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I wish to talk to 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:	On behalf of a group or organisation
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If you are representing, how many people do you represent?	76
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Your Submission:	<p>Currently our road, Waitikiri Drive, services two golf course and Bottle Lake Park. It is a dead end road that has never had road markings, and as well as being used by an enormous amount of daily motorised traffic it also is used by pony clubs and cyclists. We have had several serious accidents and near misses on this road of late and it is only a matter of time until someone is killed. Some ten years ago the minutes of the Bottle Lake Forest Park Management plan, point 1.1 noted;</p> <p>A new road (Forest Park Drive) was to be created off Landfill Rd to provide the primary entry area to Bottle Lake Forest Park. This anticipates the significant increase in actual and potential park use and associated traffic volumes that will become increasingly beyond the ability of Waitikiri Drive, a local road designed for residential commuter traffic, to service. Waitikiri Drive itself could be closed in the future with the proposed Forest Park Drive providing access to both the Windsor Park and Waitikiri Golf Courses as well.</p> <p>The amount of traffic has increased steadily over those years and yet we are still being asked to service all traffic despite Landfill Rd being available and what would seem to be Forest Park Drive existing albeit in gravel form only. We have raised this issue with the Burwood Pegusus Community Board and following that two local papers ran our story. They were told by the Council that the proposal had stalled because of lack of funding however this was an untruth as the matter had never been considered again from the date the minutes were taken. We have had a speed counter placed on our street for four days but this did not include weekends and was not for a full day anyway and we are waiting on a traffic counter that was promised sometime</p>
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ago to enable evidence on the actual numbers of traffic that we have to endure.

We do not believe any other street in Christchurch would service the amount of traffic we have and we would like to see horse clubs and cyclists be able to use this road in safety as well as residents being able to safely allow their children to use the footpaths as at the moment it is certainly not safe to do so because of the constant traffic and the increasing number of speeding drivers who use the road barriers as chicanes because the park is open to all visitors up to 11 pm each day.

We would like the Council to carryout the re routing of traffic that they clearly saw as a necessity some ten years ago, as the increasing traffic that they foresaw has become a reality and the ultimate sacrifice will occur if nothing is done. We residents are not against the horse groups and cyclists continuing to use the road but we would like to see motorised traffic using the golf courses and or park diverted to make it safer for all, as was proposed.

By using the proposed road it would ensure safety for all users and reduce noise as traffic would then not be required to come through a residential area which would not only be beneficial for Waitikirians but also neighbouring Streets like Alpine Rd which has a rest home and other side streets. We do not want to see this problem shelved for another ten years.