

Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2004/14 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 6 May 2004

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

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Your Submission:

We as a Residents Association wish the Council to urgently provide parking at and around Burwood Park to help ease the increasing parking problems that are occurring there.

The Shirley Rugby Club is merging with the East Christchurch Shirley Cricket Club at Burwood Park and there is a real need to provide extra parks to cater for these two Clubs plus the Bowls Club, Hockey teams that play there and the Tennis Club that use the Park.

There is no facility to provide a carpark for off-road parking as this is prohibited in Burwood Park itself. The rugby club draws large crowds to its games and after-match activities and the only parking that can be used is the street parking around the facility. Likewise the cricket club also has problems in the summer due to the lack of parking spaces. The main parking area is on New Brighton Road which is very busy and this causes much disruption with people double parking to drop-off and parking on the grass verge - all because there is a lack of parking spaces.

A pedestrian refuge has been built in line with the main walking entrance to the clubrooms. This has resulted in a loss of street parking spaces which makes the problem worse.

We now understand that it is proposed to install cycling lanes along New Brighton Road which will mean there will be no parking along there at all. If this is the case, where will everyone park? At the moment the parking congests the streets to a point that they are one-way and with three new subdivisions under way in the area this will put more stress on the nearby streets which are already busy.

This scenario has been discussed with members of the Council, Community Board Members and City Councillors, Members of the Rugby and Cricket Clubs who all agree this a major problem and needs to be addressed. We have been informed by council staff that some of the above issues were not known when they gave the rugby club a non-notifiable consent - we have asked why?

The Horseshoe Lake Management Plan has allowed for extra car parking in Broomfield Terrace at the back of Burwood Park - this has been put on hold because of budget restraints, but we now see an urgent need for this car parking to be re-considered. Not so long ago when a nearby subdivision was being built the area for the carpark had been levelled by the contractor and we contacted the Council feeling that this would be an opportune time to go ahead with the carpark when half the work had been done for them - needless to say nothing was done.

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At our interview with Ray Edwards and John Gibson it was remarked by them that most Parks in the City have to put up with this but we say why should we, when there is an opportunity to make a difference here - how can progress be made with that mindset.

We thank you for considering this submission and in light of the above ask that parking be urgently provided at Burwood Park.

I would like to speak to this submission and ask that an appointment be made for me on a Wednesday please.

Yours faithfully
Janette Hinton
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