

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Christchurch City Council</p> <p>Submission to the Long Term Community Plan 2009-2019</p> <p>We are long time residents of the area recently retired. We have recently started biking as a way to keep fit in retirement (Richard has arthritis in his hip and finds walking very difficult). We find cycling on the road daunting so have been biking along the river. We were very pleased to find that along Avonside Drive there is an asphalted cycling/walking path which is really pleasant to use.</p> <p>However the path goes only from the footbridge in River Rd opposite Medway St to the bridge at Gayhurst Rd. Along River Rd or Avonside Drive heading towards Evelyn Cousins Ave there is only a clay track on the River Rd bank - worn into the bank by many feet and wheels. This is bumpy and narrow, and can be slippery when wet.</p> <p>We would like to propose the building of an asphalted path along the River Rd side of the river connecting with the one on the Avonside Rd side by the footbridge. This would be very useful for people going to Avebury House. This could be people on mobility scooters from the cottages near Gayhurst Rd heading for the courses run at Avebury House or people with young families using pushchairs or having little children on tricycles heading for the playground and paddling Pool at Avebury Park. It would also enable people on mobility scooters or with prams or cycles to access the shopping area in Stanmore Rd.</p> <p>There is a health and safety issue involved also as the footpath is disrupted by tree roots and it is a common sight to see people with mobility scooters, wheel chairs and push chairs using the road as the footpath is not usable for these types of transport.</p> <p>The river area is used by many people for recreation along the river bank you meet people biking, running, walking, exercising dogs, and they are so much safer off the road.</p> <p>We would be interested to hear the Board's plans for this area and whether a path here is proposed.</p> <p>If necessary attendance at a hearing would be possible.</p> <p>We are completing this submission in our own names.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Maureen and Richard Pierre</p>