

Your submission

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The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick one: *

~~I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered~~

I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission: *

For yourself

~~On behalf of a group or organisation~~

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views.

What do you want the Council to consider? What specific action you think the Council should take? Why should this be done?

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REQUEST 1

Please refer to photos 1 and 2.

What?

At the Clock Tower end of Sumner Beach there are steps down to the sand (see Photo 1). There is also tiered seating in the form of large steps made of rock. The seating is on the left of the steps as you look at the beach, Photo 2. Both the steps and the seating need some repair work. They are uneven and unsafe in places for walking. Would the council please consider making these repairs.

Why?

People of all ages use this area. Swimmers, surfers and walkers use the steps to access the beach.

It is popular all year round, but especially in summer, as a place to sit and enjoy the view. Because the beach is not sandy at this end, people enjoy sitting on the steps and leave their gear there while swimming, playing on the beach etc.

It would enhance the beauty of Sumner Beach to have the steps restored to their former condition and make it more comfortable and safer to use.

REQUEST 2

What?

From Cave Rock to the city end of Monck's Bay there is no continuous walkway. There is also limited seating and access to the beach. There is access to the beach around the Cave Rock area and a footpath runs along side the beach at this point. There is no footpath from Sumner Surf Club to Shag Rock on the beach side of the road (see Photos 3 and 4). There is no seating or access to the beach along this area. There is a gravel path from Shag Rock to the beach at Monck's Bay (photo 5) and another gravel path from the other side of Christchurch Yacht Club to the city end of Monck's Bay (photo 6).

Would the council please consider building a walkway following the coastline from Cave Rock to the city end of Monck's Bay? A hard surface would be more permanent than a board walk and usable by walkers, joggers, people pushing prams and wheelchairs, roller skaters and cyclists. A red asphalt surface could delineate the area with a white line painted down the middle so that people know to keep to the left. Access points to the beach and seating at regular intervals along the walkway would be included. The rocks would be retained in between the access points to the beach.

Where possible all current planting would be retained and additional planting added where the coast is bare. In some areas, plants could be used to screen the walkway from traffic on the road. At some points the walkway may be higher than the road and level with the top line of the rocks.

Why?

This is a major undertaking for the council but would be a magnificent asset to the city. Sumner beach is arguably the most popular beach in Christchurch. On sunny days large numbers of people flock to Sumner for a walk along the esplanade, to enjoy a swim and to visit the many cafes, restaurants and gift shops in the area.

In our aim to become a world class city, the boutique city of New Zealand, a coastal walkway from the Esplanade to the city end of Monck's Bay would turn Sumner Beach and Monck's Bay into a very attractive recreational resort.

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PHOTO 1 The steps down to the beach at the Clock Tower end of Sumner Beach



PHOTO 2 The large steps at the Clock Tower end of Sumner Beach where people sit and enjoy the view. They are uneven and in need of some repair work.



PHOTO 3 A car park area between Sumner Surf Club and Shag Rock. No access to the beach or walkway at present.



PHOTO 4 The road between Cave and Shag Rock. Rocks and plants line the beach. There is no safe place to walk on the beach side of the road.



PHOTO 5 The gravel path from Shag Rock to Monck's Bay



PHOTO 6 The gravel path from Christchurch Yacht Club to the end of Monck's Bay



