

BEXLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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Dear Sir

re draft of "Our Community Plan Christchurch Q-Tautahi"

Last evening at the first meeting of our new Committee we discussed the above plan.

It was decided that I should write, on the Committee's behalf to tell you of aspects of the plan that seemed to have special significance for our suburb.

First we are very pleased that work on the cycleway from the eastern end of Anzac Drive on to the old Bexley Road as far as the Bridge Street roundabout is planned to start this year. As expressed earlier we hope that work will start on this project urgently in view of the extreme danger from heavy traffic on this section of road.

Some years ago a proposal was in the long term Council plan to have a walking bridge across the Avon River from the Bexley side adjacent to the Wairoa Reserve to Evans Street on the New Brighton side of the River. This project was later withdrawn. We are sure that this worthwhile project should be re-instated. It would be a very valuable asset, particularly for high school children travelling to Arami High, Avonside Girls High and Linwood College.

In the Community Plan we note that the long term goal is for all bus stops to be within 500 metres of all residences in the City. We are concerned that this will certainly be a long time coming, particularly for those in Bexley who live well over a kilometre from the present bus routes. We understand that these people are at present paying \$73.87 per annum through their rates for this to take place - perhaps ten years away. Some feel they should not have to pay this for a service they do not receive

I hope that these matters will be given due consideration and we would appreciate a reply as to the outcome in due course.

Yours faithfully

G. M. Cox
President.