

LTCCP Submission

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Submission on LTCCP

Charteris Bay Issues:

- a) *Water and Waste Water*
- b) *Footpaths*

Water and Sewerage

1. In August 2007 the CCC staff and council representatives advised a public meeting of the Charteris Bay residents that water and sewerage (CBWS) would be provided to the area by 2011.
2. In reply to inquiries from residents, assurance was given that the funding was available and the project would be completed as per the schedule.
3. Details and specifications were worked through with residents and council staff.
4. Surveying and planning was commenced, and in late 2008 the residents were advised the work would commence in 2009 and be completed on schedule
5. Renovations and new buildings were undertaken by residents with sewer and water connections installed to the boundary for connection.
6. Existing septic tanks were permitted to remain in use, where the regulations would normally require a more modern system be installed. The CCC permit relying on the forthcoming water and sewerage systems installation.
7. In the LTCCP draft released in March 2009 the Charteris Bay water and sewerage scheme is not included in the current three year budget.
8. It has not been included in the final 7 years of the LTCCP either.

Issues

1. The removal of the CBWS from the 3 year current LTCCP is in breach of the commitment made to the residents of Charteris Bay since 2007.
2. In the last 15 years the nature of Charteris Bay has changed. Previously it was an area of holiday homes, now it is a residential area. Yet no resources have been applied by the Council to recognise this dynamic change, on both the infrastructure and the environment.
3. The water in Charteris Bay is only by rain collection. In a dry area that is likely to experience increasing dry periods, the supply is erratic and unsustainable.
4. The water quality is poor. Water tests frequently recommend the water is not used. But as residents have no choice they must continue to take the risk.
5. The Council has indicated that it will upgrade the quality of water supplied to other areas on the Peninsula, prior to providing reticulated water to Charteris Bay; even though the government has shown its intention to relieve the obligation of improved water standards for rural areas.
6. The area has old, inefficient and in some cases non-existent sewerage systems.
7. Contamination from these systems fouls the land, roadside drains, foreshore and sea.
8. The increased population over the last 15 years has created a serious health issue, as the old systems cannot cope with the effluent.

Request

1. The Council immediately re-instate the water and waste water scheme for Charteris Bay in the 3 year plan of the LTCCP.
2. The Council comply with the time-table provided to the residents for the completion of the scheme.
3. The Council honour its commitment to the residents of Charteris Bay.

Footpaths

1. Charteris Bay has only one 20 metre and another 50 metre footpath throughout its 4 kilometre main road.
2. Most of the road has no verge and where they do exist they are frequently used for parking
3. The roads are very narrow, with sheer banks on one side and steep drops on the other.
4. The increased traffic flow due to the population growth has made the roads dangerously busy all year.
5. New developments like Black Point have stretched the roading resource to breaking point.
6. Heavy traffic, lorries, concrete trucks, contractors vehicles etc have made the roads extremely dangerous for pedestrians.
7. There have been numerous minor incidents over the years.
8. There has been one death.

Issue

1. The LTCCP has not provided any funding for footpaths in the Charteris Bay area in the three year plan.
2. Work will begin on 50 sections at Black Point over the next few years, making a dreadful road even more perilous.
3. The Council must urgently address this problem before there is a catastrophe with children accessing the beaches and waterfront from such a dangerous road

Request

1. The Council provide funding for footpaths in the LTCCP three year plan.

Charteris Bay Residents Commitment

1. The residents are committed to working with the Council to ensure the schedule for water and sewerage installation is achievable.
2. The residents have found the staff designing the scheme to be extremely helpful and professional throughout the project.
3. With the goodwill of the community and the flexibility of the Council, the scheme can be re-instated on schedule and within budget.
4. The residents want a workable viable scheme on schedule, and are willing to work with the Council in any way practical that will achieve this goal.
5. This flexible approach can be applied to other issues in the area, e.g. footpaths in the city may require a high standard of surface etc, but rural residents merely ask for a kerbed zone that will allow pedestrians to walk safely.

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