


1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.4 COMBINED CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES



Philip Haythornthwaite, a resident of North Parade, was in attendance to express concerns over the general conflict between pedestrians and cyclists on combined cycleways. Mr Haythornthwaite asked that the Council consider demographics when designing cycleways and pedestrian facilities. He noted that in the North Parade area there were at least five wheelchair users that relied on the footpath. Mr Haythornthwaite believed that the combined facility was too narrow and was highly unsafe due to the conflict between cycles and pedestrians. He also noted that the Legal Services Manager had expressed an opinion that combined facilities of this nature were illegal. Mr Haythornthwaite also advised that the Human Rights Act prohibited this type of facility on the grounds of safety as disabled people needed to be given priority over cyclists. Finally, Mr Haythornthwaite outlined the New Zealand Standard for the correct placement of barriers in parks, and believed that Council Planners should refer to these when designing entranceways.