

Submissions received on proposal of Avon Park redevelopment and partial Avonside Drive road stopping, March 2023

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49766	<p>Think its great projects happening and it doesn't have to happen overnight but with the right future thought for preliminary services for future ideas would be great. Artesian well filtered and accessible for the public.</p> <p>Some BBQ areas around the instalments like the Groynes used to have would be amazing to see.</p> <p>I would like to talk to you about a future archery range temporary with containers and outdoor area for archery tag. Close to birchfield ave area or any areas for lease</p>	<p>It makes sense to close the road and have only access for rowers. A possible camp ground could be placed in an area as well to look after the masses of freedom camper vans with accessible council hire bikes in the area.</p> <p>A taller pedestrian bridge to view the rowing races could be great</p>	Tyler Ashcroft - Tropicana outdoor & Sculptured Landscape Owner operator
49782	<p>Love it looks amazing definitely would be great to include a flying fox it's such a big part of kiwi childhoods, also I love the idea of a place where trees, real or man made can be climbed and sat on or in like tree huts or climb up a tree then walk across a wee something to another tree doesn't have to be high, also have you considered anything fun for people with intellectual disabilities I volunteer on the board of Avonside Housing Trust who house adult men with disabilities most of physically capable of doing almost anything they just need guidance but they would love to come down and spend time in the local area exploring a fun space like this. Could be good to consult with such places to see what parts of your plan would already meet their needs otherwise well done it looks incredible overall.</p>	<p>Not opposed to this if you have researched the levels of traffic using this and when and feel it's possible then great</p>	Renee Jones - Life Education Trust Funding and Events Manager
50724	Submission attached (A)		Chris Ford - Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Regional Policy Advisor
50725	Submission attached (B)	Submission attached (B)	Nardia Yozin - Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Senior Development Planner
50545	<p>The Dallington Residents Association is overall supportive of this proposal. It provides new amenity to an area that was badly affected by the earthquakes and has ongoing issues with flooding.</p> <p>Avon Park Sports Fields</p> <p>We note that the sports field will be much reduced - they are currently used for football. Have</p>	<p>The closure of Avonside Drive is of concern for some local residents, who will lose easy access to local shops along Wainoni Road. This is outweighed by the positive benefits that the road closure will have - it will resolve the flooding issues on the road, allowing the river to encroach and create wetlands. The high level design of this area provides for the river to 'breathe' and for people to engage with and enjoy the area via walkways and platforms. The closure of the road also addresses local resident concerns about flooding of the road - parts of the road are typically under water for most of the winter. Another concern that</p>	Bebe Frayle

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<p>the sports clubs that currently use the fields be consulted. Will they be offered an alternative nearby space to move to?</p> <p>We note that a smaller kick-a-ball area will remain - have you considered how we can keep the Canada geese out of this area? They create a lot of mess that is likely to discourage people from using the area.</p> <p>Comments on designs</p> <p>The overall design of the area is great - there is a variety of amenities that should draw people into the area to enjoy the place. We love the combination of active spaces (playground and exploration areas, basketball half-court, kick-a-ball lawn) and reflection spaces (resting platforms).</p> <p>The viewing tower is a great idea, but of concern is the impact on privacy of close neighbours (mainly Braemar Place). Will visitors be able to see into homes in a way they are not currently able to? Have neighbours been consulted specifically about the viewing platform?</p> <p>The boardwalks will be a great asset to the area. The boardwalks through Horseshoe Lake were well used and are sorely missed.</p> <p>It is good to see that the design incorporates elements already in the area, for example work already being undertaken by Whitau School, and the bowling club. It would be great to provide access to the area from Mabel Howard Place for those residents.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that there is a BBQ area, and assume that this means there will be a permanent fixed BBQ for public use? It would be good to see more of these along the river corridor (for example at the Dallington and Wainoni Landings) as they encourage visitors to use the area, making it a destination for families and community groups to gather.</p>	<p>should be dealt with by the closure is speeding - cars travel very fast down Avonside Drive, using it as a 'rat run' between Wainoni Road and Gloucester Street. With the new bridge in place, we've raised the concern that pedestrians and cyclists coming off the Snell Place bridge are at risk due to speeding cars. This would be resolved by the proposal.</p> <p>The stoppage also has the potential knock-on effect of improving traffic management at the Gloucester Street - Retreat Road intersection. This intersection is very difficult to navigate when traveling across Gloucester Street from Avonside Drive to Retreat Road. We hope that we will see reduced traffic flow along this road, improving the safety at this intersection for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The turnaround area indicated in the General Arrangement Plan illustration (#1) is of some concern. We have observed that the creation of cul-de-sacs adjacent to red zone areas attracts anti-social behaviour - rubbish dumping and cars using it for joy-riding.</p> <p>Please note that the Snell Place Bridge has been referred to as Snells Bridge in Attachment E: Road Stopping Proposal. We ask that Council consistently applies its own bridge naming policy when referring to this bridge (naming bridges in reference to the road they are aligned to). If Council wants to call the bridge Snell's Bridge, then it should have a possessive apostrophe i.e. Snell's not Snells). The road was named for Peter Snell, and is an important part of Dallington history. As the roads will eventually disappear, it is important that we retain these small pieces of history to connect the current and the future to the past.</p>	
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49743	I think the council would be better of spending the money on fixing the roads in the East.	I think it's a joke	Jamile Whyte
49744	I think this is an excellent plan. I would just hope that we try to plant as many trees and other plants as we possibly can in order to let nature thrive first for us to enjoy after. As well as native trees, fruit trees could maybe be a good addition to extend the foraging seen in the red zone, possibly also space for a community garden?	It is necessary to close these roads in order for it to not be used as a race track. This is a special area to Christchurch that we need to protect - cars are not compatible with that.	Jack Halliday
49745	My friends and I use the cricket net quite a lot. So I'd like that moved/retained thanks. It is very handy as there is no cricket club based at Avon Park so you don't have to worry about it be in use by club teams in the evenings.	I've got no problem with this.	Richard Derham
49746	The proposal to develop an International standard rowing venue in this area? Why is this not mentioned in these plans?	Answer the above first.	Rae Mills
49748	I strongly support this project, including the road stopping. We need more ideas like this - quickly!	Fine. Very little traffic, and the closure will make the area much nicer.	Dr Bonnie Miller Perry
49749	Wonderful idea especially the creation of the wetlands and the removal of the road.	Great idea to close the road. I suggest you also fully close the northern section.	Hunter Curd
49750	It's great. Do it all. Love it	Great idea. Will make our river walks a lot safer.	Steph Haskell
49751	A clear, commutable path along the southern bank of the river. To connect Porritt Park/ Wainoni Landing to Avonside dr. To force all bicycle commuter traffic over the bridge to Locksley Ave is a poor inefficient and would make cycling along this beautiful part of the river from the East into the CBD largely inconvenienced by having to cross the river going north away from direction of travel.	It's an important alternative route but could be more beneficial as a wildlife area. A continuous flowing trail should be maintained from Avonside dr to the boat sheds to aid city bicycle commuters	D Baldwin
49752	I think this is a great idea. The roads and park are constantly prone to flooding during winter and this suggests natural wetland tendencies anyway. Listen to mother nature - she's definitely saying something.	My concern is the amount of increased traffic to Kerrs road the current road is prone to creating shaking to properties when there is a lot of traffic since the earthquakes. It's not designed for it. Also what would stop traffic at night?	Jacqueline Wyse
49754	We are facing future climate change extremes such as floods and droughts. The intensification of housing and tree loss in Otautahi will create more stress on the rivers, and drains. Sponge cities, permeable surfaces will be vital. This would serve a useful purpose to absorb excess water and provide a sanctuary for wildlife if kept dog free and predator free. We have built roads and houses on and through wetlands with our local wildlife getting pushed out of their habitat, road kill, cars, cats and dogs add to the loss of our wildlife. 90 % of wetlands has been destroyed in Aotearoa. Enough is enough. Time to restore areas to their natural state to give wildlife a sanctuary.	Very important to keep vehicles out of green corridors especially wetlands. There is a risk of the area becoming a playground for motorbikes, quadbikes and racers or 4 wheel drives Travis Wetlands should never have had a road put through it or nearby	Claire Coveney
49755	Looks great. I love the lower floodplain area being planted out. Nice to see all of the kids play areas too. This aligns well with the vision to increase tree canopy in the city. Looking forward to seeing the River trail getting underway and glad it goes through this area. Would it not make sense to keep the pathway closer to the current river edge to make it more direct?	Very logical as the road no longer services houses. Proceed.	Matthew Vannoort

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49756		<p>I disagree with closing the section of Avonside Drive. It is currently the most direct route connecting Richmond to the Wainoni Pak n Save.</p> <p>It will also cut off access for many cyclists, high school students cycle from CGHS etc to the rowing hub.</p> <p>Even looking at the walking track, access should be maintained as a connection around the river.</p>	Jaimee Leach
49760	I support the plan and think it shows a good mix of spaces for various activities. I would personally prioritise native planting and wetland restoration and nature play over typical playground apparatus. In any case I would like to see this plan considered with respect to the rest of the corridor – so the end result is cohesive, champions native bush and wetland, and doesn't duplicate itself all the way along – e.g. we don't just want a line of parks/playgrounds, but a stunning natural reserve that houses opportunities for rest, relaxation, recreation and play.	I support this. I have always thought it a shame that the road followed the river banks so closely when there are better ways to enjoy the Ōtākaro/Avon.	Renee Blackburn
49762	Great idea. Wetlands make sense for the lower part of the river and redevelopment to attract people to the park will be a benefit to the area.	Not heavily trafficked currently so I don't think we would see any issues.	Lance Woods
49763	I think this looks great, I bike through here often when heading to the city, people often drive very fast around here. Has lighting been considered? I think the path would have to be very well lit for me to consider biking through here when its starting to get dark because its out of the way and there has been a history of people exposing themselves in the red zone area. There's also a lot of cars dumped in the red zone area so I would be very weary of people if the areas aren't well lit.	With the new park down the end it makes this section of road less of a through fare. The boat club still needs access but in the future it could be really nice to extend the park and nature area through the rest of the red zone, and narrow the road to the boat club so people treat it less like a racing road.	Sarah Hamzah
49764	Good plans.	Don't close this section of road, it is a handy through Road to Wainoni Road, saves a detour. Also closing this section would not allow easy access for the disabled to Avon Park.	Ross Williamson
49767	I do not agree with the closing of the Avonside Drive/Avon park section, but I see that this is mentioned as not being up for negotiation. I do not believe a proper survey of traffic volume on this road has been done. I do not remember any traffic counters being across this road section in the last 3 years and believe that all sectors of the use of this area can be accommodated with better planning. From what I see when I daily travel this area is that Porritt park area has turned into a swamp area and can be utilized for marshland and flood protection/overflow area. The current Avonside dr/kerrs rd/wainoni section is the area that floods the most with high tides and rain events so encouraging flow back towards the Porritt marshland makes better sense. The ORAC area marked (between avonside rd and Wanoni area) is basically already a marshland when rain occurs, suggesting that the corner of Kerrs and Avonside road could be turned into a potential carpark would be a waste of funds as this is often underwater. My suggestion is that the presently marked cycle lane up on the 'hill' needs to be widened for better shared use between cyclists and those on foot. But the road is currently wide enough to accommodate this and you could remove the footpath on the Avon park side of the road and create a new one on the other side of the trees within the park as a naturalized walkway. This would do away with the wish by designers to greatly impact those that need to use this route	I travel this section at least five days of the week (sometimes four times a day) and some evenings and there is always a good volume of traffic using this road, even when flooding occurs. At times when the road has been unusable the alternative routes towards Gloucester street becomes gridlocked especially around school times on Woodham road. I do not agree with the closing of any part of this section of Avonside Drive. I do not believe a proper survey of traffic volume on this road has been done. I do not remember any traffic counters being across this road section in the last 3 years and believe that all sectors of public can use this area and can be accommodated with better planning. My suggestion is that the presently marked cycle lane up on the 'hill' needs to be widened for better shared use between cyclists and those on foot. But the road is currently wide enough to accommodate this and you could remove the footpath on the Avon park side of the road and create a new one on the other side of the trees within the park/nature section as a naturalized walkway. This would do away with the wish by designers (who seem to not travel this area) to greatly impact those that need to use this route for essential vehicle travel and still enable nature to be developed without sacrificing any sector of community needs.	Jill Reesby

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	for essential vehicle travel and still enable nature to be developed without sacrificing community needs. I don't see a carpark marked near the #1Avonside entrance but presume there would be an area between areas #2/4/5 for carparking from that direction or you are going to end up with frustrated residence sick of the public parking in front of private properties. There is such a larger area of already red zone that can be used for development into nature areas without compromising and potentially adding to traffic gridlocks in other areas, by taking away roads that are well used by community members.		
49768	<p>I love the upgrade to the playground and making this a much more engaging, family oriented space.</p> <p>I think the things to consider for Kerrs road are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - road access along torlesse st. People use this as an alternative when Avonside dr is closed and with the narrowing along it, it becomes one way and a real pain when busy. I think this might be more prevalent with the proposed road closures - the housing on Mabel Howard pl: at present some of the residents do prevent the park being used by more families. Sometimes people camp in the back park (12 on the proposal). Maybe having plantings to create more of a boundary between the two spaces? - whitebaiters? Behaviour has improved in the last couple of years and less 'campsites' created. But the road is a common spot for whitebaiters so not sure if they would still try to use the space (I love shutting it off for them just noting a possible point of contention) - traffic on Kerrs road: I expect this will increase a lot with Avonside dr closing and directing all rowing club users down kerrs rd, as well as a lot of park users if the proposed car parking is established. Is the road fit for purpose for that? - I love the incorporation of natural elements in the family areas and a bbq (presume tables would be included?) 	<p>Avonside dr is a terrible road at the moment - floods when there is any rain, so I think it's great to close. Just need to consider the impacts on other roads, esp with the rowing club.</p> <p>I like Kerrs rd being focused on daylight use - how does this impact residents of that part of the road?</p>	Leeann Ellis
49772	The Idear is great more trees more bird life would be great. Make the hole off redzone into nature reserve plant it out in trees and let the birds come back	What ever you have to do to get this up and running. All good	Jason Loader
49774	Please return all land back to nature. Full support	Yes close avonside drive and return the land to nature	Jake Owen
49776	Yes to everything that is being proposed. This is such a fantastic vision for the future generations of our beautiful city.	Yes to this too. Fantastic suggestion.	Rachel Du Val
49779	I think it's a great idea! Wetlands are a vital part of our ecosystem and supports lots of bird/aquatic life. It would be an innovative way to repurpose otherwise unusable land. And would draw more tourists in to visit and see native wildlife. And more nature will help relieve stress from locals, and maybe even encourage them to get out more.	It's a price I'd be willing to pay. I'm sure many others would feel the same	Lachlan Dean
49784	A waste of money and unnecessary.	Please leave the road open, I like many uses it weekly and it is a good short cut through to that part of town.	Sam Manson

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	<p>Please do not remove the English trees and field at the lower part of the park, The park now is used by many and it is a lovely setting.</p> <p>A simple path for your path to the sea would be fine leave the park as it has been for generations and turn red zone back to wetlands.</p> <p>We all love NZ wetlands and Bush but Christchurch needs to retain its English trees and parks.</p>	<p>You are all ready making it harder to get around as the closing of river road at midway street has been a inconvenience already.</p> <p>You want us to lower our CO2 emissions but then make us drive right around to get places</p>	
49785		Alternative road access for vehicles in and out of the rowing facilities will ABSOLUTELY need to be created if Kerrs Rd and Avonside Drive access from Wainoni Rd is closed. This alternative access has not been discussed or sketched in your plans.	Toni Hawkyard
49786	I think it is a great idea. Would be great to see upgrades to the Rowing Facility Area	<p>There must be 24/7 access to the Kerrs Reach Rowing facility for all vehicles. This is a must and cannot be overlooked.</p> <p>Northern Section of Kerrs Road cannot be limited to daylight hours as the Rowing Facility is used during nighttime hours.</p>	Lewis Hawkyard
49787	The more the green the better. Connected paths to sea for bicycle and foot traffic. Yes!	No comment	Keith Burgess
49788		What has been put in place for the rowing clubs. Have they or will they be consulted on the changes in the area. Our boys are at training from 6am, will the access be open for them from then on?	Abby Savage
49792	<p>I think this proposal is brilliant. Actions like this support the restoration of the environment and ecology of Ōtautahi.</p> <p>I used to cycle the red zone every day from the city to Burwood. 100% I would cycle through a wetland! That would be brilliant as a connection. It will also increase the appeal of the area for recreationally running and cycling.</p>	From the perspective of a cyclist commuter, no concerns. I no longer live in this area. It would increase my chances of recreationally cycling and running in the area.	Ben Dickie
49795	It sounds like a good idea, as long as it doesn't have the native planting and the weeds and grass etc left to grow knee to waist high like down Gayhurst Road, it looks absolutely disgraceful and a fire hazard, feel embarrassed to say I live in dallington, and some tourists thought it looked like a tip		Sheila Hume
49798	People in wheel chairs and have walking disabilities	We protect the people and wildlife	Chaz Livermore
49801	I cycle through the proposed development from Wainoni Road. It's the best footbridge to use, and I currently like to use Avonside Drive to cycle to it because it is sealed. I would like a nice sealed path through the area that I can cycle, rather than a gravel path that punctuates tyres, and is not great for cycling.	I don't have to drive through the road per se, so I personally wouldn't mind the road to be closed, as long as there remains a good sealed path for cycling to access the bridge.	Stephanas Rigby
49802	New plan looks great other than the road closing between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road.	<p>Absolutely love the Avonpark Redevelopment but do not like the idea of closing Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni.</p> <p>I have witnessed so many near missing of right hand turns in and out of Kerrs Road from Wainoni Road. Turning right on the sweeping bend is very dangerous because there is next to no view of the traffic ahead around the corner.</p>	Gilda Harpur

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		It's hard enough getting out on to Gayhurst Road now that the lights had been removed.	
49806	I like the look of this plan. Regarding the plants planned have you thought about bee friendly types?	I agree with the stopping of the road. With the changes since 2010 the road is no longer a major through way.	Stephen Ridder
49807		I can't understand how the rowing sheds are to be accessed? How do vehicles access this in particularly the large boat trailers to get in and out when loading the boats for away regattas? A regular occurrence in the summer months? By the looks of your map, you will close Avonside Drive from Wainoni Rd, Kerrs Rd will not go through to the rowing sheds and Avonside Drive from the other side appears to stop on the bend just before the new bridge or where the pathway starts? Can you explain to me how vehicles access the rowing sheds. Thank you	Nicola Skelton
49809	The Avon Park treatment looks good. Although there is nothing proposed currently that would interfere with the main river flow note that the Avon is used for kayaking through this section so please ensure the main flow continues without building shallows, planting reeds etc	Absolutely not!! The rowing clubs and Arawa canoe club operate year round from early morning until well into the evening. For most of the year this means people are arriving and leaving outside of daylight hours. This is probably hundreds of people every day during winter and spring. If Kerrs Road was closed at night this would create huge disruption to the clubs and many many people. Any suggestion that they park at the proposed parking on Kerrs Road at night would create a significant safety hazard for those walking from there in the dark, which includes many school aged kids. Closing the section of Avonside Drive from Kerrs to Wainoni is less an issue but seems to achieve very little. It currently creates an additional access way to the rowing & canoe clubs which reduces the traffic on Kerrs Road. Please keep it open unless there is a compelling reason to close it.	Richard Dove
49814	park plans looks and provide a good link to the river.	I would like to see access via Kerrs Road and the eastern end of Avonside drive to be maintained as this routes still provides good access to Porritt Park. Closing the eastern road access will create increase traffic on Kerrs Road and the sightlines and turning opportunities into and out of Wainoni Road is poor.	Nathan Puntton
49818	Great idea, as a local I fully support anything that will tidy the area, and encourage recreational use.	About time. I am sick of asking police to monitor speeds and dangerous driving. People think it is a race track and drive utes when it floods like they are in the back country crossing a river. It's an area rife with rubbish dumping and other disrespectful behaviors.	Rohan McNaughtan
49820	Love it, but please ensure there are carparks for visitors to use the area, so as not to push parking on to local residential streets.	Great idea	Ali Plunket
49821	I drive around that area multiple times every week . It is so rare to see anyone there walking or being interested in using that land recreationally.that won't change regardless of features. It would be more useful to use the land for self contained tiny homes on trailers with land lease going back to the CCC. Gives more cred to sustainability and home ownership and can be towed off easily should a new disaster happen .	No opinion at this stage	Lisa Kelleher

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49822	Great Go Ahead	Excellent. At the moment this is just a racetrack for bogans. Kerr's, Wainoni Rd is more that and adequate thoroughfare	David Marra
49823	Great proposal	Good idea, but need to ensure access to Kerr's Reach isn't restricted.	Hayden Bowen
49824	This project is in the "nice to have" group but ratepayers cannot afford to fund this group at this stage with cost of living increases already at such a high level. We are already being told to expect very high rate increases and this proposal will just make matters worse. It is time CCC scrapped its planning method whereby every project possible is included in the plan and then rates fixed according to the cost estimates. Instead the rates should be fixed at affordable levels and the number of projects selected to fill the funding available by selecting them according to priority. At present it appears that Council spending is based on the need to keep Council staff employed instead of laying off staff not required. Much of the Council spending is on grossly overpaid staff and numbers of staff. Time to weed out the hefty lumps off fat in the payroll.	As this project should be deferred for some years, closing the roads is a moot point.	Francis Sharpley
49825	Good idea to create a wetland		Rebecca Cannan
49826	<p>This redevelopment is on the wrong side of the river. There are many reasons why this development is not a good idea.</p> <p>a) Closing Avonside Drive will send traffic down Torlesse Street (see comments below).</p> <p>b) There is a high stop bank that currently limits the flooding potential on the south side of the river. Flooding risk will increase if water is allowed to freely flow to the south side of the stop bank.</p> <p>c) There are other places where a wetlands area (similar to Travis Road Wetlands) could be created. Suggestions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Use the north side of the river for the proposed Naturalised Wetlands. Or better</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) Use Porritt Park. It would require digging to create water filled areas with the spoils used to create islands. Currently the old riverbed that goes around Porritt Park is neglected and would benefit from a tidy-up by the council.</p> <p>d) The cycleway needs to (also) come alongside the Avon River going towards the Gayhurst bridge. Many school aged cyclists use Avonside Drive to go to the Kerrs Reach rowing clubs. Forcing them to use a narrow road without a dedicated cycle path would be a bad idea.</p> <p>I have another concern, that being the proposal is presented as if it has already been decided that this will go ahead (construction start dates etc). Is this "consultation" being done merely to allow a box to be ticked to say that the community was consulted?</p>	<p>Closing Avonside Drive is a bad idea. The traffic that currently moves between the Gayhurst Bridge and Wainoni Rd via Avonside Drive would consequently go down Torlesse Street / Kerrs Road. Torlesse Street is not suitable for taking an increased number of vehicles.</p> <p>Efforts have been made in the past to limit the traffic using Torlesse Street as a through-route. These are a) the stop signs on Torlesse Street at the Holland Street intersection (even though Holland Street has about 1/5 the number of cars) and b) the speed bump in what used to be a cul-de-sac turning circle.</p> <p>Finally, restricting the northern end of Kerrs Road to daylight hours would not suit the people who live in houses in this part of Kerrs Road.</p>	Brian Goulter

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49827	I think this proposal is a brilliant idea, it's been discouraging to see this park be neglected over the last couple of years. But knowing this is the plan is a great step forward for this area.	I understand why Torlesse St residents wouldn't want extra traffic. I'm happy for that section of Avonside Dr to be closed.	Sarah Blackler
49828	Update the children's playground only . Please consider the infrastructure in the east and spend the money on that. 4 to 5 million will make a difference.	No leave open It's an important thoroughfare. Thankyou for the opportunity to submit my thoughts5	Jennifer Cooper
49829	The main aspect that concerns me is the city to sea pathway, as I am already a regular user of this route. What is important to me is that it is: -Direct. It's a long route, and is used by commuters. It needs to be as direct as possible, avoiding detours and meandering. -Safe. Good lighting, wide sightlines. Including places of activity on the way, like playgrounds and sports fields increase passive surveillance and make it feel safer.	I fully support this. This should be a recreational area and the is no longer a need for roads there.	Michael Clemens
49830	In simple terms, my submission is just plant trees. Get the carbon sequestration and create a wonderful nature reserve in the city at the same time. I can't understand a Council, that declared a climate emergency in 2019, coming out for public consultation on another designer public park plan. Surely, there is a sense of urgency around getting decent native trees planted throughout the old red zone and regenerating the whole area back to an urban wetland/ native forest. There seems to be so much time taken consulting and coming up with expensive ideas, when planting trees is the easy solution. Nature can then provide the rest. On a broader level, over on the developing side of the city (South East) we have new subdivisions going in on old farmland, with hundreds of mature trees being felled to make way for housing on 450-600m2 sections. There is little chance of large mature trees being replenished here. Use the money saved on the expensive design process and hard landscaping at Avon Park (and other areas) to purchasing more land to plant out in large tree species.	No thoughts here.	Walt Friedel
49832	"Access to Kerrs Road between 144 Kerrs Road and Kerrs Reach (where it passes through the regeneration area) will also be limited to daylight hours" What does daylight hours mean? The existing rowing and kayaking clubs that are situated at Kerrs Reach require access beyond daylight hours. For instance, Arawa Canoe Club has access to its cluebrooms (for members) from 5.30am.	How will continued access for rowing and kayak clubs be allowed for when closing Kerrs Rd outside of daylight hours?	Matt Harris
49833	Great Idea, strongly agree with the ecological aspect and presume it could potentially help with mitigation of increasing frequency of adverse weather impacts from climate change.	It makes sense	Paul Hamilton
49835	I think this is a great idea to extend the facilities. More recreation activities and areas would increase numbers of people visiting.	I think this is a great idea of the area. I don't like the speed of cars and it can be flooded. This would make it safer for the high numbers of students who bike to their rowing. Whilst I both drive and bike along that route, I can drive an alternative and I would appreciate a better bike way.	Annette Milne
49836	It's a good idea to close Avonside Drive Between Wainoni Road & 742 Avonside Drive because it can really help the enviroment	Reasonable	Rohan van Soest

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49837	Is there any off road parking ,if so where is it located, also is the culdersac proposed on avonside drive near the new foot bridge still going ahead	Good idea	Tony Marker
49847	<p>It is wonderful to see some movement into developing our red zone.</p> <p>As a paddler and one of 1000's of users of the river based out of Porritt Park I have concerns that part of Avonside Drive to Wainoni road is being proposed to being closed - this has massive impacts on the many river users that are there daily, if not twice a day most days. Access is vital to our recreation areas.</p> <p>I have also concerned about the park being closed outside of daylight hours. Athletes train at hours outside of this all year around and this is not feasible for the 1000's of craft and paddlers that use this river.</p>	<p>As per above I am concerned about the road closures limiting access to the many users who currently use the river to train - rowing clubs, kayak club and Waka Ama - they have been a fixture for many decades and it is incredibly busy. To cut off access and limit this is not best serving to the community.</p> <p>Thanks so much for reading and listening.</p>	Rosie Shakespeare
49849	Wounderful plans. As long it help to prevent flooding in area as well.	Happy for this to happen. If the current plants aren't going to kept I would the plants to be sold at a cheap price to locals they can transplanted. The council to take the big plants out.	Anna Smith
49850	<p>When stopping Avonside Dr, please carefully plan traffic measures to strongly discourage people from turning into Avonside Rd from the Gayhurst/Gloucester bridge and strongly encourage them to continue to Woodham Rd before turning left. I would imagine such measures would include narrowing the entrance to Avonside Dr, and traffic calming measures along Avonside Dr and Ngarimu & Torlesse Sts. You must listen to locals about the effect on traffic - we have witnessed how people drive when they're using this shortcut!</p> <p>Also, please make sure the park is accessible to those with mobility issues, especially in terms of mobility parking. One of the very valid criticisms of the Dallington Landing is that it is virtually off-limits to people with mobility issues because of the lack of integrated mobility parking. Don't make the same mistake here.</p>	I love the plan, including the proposed stopping of Avonside Dr between Kerrs Rd and Wainoni Rd, and turning a portion of Kerrs Rd into a park road. Just get the traffic calming and mobility access right, and it will be perfect :)	Ashley Campbell
49853	I think it looks like a great use of otherwise unused land	<p>Closing the road will disrupt peoples regular driving habits. Care will need to be taken the ensure that there are good and viable alternatives for those otherwise using Avonside Drive, some of the surrounding roads will need upgrades/repairs to manage the increased traffic.</p> <p>I have concerns around limiting the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours. This will have a significant impact on those who use the rowing and kayaking facilities for training. This ranges from school students, beginners, reactional, social and elite athletes alike. Parking outside the gate and carrying gear, kayaks etc into the club rooms is also not realistically a feasible option.</p> <p>While I appreciate the motivation for having locked gates to reduce antisocial behaviour, consideration needs to go into what is considered daylight hours. During winter especially</p>	Nicole Owen

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		when athletes can have started and finished their session (on water, in gym or on rowing/kayaking ergs) in the dark. Daylight hours will need to look something like 5am-10pm.	
49854	Consider how I access Arawa club to go paddling. We train at all time but specifically from 6am-9am with headlights on. And also evenings from 4pm to 8pm.	How do I get to my kayak club? Arawa.	Anne Fray
49855	The proposal for Avon Park sounds fantastic. It is wonderful to see some more development in our area. We love the idea of the revamped playground for the children in the area, especially the nature play area. The kids would love a wide slide incorporated such as the slide at the Margaret Mahy Playground in town. It's great that the existing basketball court is being renewed. There are a lot of young people in the area that use the courts. We are happy to see the low lying land to be transformed into a wetland area. This is often flooded after a lot of rain or high tide. This development will be such an asset to the area.	Closing Avonside Drive is a great idea and we as a family welcome this idea. We can easily drive via Torlesse or Ngarimu Street to do our shopping or going to New Brighton. Many cars speed through Avonside Drive and at night it is often used as a race track. The road is also used as a dump by fly tippers. Some of this antisocial behaviour may be reduced by closing the road.	Claudia Edwards
49856		Specifically what times would this section be closed and how would the closure be controlled. The kayak and rowing facilities are used from the early hours and well into the evening with gym sessions taking place at the club houses. I am a member of the Arawa club and store my kayak at the club. We have a Tuesday morning session on the river running all year round and we are still on the river in the dark with head torches. A lot of other participants travel with their kayaks on their cars to each session as boat storage is limited at the club. Members training for Coast to Coast often pick up their boasts early in the mornings and return them late in the evening after completing day trips. I feel simply closing the road during “daylight hours” is not achievable for the busy use of the kayak and rowing clubs.	Hugh Tutton
49858	Hi there. I think you need to propose this plan to the residents of this area as I live in on Torlesse street and we do NOT want our street being the main route if you choose to close of Avonside Dr. during flooding and when you close Avonside Dr the traffic down our tiny street absurd. Please advise what you are proposing to the residents as we live here and should have the right to have our say. I won't be the only resident questioning this? All the time and money put into the pathway is great but you can't stomp through our neighbourhoods changing things and not let us have the right to choose if this is what's best for the residents and families. Too many road closures causes congestion around other parts of the city.	Nope. Think you need to ASK the homeowners before you can change things like this. There is far more other issues in our neighbourhood and having more traffic down our tiny street is not going to ease any of those problems.	Erica Salazar
49859	I am a second year Conservation and Ecology student at Lincoln University and I think it is very important for the biodiversity of the community that this wetland and wildlife refuge goes ahead.	I have no issues with this happening.	Katelyn Crafts

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49860	I am a Lincoln university student, with a passion for the environment. I think it is crucial that this wildlife refuge and wetland restoration goes ahead. I see this as essential, not just for native biodiversity, but for the well-being and future health of the community. Healthy wetlands can serve as permanent carbon sinks, which is crucial in the fight against climate change.	No comment	Alice McCormick
49861	The park looks great! I am a river user at Kerrs Reach so access is my only issue.	As someone who works full time, having access to Kerrs Reach before dawn and after dark is the only way we can fit in any training. This is even more true during the winter when daylight hours are reduced. Access from as early as 5am and up until 9pm would be reasonable for us.	Anna Wood
49862	Kia ora, My team mates and I use the cricket nets at Avon Park weekly. Other people use the nets at other times, including a softball on a Thursday evening. I would like to strongly request that alternative cricket nets be provided should the current one located at Avon Park become affected by the proposed changes. Thank you.	Fine.	Tim Corry
49960	Approve of the proposal. Especially the restoration of wetland/native area. Approve of the link with the cycle route.	Approve. No need for access to be retained. Removes the cost of upkeep for what is an essentially useless section of road.	Patrick Kennedy
49961	I think the plan is awesome! Very excited to see how this turns out. I love the idea of the nature-play areas, community forage gardens and an area for cultural games. And support this strongly, along with the upgrading of the basketball court. But I do have some concerns regarding traffic implications for the surrounding streets.	I live on Torlesse street and I am a little concerned about the traffic implications for our road. When Avonside Drive has been blocked off due to floods and when the bridge was being built we saw a huge increase in traffic coming down Torlesse Street to get to Kerrs Road. It's quite a narrow street with two speed humps. I would like to know if there are any measures being taken to help with traffic flow down Torlesse street and surrounding streets? What are the results of your traffic assessment? I understand this section is part of the district plan but would still like to know what/if any considerations have been made for this? I'm regards to the closure of Avonside Drive from Kerrs Road to Wainoni Road this would probably make sense if the rest of Avonside Drive is closed.	Sam Savage
49984	Generally happy. Full submission attached (C), briefly: 1. Outdoor activity areas for older demographics 2. The importance of not straightening any of the Otakaro-Avon River - maintain or increase the meandering aspects. 3. Expand nature play areas. Submission attached (C).	Good idea. Plenty of car access to Wainoni Road eg, down Woodham Road. Biking access is available.	Sue Parkes
49987	This is fantastic! This area needs more attractions to bring people back! I think taking out that section of avonside drive is essential! It is barely used and it very dangerous to bike or walk down. Wetland restoration and areas for people and kids to play, relax and enjoy the natural environment are so important.	It is so important this road closure goes ahead. It doesn't get used and it is dangerous. We must protect and restore our wetlands and by doing so we attract more people back to the east. I think it should be permanently closed to cars and open the cyclists and pedestrians 24/7 with lighting and safe cycle and walkways the show the beauty of the wetlands.	Stephen East
50002		It appears that people have forgotten that there are boat sheds and rowing clubs at Kerrs reach.	Corina Jordan

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		<p>If the northern section has its usage limited to daylight hours, how are the rowers meant to access the club in the early hours of the morning for their training sessions? These are the next generation athletes that could go on to represent Canterbury or their country yet you are limiting their access affecting their training.</p> <p>By closing Avonside drive will mean that the traffic that would normally be going to Kerrs Reach will now have to go through residential areas, and when the heavy vehicles with trailers loaded with boats leave in the mornings or anytime for that matter will have to go past residents homes, which will affect their livelihoods and increasing traffic past their homes will make the roads less safe for them.</p> <p>Wouldn't it make more sense to keep this section of the road open to keep the traffic access Kerrs Reach away from residential areas. With the other end of Avonside closed the traffic you won't have the cars cutting and speeding as it would only be people accessing Kerrs Reach or people coming to walk their dogs through the red zone.</p>	
50035	Safety of users. Encourage recreational cyclists- families at weekends. Not just commuting cyclists.	I like the drive from Wainoni Road to Gayhurst Road and use it often. It would be sad to see it go entirely.	Judith Stephens
50044	I am very happy with all details of the plan, especially the slow removal of exotic trees to transition the area without leaving it barren for a prolonged period. I would like to see the inclusion of access point down to the main flow of the river.	This is a diverting road with no housing impacted by its removal I cannot foresee any negative impact to traffic flows. Nighttime closing of the Kerrs road section seems appropriate to deter antisocial behavior around this area	kimberley Evans
50055	The proposal looks great, love the channel cut to allow an authentic ecosystem to be re-established particularly the island, ensuring that human interaction there is highly discouraged would be great for the target species.	As long as public access to the area is available then having the road closed and no roading within the park area would be great	Bethany Millar
50069	i have major concerns about restricting access to daylight hours on Kerrs road and closing Avonside drive.	As a member of Arawa kayak club i have grave concerns about restricting access, club members frequent the club boat storage area before dawn and after dusk year round for training purposes. I would strongly support a reconsideration of the current proposal to limit access .	Ruth Tramschek
50073	Overall I like what I see.	Currently it is accessed by our rowers. I would hope they still have access to the rowing clubrooms? Also I use this section to bike to work, and usually come back on smelms bridge. Is this still accessible under the proposal?	Helen van Zanten
50309	I think this is a great idea. We live on [REDACTED] and closing the road will mean that we will have to take a different route to the Pak n Save and other various trips in that direction. This is absolutely no problem at all as there are plenty of other routes available to us. This will also help stop the problem with cars speeding through from Gloucester street to Wainoni Road which some days seems like a raceway. Also the intersection of Avonside Drive, Gloucester Street & Retreat Road is a mess with traffic constantly cutting the corner when travelling from Retreat Road to Avonside Drive. It is a miracle that no one has been seriously	Fantastic idea	Graeme Edwards

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	injured there at this intersection, especially a child or teenager who who is travelling to or from rowing as there are plenty of them.		
50317	I think that this proposal is an excellent idea as the effects that wetlands have on the environment and wellbeing of communities is very beneficial. Wetlands provide many ecosystem services including mitigation of negative effects from other anthropomorphic activities. Additionally, the ability of local communities to access a recreational area in proximity to protected ecosystems would increase the appreciation of local community members for the environment, a crucial factor in the current state of environmental distress facing New Zealand and the world.	I believe that the closing and/or restriction of road use will be beneficial in conjunction with the development of a regeneration area and recreation facilities. The local wildlife that would hopefully repopulate the reserve will be protected by the decrease in vehicular traffic. Additionally, local recreational resources such as the renewed basketball court, play areas, and foraging gardens can be expected to increase the popularity of the park, particularly among younger residents. The closure of Avonside Dr. and Kerrs Rd., alongside the restoration initiative, will improve the safety of locals that utilise the new facilities.	Heidi Allan
49988	<p>The overall intent of the plan appears good. I assume that consideration has been given to the sports teams which currently practice on Avon Park and they will be offered suitable alternatives nearby?</p> <p>My family are frequent users of the river in this area for kayaking (twice a day, six or seven days per week). One concern is that the provision of wetland areas and the promotion of a habitat for water birds will increase the volume of such birds in the area. In my opinion, there are already far too many birds here. The volume of bird poo on the rowing and kayak club pontoons is phenomenal. It is cleaned off daily and by the following day is back. Studies have shown that Canada Geese can poop up to 2kg each per day, and there are hundreds of geese, ducks and swans that hang out in Kerrs reach and the river downstream of there. The water quality is consequently abysmal. Therefore, anything that might increase the number of such birds in the area will only make the problem worse. The refurbished park will not be a pleasant place for recreation if there is too much bird poo everywhere.</p>	<p>The closing of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road will not directly affect us, as we travel to and from the other direction, however, there are many users who will be affected and a reasonable volume of extra traffic will be pushed out to other routes. I am more concerned about the proposal to limit use of the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours. My daughter is a NZ representative kayaker, and trains on the river and in the Arawa Club gym, twice a day, generally at from 6am for her morning session (before university), and until 7pm for her evening session. During half of the year, it is dark at these times and presumably, under the new proposal, we would not be able to access the club. I paddle with a group of around 30 other kayakers once a week at 6.30am. Similarly, for much of the year, it is dark at this time. Paddlers also arrive up to 30 minutes before the session starts. In addition to our groups, there are many other users, including lots of rowers, who are on the river in the dark, using lights. There will be hundreds of users who access the rowing and kayaking clubs before and after school and work, when it is dark, who would be negatively affected. The kayak club stores hundreds of kayaks for club members, who regularly want to access the club late in the evening to collect their kayak, if the weather and river conditions on the Waimak are suitable for paddling the next day. A more workable solution, in my opinion, would be the closure of this section of the road from 11pm to 5am.</p> <p>Submission attached (D).</p>	Bruce Garrett
50381	<p>I live in [REDACTED] in principle support the changes to Avon Park and the stopping of the road from 740 Avonside Drive and Kerrs Road.</p> <p>However, I have serious concerns with what will be increased traffic flows & parking issues.</p> <p>The stopping of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road, would leave lower Kerrs Rd as the only access to Kerrs Reach/Wainoni Landing.</p> <p>There are only 25 homes on this section of road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Kerrs Reach has 150 carparks (approx.) when rowing is in full swing the carpark is full and overflows into Kerrs Rd and down Avonside Drive so that would be a minimum of 300 car movements down Kerrs Rd this is a huge amount of traffic, pollution, noise and general 	<p>The stopping of Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road, would leave lower Kerrs Rd as the only access to Kerrs Reach/Wainoni Landing. There are only 25 homes on this section of road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Kerrs Reach has 150 carparks (approx.) when rowing is in full swing the carpark is full and overflows into Kerrs Rd and down Avonside Drive so that would be a minimum of 300 car movements down Kerrs Rd this is a huge amount of traffic, pollution, noise and general disruption for our small section of Kerrs Rd, not to mention higher probability of accidents especially involving biking and walking children. <p>With Kerrs being the only way back onto Wainoni Rd the increase in traffic would just be a major accident waiting to happen especially with traffic turning right out of lower Kerrs back on to Kerrs Rd proper.</p>	Deborah Thomson

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	<p>disruption for our small section of Kerrs Rd, not to mention higher probability of accidents especially involving biking and walking children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a small lane way between 39 & 41 Torlesse St that leads into Avon Park, if this remains open then will be a massive increase of people parking on Torlesse St with traffic parked on both sides of the road movement especially for emergency vehicles will be difficult. Naturally parking would overflow into Kerrs Rd, causing issues for residents and their friends and whanau. • There is a very high probability that Torlesse & Kerrs would end up with the roads being used as a “rat run” as drivers tried to beat the rush hour traffic on Woodham Rd. with Kerrs being the only way back onto Wainoni Rd the increase in traffic would just be a major accident waiting to happen especially with traffic turning right out of lower Kerrs back on to Kerrs Rd proper. • Currently the rowing & water sports are accessing Kerrs Reach as early as 0530 so having a gate that is only open during daylight hours is already a non-starter, Kerrs Reach it's self is supposed to be locked from 0700-1900 each day but it has never been locked in all the time I have lived here, so I have absolutely no faith that the gate would be locked. <p>Kerrs Rd should be cul-de-sac'd at 144 Kerrs Rd, leave Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road open with traffic calming measures and no parking on either side of the road, there are no residents on the stretch of road that will be impacted. This would eliminate the need for gates being closed, which would never happen anyway.</p> <p>Torlesse St should be cul-de-sac'd at the Kerrs Rd intersection to stop the rat runners with resident only parking allowed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the rowing & water sports are accessing Kerrs Reach as early as 0530 so having a gate that is only open during daylight hours is already a non-starter, Kerrs Reach it's self is supposed to be locked from 0700-1900 each day but it has never been locked in all the time I have lived here, so I have absolutely no faith that the gate would be locked so if the access was via Avonside gates wouldn't be needed. <p>Kerrs Rd should be cul-de-sac'd at 144 Kerrs Rd, leave Avonside Drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road open with traffic calming measures and no parking on either side of the road, there are no residents on the stretch of road that will be impacted. This would eliminate the need for gates being closed, which would never happen anyway.</p>	
50392	<p>I live [REDACTED] and I don't allow my children to play at the park by themselves because of the amount of bad experiences they've had with people from the council flats immediately behind where the current playground is.</p> <p>From the park, I myself have seen gang members threaten children, smelt Marijuana coming from the flats while sitting on the swings with my baby, listened to swearing and arguments and several times had to leave because of old men sitting by themselves on the park bench in the playground watching the children play and being visibly aroused by it and when confronted they return to the flats.</p> <p>My neighbours and other parents on this street have always thought that the play area should be moved away from there as it's hidden from view from the public. I would suggest bringing it to the opposite side or atleast well away from the council flats.</p> <p>My other concern is parking.</p>	<p>The road is basically flooded all the time in winter and let's face it the council are not going to spend money on fixing it as the land has dropped too much. I think you should close from the smells bridge all the way to Wainoni road and let it be wetland BUT you would have to seriously address the lack of parking for the rowing club. They fill up most of that section of avonside drive and then all up Kerrs road which impacts those of us who live on Kerrs rd as there is nowhere for our visitors/family to park let alone emergency vehicles if they are needed by one of us.</p>	Samantha Blackwell

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	<p>When the rowing club has events on our entire street from avonside drive to wainoni road is packed with parked cars and if we have whanau come to see us they have nowhere to park. If you close that section of Avonside drive (which also gets packed with parked cars) then how will you make up for the lack of parking that already impacts us as residents?</p> <p>This plan will make things worse for us. You need to consider making more car parking whether it be at Porrit park or in the redzone opposite Avon park(still on Kerrs)</p> <p>Closing that part of Avonside drive will also turn our street into the main thoroughfare for traffic as the majority of the rowing community come from the west side of town which will make our street congested with the parking issues which narrows the street down and then high traffic in and out of the rowing club, bowling club and Avon park.</p> <p>I think you need to consider making Kerrs road a cul-de-sac with a driveway off the end to the rowing club that has its gates locked at night and they actually need to be locked because for the nearly 7 years I've lived here they aren't.</p> <p>I also think that it is taking away from our community by removing the use of the park by local sportsclubs. The park is used ALOT and I think that will impact on us as a community.</p> <p>You need to think about the long term and plan for the visitors who you want coming to these areas, if you have a lack of parking and access to the area then it won't be used and will be a waste of time, like the park/bbq area you made up by the bridge that has no parking area but if it did so many more people would use it and if that links on to the pathway to the snells bridge and then the updated avon park then you need to plan for people wanting to visit which means mum's with kids and prams, people in wheelchairs who need access to park larger vehicles, elderly visiting from care homes in vans etc. Plan it out properly and I think it could be truly amazing.</p>		
50396	<p>My little family lives very close to the area so this development will be occurring directly across from our property. We are very very excited about this idea and want to communicate how strongly we support the proposal of closing both the Kerrs road section and the Wainoni road section. Currently the area has major flooding issues and is used by kids almost every night for burn outs and racing. We also have people dumping rubbish along that section of the road regularly. Making it a culdesac would decrease the number of cars through here and increase the family feel of our neighbourhood, forcing these less than desirable behaviour elsewhere.</p>	<p>We support complete road closure of both sections. I'm unclear on how the process would work of limiting the use of nth kerrs road to daylight hours. Would there be a gate that closes? How will that be enforced? It would make more sense to close the section of road completely and join the two sections of redzone on each side of the road together.</p>	Rose Foster-Dyer
50430	<p>I am a New Brighton resident and want to keep the avonside drive road open for access through from waimari rd to gayhurst bridge etc as it is a convenient road to use and avoids the waimari rd/woodham rd roundabout etc which can be congested at the best of times. Also it is an alternative route when there are roadworks etc. I do not speed through there and if any cars are surely a radar or speed camera can be set up and it sounds like a good source of revenue if</p>		Dariel Brabet

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	<p>that is the case. I feel we have enough green spaces (miles of it) and to say this space is needed for cycles and child friendly seems a bit odd as the road will still be close by albeit the beginning of the road near wainoni rd.!! Access to Kerrs Reach etc, walking paths, etc from this side of town means miles extra (more petrol - more carbon emissions etc) As for fire and emergency access etc It doesnt make sense to me. I use that route frequently, i used to drive that route to work. I'm sure a lot of people use it. If speeding is the excuse? Ticket the speeding drivers who aren't keeping the community safe.</p> <p>Id be unhappy and slightly confused as to why that section of road would be blocked off.</p>		
50496	<p>I went your Dallington meeting recently, viewed the plans. It's a huge area. Surely there has to be a way although difficult surely use some of the land for cheaper housing at it is really needed, the Avon rowing sheds idea is a great idea, the pavilion surely a dream for the future? Leave the roads as they are at the moment, not many people use the cycle paths, leave them as they are.</p>	<p>A lot of money has already been spent in this area, the bbq area could have done to a much simpler design for example</p>	Andrew Sprouse
50503	<p>I am in favour of the plans for Avon Park, generally speaking. Firstly, I would like to emphasize my opinion on the importance of replacing the sports grounds and facilities (football, athletics etc.) to somewhere else which has the same capacity, if not more (in terms of space and facilities). I am someone who has personally used the athletics track for training in the past and found it a useful local space for summer athletics training. I would like to emphasize that this track is kept when the new sports park is announced. I would also like to know of where this will be as soon as possible.</p> <p>I think it's great to convert the lower areas of this park into a wetland as it often floods in heavy rain events from my personal observations. This includes the Avon Park section of the road, which I see will be closed. Unless invasive, I believe the large trees of the park should be kept for the soon future as they will provide shelter to the emerging wetland plants and cool the area - as well as providing aesthetical value. I think it's fantastic that birds such as bittern and crakes are considered in this proposal as they are very rare in Christchurch - providing habitat should help and would be great to have these birds along the Avon.</p> <p>Finally, I would like the council to consider reserving suitable habitat spaces for the New Zealand Blue (Zizina oxleyi) butterfly population of the Avon Residential Red Zone, which from my personal observations has become a very prolific species in the Red Zone area. This is an endemic species of butterfly which is most common in the mid-eastern South Island. Biological invasions of the introduced Australian Blue (Zizina otis) have undermined the endemic populations in North Island, posing a threat to South Island NZ blues with climate change allowing invading species to colonise formerly inhospitable areas. The butterfly, which I have observed in many Avon Red Zone sites, is likely living on one or multiple species of introduced clover (Fabacaeae, legumes), but they also be living on wild alfalfa or Lotus sp.. These clovers are often found on road-side lawns, with the butterflies often using the nearby road or stones to sunbathe.</p>	<p>I support closure of all the roads you have proposed.</p>	Noah Fenwick

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	The Avon Park redevelopment could potentially include small butterfly habitat plots (could be as small as 4x4m) with clovers (<i>Trifolium</i> sp.), native broom (<i>Carmichaelia</i> sp.) and large stones and boulders to encourage this species to persist in the Avonside area. It would be great to conserve this species in the area for the future as I consider it a significant population-- and it will likely not survive if all of the red zone is converted into wetland/forest. It is also a very beautiful insect and could help as a flagship species. Other butterflies could be introduced using similar plots to increase biodiversity. Thank you for your considerations.		
50513	I am strongly in favour of reducing car access to this location in favour of a safer and more walkable area. I am in favour of having only a small amount of car parking, but with a large fraction of this parking restricted to people with disability permits. I am strongly in favour of planting native trees and trees that require less ongoing maintenance in this area.		Richard Abey-Nesbit
50530	I think this is a great proposal - reclaiming the land next to the river as wetlands as well as providing facilities for active and relaxing community activities is positive. For me, the wetlands are really important as both a carbon AND water sink - given increased propensity for extreme weather events, having the ability to absorb more water is super important to Christchurch, given it's such a low lying city.	Yes, close Avonside drive between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road. There are no houses on that section now, and the only destination there is the rowing club (and associated facilities). People going there could just use Wainoni Road -> Kerrs Road. It'll save road/streetlight maintenance, and provide for a more cohesive design to the Avon Park proposal. Kerrs road closing at night - I think this depends on the utilisation of the rowing club area in the evenings. It could be a safety issue to require people to park away from the club at night, and walk over the Avon park area. I'm personally not leaning either way on this, but the safety is the thing that jumps out to me.	Hamish Rickerby
50542	No objection to plans for Avon Park aside from the prospect of losing two rows of mature chestnut trees. I hope this is not the case. Full submission attached (E).	Strongly disagree that no plan exists to deal with increased traffic in streets that are at their design limits now. Please see included Word document for all concerns. Full submission attached (E).	Anthony Cant
50545	The Dallington Residents Association is overall supportive of this proposal. It provides new amenity to an area that was badly affected by the earthquakes and has ongoing issues with flooding. Avon Park Sports Fields We note that the sports field will be much reduced - they are currently used for football. Have the sports clubs that currently use the fields be consulted. Will they be offered an alternative nearby space to move to? We note that a smaller kick-a-ball area will remain - have you considered how we can keep the Canada geese out of this area? They create a lot of mess that is likely to discourage people from using the area.	The closure of Avonside Drive is of concern for some local residents, who will lose easy access to local shops along Wainoni Road. This is outweighed by the positive benefits that the road closure will have - it will resolve the flooding issues on the road, allowing the river to encroach and create wetlands. The high level design of this area provides for the river to 'breathe' and for people to engage with and enjoy the area via walkways and platforms. The closure of the road also addresses local resident concerns about flooding of the road - parts of the road are typically under water for most of the winter. Another concern that should be dealt with by the closure is speeding - cars travel very fast down Avonside Drive, using it as a 'rat run' between Wainoni Road and Gloucester Street. With the new bridge in place, we've raised the concern that pedestrians and cyclists coming off the Snell Place bridge are at risk due to speeding cars. This would be resolved by the proposal. The stoppage also has the potential knock-on effect of improving traffic management at the	

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	<p>Comments on designs</p> <p>The overall design of the area is great - there is a variety of amenities that should draw people into the area to enjoy the place. We love the combination of active spaces (playground and exploration areas, basketball half-court, kick-a-ball lawn) and reflection spaces (resting platforms).</p> <p>The viewing tower is a great idea, but of concern is the impact on privacy of close neighbours (mainly Braemar Place). Will visitors be able to see into homes in a way they are not currently able to? Have neighbours been consulted specifically about the viewing platform? The boardwalks will be a great asset to the area. The boardwalks through Horseshoe Lake were well used and are sorely missed.</p> <p>It is good to see that the design incorporates elements already in the area, for example work already being undertaken by Whitau School, and the bowling club. It would be great to provide access to the area from Mabel Howard Place for those residents.</p> <p>We are pleased to see that there is a BBQ area, and assume that this means there will be a permanent fixed BBQ for public use? It would be good to see more of these along the river corridor (for example at the Dallington and Wainoni Landings) as they encourage visitors to use the area, making it a destination for families and community groups to gather.</p>	<p>Gloucester Street - Retreat Road intersection. This intersection is very difficult to navigate when traveling across Gloucester Street from Avonside Drive to Retreat Road. We hope that we will see reduced traffic flow along this road, improving the safety at this intersection for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The turnaround area indicated in the General Arrangement Plan illustration (#1) is of some concern. We have observed that the creation of cul-de-sacs adjacent to red zone areas attracts anti-social behaviour - rubbish dumping and cars using it for joy-riding.</p> <p>Please note that the Snell Place Bridge has been referred to as Snells Bridge in Attachment E: Road Stopping Proposal. We ask that Council consistently applies its own bridge naming policy when referring to this bridge (naming bridges in reference to the road they are aligned to). If Council wants to call the bridge Snell's Bridge, then it should have a possessive apostrophe i.e. Snell's not Snells). The road was named for Peter Snell, and is an important part of Dallington history. As the roads will eventually disappear, it is important that we retain these small pieces of history to connect the current and the future to the past.</p>	
50582	<p>This truly is a great idea especially for the Eastside community. Wetland walkways where possible would be a great idea i think just as riccarton bush uses in part of their walking track though if this idea was to be implemented I think it would be ideal for the walkway to be wide enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic and consider wheelchair/ pram friendly widths and layers or lookouts. As we all know the world is changing and it is becoming what some may consider dangerous on the streets and in the community with an increase in anti social behavior. I believe in order for this space to thrive and be a safe haven for the community and its members that ample measures are taken to ensure the safety of all who would use the area. Cctv cameras to monitor carparks green spaces and the city to sea trail. Ample lighting in all areas to make it feel safe to move through in the night. Perhaps even loudspeakers could deter said unsocial behaviours if such persons knew they were being watched via cctv and that message could be put across to them.. regular security walks by guards, wardens or even police patrols. Active community engagement would be key to ensuring this wonderful idea can be upheld to the integrity that it aims towards and to discourage unsocial and violent behaviors from occurring as opposed to it being an afterthought. I hope this all makes sense as I'm terrible with words ! My greatest concern is the safety of everyone using the park. Personal safety and vehicle safety as well.</p>	<p>I think closing the road would be a good idea. The road is barely maintained and most likely has a fairly low aadt since the quakes. Closing the road would add but a minute or 2 extra to a commuters car journey and could provide the space for ample carparking</p>	Jasmine Macgregor

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50583	I think it is good to use the natural flow of the river historical and in future environmental changes. We should return more river margins to wetlands	This makes sense when flooding and management is considered. If access to parks and walkways are priority. Let's not have a road servicing no need. There is plenty of access routes on higher and more readily services roads parallel	Hugh Mould
50584	I like that this caters for different ages and abilities, and different levels of formality/structured/unstructured activities. I also like that it takes into account variable water levels and provides for native vegetation along a waterway where it is very important, while retaining existing vegetation.		Ursula Dougherty
50585		I live on [REDACTED] and agree with all the suggestions but when Avonside road is closed to Wainoni rd in the past, all the traffic comes through Torlesse Street instead which is normally a quiet, narrow road when cars are parked on both sides. This preventing cars from passing each other. It created a lot more traffic especially at peak times and bottle necks of queueing cars having to take turns to pass down what is effectively a single lane when cars are parked on both sides	Denise Ruck
50586	I believe its a necessary option and beat use of the space its time to utilize it in a way that is positive for the community and the ecology.	I agree with this decision. Smarter safer option.	Bradley Forward
50587	I think it is a great idea! I would hope that if it is going to have similarities to Travis Wetlands, that dog walkers will not be banned. I love the idea of community forage gardens, and believe this would be a very fitting and appropriate development of an area that many of us have fond memories of.	I can't see a Problem with it, traffic can easily access Avonside Drive from other side streets, and it would be great to have attractive safe biking and walking spaces	Kim Button
50588	I think it's a good proposal and better for the environment. If you take into consideration the amount of foot traffic in the area and apply walkways and fun things to do within the reserve, it can be successful.	I'd say is for the best. The area is prone to flooding and the road is mainly used as a throughfare, so you don't have to go on the main surrounding roads. It's probably for the best.	John Doe
50589	I strongly support turning as much of the park as possible into a wetland, with as much flood attenuation as possible. With increasing rainfall, this is perhaps the best use of redzoned land and I hope to see more of this in the future. Flood attenuation benefits everyone in the city by reducing Christchurch's high flood potential.	This road is the most direct link between Shirley / St. Albans / Edgware and the Wainoni / Aranui area. Closing the road would likely result in significantly increased traffic on Torlesse and Dunarnan Streets which could be unsafe given the residential nature of these roads. Significant traffic calming measures would likely be needed to redirect traffic from these streets to Woodham Road.	David Delagarza
50595	I do not like proposal. I use the lower fields every summer for cricket practice and running the track. I see a lot of other families using this facility too. Where will this facility be relocated to? Instead of destroying a sports field could you move the proposed site to directly across the river in the red zone?	How would enforcement of the daylight restrictions work? I think closing the road is limit peoples access to a sports ground and the rowing club. I disagree with this proposal. The money could be spent on fixing the road.	Megan Tuapawa
50598	how about soil density , is it clay as that would stop it right in it's tracks , and also why not keep it a park and promote that park , would be more the "best practice " i would have thought.	this will disrupt bus services , put them on detour thus costing the tax and rate extra amount of dollars , seems kind of silly to do that really :)	Craig Dance
50617	Stop wasting money ffs!! Roads and housing need fixing!!	Bloody waste of money. Stupid idea.	El Smith
50619	I support this proposal because I think it will help deal with flooding events and improve our community (market gardens) and connection with our native wildlife.	I imagine nocturnal pedestrians and animals will benefit more than nocturnal motorists will lose.	Christopher Spall
50621	Has there been any consideration for carparking. I enjoy visiting this area quite regularly and carparking is a bit tricky ... if this area is indeed going to be this awesome then more people will come and therefore carparking will become even more difficult.	That should be ok ... just make sure there are carparks for people visiting in the weekends.	Jacqui Freeman

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50622	Looks like a great idea. Fully support.		REUBEN Campbell
50624	Overall I am strongly in support of how this plan is developing. I strongly encourage as much native planting and creation of new habitat as possible. This should include every area of the plan, even medians around parking lots and playing fields, as even small patches of native plants make a big difference in bringing in and supporting native birds. I strongly support designating large areas of the plan to support natives and wildlife, including the creation of an island refuge for wildlife as I so appreciate what the one at Travis Wetland has supported. I strongly support building in ways for people to see and appreciate the wildlife, such as bird hide and viewing tower.	I strongly support closing Avonside Drive (between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road) and limiting use of the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours.	Henry Roe
50635	I think the proposal is a very positive one. I like that it takes an existing, fairly one dimensional community space and reworks it to provide more diversity and places for community play and recreation as well as quiet spaces - and that it works to restore the natural ecology of the river and adjacent land, allows space for the river to flow and rise and fall as it needs to, and provides a habitat to foster the return of local native species. It seems a natural fit with the City to Sea Pathway.	Closing the roads does not affect me personally, so I have no comment.	Barbara Moorhouse
50673	Some lovely ideas here, clearly presented. well done! It will create a fantastic asset for the local and wider community and an important node on the city to sea pathway. Great to see an emphasis on giving the river more space 'to breathe', enhancing the ecological value of the area, and providing active and play spaces which celebrate the local context and sense of place.	Great idea. Go for it. Important to create more space along the river edge for natural habitat and processes + stormwater capacity. The closure of the road will also benefit pedestrians and cyclists.	Paul Roper-Gee
50685	I like the plans put forward. The redevelopment looks positive.		Geoff Sugden
50689	I attended a talk about the Otakaro Avon River Corridor redevelopment on Friday March 3 at Canterbury WEA. I am from Canada and have seen flooding and extreme storms both in Ottawa, Ontario and their impacts in BC (no earthquakes but some serious forest fires). It makes so much sense to allow your River Corridor to be renaturalized! Wetlands are such an important buffer in times of climate change. And so many species are threatened by loss of habitat. I was impressed that the Bar-tailed Godwits nest in Christchurch and then migrate to Alaska. Overall, this project seems to be a great exemplar that more cities will need to follow in the next decade. Please keep up the great work!		Kathryn Currie
50691	I think it is good so the next generation will have a very fun playground without going all the way to town to play at Magaret Mahy. I would like a big wide slide like at Magaret Mahy and a zipline	Its good to have some space for native bushes and trees. It will also stop people speeding because we often go to the park and it is hard to see round the corner and people might go fast round the corner.	Bradley Edwards
50692	I like the idea of the wetlands because the animals get more space. I would like a basket swing and a flying fox. I love the nature trail.	I like the idea of closing the road because no speedy cars will drive fast.	Frieda Edwards
50695	I am excited by this proposal. As a resident near the Red Zone I have been waiting for upgrades to the surrounding areas. I regularly cycle the City to Sea route sometimes using the upper terrace with the Wednesday Wheelers. I love the new Snell bridge and this project will definitely enhance the area for native and introduced birdlife. The viewing tower will prove an attraction to bring more people to the area and hopefully increase their appreciation of our	The closure of the roadways in this area will affect very few people as the traffic is extremely light these days in comparison with the past. There are readily available alternative routes. However there still needs to be easy access to Avon Park and the Kerrs Reach rowing area for all the current and future users of the area so keeping the northern section of Kerrs Rd open	Joy Burt

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	natural environment. With climate change now a reality, the river needs more space to cope with high flows to avoid flooding homes and roads.	in daylight hours to enable this makes sense. It will also provide parking spaces if the current provision proves inadequate.	
50698	I fully approve of these changes and think it will be great for the people living in the area and also for people to visit from other areas of the city. Is there anyway to get some adult playground equipment in the park also? Are there going to be bicycle stands? as the city to sea share path goes through this area.	I think this is a great idea to close Avonside Drive (between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road) and limiting use of the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours. As it will create a safer and quieter neighborhood for the people living on Kerrs Road, and one less intersection to worry about on Wainoni Road.	Dave Gardner
50700	I support the proposal as designed. It will provide better play facilities for children and families, greater ecological value, and improved flood management.	I support closing this section of road, as it is no longer needed.	Isaac Freeman
50708	Improving Avon Park is fantastic however the closing of roads forcing traffic down small residential streets is dangerous and will not work long term. Another solution which does not force cars down small streets is required.	Closing Avonside Drive and limited hours to Kerrs Rd will redirect traffic down Torlesse Street which can not handle increased traffic, this has been proven when the roads are closed due to flooding and all cars are forced down Torlesse. Torlesse Street is a narrow residential street, to permanently increase traffic it will create an unsafe environment for residents and the foot traffic from the nearby school.	Tayla King
50711	I support the proposed redevelopment of Avon Park and surrounding area. I support the work by tamariki from Whaitau school on a plot of land adjacent to Avon Park and hope to see their connection with this part of the OARC evolve with the new developments. I want to see the higher ground land put towards growing community food, fruit and nut trees specifically.	Although this will impact me significantly, I do support the proposed closure and the development of wetland area.	Sarah Butterfield
50718	Submission attached (F).	Submission attached (F).	Barry Livermore
Late submissions – not included in analysis			
50934	Overall I love the rest of the plan - and I'm excited to see you make it happen. I did want to ask a few other questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long will it take? • How long you planned on using the Redzone as a carpark? If you closed off all of Avonside Drive could you use that as a carpark? The reason I ask is because our son plays over the park often and I want to make sure it's still safe for him. 	I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to change Kerrs Road into one that opens in the morning and closes at night. I would like to request that you consider turning it into a cul-de-sac and closing it off completely. Myself and my neighbours are in agreement that this would be the best course of action. One of our biggest concerns is how unattractive it will be with a gate rather than just a cul-de-sac. We believe that this would make our neighbourhood safer and is more fitting with the rest of the proposal you made. Additionally, Avonside drive (the side currently not planned for closure) floods every time it rains. Just yesterday it was completely flooded and no one could use it. Maintaining that road is an unnecessary expense for CHCH council and those resources are better spent on other things.	Menilik Henry Dyer



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To Christchurch City Council

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Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a not-for-profit pan-impairment Disabled People's Organisation run by and for disabled people.

We recognise:

- Māori as Tangata Whenua and [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#) as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- disabled people as experts on their own lives;
- the [Social Model of Disability](#) as the guiding principle for interpreting disability and impairment;
- the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) as the basis for disabled people's relationship with the State;
- the [New Zealand Disability Strategy](#) as Government agencies' guide on disability issues; and
- the [Enabling Good Lives Principles](#), [Whāia Te Ao Mārama: Māori Disability Action Plan](#), and [Faiva Ora: National Pasifika Disability Disability Plan](#) as avenues to disabled people gaining greater choice and control over their lives and supports.

We drive systemic change through:

- **Leadership:** reflecting the collective voice of disabled people, locally, nationally and internationally.
- **Information and advice:** informing and advising on policies impacting on the lives of disabled people.
- **Advocacy:** supporting disabled people to have a voice, including a collective voice, in society.
- **Monitoring:** monitoring and giving feedback on existing laws, policies and practices about and relevant to disabled people.

The Submission

DPA welcomes the proposal to re-develop Avon Park. We see much opportunity in this re-development, particularly in relation to improving accessibility for disabled people to this natural area.

We welcome the statement contained within the spatial principles that the plans are designed to *'give space to the river, for the benefit of all.'*

We have recommendations on how to make the re-development fully accessible and inclusive of everyone.

DPA also recommends that further engagement is undertaken with disabled people and our Disabled People's Organisations [DPOs] around this re-development.

General arrangement plan and Character zones

DPA supports the general principles behind the re-development plan layout in that it creates separate dedicated activity areas.

DPA supports the division of the park into different character zones as a means of ensuring that the dedicated activity areas can be suitably placed. We feel that this will alleviate the potential for conflict between different park users.

DPA welcomes the creation of the quiet reflective space as this would benefit neurodiverse people (including autistic people), people with psychosocial disability and anyone who wants to sit and quietly contemplate this beautiful area.

DPA recommends that the steppingstone element to access the reflective space be re-evaluated so that it incorporates accessibility features, particularly for people with physical impairments and older people who find it difficult to navigate steps.

DPA supports the creation of a rest and BBQ area under the oak trees. We recommend that all BBQ equipment (including the barbeques themselves) be accessible to disabled people and that any picnic tables have open spaces so that both wheelchair and mobility aid users can access them.

DPA also supports the creation of a viewing tower looking out to Kerr's Reach Cut. Again, DPA recommends that any viewing tower have accessibility features incorporated into it either via a ramp or lift system to enable disabled and older people to access it.

DPA recommends that walking tracks and trails (including the City to Sea Pathway) be accessible to everyone, be of sufficient width to enable safe ease of navigation (especially on busier days) for people using wheelchairs and mobility aids and for people pushing children's strollers.

DPA also recommends that there be tactile strips placed along any walkways and trails within the park to enable safe, accessible navigation by blind and low vision people.

DPA recommends that all car parks (including the proposed temporary parks) have sufficient mobility parking spaces available for disabled drivers and passengers to access the park from.

DPA also recommends that there be sufficient pick up and drop off points for people, including those who are coming to and from the park in mobility taxis/passenger vehicles which are commonly used by disabled people for transport.

DPA recommends that there be sufficient, accessible bus stops to enable people to access the park via public transport.

Avon Park Play Elements

DPA would like to see all Christchurch playgrounds transition towards being built on universal design principles and with all equipment being fully accessible and inclusive to everyone, including disabled children and young people.

DPA recommends that inclusive play equipment be installed in the new Avon Park play areas, to give every child the opportunity to participate in play.

This should be achieved through installing equipment, which is universally designed, inclusive and usable with features including sufficient width, space and elevation, enabling the parents/caregivers/support people of disabled children the ability to navigate and play with equipment easily.

The accessible playground built by the CCC in Halswell Domain as a great example of what could be done in the new Avon Park.

Community and River Zones

DPA welcomes the proposal to create natural community and river zones throughout the re-development. These will add to the natural beauty and ecological character of the site.

All tracks and walkways, including the City to Sea Pathway, need to be fully accessible, well-signed and regularly monitored for safety reasons.

We are not clear as to whether there will be any cycle ways created or any provision for cyclists to use the park. DPA recommends that if there are any cycle ways or shared spaces created as part of the re-development that these be safely separated through the erection of safety barriers, clear signage and parallel pathways/cycleways to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists.

Other natural hazards will also need to be managed on the re-developed park. This includes the risk of tree roots damaging walking tracks/paths which would impede access for everyone, including disabled people.

To mitigate this, DPA recommends that the CCC regularly monitor for the emergence of any safety and accessibility hazards in the Avon Park re-development over time, including the emergence of tree roots.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: that the steppingstone element to access the reflective space be re-evaluated so that it incorporates accessibility features, particularly for people with physical impairments and older people who find it difficult to navigate steps.

Recommendation 2: that all BBQ equipment (including the barbeques themselves) be accessible to disabled people and that any picnic tables have open spaces so that both wheelchair and mobility aid users can access them.

Recommendation 3: that any viewing tower have accessibility features incorporated into it either via a ramp or lift system to enable disabled and older people to access it.

Recommendation 4: that walking tracks and trails (including the City to Sea Pathway) be accessible to everyone, be of sufficient width to enable safe ease of navigation (especially on busier days) for people using wheelchairs and mobility aids and for people pushing children's strollers.

Recommendation 5: that there be tactile strips placed along any walkways and trails within the park to enable safe, accessible navigation by blind and low vision people.

Recommendation 6: that all car parks (including the proposed temporary parks) have sufficient mobility parking spaces available for disabled drivers and passengers to access the park from.

Recommendation 7: that there be sufficient pick up and drop off points for people, including those who are coming to and from the park in mobility taxis/passenger vehicles which are commonly used by disabled people for transport.

Recommendation 8: that there be sufficient, accessible bus stops to enable people to access the park via public transport.

Recommendation 9: that inclusive play equipment be installed in the new Avon Park play areas, to give every child the opportunity to participate in play.

Recommendation 10: that if there are any cycle ways or shared spaces created as part of the re-development that these be safely separated through the erection of safety barriers, clear signage and parallel pathways/cycleways to ensure the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists.

Recommendation 11: that Council monitor for the emergence of any safety and accessibility hazards in the Avon Park re-development over time, including the emergence of tree roots.

Recommendation: for longer submissions you may choose to include recommendations along the way, indented like this, which are then in a numbered list at the end.

Recommendation: for shorter submissions, just list the recommendations in a numbered list at the end.

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DPA's Recommendations

DPA strongly recommends that you:

1. Ensure
2. Enable
3. Develop

Avon Park Redevelopment Plan

Kāinga Ora Feedback

Kāinga Ora thanks the Christchurch City Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Avon Park Redevelopment Plan (APRP).

Background to Kāinga Ora

1. Kāinga Ora was established in 2019 as a Crown Entity established under the Kāinga Ora - Home and Communities (“**KOHC**”) Act 2019, and brings together Housing New Zealand Corporation, HLC (2017) Ltd and parts of the KiwiBuild Unit. Under the Crown Entities Act 2004, Kāinga Ora is listed as a Crown Entity and is required to give effect to Government policies.
2. Kāinga Ora is now the Government’s delivery entity for housing and urban development and therefore works across the entire housing spectrum to build complete, diverse communities that enable New Zealanders from all backgrounds to have similar opportunities in life. As a result, Kāinga Ora has two core roles:
 - a) being a world class public housing landlord; and
 - b) leading and co-ordinating urban development projects.
3. Kāinga Ora’s statutory objective requires it to contribute to sustainable, inclusive, and thriving communities that:
 - a) provide people with good quality, affordable housing choices that meet diverse needs;
 - b) support good access to jobs, amenities and services; and
 - c) otherwise sustain or enhance the overall economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of current and future generations.
4. Kāinga Ora owns or manages a number of properties within the Avonside/ Kerrs/ Woodham Ngarimu block. These properties range from older homes, to multi-unit developments. There are also a number of sites within this area which are in the process of being redeveloped. This redevelopment is reflective of the increased demand for housing within Christchurch (from 459 in 2017 to 1,926 in 2022)¹ and Kāinga Ora’s reconfiguration of its housing stock within Christchurch over time to provide for public housing that is aligned with current and future residential demand in the area.

¹ Ministry of Social Development Housing Register 2021, [Housing Register - Ministry of Social Development \(msd.govt.nz\)](https://www.msd.govt.nz/housing-register/)

Scope of Feedback

5. Feedback is provided in respect to Kāinga Ora being both a public housing provider, as well as a lead agent in facilitating and undertaking urban development throughout New Zealand.

The general Feedback is:

6. Kāinga Ora is generally supportive of the overall direction of the Avon Redevelopment Plan and sees the proposal as a positive use of land adjacent to the river providing multiple opportunities for the surrounding community. Kāinga Ora sees the proposal as offering a variety of passive and active recreation opportunities for all ages which will be beneficial to the surrounding community, while also being an attractive destination for the wider area. However, Kāinga Ora does have some practical concerns around road closures, need for increased street parking, and the effects of the stop bank alterations.
7. Proposed road closure – Kāinga Ora is concerned with the proposed road closure due to the potential flow on impacts this could have on surrounding residential streets and intersections.
8. Need for increased parking – the APRP proposes to close majority of the public roads which front the park. There is concern that this could result in a higher number of park users parking along Torlesse Street, which may cause issues for local residents. The APRP does identify a ‘potential temporary car park’ at the top of Kerrs Road, opposite the eastern edge of the Park. It is not clear what other options for larger scale parking may be available if this car park was not to go ahead. Kāinga Ora seeks more clarity on what the Council is proposing in relation to car parking for park users.
9. Potential top bank alteration/ development of Islands – Kāinga Ora is concerned with how the proposed alterations to stop banks/ island creation may impact flood hazards in area. To better understand these effects, Kāinga Ora requests to review the updated flood modelling for the area, which takes into account the proposed works. Kāinga Ora would be concerned if changes were made to the stop bank system/ design this could further exacerbated flooding issues within the area particularly for vulnerable residents that may occupy homes nearby..
10. Should you have any questions in relation to the matters outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Planning team via developmentplanning@kaingaora.govt.nz.

Dated this 10th day of March 2023

Submission - Plans to redevelop Otakaro-Avon Park

What do you think of this proposal for Avon Park? Is there anything we need to consider?

Generally happy.

See the attachment for detail on my recommendations. Briefly:

1. Outdoor activity areas for older demographics
2. The importance of not straightening any of the Otakaro-Avon River - maintain or increase the meandering aspects.
3. Expand nature play areas.

What are your thoughts on closing Avonside Drive (between Kerrs Road and Wainoni Road) and limiting use of the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours?

Good idea. Plenty of car access to Wainoni Road eg, down Woodham Road.

Biking access is available.

Background:

My ideas are probably relatively futuristic for Aotearoa – New Zealand and for Ōtautahi – Christchurch. We can either be an *'early adopter'* or be part of the *'late majority'* or even a *'laggard'*. <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED501453.pdf> . Often, we Kiwi's perceive ourselves to have an innovative early adopter approach – but my experience having worked overseas – we are not, and what we have had, I see that this is slowly in degradation. We need to reverse this perception. I have travelled extensively, lived and worked abroad and seen my suggestions in operation, or talked to people who work, research in these areas.

1. New Zealand population demographics are changing with increasing numbers and proportions of the population at the older ages. For example: the proportion of the population aged 65+ (16% in 2022) has a 90% probability of increasing to between 21% – 25% percent in 2048 and between 24 and 32 percent in 2073 along with population growth slowing as Aotearoa - New Zealand's population ages and the gap between the number of births and deaths narrows.
2. Aotearoa – New Zealand has a health epidemic eg: The New Zealand Health Survey 2020/21 found that: around 1 in 3 adults (aged 15 years and over) were classified as obese* (34.3%). This links to our high cancer, heart disease etc numbers.

Recommendations:

- i. That extensive /multiple outdoor activities/areas are provided for the older population. They are provided for children and teenagers. Having lived, worked in several countries and travelled extensively abroad outdoor activity areas “gymnasiums” are provided in parks for the (older) generations to be active on. I have seen them in Europe and in Asia. Apparently there is one in Nelson.

Benefits:

- I. Assists the growing aging population with well-being. Exercise is one of the three fundamentals for healthy aging (sleep and good nutrition being the other two). It is recognised internationally as being essential.
- II. Exercise helps to maintain strong bones and muscles.
- III. Reduces or prevents health issues such as obesity, heart disease, cancer, broken bones and so on.
- IV. Can be a social meeting point. Loneliness is a growing mental health issue within our communities.
- V. Remaining healthy is a positive for reduction in healthcare costs. (This not part of the CCC budget, but part of the bigger picture of Aotearoa- New Zealand life.

Background:

Our climate is changing with more extreme climates being predicted eg Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent weather systems that have smashed parts of the North Island. River systems are part of this management system. They absorb, slow down the excess water that is the result of heavy rainfall.

The vegetation that is associated with these river systems absorb carbon and give out oxygen.

Recommendations:

1. Avoid any, added, straightening (compress and decompress) of the Otakaro-Avon river. Reduce some of the already straightening ie re-meander.

Why?

- I. Meandering rivers slows river speed when at peak flows eg floods.
- II. Meandering increases water capacity.
- III. It allows for greater, ecological functioning, increased ecological/micro-environments – both flora and fauna
- IV. http://nwrn.eu/sites/default/files/nwrn_ressources/n4_re-meandering.pdf
- V. There is much research and millions of Euros being invested in Europe by the EU for the re-meandering of rivers.
- VI. Evolve towards an '*authentic ecosystem*'. Surely the flora and fauna comes, first with some recreational opportunities. My question; are islands natural for the Otakaro-Avon River? Why create them in a river that has never had them?
- VII. Is there any science for compress and decompress? Is this happening abroad this concept? My inclination is, that a meandering river does not behave naturally like this.
- VIII. Stop banks – are these really the answer? Surely, allowing parts of the red zone to be a storm ponding area, is more beneficial than stop banks that forces the water, is this really the answer? I would like a science evidence debate on this that has been well researched, beyond the shores of Aotearoa-New Zealand.

2. Nature Play areas

Science, maths and technology are fundamental to any society. "Kaore he mutanga o tenei nea, te ako" "There is no such thing as an ending to learning".

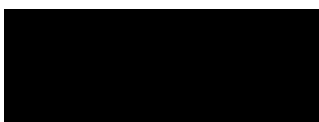
- Expand nature play areas to incorporate learning across generations.
3. Plenty of picnic tables and seating including in the designated quiet areas to encourage people to come and visit and stay.
 4. Reduce car parks and increase bike stands – to encourage nothing leaves the site.

My thinking and considerations are in systems, complex systems and not in isolation or linear way. Everything operates as a system, as one part is adjusted, impacts somewhere else.

Also, the World Economic Forum provides some futuristic ideas for parks, the well-being of communities, and ideas on how to address this.

For example: <https://www.weforum.org/videos/21583-2021-rethinking-parks-after-the-pandemic-uplink>

Sue Parkes



From 23 February until 1 June 2023 I am abroad and thus only contactable via email.



AP #82a Attachment - Pontoon-with-bird-poo-20230226_100501.jpg



AP #82b Attachment - Kayak-club-other-side-6am-20230228_060236.jpg



AP #82c Attachment Rowing-club-carpark-6am-20230228_060125.jpg



AP #82d Attachment Kayak-club-6am-20230228_060231.jpg



AP #82e Attachment Waka-paddlers-vehicles-6am-20230228_060157.jpg



AP #82f Attachment Kayak-club-0615am-20230228_061723.jpg

Re. Avon Park Redevelopment (ccc.govt.nz/oarc2023)

Regarding the closure of Avonside Drive I have several concerns that I do not see being addressed in this current proposal or in previous communications with the council.

I do not have an objection to upgrading the park and I welcome it though not necessarily at the expense of the two rows of mature chestnut trees. My objection relates to what appears to be no thought or planning as to the traffic currently using Avonside Drive and the impacts that further traffic will have on this street.

This issue was first raised at an initial planning meeting held at the rowing club in September 2021 where I suggested that the traffic would use Torlesse Street. The response to this was that the Council expected no increase in traffic for Torlesse Street.

This is incorrect. When Avonside Drive was closed in autumn 2022 for the construction of the Snell Street bridge traffic, traffic using hit levels seen before in my more than twenty years living on the corner of Avonside Drive and Torlesse Street. So much so that I reported it to the Christchurch City Council (Ticket Number H00898399 - Torlesse Street Traffic) where I reported issues with:

- the volume of traffic
- the speed of the speed of the traffic
- the noise
- and unsafe driving

The response I received stated *"In 2008, which was pre-EQ and the most recent traffic count data we have, there was 750 average daily traffic movements recorded along Torlesse Street."* My own traffic count in the middle of the afternoon were 50 vehicles in 15 minutes i.e. 200 per hour. The question here is how can a plan to close a road be made when there is no recent information on traffic volumes using Torlesse Street?

The response goes on to say, *"Should higher traffic volumes continue, it is considered by our traffic engineers that Torlesse Street doesn't have the infrastructure to support higher volumes."* Given the volumes during the closure then Torlesse Street is clearly an unsuitable route when the closure is made permanent. What steps are going to be taken to ensure no traffic increase? It appears that there is none.

The response also mentions crash data analysis, a site visit, and a follow up with the Otautahi Avon River Corridor project team. It is unknown whether these occurred – there was no follow up as promised. In any case my concerns about Torlesse Street shouldn't be unknown.

My report also mentions unsafe and speeding driving, this is a real problem and so much so that I reported it to the Council (ticket number 736113) in December 2022. In this case longer mow the berm along Torlesse Street because it's unsafe. The issue is the speed of the traffic turning right from Avonside Drive on to Torlesse Street as there are no calming

measures in place to slow the traffic. This is an ongoing problem and will need to be resolved if there is an increase of traffic volumes.

Further questions:

1. Where is the car park to be located? The proposal does not state this. Any parking on Avonside Drive is going to create problems especially when there is no clear pathway from where the stop bank ends close to Torlesse Street and where Avonside Drive will be closed by the park entrance. Vehicles will more than likely be parked on the grass riverbank blocking cyclists and walkers (it happens now).

Is there a plan to complete the pathway a part of this proposal?

2. I note that it is planned to limit the use of the northern section of Kerrs Road to daylight hours. How is going to be enforced when the rowing clubs are active pre-dawn?

I note that this proposal does not mention that the rowing clubs will be relocated which it has been previously.

3. If there is a problem with traffic exceeding Torlesse Street design limits what criteria will be in place for something be done, how quickly will that action take?

What I see is a good plan for a park but no consideration at all has been given to where the traffic will go from what is a busy road. Increased use of Torlesse Street will take it past it's design limits. Dunarnan Street is clearly no different given the narrow road and calming measure in place. The only street suitable for an increase in traffic is Ngarimu Street, and clearly there needs to be measures in place to direct traffic down there or keep traffic on Gloucester Street.

Avon park is a much loved local park in a low socioeconomic part of the city that lost a lot of its support infrastructure in the Christchurch earthquakes. The park, as well as having playing fields used for Soccer and Cricket has practice nets and a basket ball ½ court, all being used on a regular basis. The play ground is popular and has been loved and used by 3 generations of my own family. It has many old established, mature trees, mainly Oak and Chestnut, by my estimation close to 100 years old.

Council has decided, without consultation, to close Avonside Drive where it borders the park and probably as far as the intersection of Wainoni Rd. and part of Kerrs Rd that leads into the west end of Porrit Park where the Rowing Clubs have been established since 1949 or thereabouts. Avon Park stood up well to the earthquakes, it is not broken. It does not need fixing.

Council have decided to sacrifice the lower field area to turn into a swamp that it calls a "wetland". Council have established numerous of these areas nearby including the Eastern end of Porrit Park which was severely damaged, pretending they are "native forests with trees, shrubs and grasses". These areas have been neglected and seem to support mainly weeds including gorse, thistle, docks and other noxious weeds. At present there is a volunteer group doing some weeding in the Red Zone north of the new "Landing" it is a daunting task that will need much more than their efforts to contain.

Council seem to have abandoned the area from Dallington bridge to Wainoni Rd/ Avonside Drive intersection. The stopbank, roadside berms and surrounding areas seem to have been abandoned and are no longer mown. This is particularly noticeable at the area at the junction of Wainoni Rd and Avonside Drive opposite the shopping centre where Council has some infrastructure.

The Council have reasoned that it will save money if it does not maintain the stopbanks and turns this infrastructure into "natural wetlands", but is quite happy to waste millions on unnecessary vanity projects in other parts of the city.

I am no expert but I would imagine that flooding the area, as shown on council provided maps, is not going to be helpful to these beautiful established trees. There are very few significant trees in this part of the city, surely we need to do our best to make sure they are looked after. This aligns with the Council's stated green agenda.

It has taken Council more than 10 years to repair a sink hole that blocked the original course of the river that flows around Porrit Park and remove the invasive weeds that it allowed to take hold. This is the "bend in the river" from which Wainoni takes its name. It has a significant history of early settlement in this part of the city and Christchurch as a whole, Note the position of Bickerton Reserve on the corner of Avonside Drive and Wainoni Rd. Council appears to have made a decision without proper research or consultation to simply abandon the river and its environs from Dallington Bridge through to Wainoni Rd., nor has there been any maintenance on the now cleared river. As this part of the river has been blocked in recent years it has blocked the end of Bickerton Drain that exits in this part of the river causing flooding, at times, to nearby roads. The outfall drains from Avon Park have, also, not been kept clear.

It comes down to we will lose a significant park, that is now less safe since council decided to close the road as there will be no passing traffic, because of poor maintenance and neglect. Council seems to be quite happy to neglect its responsibility to maintain the city infrastructure and invent ways to waste huge amounts of ratepayers money on frivolous follies. It has a responsibility to look after the city's infrastructure. Isn't this what has led to the "Three Waters" debacle?

The lack of due process over closing Avonside Rd. is appalling. The closure was first noted in the Council's "Newslines" 24 September 2021 "The Council is considering stopping (and eventually closing) a 900 metre section of Avonside Drive between 748 Avonside Drive and Wainoni Rd. and a 100 metre section of Kerrs Rd, between the northern most house and Avonside Drive. We've started talking to the local community about this idea, which we believe will make the area quieter and safer for the communities, improve access to the new Snell St. footbridge and potentially allow us to upgrade the Avon Park facilities in the future". What nonsense and misleading poppycock.

17 days later "Newslines" reported "The Council has today agreed to start the process for formally stopping and eventually closing.....So much for consultation. I pointed this out to Council staff at the time but was stonewalled and lied to.

"Newslines" 10 February 2023 invites the public to "have your say" on the "Plan to redevelop Avon Park. It has a map attached. This map shows Avonside Drive no longer continuing around the river as it does still. It states "We're in the process of formally stopping this section of Avonside Drive" There seems very little point in asking the public to "Have your say" when it has already been done.

A new map was given to me 8 March 2023 by one of my local board representatives that shows Avonside Drive with a portion in red and states "Avonside Drive - closure from 748 Avonside Drive to 836 Avonside Drive (Kerr's Rd intersection) Already in district plan, not part of consultation.

This is no consultation!, this is not democratic!.

To quote Mayor Mauger's comment regarding 3 waters "We're really worried the Government is charging ahead without even acknowledging the glaring issues we've raised....".

The submission process is just a process. Prior to submissions there is an already decided agenda.

I would suggest that if a river flooding outfall pond is needed it can be provided on the opposite side of the river which is abandoned Red Zone well away from the "City to sea pathway". This would also pose less of a risk of a water mishap to children. Flooding ponds have already been planned for in the Red zone 100 metres further along Avon side Drive or they can be formed in the damaged and already partially flooded Porrit Park. This would, perhaps, tidy this present eyesaw.

If, however, the rowing clubs get their way, and it seems Council has already decided this, the widening and deepening of the rowing course will surely provide adequate water overflow capacity

This whole plan seems poorly thought through. We do not need less parks. Avon Park does not need redevelopment, this will save a significant sum. It most certainly does not need the proposed bird watching hide (how much is budgeted for this?).

I note the plan also calls for a gate to restrict night time traffic in the closed section of Kerr's Rd. There are existing gates at the entry to Avon Park and the rowing club area 100 metres along this road. Neither are ever closed as nobody knows when the last person has left the area.

Barry Livermore