

**SUBMISSION  
to  
CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL  
on the  
DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN**

**NGAHERE STREET, FENDALTON  
SUGGESTED UPGRADE**

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## **ISSUE:           NGAHERE ST, FENDALTON - UPGRADE**

***We request that the Draft Community Plan be amended to include the upgrading of Ngahere Street. As residents of Ngahere Street we note all of the surrounding streets have now been upgraded and recommend that the council complete the upgrading programme in the area.***

**GENERAL:**       Riccarton Bush is an area of unique historical importance to the city and is well preserved by Trustees in accordance with the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act 1947. The Council also plays a major management role in preserving and enhancing Riccarton Bush for the benefit of the community. Riccarton House is a major tourist attraction as is the bush and it is also operated as a café and an area for various gatherings. The eastern entrance from Kahu Road has been beautifully enhanced while Ngahere Street, the western entrance, has been ignored.

Ngahere Street was formed after subdivision of land purchased from the Deans Estate in 1947. Redevelopment has occurred as in many inner Fendalton/ Riccarton streets and there are now more houses being served off the essential services. The street has also become an alternative parking for those visiting Riccarton House and Bush. It is also THE OFFICIAL CYCLEWAY (though unmarked) exiting from Ngahere Street, by way of the walkway to and from Riccarton House and through to Kahu Road.

**SITUATION:**     NGAHERE STREET HAS NOT BEEN UPGRADED IN THE PAST 50 YEARS.

When Totara Street was realigned in 2002-2004 residents believed that Ngahere Street would be a continuation of that upgrade programme. This did not occur and the current plan

is silent on when this small street is going to be upgraded so as to present a similar appearance to the surrounding areas.

The intersection with Totara Street has become a dangerous bottleneck for motorists and particularly cyclists. Motorists are inclined to park away from the high 15-inch kerbing and channeling on both sides of the street to avoid door contact, so it becomes a virtual one way street. On the footpath pedestrians are confronted by wooden power poles impeding their way while cyclists follow a direct route down the middle of the roadway in line with the centrally located entry into the walkway to Riccarton House. Another problem is created at the entrance to Riccarton House where some cyclists exiting the walkway/ cycleway hurtle through the narrow opening into the middle of the cul de sac where motorists are focused on turning.

The street formation along with the build up of cars parking in the street while people visit Riccarton Bush/ House and the large number of cyclists are creating a less than satisfactory environment.

## **SOLUTION:**

We suggest that Ngahere Street should be altered/upgraded in line with the increased usage. This would involve drainage, stormwater, channeling, culverts, underground power supply, road way and footpath reformation. Telecom has already undergrounded it's wiring in the street.

An opening up of the Ngahere Street entrance to Riccarton Bush is another consideration to give clear vision down the street and beyond.

What is envisaged is an open, visible street environment giving clear view to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians alike.