

Submission summary and analysis

Legal stopping of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road, as well as Kerrs Road north of #144

Overview

Between 10 February and 10 March 2023, consultation on the legal stopping of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road, as well as Kerrs Road north of #144 was completed in conjunction with the consultation on the redevelopment of Avon Park.

A link to the Have Your Say webpage <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/569> was emailed to 42 key stakeholders and advertised via the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor e-newsletter (305 subscribers at the time). Consultation documents were delivered to residents in close proximity of Avon Park. 400 flyers were delivered to the wider area potentially affected by the proposed road stopping of Avonside Drive in areas surrounding Avonside Drive. The consultation was posted on Newsline (on 10 February) and on the council Facebook page (on 10 February and 7 March) and reported on by various media outlets. The road closure was also discussed at the Dallington Landing drop-in session.

Regarding the legal road stopping, 111 groups and individuals made submissions. One additional submission was received late, and is not included in the analysis, but captured in the submission table (Attachment D).

Submitter profile

Submissions on the legal road stopping were made by three recognised organisations, namely the Disabled Persons Assembly, Dallington Residents Association and Life Education Trust, one business and 107 individuals.

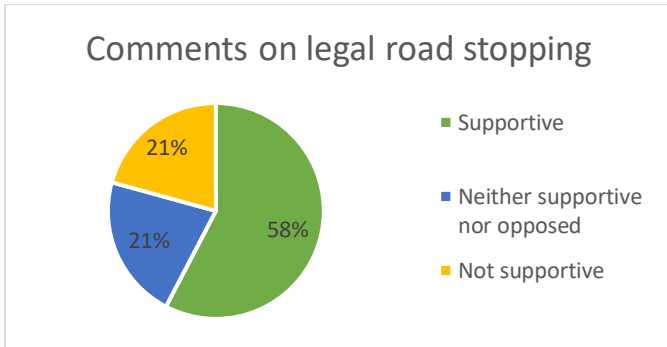
All but nine individual submissions were from Christchurch residents. Of those;

- Five live in Selwyn District
- Three live in Waimakariri District
- One lives in Hurunui District

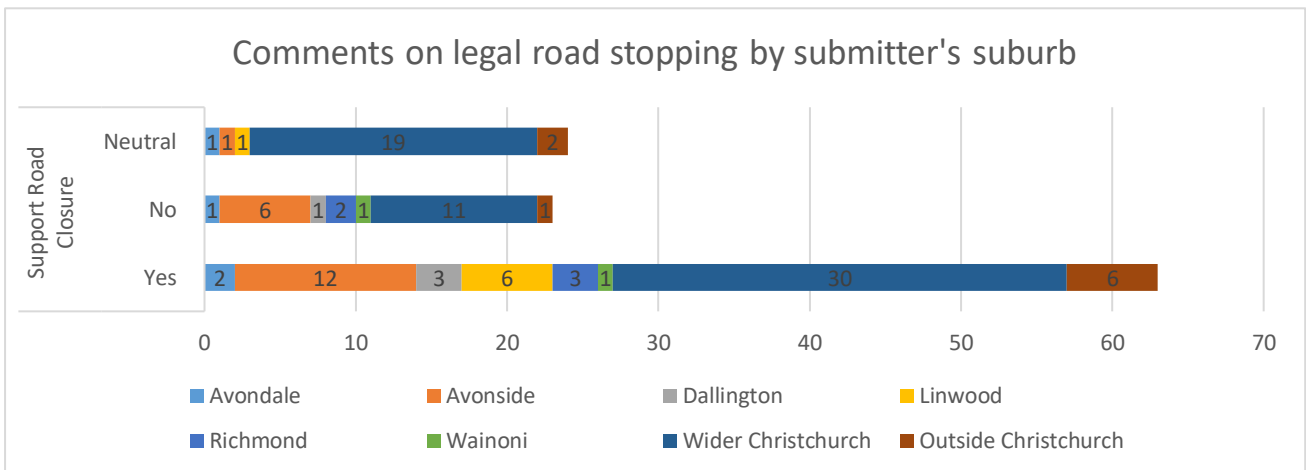
Feedback on the legal stopping of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road, as well as Kerrs Road north of #144.

Of the 111 submissions received:

- 64 supported the proposed road stopping, 23 did not support it, and 24 did neither express support nor opposition.
- 104 provided comments on the proposal and 7 did not provide comments.

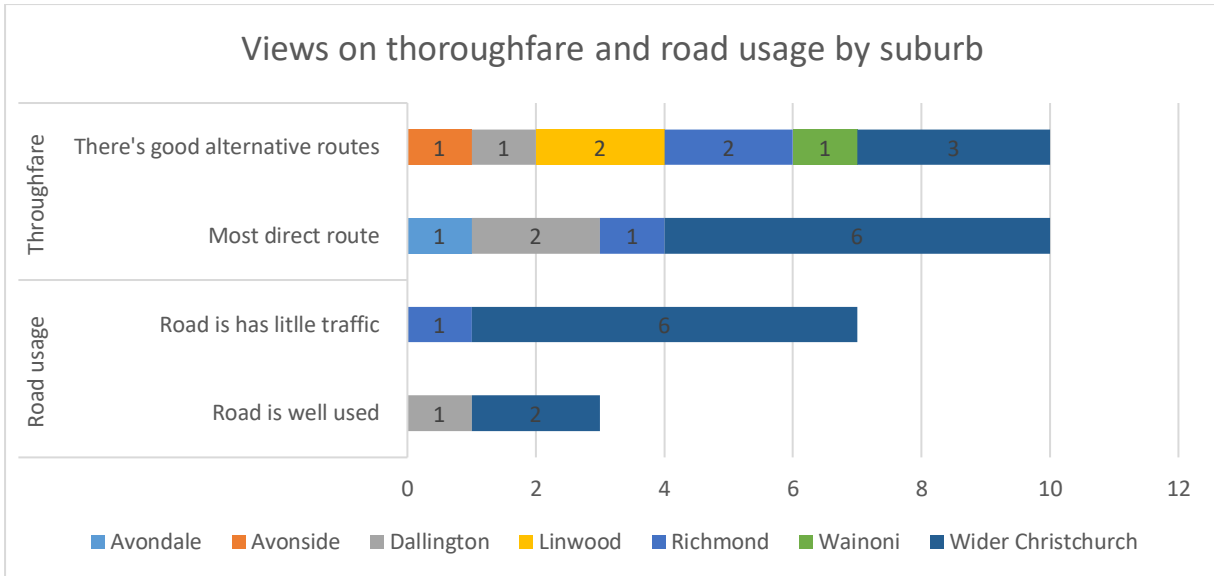


The distribution of submitters supporting, opposing or not expressing a clear preference on the proposed road stopping was spread across the local community in Avonside directly surrounding Avon Park, those from adjacent suburbs including Avondale, Dallington, Linwood, Richmond and Wainoni, as well as submitters from wider Christchurch and from outside, as shown below.



Feedback on current usage of the road

Submitter feedback and perceptions on the current road usage were mixed. Those opposed to the legal road stopping commented that it's a well-used road (3) and the most direct route (7) – the latter point was also commented on by one supporter of the road stopping and two submitters with neutral views. In comparison, those in favour of the road stopping, commented that the current use of the road did not warrant it staying open (7), with satisfactory alternative routes available (10). A more detailed breakdown of those opposing views by submitter suburb is shown below.



Key submitter issues raised and staff responses

Throughout the consultation process, staff considered and responded to the key issues raised by submitters as summarised below.

Issue raised by submitter(s)	Staff response
Issues raised that led to change	
Reducing access/parking for the water sports clubs / Kerrs Reach to daylight hours. Club users access the area from as early as 5am and well into the evening.	<p>We will seek to work to these hours for the gate opening/closing.</p> <p>We are in the process of preparing a plan change to relocate the flatwater facilities to the other side of the river, which will eliminate parking issues in the long-term. Find out more here: https://ccc.govt.nz/parks-and-gardens/regenerationareas/otakaro-avon-river-corridor/changes-to-kerrs-reach/.</p> <p>In the interim (about a year) we will investigate allowing overflow parking in red zone land nearby for events.</p> <p>The conversion of the northern end of Kerrs Road to a park road with a gate would allow us to quickly increase parking in this area, if the proposed new car park at the Western end as part of the Avon Park redevelopment proves to be insufficient.</p>
Increasing traffic on surrounding streets, particularly Torlesse St / Kerrs Rd	<p>We found with the temporary closure for the bridge construction that closing the portion of Avonside Drive adjacent to Avon Park only does increase traffic on Torlesse. The current consultation on closing the additional eastern portion between Kerrs and Wainoni was planned partly to</p>

	<p>address this issue. With the whole section closed, our traffic modelling indicates that traffic will divert to Wainoni Road (the arterial route, avoiding Torlesse) rather than Avonside - Kerrs – Torlesse, if the closure is only partial.</p> <p>We have heard concerns on potential impacts on Torlesse St via the consultation process and will consider temporary measures to avoid impacts on Torlesse as people get used to the change. Accordingly, in our report to the Community Board we recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a speed reduction to 30km/h along Torlesse and Kerrs Road north of Wainoni Road be included and implemented as part of the road closure. • Follow-up traffic counters on Torlesse after the closure of Avonside Drive. • If counts are found to be higher than reasonable for a local road, re-engage with residents around further mitigation measures, which could include exploring options for traffic calming or full or partial culdesacs. <p>Increased traffic impacts to Kerrs Rd will be short term, due to plans to relocate clubs - then in medium to long term there will be significantly less traffic.</p>
Other issues raised	
Management of the gate at Kerrs Rd to prevent access at night.	The access to the northern part of Kerrs road would be gated - this is to reduce antisocial behaviour in an area with poor passive surveillance after dark. This will become a red zone asset and we will make sure it gets locked.
Loss of direct route/thoroughfare for cars and cyclists	Rerouting along Woodham-Wainoni is a similar distance, but is on an arterial route set to handle higher traffic flows.
Increased risk at surrounding intersections, such as Kerrs Rd/Wainoni Rd or Avonside Drive/Gloucester St/Retreat Rd	Previous modelling has checked the intersection safety, and while this is a direct route to some locations, there are suitable alternatives available.