Submission to the Waitai Coastal - Burwood - Linwood Community Board

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Topic: Informal pathway between Georgina Street and Preston's Road

Dear Community representatives

Nature of this submission: I wish to make a submission to the board for an improvement to the above pathway. This is a private submission although I have requested an indication of support through the Residents' Facebook page (see *appendix 2*).

Background: I have lived in this area for the past 20 months. I currently use the pathway as an access point to Preston's road both as a cycle access for the purpose of commuting to my employment in Addington and as well as access to the New World Super market / pharmacy further west on Preston's Rd.

I have observed that in winter especially, the dirt track becomes very muddy, slippery and large puddles form after rain. This makes travel across this a messy affair as well as potentially hazardous.

I have also noticed that many children from the surrounding streets also transverse this area to access Marshlands School. The other options for children are to walk the much longer route around the domain via Preston's Park Drive or to have parents drive their children to school.

The location and environment: The track is currently the only northward pedestrian access from Preston's park sub division other than Preston's Park Drive on the east side of the domain. At the north end of the track is a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Te Korari Street and Preston's Road with a cycle crossing on the west side and a pedestrian crossing on the east side of the street.

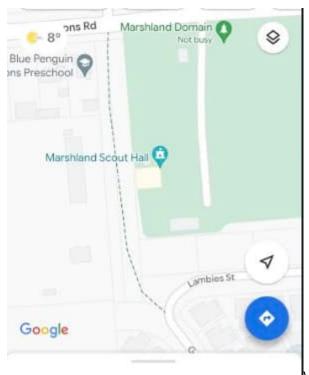
A short distance to the north is Marshlands school. At the north end of the track is a very rough dirt area which looks to be used for parking by Little Blue Penguin Pre-school and the Marshlands Tennis club. There is continued housing growth in the immediate area with new houses being built currently along Lambies Street bordering the Preston's Domain and immediately to the south west end of the track with the new extension of Georgina Street. See photographs in *appendix 1*.

Status of the land: Cr Barber has confirmed to me that the current dirt track is on reserve land and contains a utilities easement on the western side.

Council policy: "School Travel" – "Encourage more children to walk, scooter and bike to school."

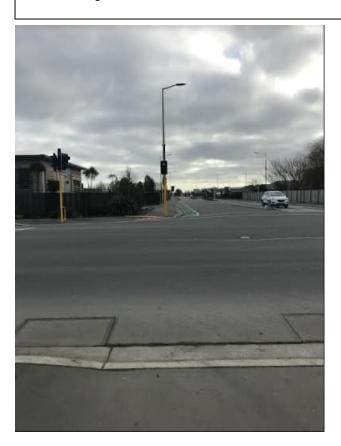
The submission: My initial thought was for a gravelling of the current unformed track to reduce its muddy and roughness however the response from other residents has been a strong support for a sealed pathway including some support for upgrading the cycle crossing at Preston's road to a pedestrian crossing for added safety of children walking to school. The over 65 endorsements from residents are contained in *appendix 2*.

Appendix 1:



View

View looking north at Preston's Rd / Te Korari Intersection (Cycle crossing)



Views looking south from Preston's Rd

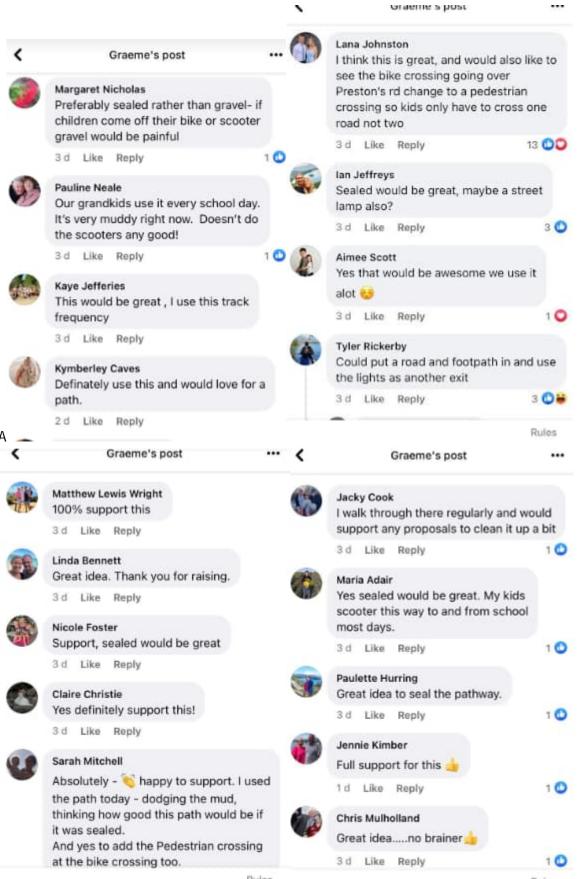


View looking north from Georgina Street end including after rain





Appendix 2:



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Kathryn Brown

Will definitely support. We used it in the weekend to walk up to New World and back and have done previously too.

Thanks 🉏 🌠



3d Like Reply



Jeanette Banks

Yes..it's a very useful and safe option

3d Like Reply



Cass Draper

Sealed would be amazing!

3d Like Reply



Sue Roberts

This is a great idea! Use this access way to walk to supermarket.

3 d Like Reply



Rod Salena

Great idea!

Jay McLeod



Graeme's post

Would love to see a sealed path through

19 h Like Reply



Christina Johns

Yes I support this it is very muddy thanks

3 d Like Reply



Ashleigh Bush

Totally agree!!!

3d Like Reply



Lucy Henry

I support this. Thanks!

3d Like Reply



Adam Smith

Absolutely support this 29

2 d Like Reply



Tamara Smith

This has definitely been long overdue,



Sarah Ayres

Absolutely- happy to support this proposal. We walk to and from school along that track each day as a number of other families do.

3 d Like Reply



Rachel McClurg

Yes I run through there and it's slippery and wet and muddy not a great through fare

2 d Like Reply



Lyn Bunn

Be a great idea to seal and tidy up for safety and user friendly residents. 🚵





2 d Like Reply



Kay Hodge

100% support. I walk down Georgina St to the supermarket through there.



Graeme's post

Jasmine Taylor

That would be great we walk through there most days

3 d Like Reply



Marilyn Callaghan

I support something being done. I use the track a lot Going to the supermarket.

3 d Like Reply



Sarah Mitchell

We would love this as we walk to and from school most days.

3 d Like Reply



Donna Bennetts

Would love to see this as a sealed path

3d Like Reply





Blake Callesen Support this.

3 d Like Reply

