

Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I do not wish to make a personal submission at the hearings.

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Your Submission:

What is the issue?

I have lived in Matai St West for just over a year. The road is a significant thoroughfare for pedestrians and cyclists. Not just the hundreds of children attending Boys and Girls High but tourists and residents visiting Mona vale, Hagley Park and Riccarton Bush and the Boys High Hostel in nearby Harakeke St. It is a street that caters significantly more for cars than these other forms of transport, and 'encourages' cars to speed as it is straight and wide.

In the time I've been there I have witnessed the following:

Severe flooding of the deep dish gutters after rain; Residents unable to walk from their property due to the flooding over their driveways; Continual accumulation of rubbish, leaves etc clogging the gutters; Deteriorating culverts; A powerpole breaking off at its base,(caused by rot)and falling over the road (this fortunately happened at a quiet time of day however it may well have caused serious injury had it happened while children were going to or from school); Near miss accidents between cars and pedestrians at the corner where the pedestrians/school children cross the road to the railway line; cars parked along the grass verge narrowing the road significantly making it difficult to negotiate. The road also has a huge camber making it difficult to get in and out of parked cars.

What action should the Council take and why?

In the 5 year budget for street renewal Matai St West from Straven to Harakeke is to be done in the 05/06 year and the balance of the street to be done in the 06/07 year. I have not been able to determine why the street is proposed to be done in that order. Nevertheless my recommendation is that Matai St, from Harakeke to Kilmarnock, undergoes its renewal as soon as possible, for all the reasons outline above.