

Your submission

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 I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11
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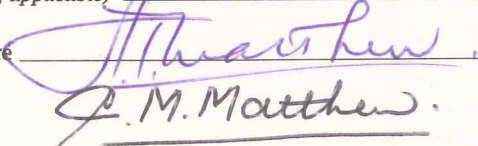
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To whom this may concern.

The Council is to be congratulated that it is encouraging Christchurch's Citizens to cycle and walk more often rather than use their cars.

In our submission, we would like the Council to consider the following "Specific Actions":

To design and build SAFER Cycle lanes.
To create and build MORE Cycle lanes.

SAFER CYCLE LANES>

1 The width of cycle lanes should be consistently of adequate width. (1.5 m I've been told)
Where this is not possible, the narrowed cycle path could be highlighted in Red.

2 Ideally, cycle lanes should not be adjacent to road traffic, such as cars, buses, trucks and trailers. As most cycle lanes have already been established and are indicated by a white line, we would like to suggest that the white line be replaced by a DOTTED RED line. This would provide a clearly visible barrier to separate cycle lanes from motorists.

MORE CYCLE LANES>

1 There are many busy roads where there are no cycle lanes. No doubt there will be circumstantial and limiting factors why this is so. We wonder if it would be feasible to create extra cycle lanes by WIDENING EXISTING FOOTPATHS , so that they can be SHARED by cyclists and pedestrians. Where these shared lanes run past houses, the residents will have to give way to cyclists and pedestrians when they , the residents are entering or leaving their driveways.

Right now numerous cyclists use the footpaths in front the houses of Greers Rd. often riding at considerable speed, which has already resulted in 2 accidents as residents don't expect cyclists to appear suddenly.

2 Another area where extra cycle lanes should be established, is in ROUND ABOUTS. We would like the Council to seriously consider to create a CIRCULAR CYCLE LANE in a Round About. If there was a circular cycle lane, MARKED IN RED , a motorist intending to leave the Round About, must GIVE WAY TO ANY CYCLIST continuing around the Round About.

This in our opinion will create a safer environment for cyclists and will therefore encourage more people to use their bikes. Now we hear comments:" Why should you cycle, it is far too dangerous!"

WHY should these suggestions be addressed?

It would be a positive way to achieve the Council's aim to:" Create a safer and secure responsive transport network."(see pg. 7 LTCCP)