

Waipuna

Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Thursday 15 February 2024

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: Rārākau: Riccarton Centre,  
199 Clarence Street, Christchurch

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**Mike Davidson**

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**From:** Faye White  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 February 2024 2:21 p.m.  
**To:** Mike Davidson

Cycleway from Sockburn to Town via Church Corner

The purpose of this letter is to outline the accessibility of the Church Corner area for cyclists.

Currently, I cycle from 75 Main South Road to New Brighton four days per week between 3-4 pm.

I join the dual lane cycleway (the wrong side of the road for which I need to travel) on my way east from outside of the Riccarton library. As I approach Church Corner there is no practical way for me to transition onto the correct side of the road.

If I persist with the cycle path I must do the following:

- Remain on the cycle lane which passes Countdown and adjoins the footpath. I have lost count of the times that cars pulling out of Countdown are not anticipating looking left and pulling straight out onto the path. It is neither practical nor efficient to remain on this path which becomes fully pedestrianised and is busy at the bus stop. At this point, I need to dismount my bike (if I haven't had to already) and cross at the lights to get to the correct side of the road to continue travelling east.

Therefore instead:

- I use the cycle lane until I am roughly parallel with St Peter's Anglican Church before pulling across two busy lanes of traffic to get to the side of the road I need to continue travelling east. I remain in the left turn lane at the Main S, Yaldhurst, and Riccarton Road intersection as there is no infrastructure for cyclists turning right, before biking through the island which has a laneway and across onto the side of the road I need to be.

Without infrastructure that prioritises safe cycling, Christchurch will never effectively reduce transport emissions. Christchurch is huge, flat and a great place to cycle. It makes no sense that so many residents feel unsafe cycling in their city. I am currently pregnant and this is one of the most dangerous parts of my cycle home. That could quite easily be changed.

Faye White

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