



# Barbadoes Street | Concerns and recommendations

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## Request

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  3. Commentary on the continual pot holes forming south from 608 Barbadoes, and whether this was because the road was only dug out 100-150mm and given a thin reseal rather than 300mm?
  4. Commentary on the contract and why the contractor was not called back to fill and compact the road to spec for the stormwater and sewage pipes that were laid at the intersection of Edward & Allard Street considering the road has sunk and a left a large dip in the road.
  5. Response to the complaint about the thinness of the sealing of Edward street and why hot mix was not used.
  6. Can the path around St Alban's park be raised to drain the water off in the winter?
  7. Can maintenance of the verges along innes road connecting to Queen Elizabeth drive please be looked at? Currently full of weeds and long grass.
  8. Why is there no pest control in Bottle Lake forest?
  9. Are we planting natives in Bottle Lake Forest, if not, why?
  10. Can we create an area like Hamner walking area – A non-harvest area with many types of trees?
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## Council Response

**1. An update on the resurfacing of Barbados street that the resident received a letter drop regarding, that was meant to be started in 2024**

We completed the pre-seal works between Warrington Street and Edwards Avenue and commenced work on the Edwards to Edgeware section. However, this part was not completed due to the significant additional costs and time associated with coal tar and Tram tracks, compounded by the requirement to vacate the major arterial route before 15 December, leading up to the Christmas period. It was agreed to return with an alternative repair option at a later date. There is also one rework patch to address in this section.

The section between Warrington and Cannon has been scheduled for rehabilitation in the 2028/29 programme. The remaining section to Bealey Ave scheduled for resurfacing FY 25/26 after confirming pre-seal vs re-seal costs.

**2. Can someone please investigate the water leaking out of the two holes in the road outside 636 & 632 Barbadoes?**

There is a new build in progress next to this address. They have a pump set up to dewater their site and street sumps blocked along with silt control. Essentially this is an issue caused by builder.

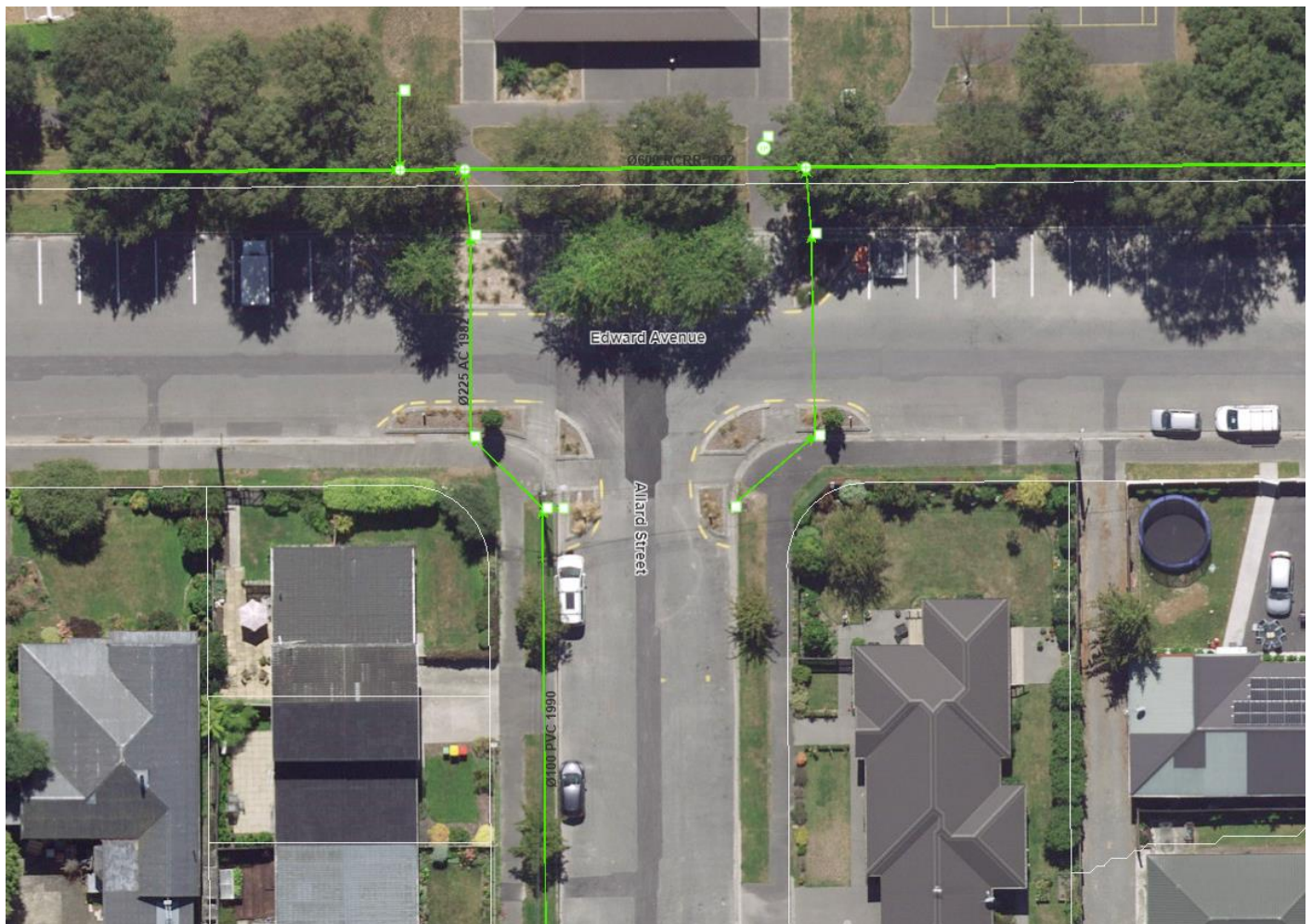


**3. Commentary on the continual pot holes forming south from 608 Barbadoes, and whether this was because the road was only dug out 100-150mm and given a thin reseal rather than 300mm?**

The repair methodology was determined based on deflection readings, with depths varying across the site, some areas required excavation up to 450 mm, while others were treated with 200 mm stabilisation patches. The section between Warrington and Cannon has been scheduled for rehabilitation in the 2028/29 programme. HEB is expected to return in November to complete one outstanding rework patch. OPEX will maintain the potholes in this area.

**4. Commentary on the contract and why the contractor was not called back to fill and compact the road to spec for the stormwater and sewage pipes that were laid at the intersection of Edward & Allard Street considering the road has sunk and a left a large dip in the road.**

The slumping of the road has been a long-standing issue that was pre-existing and not related to the three waters wastewater project that staff delivered a couple of years back now.



**5. Response to the complaint about the thinness of the sealing of Edward street and why hot mix was not used.**

Edward Street was a 3 waters wastewater project. Normal practice is to reinstate like for like for final surfacing. This area failed with the defects period and the contractor has repaired the defect.

**6. Can the path around St Alban's park be raised to drain the water off in the winter?**

We've already done a lot of work to improve drainage on the sports fields and are now looking at what else can be done around the park. Over the past couple of years, we've:

- a. Added extensive planting at the northern end,
- b. Installed extra drainage in some of the lowest footpath areas.
- c. We'll continue to explore options to improve the wider surrounds and amenity areas, which may very well include raised boardwalk approaches to certain sections.

**7. Can maintenance of the verges along Innes Road connecting to Queen Elizabeth Drive please be looked at? Currently full of weeds and long grass.**

The rural mowing is conducted once a month. This work is next scheduled for 25 September 2025.

**8. Why is there no pest control in Bottle Lake Forest?**

We support a few local community groups that do small-scale, localized pest control in Bottle Lake Forest. Our rangers have also been managing a feral pig control program there since about 2019, which has now brought the pig population under control. We don't conduct a wider, sustained pest control program for possums, rats, or stoats here. This is because the biodiversity values in the pine forest are much lower than in places like Travis Wetland or Styx Mill Reserve, and a large-scale program isn't warranted.

**9. Are we planting natives in Bottle Lake Forest, if not, why?**

Not currently on a large scale as most of Bottle Lake Forest is a production pine forest with a focus on recreational activities however, we do have some habitat restoration work taking place which is concentrated on the control of invasive weeds in the wetland corridor at the coastal margin of the forest. Our rangers have done some small-scale trial planting work and hope to increase this at some stage in the future.

**10. Can we create an area like Hamner walking area – A non-harvest area with many types of trees?**

There are some existing avenues of permanent native plantings and exotic woodland areas within the reserve however the majority of the pine trees are owned and managed by the forestry company who lease Bottle Lake so there are no current plans to change this. We will be working on an updated management plan for Bottle Lake Forest in the near future and there will be an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the management of the forest.