

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

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On behalf of a group or organisation

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Your Submission:

Tramway Stops

The Police submission is that tramway stops are kept completely off the road where at all possible (places such as outside Alice's is a good example of where a stop could be situated) however this would not need to apply in places such as Poplar Street where traffic is almost non existent.

Cycles

Narrow angled tracks merging with cycle routes and tram tracks should be avoided wherever possible. Armagh Street has long been cause for concern to cyclists where the tracks do not run parallel to the street.

Intersections

High Street/Hereford Street/Colombo Street

The High Street intersection with Hereford Street is a major pedestrian crossing which is currently phased as a "barn dance". There is already conflict between pedestrians and vehicles at this intersection. During the day this generally involves late turning traffic getting "stuck" amongst pedestrians in the crossing phase.

At night taxi behaviour at this intersection is poor with drivers displaying consistent disregard for no stopping zones, double parking, entering the intersection on a red traffic signal and parking in the intersection.

The approach angle for the tram to enter the intersection will need to be considered to avoid cars stopping at the traffic lights from parking on the

tracks thereby blocking the tramway.

There will be continued problems with intoxicated persons in this area as long as there are food outlets nearby so this intersection must be looked both in terms of its daytime use and night time use which are quite different.

High Street/Lichfield Street/Manchester Street

The intersection with High Street and Lichfield Street is a cause for concern due to the speed of the one way traffic on Lichfield Street. There are quite high numbers of pedestrians at this intersection and again intoxication is an issue with the close proximity of SOL Square. An extended light phase may need to be included to allow for north bound trams to cross Lichfield Street. This may impact on traffic congestion at peak hours.

High Street/St Asaph Street/Madras Street

The intersection with High Street and St Asaph Street is also known for high traffic speed on both one way street - St Asaph and Madras Streets. The potential for a side impact collision into a tram at speed needs to be considered here.