

**Submissions received on Proposal for a new policy on Woodham Road / Gloucester Street – intersection improvements, September 2023**

**Organisations / Businesses**

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51133	I drive through this daily and have never encountered a problem. However I also drive through the Gayhurst / avonside drive retreat road intersection 4 times a day and there are always near misses, no one knows what they are supposed to be doing. This needs lights or to be remedied in some other way before someone loses a life and the bend further along on gayhurst road is a death trap with people crossing the centre line. Fix the danger don't worry about making money off of parking.	Sarah Matenga - Educational Child Care Centre Inc, Manager/Licensee
51138	<p>I travel this intersection every day many times as a driving instructor.</p> <p>The issue with this intersection is speed when traveling along Gloucester with lights just around the bend.</p> <p>I suggest a speed pacifier on approach into the shopping area. And arrow markings in lanes on approach before the bend so you're in the correct Lane poaching the lights.</p> <p>However 2.5 k's up the rd.</p> <p>Gayhurst rd and Creswell crescent</p> <p>You need to re engineer that bend and intersection</p> <p>This year alone I have seen many near misses through confusion and very little if any possibility when turning right into Creswell crescent.</p> <p>And this year I have seen three collisions on that bend 1 with a bus.</p> <p>This intersection in my opinion is very dangerous for those turning right from Gayhurst into Creswell.</p>	Alexander Graham - Zebedee driving school , Manager
51233	Please see document	Anne Scott - Spokes Canterbury, Submissions Coordinator

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### Individuals

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51103	The intersection which needs to be changed is the next one over, Gloucester/Avonside/Retreat Rd. There are far more cyclists using this (rowing clubs, other school kids, Avon Otakaro river trail). You misaligned this intersection, and removed the traffic lights, causing confusion (because the right-hand turners are to the left of the left-hand turners) and reduced the visibility. This is only going to increase with the enhancements to Avon Park and the reach, not decrease. Returning to Woodham Road, far less cyclists use this route (I am one of them) and we have little problems negotiating this intersection. By removing stopping spaces, you are penalising already struggling businesses. It's better to make the Dallington Bridge intersection and approaches safer for the majority of cyclists in the area, encouraging them to use this, than disrupt the already struggling commerce in this area.	Patrick Boland
51104	No need for change.. can't see an issue.. I've been driving this for 35yrs has always been fine!! Council money should be used on improving road conditions elsewhere not on markings ! One I can suggest is River Road needs to be built up.. the flooding there makes it impassable quite a few times a year.. that in turns puts more traffic onto the proposed intersection .. they raise the river edge for cyclists and walkers but if the road was raised it would make more sense to be more accessible and the conditions would be appreciated.. many thanks	Viv Millar
51105	Don't need to do any of it, never been a problem. What you do need is speed bumps down Ngarimu Street/to close the road from Dallington bridge (that intersection is a nightmare) to Wainoni Road. There is a school gate on Ngarimu Street and it's just a matter of time before a child gets hit, the absolute morons that speed and excessively down Ngarimu is a joke. Our pets are getting hit, left for dead and killed. Please don't wait for it to be a child before you do anything. I have had two garage sales recently and so many people commented on the speeding.	Concetta Carena
51106	This is a great proposal. There is little parking currently and a lot of businesses that need us to support them but it's so difficult to park there. The right hand turn situation is also really dangerous so I'm pleased to see this being addressed. Is it possible that the traffic lights are adjusted to allow right hand turns on a green arrow?	Caitlin Turner
51107	Great idea. I drive and cycle this road regularly. It's dangerous because idiots will use the left lanes( which are just for turning left at present) on woodham to overtake cars who are in the correct lane for travelling straight on. I don't know what you can do about this illegal lane switching but it looks like your new plan may help with that by giving a new right turning lane for woodham and Gloucester traffic. As long as you do that I think that will solve the problem. I think the illegal lane switchers get frustrated by having to wait for people turning right at this intersection. They don't realize the danger they cause when the right turning traffic moves and the straight on traffic resumes and they are now in the way and the road isn't wide enough for them plus the cyclists. It's about time this was all sorted. It's a terribly unsafe intersection as it stands.	Hayley Young
51108	For the 10years prior to the earthquakes I owned and work in the Bambi Drapery on that corner. I was there 5.1/2 days a week and never once saw an accident at that junction. Since then because of the red zone ther has been far less traffic in that area than there was before. I can't see the need for money to be spent there when there are places that really need it.  As the saying goes "if it ain't broke don't mend it"  Please get out there and look for the places that do need mending.	Kay Kent
51109	Leave it alone and stop making work for yourselves	Jamie Price
51110	I used to work on kilmore st & drive through that intersection on woodham road daily. Saw SO MANY dodgy maneuvers & near crashes from people getting stuck behind the right turning car & then flooring it up the unmarked left turn/straight ahead lane without even looking if anyone else was also doing this. Also saw multiple times cars doing this & at the same time the right turning car would get a gap to turn, the other traffic would continue moving straight & then the impatient cars trying to go straight in the left hand lane would then get into the intersection & have nowhere to go/couldn't get back into the main stream of straight ahead traffic! Once I was the first car to get stuck behind a right turning one, so I indicated & started going around it & then another car behind me didn't wait for the cars in front to go first & nearly barreled straight into my passenger side! So dodgy with that completely unmarked lane that nobody seems to know how to use.	Sian Anderson
51111	Leave the fark alone! The intersection that needs focus is Worcester and Woodham!	Ceej Jay

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51112	<p>I have lived on Lionel Street around the corner for my entire life, 30 years in total, driving through this intersection for theist 15 at least twice a day.</p> <p>There is absolutely no reason anything needs to be done to this intersection. There is zero backlogging, zero visibility issues and zero collision issues. I've gone through this intersection with trailers, boats, in vans, trucks, cars and motorcycles, and I haven't encountered any issues in any one of them.</p> <p>The funds for this intersection would be car better spent on the Worcester/Woodham intersection or any other more immediate need.</p>	Tom Cuthbert
51113	<p>I fell very strongly that they should look at Gayhurst bridge intersection before looking at Woodham rd intersection and Gloucester Street Avonside bridge intersection is very dangerous a boy got knock of his bike last week who ever designed that bridge and intersection did not do it very well no idea not safe for the school children who bike to get to the rowing club they take their lives in there own hands when trying to cycle across come on do some some thing before some one gets killed</p>	Lorraine Gibbs
51115	<p>Thank you for this plan. I had a crash on this intersection approaching it coming South, where someone hit the side of my car in the left/straight lane after getting impatient behind a right turning vehicle. Having separate right turning lanes will prevent the same thing happening in the future.</p>	Stephanie Findlay
51116	<p>I'm a regular user of that intersection both in car and on bike and see no need for any change. I have never found it to be unsafe. (For cyclists the Woodham Rd/Kerrs Rd intersection is far more dangerous and should be a priority).</p>	J McIntyre
51117	<p>Please don't do this. The existing layout works just fine and the money could be better spent fixing the damage to our roads.</p>	Richard Tyson
51118	<p>Really like it! Will be much safer!</p>	Bridget Gardner
51119	<p>No parking outside of already struggling businesses. Lol is this a joke? You are Not supporting local businesses, you are going to make them loose business and potentially go out of business. You are taking away vital customer parking. You are going to ruin these shop's chances to grow and bring in customers .</p> <p>A painted bike lane isn't going to make this intersection any safer for cyclists. I refuse to cycle on this road due to the safety issues of the drivers on the road.</p> <p>The pedestrian crossing on Woodham is also extremely dangerous, I have nearly been hit by non stopping traffic many times , I have watched cars speed up at crossing.</p> <p>The round about of Woodham and and kerrs needs to be sorted more this intersection. We have seen so many crashes and accidents at this roundabout- cars crashing through into the pump site, cars crashing on the corner house sections, buses struggling to go around roundabout. You have had to fix the fences around the pump site at least 3 times in the last 5 years. This roundabout is going to kill someone!! I have see cars not even stop at this round around, I've seen cars crash into the middle of this round around. It's dangerous for the local school children to cross near its dangerous for pedestrians to try and cross at.</p>	Liz Wilkinson
51120	<p>You need to address the safety of the pedestrian crossing by the school on woodham road also, very dangerous! I have nearly been hit by a car there myself and have complained numerous times to the council. Nows your chance please !!</p>	Hannah Bennett
51121	<p>Can we have a more Bike lanes and traffic lights only for bikes Uses on both ends</p>	Adrian Cashmore
51122	<p>I've seen a lot of negative feedback relating to this change but in my opinion it's definitely needed and would be a great improvement to the road layout.</p> <p>Not just for safety but for the overall upkeep of the area. I also think resurfacing Gloucester would go a long way.</p>	Niall Kearney
51123	<p>About time the Arrows got changed to match the rest of the Roads for better traffic flow, ever since the left turn rule change.</p>	Jerr Smith

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51124	There is absolutely nothing wrong with this intersection just the way it is. Don't waste our taxpayer money on something that isn't broken. If you can afford to waste money on something like this that does not need fixing perhaps you can offer a rates rebate. Sort you priorities out!!!	Kelly Rowse
51125	Forget the plan fix the roads on the east side of town or wait none of the council cares about east side of town doesn't feed their pockets only looking after their own	Kevin Willcocks
51126	Don't change something that doesn't need fixing. Concentrate more on the main access roads that need fixing properly and stop wasting our taxpayers' money on useless unnecessary projects	Bob Burger
51127	I was excited when I read this proposal as I drive this intersection every day & can see the benefits it will have for me & I'm sure everyone else who uses it. Turning right onto Gloucester heading towards Dallington currently takes multiple light changes in busy parts of the day & I've seen so many close calls & had a couple myself because I haven't been able to quite see oncoming cars. It is noticeable that people do slow slightly to use the intersection, so I can see that the proposed ideas will improve traffic build up in the area. My children are 13 & 11 & have been biking & using this intersection a lot & sometimes find it easier to get off their bikes & walk across with the crossing lights as they feel safer, so the dedicated cycle lanes at the intersection will be so good. It would be great for it to happen as soon as possible!	Emily Smith
51128	This feels like a waste of resources. This intersection operates fine as is. If anything needs improvement it's the bumpy road on Worcester or the Woodham/Worcester intersection.	Ali Plunket
51129	Hi I am a resident of Woodham Rd and Worcester St Cnr and have had a lot of trouble getting out of my driveway without incident because of permanent parking would there be any consideration for making access from Linwood North School 30min only parking from dairy to gas station similar to the other side by school entrance I feel the plans would make a huge difference to Gloucester and Woodham Rd thanks.	Mike Pitt
51130	Cycling this road daily on my commute, there are a significant number of vehicles turn from Woodham Road into Gloucester Street. I believe that placing the cycle lane on the inside of these turning vehicles is a dangerous suggestion and more thought should be put into how all modes of transport can be catered for at this intersection, not just the slightly inconvenienced right turners. Consider changing the light sequence, but please refrain from putting cyclists to the left of left turning traffic.	Rick Houghton
51134	What a waste of [redacted] taxpayers' money, there is nothing wrong with that intersection at all, I've lived nearby for over 15 yrs. Who's the [redacted] idiot, sack him or her. Try fixing Woodham Rd and Worcester Street to Linwood Road, it is disgusting and has numerous repairs that have made it worse.	Mike Irrelevant
51135	This is not needed. The intersection works fine, and has done for the 20+ years I have lived in the area. Please don't waste money on fixing things that aren't broken. How about the intersection of Woodham Rd and Worcester St. This one is tricky and being right outside a school poses big problems.	Catherine Reddell
51136	Fully support these changes. It will make a real difference when I'm on my bike. Nice work!  Ignore all the negativity, road safety should not be a vote. :)	Natalie Dixon
51137	Looks great, fully support changes.	Craig Martin
51175	Will There Be Any Turn Arrows, Overhead Lights Of Both	Rohan van Soest
51189	I have lived on Woodham Road for 4 years and use this intersection daily without any problems. I think it's fine the way it is however the Avonside Drive/Gloucester intersection needs some attention as it is dangerous and drivers fail to stop there	Alethea Flintoft
51202	There is no need for the dedicated left turn bay when travelling from the north of the intersection it makes no sense and shows designers haven't properly observed the intersection and what's needed. All right turn bays need to be moved closer to the intersection inline with the straight/left turns, there is ample room for large vehicles to make a right turn as they currently do this already. I would like to think all traffic light signals will have right turn arrows for green, orange and red signals. If they don't then there is no point in doing any works. Christchurch is hard to get around without dedicated right turn signals and longer lead lanes.	Dominic McKeown

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51207	I would think fixing the potholes on woodham road by Sewell Street is better money spent, increasing visibility of cyclists and pedestrians at dallington bridge. Oh and here's an idea, review right turn arrows on high density roads, such as ferry road turning into aldwins road. Impossible to do without going through a red light and incredibly dangerous.	Helen Fox
51210	<p>I am strongly in favour of repaint all intersection approach roads to make it clear where straight travelling and turning traffic should be. Communicating the available turns earlier is great for predictability of traffic movement and safety.</p> <p>I am strongly in favour of installing painted cycle lanes on all entrances to the intersection to improve safety for cyclists; though ideally we should be aiming for more physical separation of cyclists from motorists.</p> <p>I am strongly in favour of introducing more no-parking restrictions at the intersections to provide space for the proposed lane marking changes. Free-to-user parking takes up valuable space and acts as a subsidy for those who over-use polluting private motor vehicles, at the expense of those who do not over-use them. Reducing this is good as long as there is adequate parking for those with disabilities.</p> <p>I am strongly in favour of introducing P30 on the car park spaces outside 164 Woodham Road. Longer term parking or storage of motor vehicles is something the council should aim not to provide free to end-users. People who want a place to store a vehicle should pay market rates for this use of land, the same as the storage of any other kind of personal property.</p>	Richard Abey-Nesbit
51211	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I like the cyclist boxes being put further up, while it is just a painted line, having the line for the cars makes me feel safer with them further back as they can see me better and I don't have to worry about being caught in a blind spot.</p> <p>I was also thinking, is there any changes to the traffic signals? For example some traffic lights around the city have leading pedestrian signals where the pedestrian crossing gets to walk first.</p> <p>I also wonder if there will be a left turn red arrow and will that hold cars back if there is a pedestrian walking to give them a head start into the intersection. And if that is possible would the same be able to be done with cyclists detected going straight or left the red left turn arrow could stay on for 2-3 seconds to give the cyclist a head start into the intersection to improve safety for both pedestrians and for cyclists.</p> <p>I've attached a photo to hopefully better explain what I mean.</p> <p>As for the parking time limit I would suggest setting them at 15 since people will treat parking time limits the same way they treat speed limits. As "guide lines" not hard rules. There is ample parking inside the building complex and further down the road and will encourage people to turn over just two car parks quicker.</p> <p>Finally is there any possibility of a bike parking being installed in the area on all or at least where the businesses are for people biking in to be able to park their bicycle somewhere. This would be a minimal cost add (I would assume) but a huge value add.</p>	George Laxton
51212	<p>I agree with all of the improvements listed. As both a cyclist and motorist who uses both streets regularly, I believe that these changes will improve safety and traffic flow here.</p> <p>My only comment would be to determine whether it is also possible to address the lack of street parking for the shops at 705 Gloucester (C, D, E, F). I suspect that its not possible to increase street parking in close proximity to those stores, however I believe that it would be very beneficial to those businesses if additional parking were available.</p>	Rob McNeur
51213	I strongly support the proposed plan. Reducing car parking and increasing cyclist access will be good for local businesses and the community.	David Palmer

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51214	I think this looks good. I bike through here every day and always appreciate additional safety help.	Sarah Hamzah
51215	The fact that cyclists don't need to cross the left hand turning lanes is a massive positive. Some other intersections in the city do force that causes stress when I see cyclists nearly knocked down by drivers turning left without checking their mirrors.	Rhodri Batcup
51216	Please make the roads and footpaths more wheelchair accessible. We have too many holes in the ground down this part of the road. It's impossible for me, even as someone who uses a cane more frequently than a wheelchair, to walk anywhere near this area.	Lena M
51218	I think this is great, however I have seen suggestions from people who I know use the route a lot, that a roundabout with some kind of safe option for cyclists (tunnel or bridge maybe?) would be good for congestion and the turning problems.  That being said, this sounds great and I'm happy to see the thought being put into the city and how it is being rebuilt with the future potential of Christchurch in mind	Vee Pugh
51219	The only thing that stands out to me is the left turning traffic cutting through the straight ahead cycle lanes. In my experience it leads to left turning traffic driving through and cutting off cyclists coming up on their left. I think putting the straight through cycle lane to the right of the left turning traffic and make the left turning traffic bay/lane clearly marked as shared with chevrons. Not exactly sure this would work but the main thing is to have straight ahead traffic to the right of left turning traffic regardless of what type of traffic it is.	Hamish MacLeod
51220	Fully support this plan and any plan that increases safety and ease of use for all road users, especially focusing on users that have less support now, like cyclists and pedestrians.	Christopher Seay
51223	I support no parking restrictions, providing more visibility around the intersection and also creating more space for cyclists.  Would like to see advance stopping boxes for cyclists turning right	Patrick Kennedy
51225	I support these changes as I believe that they will improve safety and efficiency for all road users. A suggestion I have is that perhaps hook-turn markings and physically separated cycle lanes (by a very thin pavement between the cycle lane and the road, or bollards) would further improve safety and encourage cyclists to use the area. I do understand that physically separating the cycle lanes here would be difficult due to lack of space and a number of driveway entrances but if it can be done I think that it should.	Jackson Davey
51234	I support the proposed changes to this intersection; they will improve traffic safety for all users. A few comments:  - Consider putting a couple of flexi-posts on the inside corner of the south approach, to deter motorists cutting across the cycle lane  - It's not clear that any tactile pavers are being installed in conjunction with the pedestrian crosswalks; these should be added  - Consider installing some cycle hook turn boxes on each corner (which might mean adjusting some of the crosswalk positions to locate them clear of the through cycle path)	Glen Koorey

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## Woodham – Gloucester Intersection Safety Improvements

### Submission from Spokes Canterbury

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Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Woodham-Gloucester Intersection Safety Improvements.

#### Introduction

Spokes Canterbury (<http://www.spokes.org.nz/>) is a local cycling advocacy group with approximately 1,200 followers. Spokes is affiliated with the national Cycling Action Network (CAN – <https://can.org.nz/>). Spokes is dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport in the greater Christchurch and Canterbury areas. Spokes has a long history of advocacy in this space including writing submissions, presenting to councils, and working collaboratively with others in the active transport space. We focus on the need for safe cycling for those aged 8 to 80.

#### Proposal

Spokes supports the overall plan for the Woodham-Gloucester Intersection safety improvements but has some concerns that the proposal heavily favours vehicles over cycle safety. Adding additional lanes at the intersection effectively pushes the traffic closer to cyclists.

- The cycle lanes are a mixture of 1.6M and 1.8M, they would all be better at 1.8M, including outside 705 Gloucester St where drivers seem particularly inattentive. These roads also have a reasonable number of heavy vehicles including buses.
- Having marked lanes on Woodham Road heading West will stop the current situation of two lanes of traffic going straight on and then trying to merge just after the intersection which will make it safer for cyclists
- Please reduce the speed limit on Gloucester Street and Woodham Road to a permanent speed limit of 40 km/h
- Vehicles regularly cut the corner outside 701 Gloucester Street, particularly when there is no car parked outside 699/701 Gloucester Street to push them over. Please add poles to keep cyclists safe and reduce the lines designed to move traffic into the correct lane until further around the corner so vehicles are not pushed over to the left lane so quickly.
- Spokes supports the cycle box being in front of the cars for visibility.
- The pedestrian signals should lead other traffic signals.
- Install hooped bike parking on every side outside the businesses.





*Bus cutting corner on Woodham Road*

I would like the opportunity to present to the Community Board on this submission and I am happy to discuss or clarify any issues that arise.

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