

Waitai Coastal-Burwood Community Board MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date:	Monday 2 August 2021
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Time: 4.30pm

Venue: Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,

New Brighton

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Presentation:

What are we doing

 We are carrying out a campaign of social actions to influence policy change regarding vaping in and around school campus. In doing so we are here today representing the school, wanting change in our community as we feel as though the levels of vaping in our younger generation are at an all time high.

At the end of last week we sent out a survey to the students of our school regarding personal experiences with vaping. Currently we have had over 400 responses on our survey. Over 40% of the students who took part in the survey have said that they have tried a vape before. Out of those 40% half of them say they do it daily. Vaping has become an issue with the younger generation as over 50% of the respondents are juniors at our school. A quarter of the students who responded said that they were unaware of where they can and cannot vape.

400 responses to the survey, 40% said they vaped before. Half of this number vape on a daily basis.

50% respondents are juniors (year 9&10)

1/4 of these students do not know where and where not to vape

Everyone including ourselves are fed up with the absurdly high vaping levels within our school, especially the juniors. We feel as though it is tarnishing our reputation as a school and because of this it is also affecting the community as we are large contributors to the community population.

Emotional comment about how we are angry about it.

Thinking of our community it was brought to our attention by our deputy headmaster Rob Wilson-Pyne, from the beginning of the year the public has had access to our school through this footpath. There have been cases where people have been seen smoking and vaping on the council footpath. This footpath being the one linking QE2 pools to our school. Having members of the public being able to walk through, vaping and smoking potentially encourages the younger generation to take up vaping. According to Rob Wilson Pyne, the council footpath has enabled members of the public to offer students vapes during school hours.

Linking with the community. How the path gives them access to the school. Seeing public smoke can encourage students, public provides vapes for students. P2:

- What we want done.
- We want the council to install floor D-cals/ signage on the council footpath running from QE2, through our sports fields and through our school campus.

We conducted a second survey regarding the lack of vape free signage around our school. From our results it is clear that more needs to be done to educate students as



well as members of the public on where it is ok and not ok to vape. Out of our 400 respondents, over 65% of the respondents have only seen 1 smoke/vape free sign around our school although there are supposedly many more. There is visibly no signage on the council footpath that tells students and the members of public that the footpath is indeed vape and smoke free. Again, over 65% of the students who responded to our survey also said they felt as though more signage needs to be displayed around our school.

From our results it is clear that more needs to be done to educate students on where it is ok and not ok to vape. THERE IS NO VISIBLE SIGNAGE SUGGESTING THIS COUNCIL FOOTPATH IS SMOKE/VAPE FREE.

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65% of the respondents feel as if more signage needs to be displayed around our school

What will this do?

What this added signage will do is that it will apply more social pressure not to vape and is a visual reminder that the footpath is smoke free. The floor decals have the added benefit of being stuck to the ground so that they are unable to be vandalised and will be permanent.

- Apply more social pressure to both the students and the community.
- Visual reminder that this is smokefree
- Deter people from vaping
- These signs are more obvious, can't be vandalised



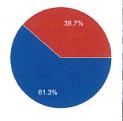
Who we are.

We are Year 13 Students from Shirley Boys' High School, and we want to fight the growing problem of vaping among youth culture. Vaping has become one of the most harmful health epidemics among youths in Christchurch and across New Zealand. Not only is vaping harmful for young people who vape, but it is also harmful for young people and especially Shirley students who are surrounded by vaping.



Our problem.

On our campus, there is a public pathway stretching from QEII Recreation and Sport Centre directly to our school grounds. %61 Students have stated that they often see people walking down that pathway vaping, this kind of influence has introduced vaping to students at our school, and since then it has spread. Currently there is no clear, visible and obvious signage promoting our school is vape-free.





The harm vaping causes.

In recent years, vaping has become targeted towards young teenagers and students. Vapes have started to introduce fruity and sweet flavours which are directly aimed at young people. The reason vaping has become so popular in youths is because of the addictive substance of nicotine. Vapes have started to incorporate up to 3x the amount of nicotine which is in a cigarette. We realise that no one single method is going to stop/ prevent people from vaping, but with a variety of strategies we hope to change people's attitudes around this behaviour.

Our suggested solution.

Our suggested solution to combat this growing problem is to install floor decals/signage on the public pathway that goes through our campus. These decals will remind people that this pathway is smokefree (which includes vapes) and that smoking/vaping on school grounds is illegal. Not only will students benefit from this, but members of the public who walk through our site and visitors who come to the school.







New Brighton Road Rezone and Construction

Introduction:

Our names are Karhn Roberts and Riley Letton, we are Year 13 students at Shirley Boys' High School. We are completing this social action as part of our Social Studies assessment. After the devastating 2011 Earthquakes that riddled the streets and buildings of Christchurch, our infrastructure areas of the East Side of Christchurch have been neglected. Our proposal is to rezone and replace the whole of New Brighton Road as this is a key road and area of the East side that has fallen through the cracks of our system. Many of you and myself travel this road to work and school. We are proud and passionate day one East Side kids and we want to see change happen in our community.

Purpose:

As our local community board, we want you to lobby the council to rezone the New Brighton Road so that it is eligible for Capital Works Programme funding.

Why? Evidence figures on spendings on the road

New Brighton Road is a key road that connects the east side to town. It has been long neglected, the curbing and channelling is poor, potholes frequently occur, there are cheap patch jobs as a short term fix, the roading is uneven. The attempt to restabilize the road is unacceptable.

CCC are trying to encourage and promote more people to bike, yet the roads are not at acceptable and/or at safe levels. The facilities for people to bike safely are not present.



Money is being spent on the surrounding infrastructure. There are some cool play spaces, parks, but the access is not great. It is a relatively high used road.

We understand that New Brighton Road is a key evacuation point for the eastside of Christchurch this is a two sided argument as the construction of a new road would cause there to be a two lane closure of the road. But we believe that it being an important evacuation route that this road should be kept up to a high standard and safe if there were to be an emergency which Christchurch is prone to having.

Support:

• We petitioned the local community to see what support we have. We had over 200 responses supporting our cause with comments like

"I travel this road daily to collect my girls from avonside girls' high school. The road is terrible and need to be fixed"

"I would love this to be fixed as my son attempts to scooter and bike to school from Dallington to Chisnallwood and had so many accidents. He will be going even further along to Shirley boys next year"

"It is a main road from New Brighton to the city. It needs to be rebuilt to a drivable standard. Ideally a separate bike lane could be built as well"

"I'm sick of the neglect of Eastside in Chch especially the roads"

"This road is a shambles! It needs fixing instead of constant pointless patch jobs"

"As a main road it is in dangerous condition and needs to be repaired urgently."

"I use this road and the footpath. Both are sub-standard and at times dangerous, especially where the road has a large drop beside the gutter."



"This road has needed repair for over 10 years now and it seems it has been forgotten, as has much of the eastern side of ChCh. It must be repaired as it is a main route for many, many people"

"I use this road often, and the flooding is a real issue some days (like today)"

"I live close to New Brighton Road and the condition of the kerbing and channelling, not to mention the road itself, is a damned disgrace. We certainly are neglected over this side of town"