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Your Submission:	<p>In the Long-Term Council Community Plan (2009-19), the Council could give consideration to the provision of more safe cycle ways within the city of Christchurch.</p> <p>It is of great concern that at many busy intersections, round-a-bouts and busy places such schools, the university, and shopping malls, cycle lanes are either lacking or dangerous. If there were more cycle ways and the existing ones made safer, cycling would become more attractive to people of every age group. Thus road traffic congestion and gas emission would be reduced. Therefore, I would urge the council to take the opportunity to be more creative and innovative in designing and planning cycle ways, especially in the construction of new roads.</p> <p>Currently, many of the cycle ways seem to have been erratically constructed; some cycle ways stop and start suddenly while others taper down to nothing. There are some parts of the cycle way marked clearly with red paint, but in many places, the lines are not clear and can be easily mistaken for car parking places. Additionally, most cycle ways are wedged between parked cars and moving traffic.</p> <p>One simple solution to make existing cycle ways distinctive would be to boldly paint the entire cycle lane in a bright colour. If this is too costly, then a completely different colour of paint could be used to paint both sides of the cycle lane, for example, bright blue paint.</p> <p>Another solution could be the implementation of widened footpaths that could be used as shared cycle ways as is the case outside Christchurch</p>
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Hospital and Christs College. Where a busy road is wide, for example, parts of Clyde Road and Greers Rd, a widened, shared footpath would keep both motorists and cyclist safe.

The council is to be commended for the cyclist approaches to Hagley Park with separate cyclist lanes and lights. Would it not be possible to implement similar initiatives to other roundabouts and intersections?

In order for shared footpaths and highly marked cycle lanes to be successful, there must be education and promotion for all parties - motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. As well there needs to be policies to enforce correct usage of cycle ways.

Thank you for your consideration
Catherine McKellar, 14.04.2009