

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:

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Your Submission:

Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

Re: REPAIR & MAINTANENCE OF FOOTPATHS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I note in your plan the suggestion that work on footpaths be changed from 20 years to 23 years.

I'm not sure what that entails; whether it is repairs and maintenance or renewal.

But I would like to make the following points.

I am a mobility scooter user and the condition of pavements, footpaths, and tracks are of great interest to me.

In the Spreydon area where I ride most often I have to cope with all sorts of obstacles on the footpaths.

Low branches from overhanging trees

Very narrow footpaths due to: Overgrown hedges, bus shelters, power and telephone poles, advertising boards from business's that are positioned astride the pavement, rubbish bins and bags et.

The state of some of the pavements I ride on are very rough; dips and hollows where pipes and other utilities have been put in and not adequately sealed over; large, multiple cracks where trees planted on the berms have spread their roots (very common) and all manner of lips and dips where one needs to cross a road. Some of the curbs are too high for a scooter to go over. In some cases, like the railway station, there is no access curb. The footpath there ends in lawn and unpassable rocks!

On the whole mobility scooter riders get a very rough ride compared to road-users. Even for pedesrians the pavements are difficult. I come home very sore and often in considerable pain after a ride as far as Barrington Mall and back to Hillmorton. I have had two spinal fusions and two knee replacements so they squeal a bit after a bumpy ride!

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

My concern is; if footpaths have to wait 23 years before attention, they may well become useless for scooter riders and we will have to use the cycle lanes on the road, or the road itself. I am not sure it that is an outcome that the councillors have thought of in their deliberations.

I would appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?

Please inspect and repair footpaths as frequently as possible, and do not make new footpaths too narrow. Some are so narrow it is difficult to use them with a scooter.