have seen kids trying to play basket ball outside the tennis court being asked to leave. This leads to a simple but important question: what other options were considered? Were other sports or community uses evaluated as part of this process?

Public land is a shared asset. Decisions about its use should reflect the breadth of the community, not the interests of a single elitist group, many of whom were not born in NZ.

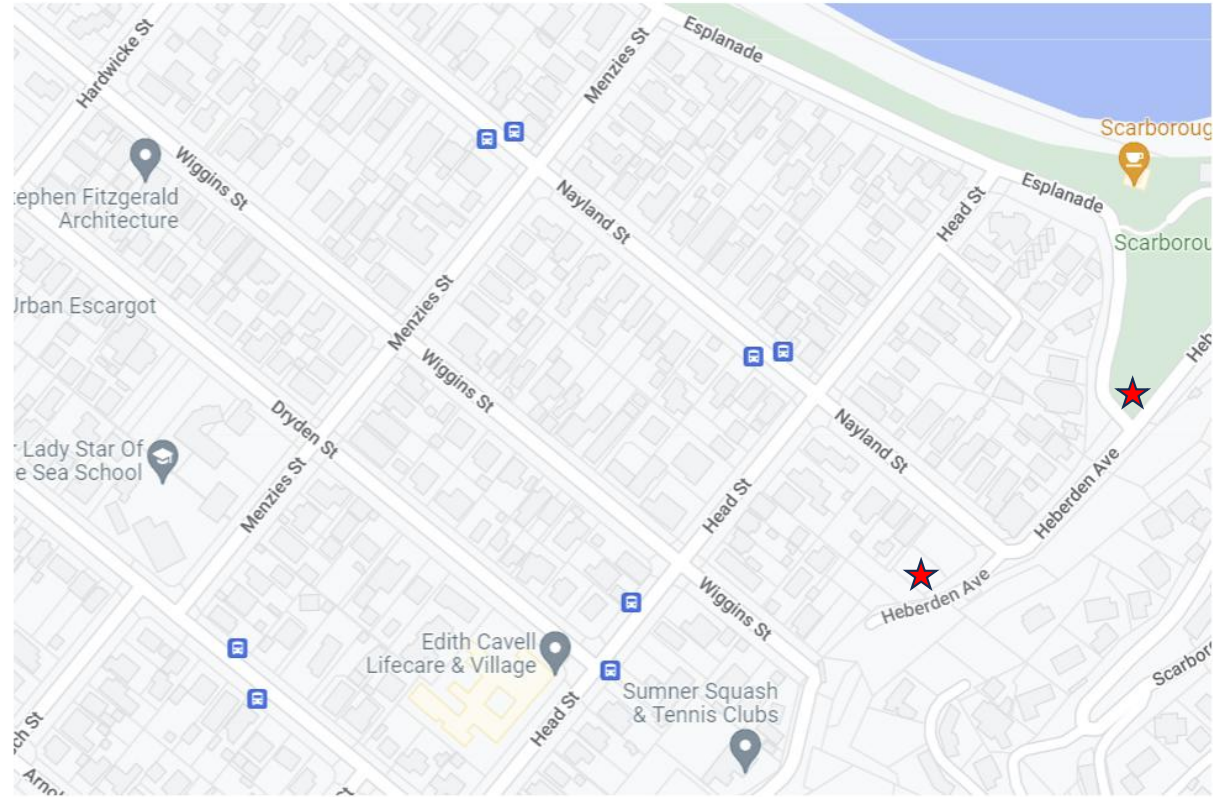
Those are the concerns I wish to raise, and I would appreciate clear responses on how these issues will be addressed.

A photograph of two tennis players shaking hands on a court. The image is rotated 90 degrees clockwise. The players are wearing white shirts and dark pants. The court surface is visible, along with the net and some white lines. The background is a clear blue sky.

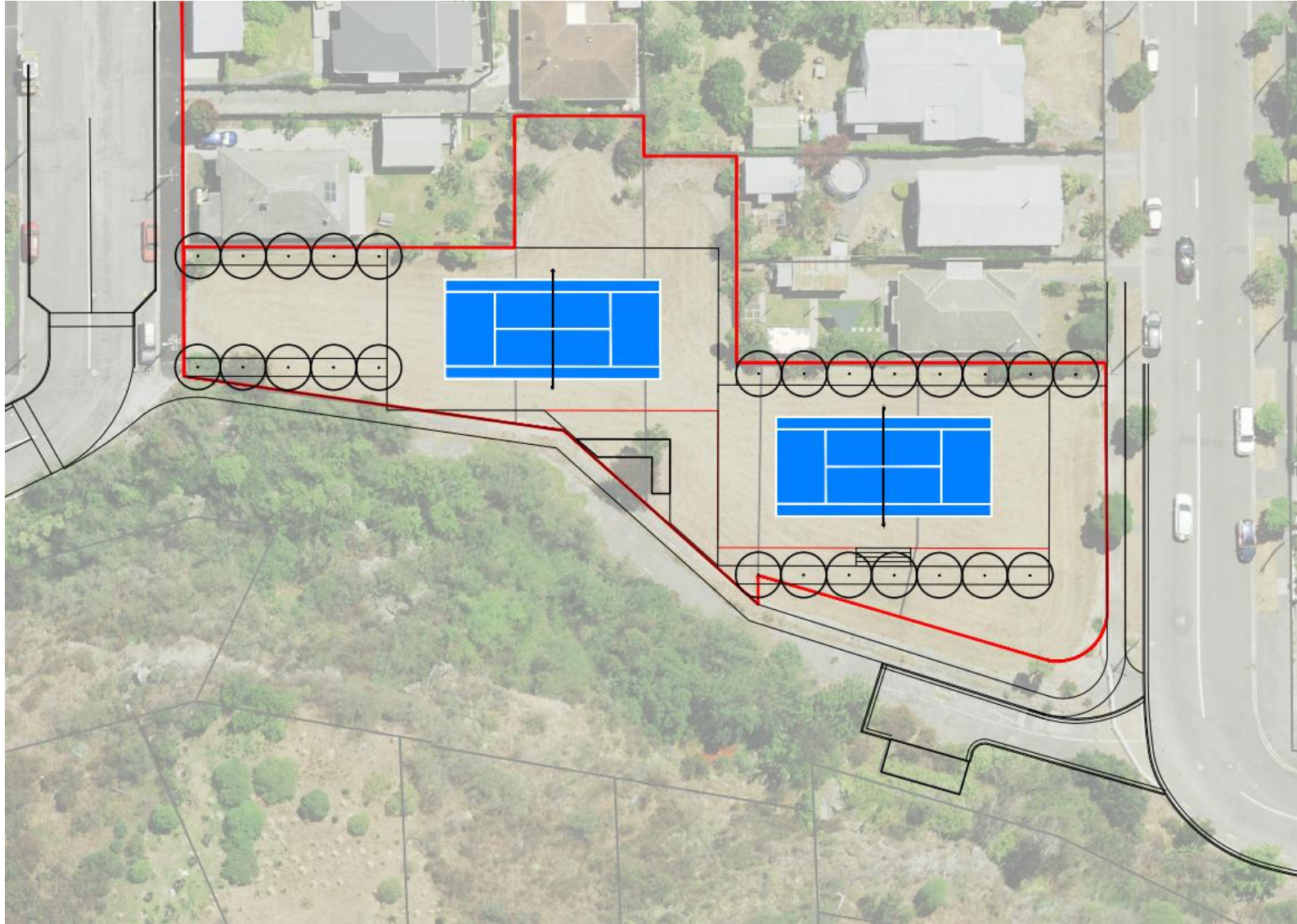
Land Development Proposal for Nayland / Wiggins Street

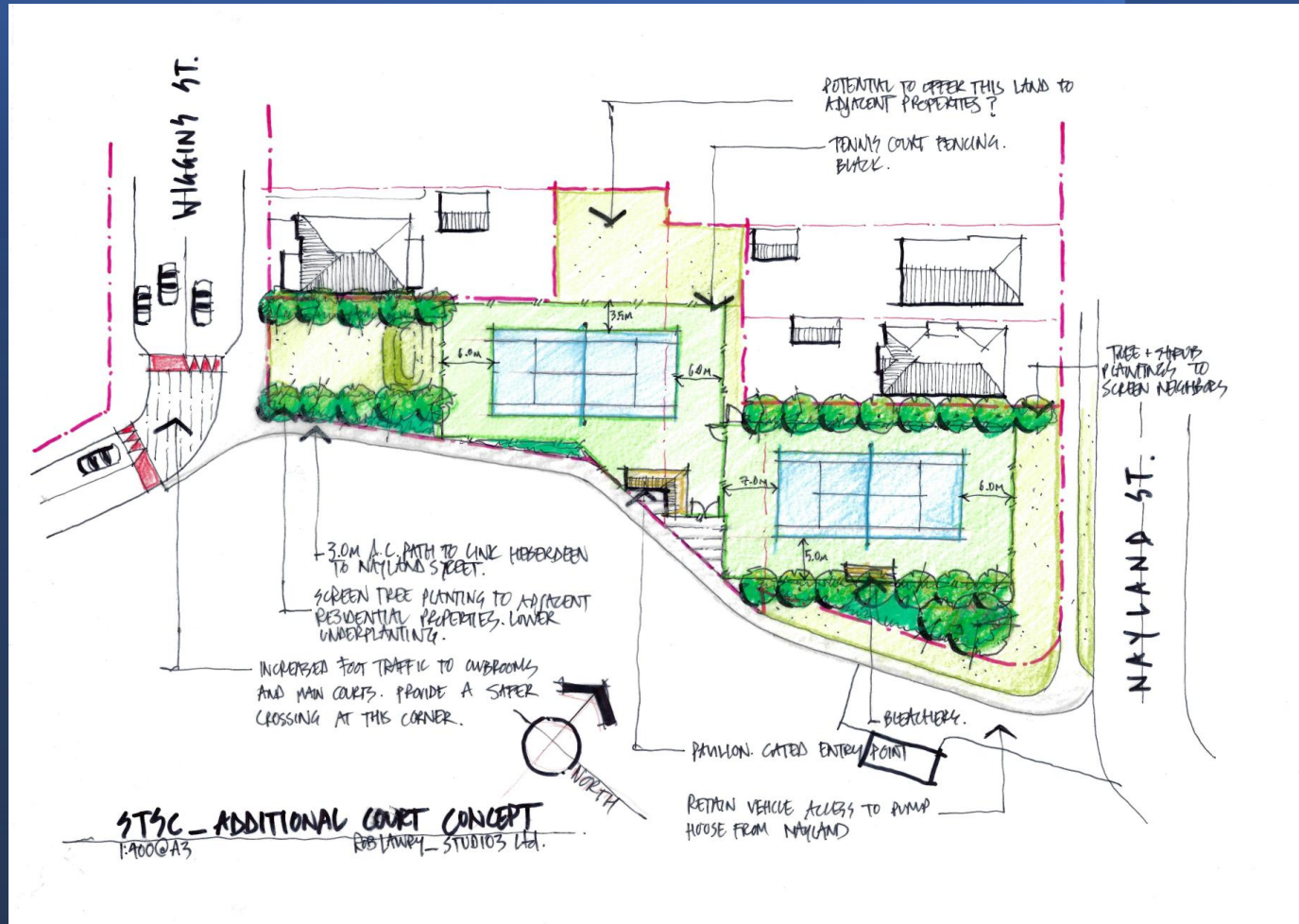
Public Private Partnership for STSC Expansion & Land Development











About Sumner Tennis & Squash Club

- 430 adult members and 30 on the waitlist. More members per court than any club in NZ.
- One of the lowest fee structures of any tennis / squash club in the country.
- Voted best club by Canterbury Tennis Association for 2021.
- 14 junior tennis teams and growing rapidly, 1 home game per season due to court availability.



Tennis Canterbury Region
2020 - 2021
Club of the Year
Summer Tennis and
Squash Club Inc

About Sumner Tennis & Squash Club

- Multisport club offering tennis, squash, table tennis.
- Thriving sports club drawing members from across S.E. Christchurch



STSC response to community objections

STSC seeks to be a good neighbour as highlighted by our more than 100 years of operation on the current site with minimal disruption to neighbours.

Noise Reduction:

- Maximise offsets from properties
 - Install low noise tennis surfaces
 - Sound dampening curtains on fencing
 - Digital entry to limit play to daylight hours
 - Activities currently restricted to only tennis, no pickleball etc
-

Parking:

- 4 bus stops within 150m of the proposed courts
- STSC will install bike parks and promote walking to the club
- Dual access from Wiggins & Nayland Streets to spread car parking
- Two courts = 6 to 8 players, so not a heavy vehicle load
- Provide a balance between parking and greenspace for people to enjoy

STSC response to community objections

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Miscellaneous:

- Enhance access with a path linking Nayland and Wiggins Streets.
- Enhance the greenspace with landscaping and access to surplus space
- Toilets are available at Scarborough park and STSC
- Digital entry limits access times and records who is using the courts
- STSC will mow the berm and maintain the leased area.
- Signage will be limited to access instructions on the fence.
- Courts will be smoke and alcohol free
- Standard tennis fencing will protect neighbours and cars

Key Response points from STSC

STSC seeks to be a good neighbour as highlighted by our more than 100 years of operation on the current site with minimal disruption to neighbours.

STSC is a thriving community center who aims to promote health and wellbeing to the greater Christchurch area through racquet sports.

STSC will work with Council and neighbours to minimize the effect of our development on noise, parking, use of green space and any of the other concerns made.

The land is a good candidate for disposal for residential development and many of the objections made could be exacerbated by alternative development.



Spokes Canterbury

Waihoru Annual Plan

April 2026

Anne Scott, Spokes Submissions Coordinator

Cycling benefits Waihoru

Economic benefits of increased cycling

- Cheap transport – stable fuel and maintenance costs – runs on food and electricity
- Health – being active improves physical and mental wellbeing
- Reduced congestion – travel time saving for others
- Safety – reduced accidents per km travelled – from new infrastructure and increasing no. of cyclists
- Reduced emissions - climate and pollution
- Cheaper infrastructure (cf roads) to build and maintain, high cost/benefit ratios

Invest in making cycling safe, convenient and mainstream



Waihoru Transport Choices

Good list of priorities – in particular

- Selwyn St, particularly Coronation St intersection (also Coronation / Simeon St)
- Safety around schools – encouraging children to cycle to school
- Bike parking now one of the biggest barriers to cycling
- Cycle connection between Westmorland and the Nor'West Arc – shared pedestrian / cycle bridge into Ashgrove Terrace
- Enforcement of 30km/h speed limits



Cycling Priorities

Top priorities from Spokes consultations not in board list:

- Connect Rapanui Shag Rock cycleway with Heathcote Express. Briddle Path Road is narrow
- Ashgrove Terrace / Studholme St – cyclists and pedestrians can't be seen coming from bridge – school route
- Rose Street increasing safety concern for cyclists, particularly going to Cashmere High
- Wilsons Road to Lancaster Park including upgrading Shakespeare Road intersection

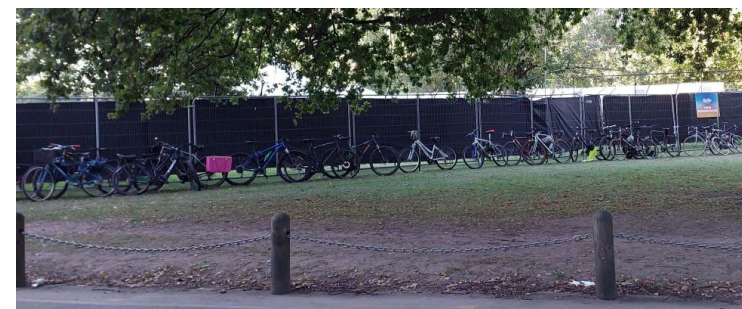


Small projects are important



Small things make a big difference

- Speed reductions have most impact on safety
- Pedestrian/cyclist refuges across busy streets
- Bike parking now one of the biggest barriers
- Signage and way-finding
- Timely removal of glass and debris
- Removing staples in alleyways and putting reflector tape on bollards
- Greater enforcement of parking and bus lanes
- Cut-downs to get between the road and park paths
- Extend the time bus lanes operate



Palatine Terrace



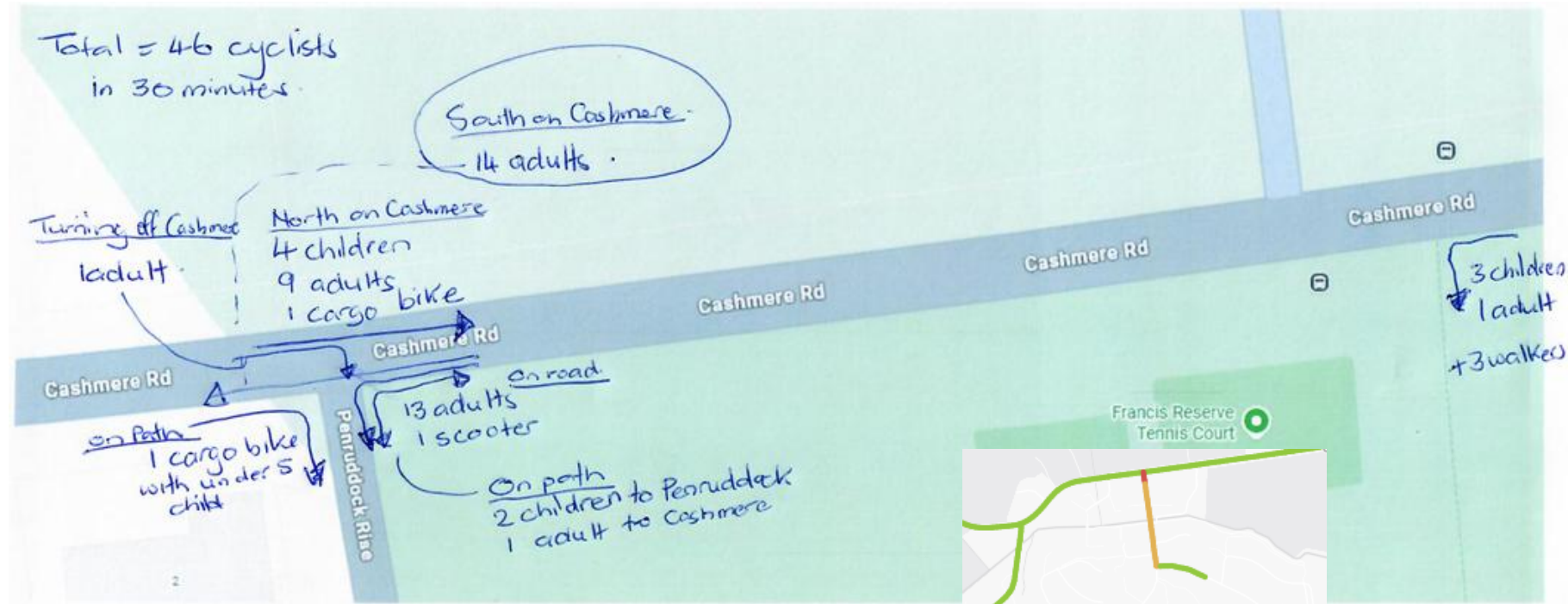
Penruddock Rise / Cashmere Road

Spokes prefers

- Option 2 with speed humps – this is the safest for cyclists and pedestrians



Cyclist 30 minute Survey 4.55-5.25pm Tuesday 10 Feb 2026



Love to ride data for intersection
Feb 2026 - Red = dangerous

Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote
Community Board
Plan 2026-28



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From the Chair



On behalf of the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board, I am proud to present our 2026-2028 Community Board Plan.

This Plan sets out our Board's goals for the next three years. It builds on the 2023-25 Board Plan, and I am pleased to acknowledge the progress secured over the past three years.

We've seen the Council commit to the rebuild of Ōmokihi, begin work on the Port Hills Plan, fund the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network to deliver pest plant control along the river, upgrade the Hoon Hay Community Centre, deliver ablution blocks in local parks, and more.

Each of these were priorities set out in the previous Board plan, and we're proud to have seen them delivered or still progressing steadily.

In this plan, we set out our priorities for the next three years. The priorities chosen are anchored in the context of this Community Board Area and naturally overlap and reinforce each other.

Our growing neighbourhoods make safe transport choices more important. By delivering ecological restoration from the Port Hills to the Ihutai Estuary, we'll tackle fire and flood risks. Our community facilities are the bones of this Board area, and by investing in our parks we can make our growing neighbourhoods great places to live.

We are committed to being an open, inclusive, and transparent Board that works hard for our community. We're also collaborative, and we look forward to working with you in this amazing part of the city to deliver the priorities detailed in this plan.

In this document you'll also find Stats NZ information about the Board area, Community Funding options and the Council's Strengthening Communities Together Strategy. These are key information pillars that have guided us in this process.

Keir Leslie, Chairperson



About Community Boards and our plans

Community Boards carry out functions and exercise powers delegated to them by their Councils.

There are six Community Boards within the Christchurch City Council area.

Elections for Community Board members and councillors are held every three years.

The Community Board's main role is to:

- Represent and advocate for the interests of its community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council, or any matter of interest to the Board.
- Maintain an overview of Council services in the community.

- Prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

Community Board Plans

Community Board plans are developed every three years and outline the Board's key priorities for their elected term. They also indicate how the Board will work in partnership with the local community to achieve key outcomes that sit under these priorities.

A key part of the development of this plan is engagement with the local community and stakeholders to ensure that the Board's priorities reflect the needs and desires of local residents, community groups and businesses in the Board area.

Te Haumako Te Whitingia Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

In 2022, the Council updated its Strengthening Communities Strategy, with a renewed focus on community diversity, collaboration, being connected and building capability for the future.

While the Board may not be able to address the many complex social issues that Christchurch faces alone, there is a key role in helping to develop and nurture networks, and to bring resources and people together to collectively achieve more.

Council understands that communities want a greater focus on direct impact and outcomes, with a continued emphasis on collaboration and partnership. They want transparency and accountability as well as measurable goals and actions, to know what's working and what isn't.

We believe the refreshed strategy delivers on this.

The strategy is written around four key pillars that set out Council's commitment to working alongside the community over the next ten years.

Strategy Pillars

Te Tāngata People	Whenua Place	Te Mahi Participation	Te Takatū Preparedness
Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.	Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.	Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.	People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

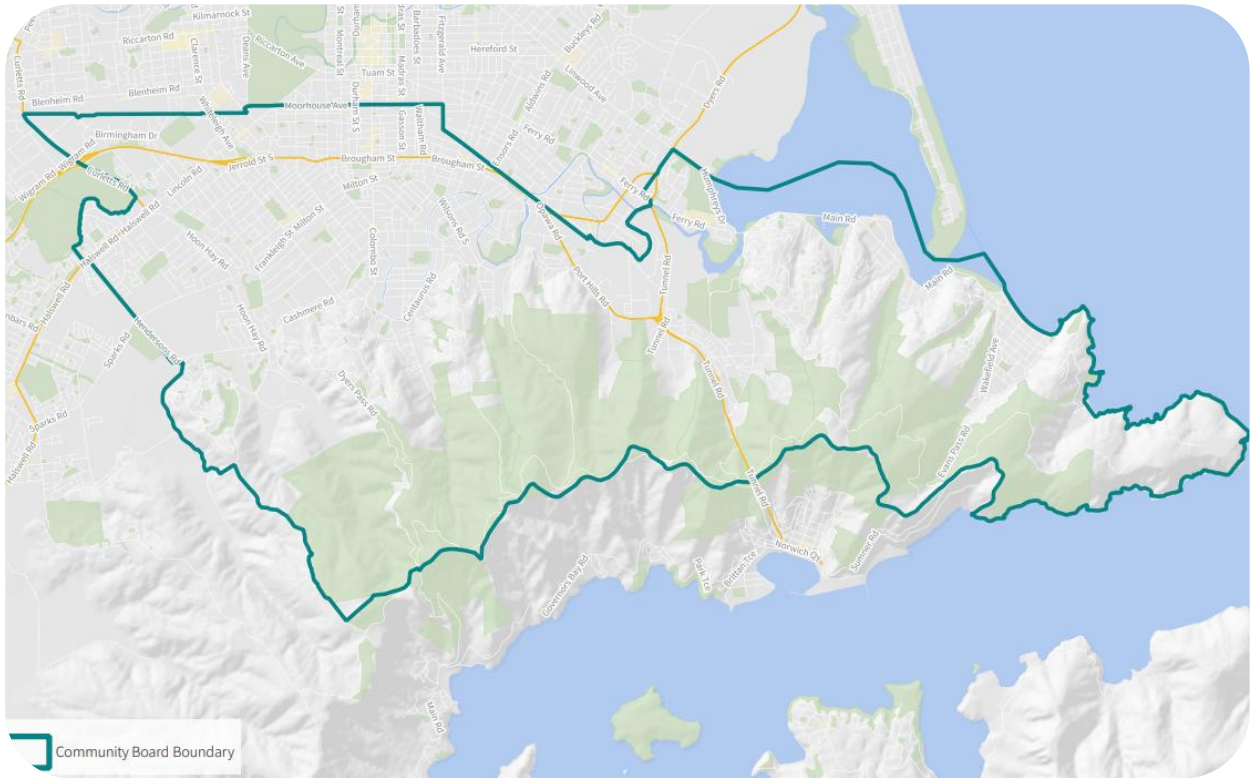
The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board is committed to working alongside local communities to achieve the goals of the strategy. The four pillars listed above help to guide elected members and staff alike in decision-making and advocacy on behalf of residents.

You can view a copy of the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Council's website [here](https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/strengthening-communities-together-strategy).

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Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board area



Key statistics

This section provides an overview of key statistics for the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board area. Please note all figures are sourced from the 2023 Census of Population and Dwellings.



Population:
77,895

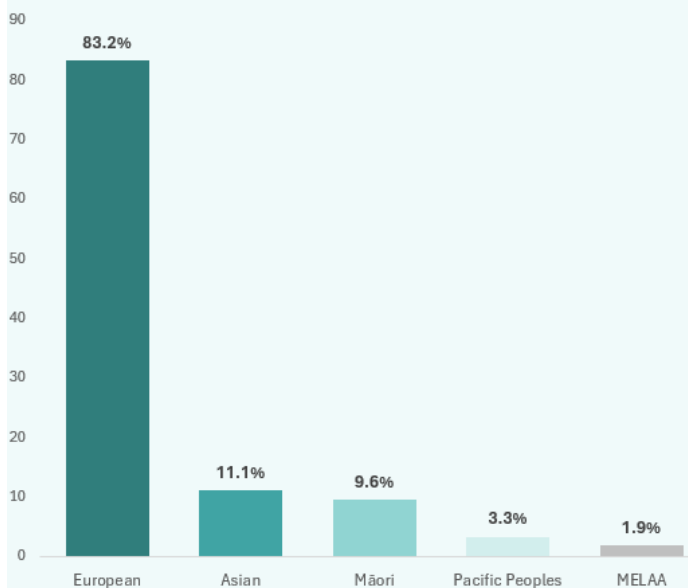


Median age:
40.5 years



Median personal income:
\$46,000

Ethnicity



Occupied private dwellings:
31,242



Unoccupied private dwellings:
2,514



Household access to internet:
91.4%



Rented dwellings:
32.2%



Born overseas:
26.5%

Key Facilities and Amenities

- 3 Council libraries: Matuku Takotako: Sumner, South Christchurch (under construction), Spreydon
- 1 Council service centre: Beckenham
- 249 Council parks (1,950 hectares)
- 31 schools: 22 primary, 1 intermediate, 2 secondary, 4 composite (year 1-13), 2 special
- 1 public hospital: Hillmorton
- Approximately 10,422 businesses employing 47,461 people (2024)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Pioneer Recreation and Sport Centre, Addington Raceway, Apollo Projects Stadium, Victoria Park, The Gondola, Christchurch Adventure Park, Washington Way Skate Park, Waltham Summer Pool, Godley Head.
- Main shopping centres and precincts: Addington, Barrington, Beckenham, Hillmorton, St Martins, Moorhouse Avenue, Sydenham and The Colombo, Sydenham South, Thorrlington, Centaurus, Ferrymead, Sumner, Redcliffs.

Our vision

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To be effective advocates for the local community and environment, working to create a vibrant and inclusive Board area that is a great place to live, work and play.

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Vision statements

- The Board will continue to support active and public transport initiatives that impact our areas so that local communities have options in how they travel.
- The Board will take an integrated approach to intensification, seeking to ensure that existing and emerging communities are supported to be liveable, sustainable and accessible.
- The Board will continue to showcase Waihoru’s stunning natural environment, providing access for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy our recreational areas, particularly play spaces.
- Opportunities to participate in decision-making will be supported through the active development of relationships with local community organisations and residents/ratepayers associations.
- A range of social and recreational activities will be provided, to strengthen community wellbeing and connectedness.
- Waihoru will continue to be an easy and enjoyable part of the city to live in, with an innovative and prosperous business community and lively cultural environment.



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

1. Ki uta ki tai – From the Hills to the Sea

Why this matters

The urban city of Christchurch sits on a ‘green foundation’, created by the geography of the Port Hills (*Te Poho o Tamatea*), and its two major rivers. Significant natural features in Waihoru include parts of the Port Hills, the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River, the Ihutai Estuary and coastal bays.

It is important to the Board that there is a holistic approach taken to the environmental protection and enhancement of these valuable taonga (treasures) under the concept of Te Mana o te Wai. We know that what happens in one part of the catchment has an impact downstream.

Erosion on the Port Hills causes sediment to be transported to tributary streams and into the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River. This is exacerbated by urban development and more frequent and intensive rain events. Sediment is a significant contaminant in the river. Steps taken in this area will seek to provide mitigation for unforeseen consequences and to support the health of the wider environment.

What the Board will do:

- Drive the development of the Port Hills Plan
 - Ensure the inclusion of the revegetation of reserves
 - Feed this vision into management plans for reserves that are Council owned or managed
- Actively support sediment management of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River to improve overall water quality, river health, flood risk and general amenity of the waterway
 - Address historic stormwater discharge in hillside suburbs
 - Include consideration for upstream areas that affect the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River
- Continue to support environmental weed and pest management (*including trapping*) along the Heathcote River and Port Hills
 - Investigate strategic options to reduce the workload of busy volunteers
- Support the implementation of the Ōpāwaho Lower Heathcote Guidance Plan
- Support the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network and the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Planting Plan
- Continue to support planting in Red Zone areas

We will measure our success by:

- Implementation plans are budgeted for in the Long Term Plan (LTP)
- The completion of the Port Hills Plan vision document
- New restoration zones are adopted by community groups, ensuring they are planted and maintained
- Pest management initiatives are effective, and increase native biodiversity and bird populations
- Volunteer hours supported through Board funding, annually



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓ Participation ✓ Preparedness ✓

2. Response to Intensification

Why this matters

Waihoru is experiencing significant residential intensification, alongside increased traffic from growth in the western suburbs. It also has the largest resident population and the highest concentration of social housing of any Board area. As growth of the city continues, careful planning and infrastructure management are essential to ensure the area remains safe, connected, and liveable for current and future residents.

The Board recognises that a diversity of transport choices including quality public transport, cycle lanes and multi-modal transport options are important for the management of intensifying suburbs. These aspects are covered in more detail under Priority 3 - Safe Transport Choices.

What the Board will do:

- Lead conversations for the SoMo (South of Moorhouse) and Sydenham communities around intensification and the future of this mixed-use commercial-residential area
 - Partner with businesses and community groups to reactivate the area with events, placemaking and streetscape improvements
- Advocate for plan changes and zoning that support high-quality and affordable housing options
- Improve Waltham community connections – specifically around the pool, park and playground
 - Advocate to open Waltham Pool earlier on Summer mornings
 - Advocate for funding in the LTP for a community co-design of a Waltham village centre
- Develop a ‘living street’ in Spreydon
- Advocate for the retention and expansion of public greenspaces in existing parks and within new and developing neighbourhoods
- Advocate for more trees to be appropriately planted on Council land, including along streets
- Advocate for long-term high school provision in South-East Christchurch

We will measure our success by:

- Feedback in the Christchurch Survey
- Transport mode-shift data in intensifying suburbs
- Business occupancy rates in Sydenham/SoMo
- Number of affordable housing units consented annually
- Percentage of new developments meeting high urban design standards
- Increased community input on relevant engagements and decision reports
- Canopy cover retention or increase in intensifying suburbs



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

3. Safe Transport Choices

Why this matters

Well-designed walking, cycling, and public transport networks improve safety, reduce congestion, and encourage active lifestyles for all ages; including children traveling to and from school. Strong connections between routes are essential for a well-connected and resilient transport network.

What the Board will do:

- Continue to link nearby existing cycleways within the transport network and deliver planned Major Cycleway Route (MCR) projects
 - Advocate for a cycle connection street renewal along Edinburgh Street, with safe crossings at Lyttelton Street
 - Advocate for a cycle connection linking Westmorland to the Nor-West Arc Major Cycleway
 - Advocate for a direct crossing point for cyclists between Milton Street and Simeon Street
 - Advocate for a cycle connection between the Rapanui Shag Rock Cycleway and the Heathcote Express cycleway
- Increase and improve cycle parking and end-of-trip facilities, particularly at sporting grounds, outside businesses and at the bottom of the hills
- Improve overall safety of transport on the hills through smart design choices and improvements
- Advocate for improved bus infrastructure such as priority lanes and improved shelters
- Implement traffic solutions to promote adherence to the speed limit in 30kp/h speed areas
- Support school safety with crossing points, sight lines, and pedestrian access changes
- Advocate for improved lighting and street safety improvements, including on Grange Street in Council's Long Term Plan
- Advocate for the Selwyn Street Masterplan to be delivered
- Advocate for the Sydenham Masterplan to be delivered

We will measure our success by:

- Progression of key advocacy projects (e.g. Selwyn Street and Sydenham Masterplans, Edinburgh Street connection) into delivery stages
- Number of new or upgraded cycle parking and end-of-trip facilities installed
- Positive community feedback on transport safety and accessibility initiatives in identified areas
- Number of local safety improvements delivered (e.g. crossings, traffic calming, intersection upgrades)



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

Place ✓

4. Parks and Recreational Amenities

Why this matters

From the Port Hills to the coastline and along the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River, Waihoru has a diverse and highly valued network of parks and open spaces that are enjoyed by local communities and people from across the city. These spaces support physical wellbeing, connection to nature, social interaction, and are central to the liveability and identity of the area.

The Board are eager to see local parks utilised for unstructured play and informal recreation; to be places where people of all ages can move, play, gather and relax.

What the Board will do:

- Advocate for nature, recreation and non-structured play elements in parks
- Improve tracks, walkways and natural features of the Board area
- Prioritise improvements of high-use assets, such as:
 - *Vernon Terrace public toilets*
 - *The pathway at Barrington Park*
 - *Access and facilities at the base of the Rapaki Track*
 - *Somerfield Park toilets*
 - *Barrington Park toilets*
- Work with families and survivors to acknowledge the unmarked graves at Sydenham Cemetery
- Support the development of the Addington Park Community Garden and adjacent facility
- Advocate for the successful upgrade to the Hoon Hay Pavillion
- Support the development of a basketball court at Ti Rakau Reserve

We will measure our success by:

- Plans budgeted for in the Long Term Plan (LTP)
- Parks being visibly well-used for informal, unstructured recreation by people of all ages
- Priority park assets being upgraded and fit for purpose
- Increase in natural play features (logs, boulders, planting, water elements)
- Feedback in the Life in Christchurch Survey shows improved satisfaction with local parks facilities



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

Preparedness ✓

5. Community Resilience

Why this matters

Rain, drought and wildfire risk is expected to increase in many places around New Zealand, and rising sea levels will make coastal communities and infrastructure more vulnerable to extreme weather events. The natural geography of the Waihoru Board area places risk on local communities for some or all of the above, and the Board are keen to support neighbourhoods to be prepared.

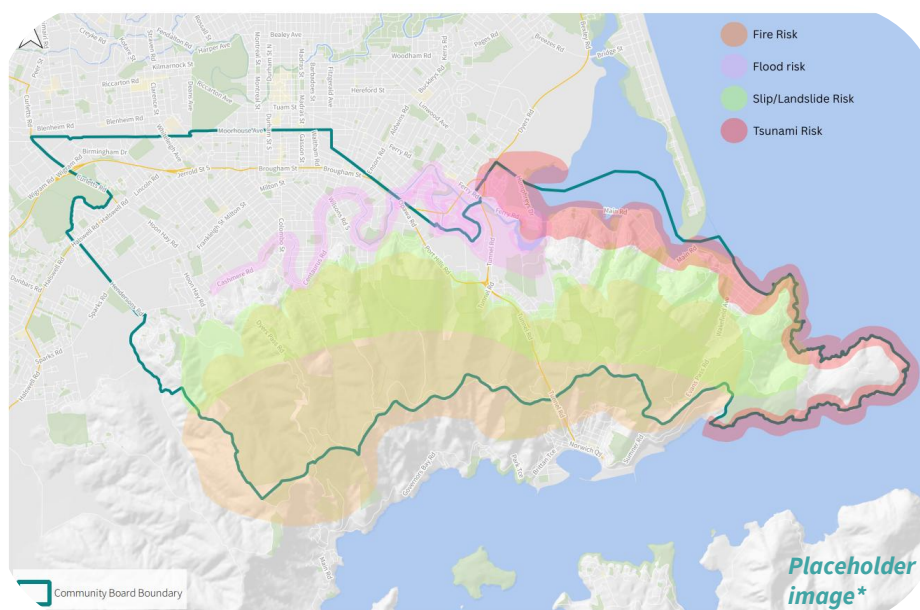
The particular risk of wildfire on the Port Hills has increased with climate change. Having a cohesive and agreed approach to mitigating this risk through appropriate planting and land management is important for the resilience of both the community and the environment.

What the Board will do:

- Undertake community planning for flooding, fires, extreme weather events and the possibility of other coastal / natural hazards
- Support Civil Defence Emergency Management planning, particularly related towards potential future management of displaced persons
- Partner with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) to deliver community information sessions
- Improve relationships with local communities for knowledge-sharing about preparedness
- Support the resourcing and preparedness of local community hubs
- Advocate for investment in rooftop solar and battery storage across Council and community-owned facilities to build energy resilience and support emergency response capability

We will measure our success by:

- Increase in the number of households with a personal emergency plan and supplies
- Number of facilities with activation plans identified as potential emergency hubs
- Community participation in coastal adaptation planning processes



Our priorities

Strengthening Communities Together
Strategy Pillars:

People ✓ Place ✓ Preparedness ✓

6. Activation of Ōmōkihi and Surrounds

Why this matters

Ōmōkihi will be Christchurch's newest facility, opening in late 2026. It will serve as a vibrant, active hub of culture and community for the south of the city.

The old South Library was the most utilised library facility for book returns of the whole Christchurch network. The Board want to ensure that the new facility is delivered to a high standard and that it engages well with the community and surrounding environment.

What the Board will do:

- Complete the delivery of a pump track and basketball court at Hunter Terrace
- Continue to support the successful delivery of the popular South Christchurch Farmers Market
- Promote events and activities both in the facility and its' surrounds
- Progress the Ōmōkihi Shared Pathway and Landscape Plan
- Advocate for the development of the adjacent pipe-yards into a useable community space
- Support a review of the of the Mid-Heathcote Master Plan and its' implementation
- Support Ōmōkihi to be established as a community-based solar hub and emergency centre
 - Install solar panels and a battery for long-term power cost reduction, supporting local demand management and electricity back-up in emergencies

We will measure our success by:

- Ōmōkihi opened on time and within budget
- Number of community groups regularly using the space
- Library book issue/return volumes
- Aesthetic landscaping, and green-space reclamation around the Ōpāwaho river boundary (m²)



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Community Board funding

In Christchurch, The Council allocates funding to Community Boards each year based on a formula of 60% population and 40% equity. The NZ Deprivation Index is the tool used to measure the equity portion of the allocation.

The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board has three key funds available for allocation each year:

Strengthening Communities Fund

An annual contestable round - opening in May.

The purpose of this fund is to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing.

Successful organisations will be those who demonstrate they are sustainable, strategic, community-focused groups who have a significant presence within their community of benefit. Successful projects will also clearly demonstrate their contribution to the Council funding outcomes and priorities.

Discretionary Response Fund

Open for applications all year - 1 July to 30 June (or until the fund is fully expended).

The purpose of this fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.

Community Board projects (Events and Awards) are also supported by this fund.

Youth Development Fund

The purpose of the Youth Development Fund is to support young people living in the Waihoru Board area by providing financial assistance for their development. The Community Board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.

The Community Board will consider applications for the following activities:

- **Personal Development and Growth** - For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra-curricular educational opportunities.
- **Representation at Events** - Applicants can apply if they have been selected to represent their team, club or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural, intellectual and community-focused events.

Off the Ground Fund

Open for applications all year round, this small grants fund can provide up to \$500 for initiatives that bring local communities together for a project or spontaneous event.

If you would like to know more about the Board's community funding, please contact any of the staff below:

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The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board generally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4.00pm at the Linwood Boardroom, Gate B, 180 Smith Street. *From 2027, these meetings will instead be held at the new Ōmōkihi South Library Boardroom, 66 Colombo Street, Cashmere.* These meetings are open to the public and live-streamed on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Agendas and minutes for each meeting can be found on the council's website at ccc.govt.nz.

If you would like to speak at a Board meeting please contact the Community Board Adviser on 03 941 5563 or emailing Jonathon.Jones@ccc.govt.nz.





View #1 - Proximity of sports fields to existing hillside planting



View #2 - neighbouring properties on eastern boundary



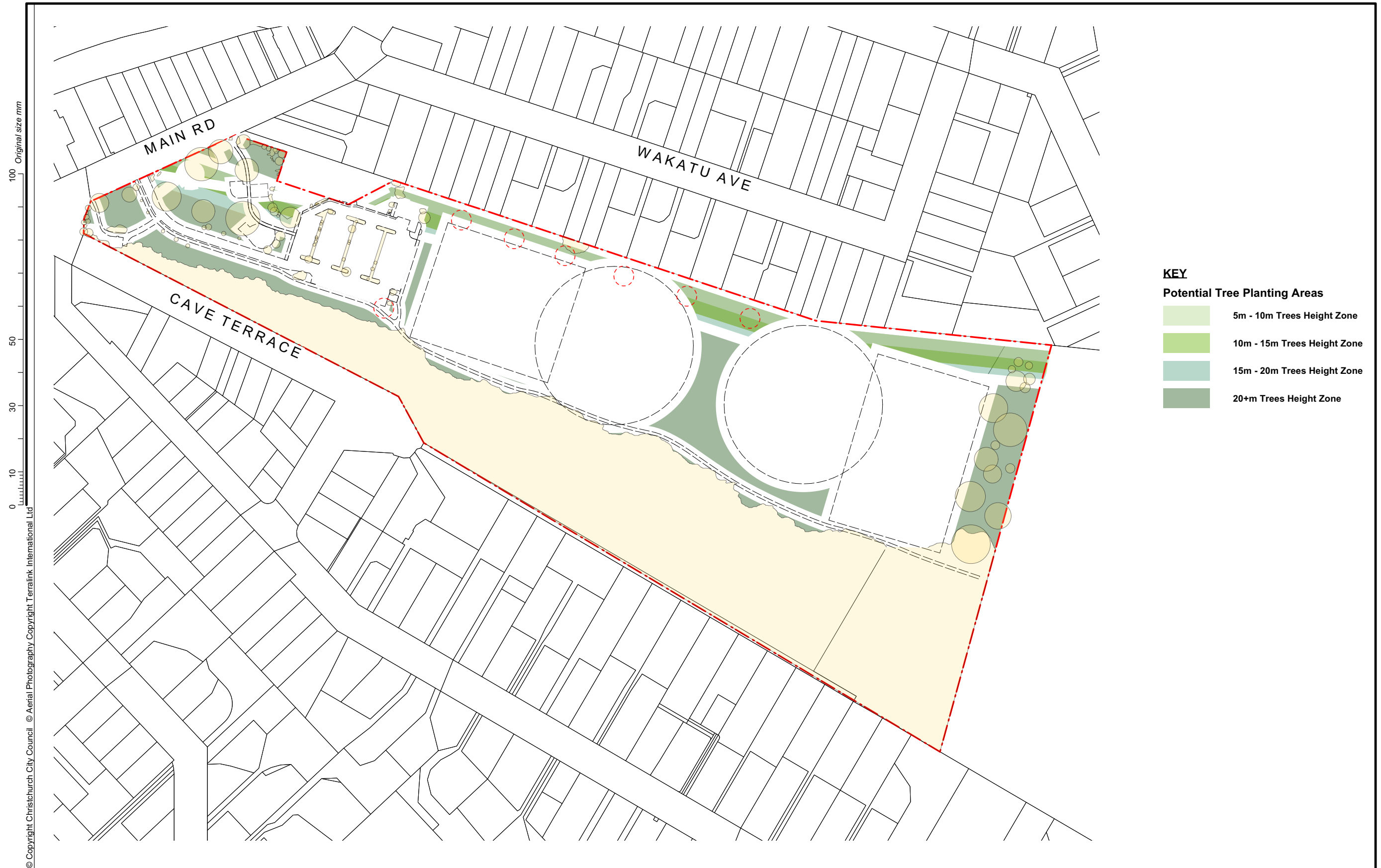
View #3 - Existing swale to remain unplanted. Polelights along field edge

KEY

- Existing Features**
- Existing Vegetation
 - Existing Playground
 - Path
 - Existing Sports field
 - Site Boundary
 - Existing light and setback

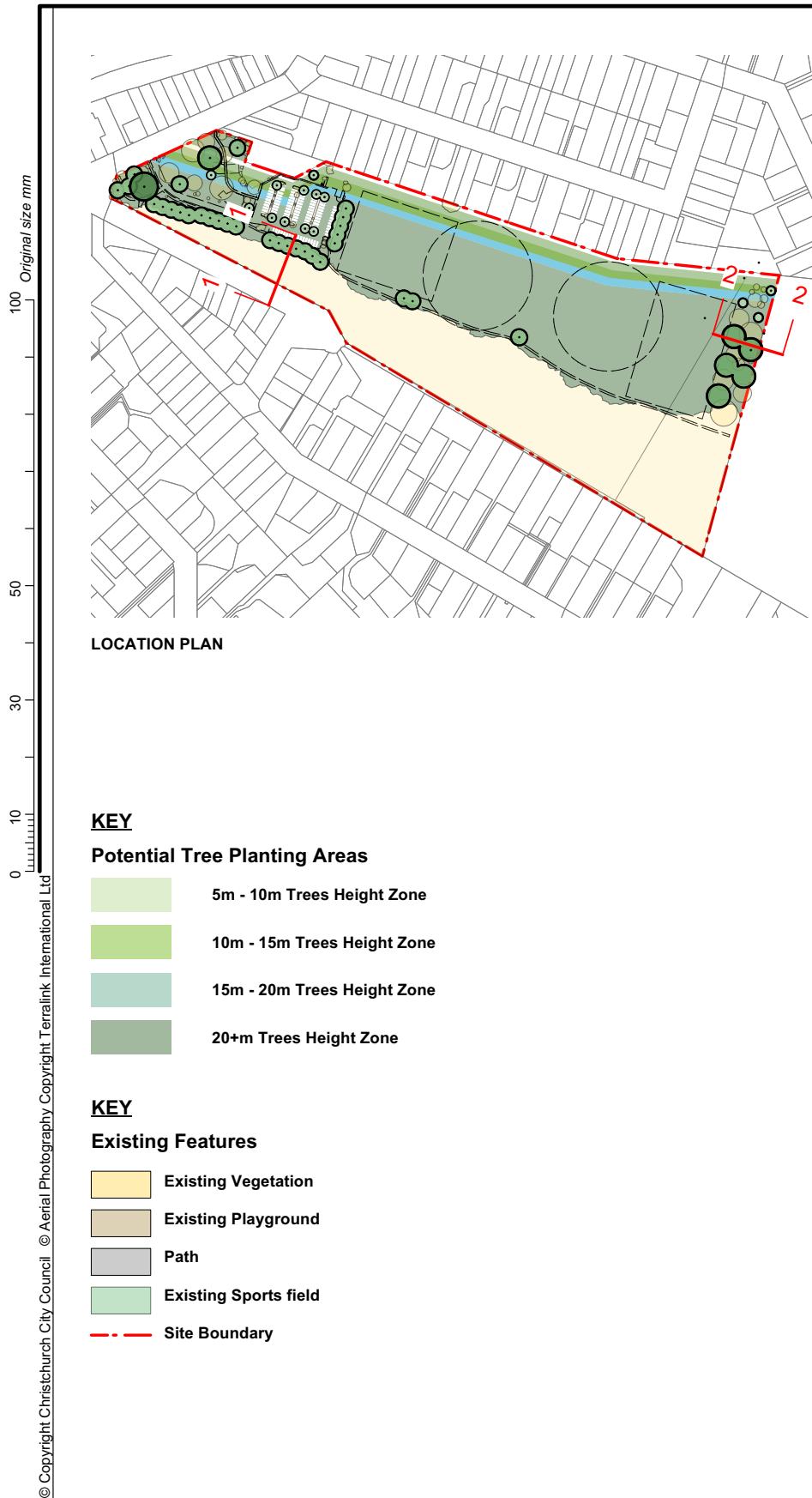
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NOTE: refer to Barnett Park masterplan for full scope of works



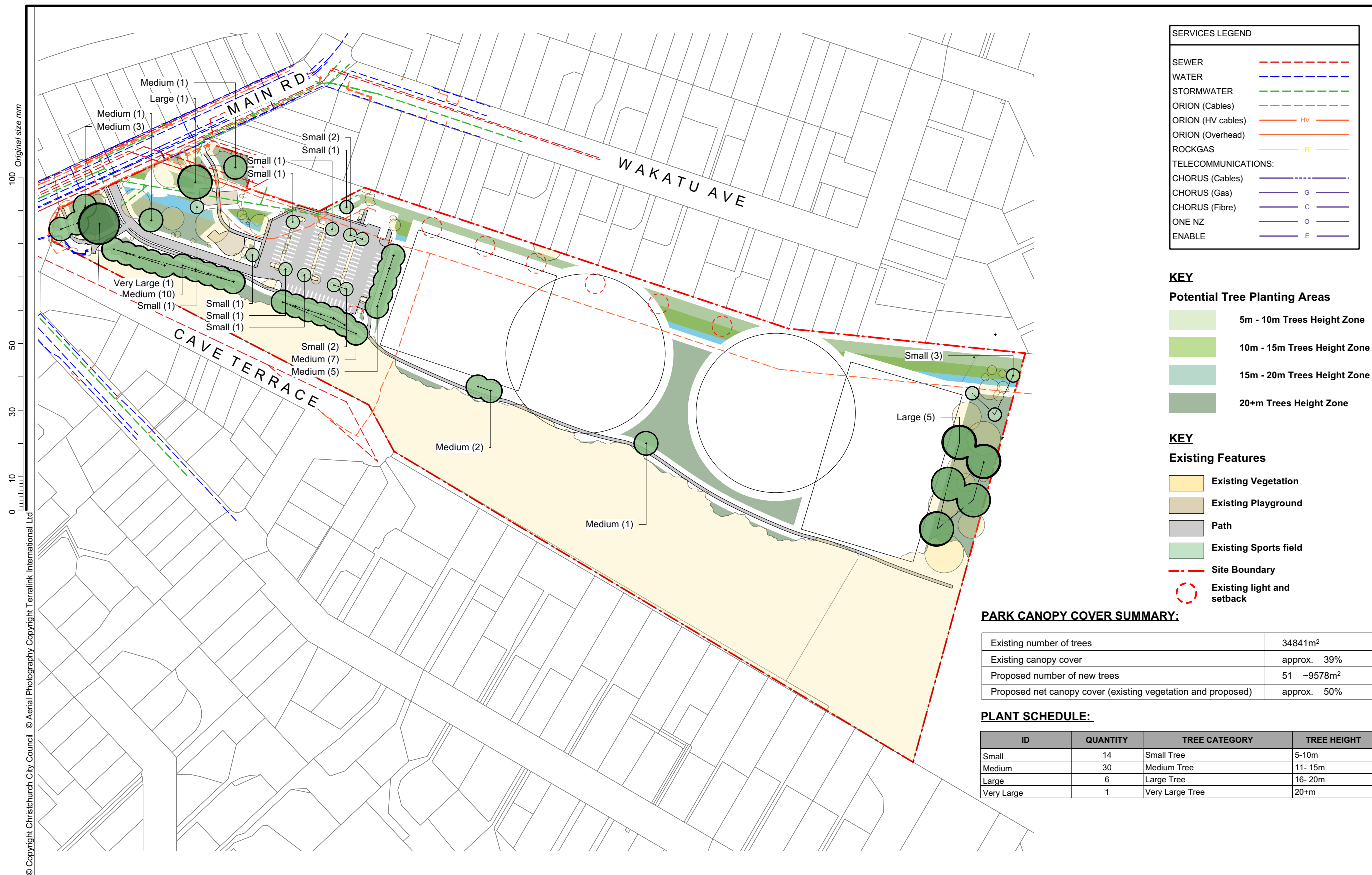
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Potential Tree Planting Areas

	5m - 10m Trees Height Zone
	10m - 15m Trees Height Zone
	15m - 20m Trees Height Zone
	20+m Trees Height Zone



INDICATIVE CROSS SECTIONS THROUGH THE BOUNDARIES





SERVICES LEGEND

SEWER	---
WATER	---
STORMWATER	---
ORION (Cables)	---
ORION (HV cables)	---
ORION (Overhead)	---
ROCKGAS	---
TELECOMMUNICATIONS:	
CHORUS (Cables)	---
CHORUS (Gas)	---
CHORUS (Fibre)	---
ONE NZ	---
ENABLE	---

KEY

Potential Tree Planting Areas

Light Green	5m - 10m Trees Height Zone
Medium Green	10m - 15m Trees Height Zone
Dark Green	15m - 20m Trees Height Zone
Very Dark Green	20+m Trees Height Zone

KEY

Existing Features

Yellow	Existing Vegetation
Brown	Existing Playground
Grey	Path
Light Green	Existing Sports field
Red dashed line	Site Boundary
Red dashed circle	Existing light and setback

PARK CANOPY COVER SUMMARY:

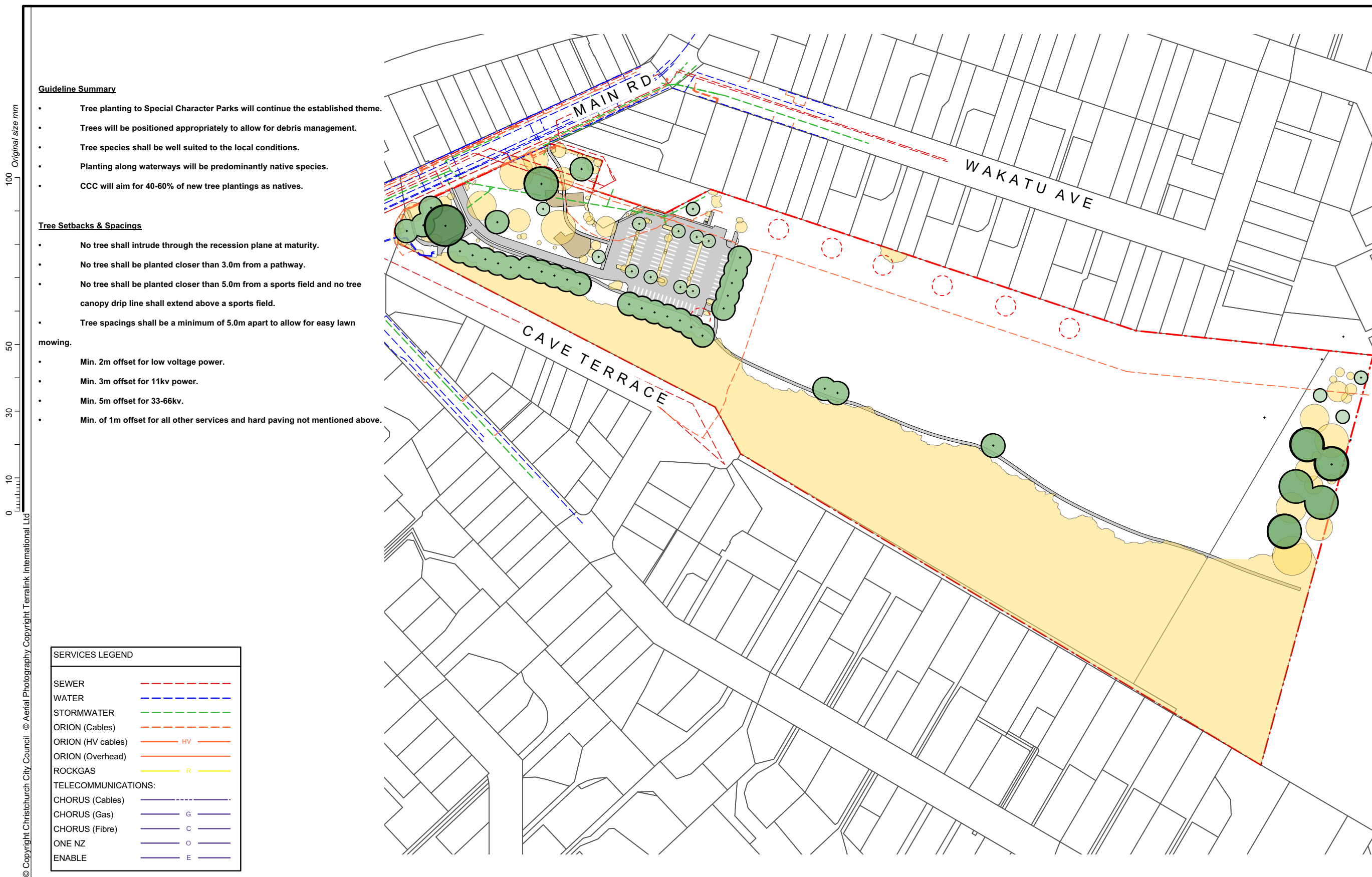
Existing number of trees	34841m ²
Existing canopy cover	approx. 39%
Proposed number of new trees	51 ~9578m ²
Proposed net canopy cover (existing vegetation and proposed)	approx. 50%

PLANT SCHEDULE:

ID	QUANTITY	TREE CATEGORY	TREE HEIGHT
Small	14	Small Tree	5-10m
Medium	30	Medium Tree	11- 15m
Large	6	Large Tree	16- 20m
Very Large	1	Very Large Tree	20+m







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BARNETT PARK
URBAN FOREST PLAN
TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

NORTH
SCALE 1:2000

Original Plan Size: A3
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