



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024

First name: Clare **Last name:** Ryan

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☒ Yes

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Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$14.41

Years 4–10: \$39.83

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

the current govt is not signalling support for climate change preparedness, our district leaders need to lead on building

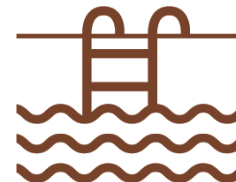
infrastructure to support our future when car travel is no longer socially acceptable or feasible

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this is a legitimate area for policy work but I'm cautious of councillors trying to pick winners and investing council in private business concerns.

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Sam Broughton

"We're focused on looking after what we already have" 2024

GREAT 👍👍

the council needs to look after the community of Upper Selwyn Huts.

Two Main Reasons:

the Huts Communities have historical value and given the fast pace of change in the Selwyn District so much heritage is disappearing under new development. Upper Selwyn Huts has significant historic value to our district for

- hosting the Future King George in 1927
- for being one of the earliest recreational reserves in Canterbury
- for having the first community water and sewerage scheme in the district (1927 for the sewerage)
- for being the home of one of the most famous fly fishing lures invented at Upper Selwyn Huts
- for many other reasons associated with a history of sport and recreation in Selwyn

Equity, Justice & Fairness

In 2020 SDC Councillors voted to destroy the Upper Selwyn Huts Community against Council advice. Council advice was a new 30 year licence to occupy and district wide rating to fund required upgrades to water & sewerage infrastructure. The Mayor received a 'Please Explain' letter from MP Amy Adams of which I received a copy. In 2024 it appears the Mayor and Councillors are doubling down on their 2020 decision. This is not honourable, not legitimate behaviour from representatives of the voters. Having snit for being reprimanded for poor decision making is not a justification for doubling down on said poor decision making.

Upper Selwyn Huts should be treated the same as every other community in the Selwyn District, that being :

- (a) We will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston who pay DWR and we have previously paid for our sewer ourselves and a subsequent upgrade, the requirement we were told for being put on DWR.
- (b) We have already paid for the water upgrade.
- (c) We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district.
- (d) We already pay DWR for Recreation Reserve Rate; General Purpose Rate; Library Charge; Community Centre Rate; Uniform Annual General Rate; Water Race (Amenity) Rate; Area Board; Swimming Pools; Canterbury Museum Levy; and Land Drainage. We should also be added to the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.
- (e) Towards25 LTP Document stated:

"The Council is proposing to introduce a new way of funding water and wastewater, community centres/halls and recreation reserves. These services are currently funded through targeted rates and the Council is proposing to meet the costs of these services by introducing standard district-wide rates. Underpinning this proposal is the view that Selwyn should be seen as one integrated district, rather than simply a series of detached townships. The Council acknowledges that where residents across the district receive a similar level of service for key infrastructure, the cost to residents should also be consistent. In the case of water and wastewater this proposal will also help keep these services affordable for smaller communities."

This document also has USH specifically listed in the "Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates" table.

From this we conclude there was a clear intention to include USH in the DWR for sewer and water. This is even more relevant now we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston.

(f) Buddle Findlay's Legal Opinion dated 04/03/2019 states "We note that the Council has recently tended to move to a model where the costs of provision of network infrastructure (such as waste water infrastructure) are spread across the district (ie under district wide targeted rates). It would go against the trend for the Council now to look to recover the greater costs of continuing to provide water services to the [Upper Selwyn] Huts solely from that community."

(g) Council has already agreed to fund 70% of the sewer upgrade, indicating the district is prepared to pay towards USH sewer upgrade. There is no good reason why the Council couldn't find the full amount. This was proposed in 4.12.4 of the "Upper Sekwyn Huts Future Occupancy Strategy" report dated 04/03/2024.

(h) The cost and operational charges for the pipeline continue to change so being on the DWR would give the

community certainty. It would also mean that if people choose to leave the settlement early the cost will not increase for the remaining owners.

(i) Additionally we also request that our reticulation system be replaced by SDC as they have been responsible for this since 1989 and have had ample time to replace this.

Given the reasons above there is no reason why USH Can not be put on the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:

Year 1: 15.21m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$42.01

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

2024/25

2025/26

2026/27

2027/28

2028/29

2029/30

2030/31

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Details of submitter No: 1251 - Terry Anderson**Submitter:**

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There is existing park and ride space in both centres. We should be looking to the future by supporting an electrified train service to Christchurch. I came from Melbourne where people catch a bus to the station, or park their car at the station. Works well if you have a good bus network.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:

Year 3: \$7.07 million (minus \$1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is \$5.97 million)

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$11.67

Funding:

Rates: 57%

Development contributions: 43% *

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my algorithm gives this a value of around 3-4, given the closest indoor court is in West Melton, 22-km away, the population pool is around 9,000 and the normalised booking rate would be around 1.5 for 15 bookings per week.

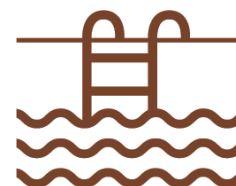
The cost is good value given it costs that much to build a roundabout in Prebbleton.

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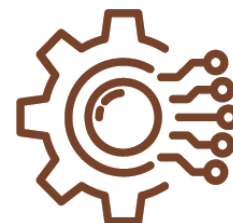
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I need more details on how this money is spent. Currently it sounds nebulous. Who is being paid the money etc.

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No

Any comments?

Again, very nebulous. What technologies do we need that we currently don't have access to and what will they be used for?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by [clicking here](#).

Please provide your comments in the box below.

The changes for Maori Freehold land are not specified. I need to know more. I don't want to give Council any more power than they currently have to increase rates, or extract rates from ratepayers, so I reject the CPI aspect.

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Maintenance and Renewables funding: this should be covered by depreciation which is annually around \$45 million. NZTA funding will be needed. Inflation pressure is driven by Councils and Government over spending, so this heat needs to be taken out of the economy.

Do not use the Climate Change excuse for any rate rises.

I utterly reject Net Zero being inflicted on the ratepayers as it is a futile effort to limit global emissions of GHG's when any effort made by us is obliterated by the increasing emissions in China, India, Indonesia and other manufacturing centres.

I utterly reject the notion that climate catastrophes can only be averted if we adopt a Net Zero policy. Catastrophes conjured up by the climate alarmists include sea rise due to Ice-cap retreat and the consequent flooding of New Zealand coastal regions, the "boiling of the earth", worsening cyclone intensity and frequency, global temperature rise greater than 2.5-degrees since the start of the industrial revolution and droughts and floods leading to unprecedented loss of life and crop failures.

All predictions have failed and will fail because they are based on inaccurate models. For example, in 2007/8 it was

predicted by Jensen and Gore that arctic ice would disappear by 2014 and New York City would be under water if CO₂ emissions were not drastically reduced. What have we seen since? Increasing CO₂ levels and the arctic ice extent is tracking the 2000-2023 average in 2024 and the polar bears are doing just fine. Evidence, that above the saturation level of 300-400 ppm, CO₂ can no longer induce global warming <https://dailysceptic.org/2024/04/24/new-scientific-evidence-that-co2-emissions-cant-warm-atmosphere-because-it-is-saturated-published-in-peer-reviewed-journal/> and <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666496823000456>

What is really happening with Arctic ice extent?
<https://youtu.be/LF7pUUd7IXk?si=LFdVJKPFCTIsJah8>

The link between CO₂ emissions and temperature increase is demonstrated in the link below. Note that the global temperature anomaly rose from -0.6 to +0.3, or 0.9C in total, from the start of the industrial revolution up to WW2, but rose from 0.3 to 0.9 since, despite a doubling of CO₂ emissions. The majority of increase in the temperature anomaly occurred when emissions were lower than today. Also note, that there was a temperature decline from 1945 to 1975, during which period there was a steep rise in CO₂ emissions, prompting scientists in the 1970's to predict an impending ice age.
<https://www.conservativewoman.co.uk/smoke-mirrors-and-co2-emissions-part-2/>

Lincoln Town Centre upgrade: a complete waste of ratepayer money. Are you seriously suggesting that it would make any difference to climate, or flow of traffic, by upgrading a 1.5 km section of road? Remove the car parks if you will, then paint a cycle lane on the road. Or even better, divert cyclists along the back streets. As it is, I avoid Lincoln township and use Springs, or Stands roads to travel to Leeston. And the annoying thing about your proposed "upgrade", is that you will impose a 30 kph speed limit. It will end up like Tennyson Street in Rolleston, or Manchester Street in Christchurch, which I avoid even when cycling.

Safe Drinking Water: Chlorine exemption should be applied for. Our water is from a clean and secure source and should only require UV irradiation if anything at all. **No to Fluoridation.**

I also object to the building of large storage reservoirs scattered around the district. These tanks were built too early and incurred unnecessary rate hikes. We already have a secure water supply in the aquifers that have supplied our towns for decades.

Bicycle Trails: I am an avid off-road cyclist. May I suggest you maintain the ones we have rather than spend \$millions on tourist focused trails.

Council Offices: do with what you have. No money to be spent here. We need less SDC staff, not more.

Strategic Investment Strategy: it's time to open the books to allow residents to see what Corde is costing us. What competitive tenders have been let? How do their charges compare to other providers?

SDC claims Corde is profitable, but if that comes from ratepayers paying for uncompetitive pricing, then the claim is false.

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:

Year 1: \$3.05m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$10.46

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

The front page of the Selwyn Times, published on the 3rd April, says it all. The lead story, "Rate hikes are in our hands", whilst at the bottom of the page is a property developer advertising, "City Living, Country Lifestyle".

One has to wonder if the SDC is taking its lead from the developers, or vice versa. Either way, it's the same result: high inflation, high debt and high interest rates, at the same crippling the purchasing power of our income. SDC is not alone, following in the footsteps of national governments, both locally and overseas, who have no problem racking up runaway debts in the name of progress and then relying on a compliant populace to foot the interest bill. Is it any wonder that essentials like housing, transport and even decent food and healthcare are slowly moving beyond the reach of our rising generation.

The approach of the Council to build expensive infrastructure for tiny population pockets within the district has to be questioned and a Cost Benefit Analysis undertaken. I take the example of the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre. The population of WM currently sits at 2900 according to SDC estimates and is projected to climb to 4000 by 2034. This is a small township relative to any suburb in Christchurch, about half the size of Hoon Hay with a population of 9140. This is twice the projected population of West Melton, yet we would not expect two CRC's to be built in Hoon Hay. The nearest CRC is the Pioneer Complex, which services the SW corner of Christchurch with a population well over 30,000 people (The official figure for the Spreydon Ward alone is 25,400 as of February 2023). Based on these figures one would have to question the need for a CRC in WM, even in 2034. These facilities are expensive to maintain and operate and require large capital expenditure for a small population base of rate payers, the vast majority

of whom will rarely use the facility; even now it is rated as “moderate use” and that’s with the Scout den included. The decision to build was even more problematic given that a large number of the WM population live only 15 to 20-minutes away from Rolleston and Hornby where such facilities are available. I therefore strongly oppose any major expenditure on community facilities that do not meet the requirements of a CBA algorithm.

The algorithm should factor in population, distance to existing facilities and a usage function based on target groups. The population could be normalized per 10,000, the distance normalized per 10 km and the usage function parameter would incorporate a probability of usage over a week, normalized to 10 bookings. A resultant value less than “1” would invalidate the project.

Project to proceed if $P/10000 \times \text{km}/10 \times \text{Bookings}/10 > 1$

The Leeston Projects

Community Hall/Library

A few longtime residents of the former Leeston ratepayers committee began pushing for a community hall over 10 years ago. I have personally sat on this committee for the past 12-months and am familiar with the negotiations between the committee and SDC. The committee has spent many hours gauging community sentiment and recently held a very well attended public meeting to provide updates to and receive feedback from the Leeston Community. A survey received over 230 written responses. The feedback was very clear; yes, the community eventually wants a community facility, but not the options proposed by the SDC. Rather, the residents preferred that the building should cater for at least 300 seated people (using the Dunsandel community hall as a guide) and provide for multiple activities such as funerals, weddings, recreation and concerts, among many others. Now let us apply the algorithm discussed above.

Population of Leeston: 2600 trending to 3100 by 2034. We should double this to factor in the populations of Doyleston and Southbridge, to arrive at a total population pool of 6200. This yields a population factor of 0.62 in the algorithm.

Distance to existing desired facilities:

Halls: Leeston already boasts several facilities that supply the desired space. The Rugby-Club netball court seats 400, The Station on Station Street seats 250-300 with kitchen facilities, Southbridge Hall accommodates 250-300 seated, the Golf club, Bowling club, Lakeside Hall, A&P Showgrounds, Scout den and two churches in High Street all offer community space. Add to these the Primary school and College where audiences of 200 to 400+ can be accommodated, respectively. Given the distance to these facilities is effectively “zero”, the algorithm declares the requirement for a new community hall to be zero.

Library: the current library is ideally located opposite the Primary school and facilitates safe access for children after school. The library is spacious and quietly positioned opposite Anderson Park. A medical facility and a spacious meeting room are enclosed. Again, the algorithm produces a zero result for the project to proceed. The SDC has suggested the building is earthquake prone and needs remediation. The decision to remediate has been deferred to 2034/35, yet The building is used daily without trepidation. I posit that if the SDC believe the building is unsafe, then they should repair it, thereby keeping the facility in this ideal location. A second opinion on the extent of these repair is recommended. And what is meant by the phrase, “carry out necessary repairs..... so that it can be continue to be used for a limited time instead.” Surely if the building is repaired and fit for use, why impose the pejorative “limited”?

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I support the concept being presented by the Leeston Ratepayers Committee that a new recreation facility be built on the park in say, the next LTP, in the meantime encouraging better use of existing community facilities, such as the Rugby Club courts. This should be totally separate from the library, as is the case in Lincoln and Rolleston.

Leeston Park

The park already includes a rugby pitch, cricket oval, tennis courts, Scout den, playground with skate ramps, grandstand, changing rooms, indoor netball court, squash courts and bar, the latter 5-facilities being owned by the Rugby club. This site provides a central location for traditional sports. What it lacks are indoor and outdoor basketball, badminton and volleyball courts, as well as table tennis and gymnastics space. One could also add a concert hall with stage. All of these facilities are found in either Lincoln, or Rolleston, 20-kms from Leeston. The skate park is rather modest compared to that in West Melton and there is little off street parking, or sculpted bicycle tracks for children. Applying the algorithm, the population factor of 0.62 is multiplied by a distance factor 2, if you place the emphasis on large court spaces. It is unclear what the booking rate would be for the sports identified, but it would not be unreasonable to estimate 20 bookings per week, given the ethnic mix developing in Leeston that would tend not to participate in traditional sports.

$0.62 \times 2 \times 2 = 2.48$.

Based on the assumptions applied, the provision of a multi-sport stadium on the Leeston Park site is justified. This has to be off-set by community expectations for other improvements to the site, which may require several tranches of funding. So, in my opinion, the SDC should be focusing more on building a multi-sport facility on Leeston Park and less on a new library.

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

None

Funding:

None

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I was misled by the SDC introduction to the motion, which suggested there was no sports court in Ma.vern, but this is incorrect. There is a SRC with courts in West Melton, 22-km away. This is the same distance Leestonites have to travel to use indoor courts in Lincoln and Rolleston. Additionally, given Darfield already has a modern CRC and aquatic centre, whereas Leeston has neither, i vote that any construction of an SRC in Darfield be delayed until Leeston has at least one of the amenities previously alluded to. Please disregards my earlier submission with respect to this matter.

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Details of submitter No: 997 - Annette Richards**Submitter:**

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Even when funding is clearly identified, I dont see the need for 2 Park and Rides in Rolleston.

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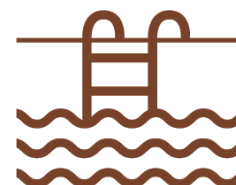
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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

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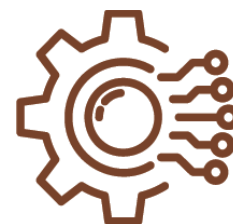
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Any comments?

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What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Project cost:

Year 1: \$16.01m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$44.22

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

2024/25

2025/26

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$143,000

Estimated impact on rates:

Included in our current rates

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Details of submitter No: 1505 - Anne Scott

Submitter:	Anne Scott
Organisation:	Spokes Canterbury



Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan

Submission from Spokes Canterbury

Reference:

https://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/ltip?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0MexBhD3ARIsAEI3WHITkUjUTO0TMJe-1bao0qFCmb5GS17ZJAeSWPwHMDENSGHzJKVUelkaArjYEALw_wcB

Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan.

Introduction

Spokes Canterbury (<http://www.spokes.org.nz/>) is a local Canterbury cycling advocacy group with approximately 1,200 followers. Spokes is affiliated with the national Cycling Action Network (CAN – <https://can.org.nz/>). Spokes is dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport in the greater Christchurch and Canterbury areas. Spokes has a long history of advocacy in this space including writing submissions, presenting to councils, and working collaboratively with others in the active transport space. We focus on the need for safe cycling for those aged 8 to 80. Spokes also supports all forms of active transport, public transport, and has an interest in environmental matters.

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Transport

Spokes Canterbury **supports capital and operational spending on walking and cycling infrastructure**. More investment is needed to encourage mode shift and ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

- Investment in cycle infrastructure requires little maintenance and has numerous health and environmental benefits.
- Increasing use of active transport and public transport reduces congestion and wear on our roads.

Selwyn is growing rapidly and becoming more urbanised. Residents living in Selwyn need a range of transport choices that support active and public transport, including walking, cycling, scooting, buses and MRT. 13% of New Zealand adults do not drive for various reasons, and need alternatives that will allow them to be independent and remain connected with their community. Many places in Aotearoa have low cycling numbers but it is clear that if safe infrastructure is provided, people will cycle. Build it and they will come.

Most people can enjoy cycling, and will do so if they feel it is safe for their whanau and themselves. Using an E-bikes increases the range of people who can participate and journeys that are practical. Lower speeds, separated infrastructure, and safer crossings of major roads and intersections encourage the “interested by concerned” cyclists who are often women, children, and the over 65s on e-bikes (the fastest growing cycling category in NZ) to take more

trips. Accessible cycling infrastructure should be designed to work for a wide range of uses including cargo bikes carrying children, trikes, and mobility scooters.

There are an increasing number of good cycling opportunities in Selwyn but they are poorly advertised and signposted. A cycling map would be very helpful and encourage more use. It is easy to get lost and even local cyclists are unaware of what is available. As Selwyn has grown the volume and speed of traffic has also increased to the point where cyclists feel increasingly unsafe cycling unprotected on the road.

Spokes supports connecting Selwyn towns together through a separated cycle network. A cycleway from West Melton to Darfield via Kirwee would be well used. A connection between West Melton and Yaldhurst (joining the South Express) would be helpful. There is confusion among Spokes members if there is a separated cycleway from Prebbleton to Rolleston or do you have to go via Lincoln. The Hoskyns Road cycleway should be extended to Weedons School.

Selwyn should continue to advocate for the proposed bridge with cycling and walking infrastructure over SH1 in Rolleston. It is unclear if this is still going ahead.

Spokes supports developing a cycle trail in Selwyn connecting Arthurs Pass to the East Coast and a trail around Te Waihora connecting to the Little River Trail. Spoke would like an opportunity to comment on the proposed route at an early stage.

Smoother road surfacing makes it physically easier to cycle, particularly for children and the less physically able. Spokes members report that the default chip seal used in Selwyn is too rough. A good example is the reseal done outside Lincoln Primary School and Lincoln High School.

Spokes top priority is to increase safe cycling around schools and popular destinations to allow children to get safely and independently to school and to encourage the greatest range of people of all abilities to cycle.

Speed

New Zealand and international research show that **reducing speeds is the single most effective, and often cheapest, way to reduce death and serious injuries on our roads.** Spokes Canterbury supports **slow speeds, particularly around schools and in neighbourhoods**, which can encourage more active travel choices as cyclists and pedestrians feel safer.

- The research is clear that speed is a factor in death and serious injury crashes and the risk is significantly reduced by lowering speeds in neighbourhood streets. There is now growing evidence in Aotearoa, confirming international research, that reducing speeds has a significant impact on reducing deaths and serious injuries. (See fig 1)
- There is a significant difference between being hit by a vehicle in a 50 km/h zone to a 30 km/h zone (see fig 2)
- Reducing speeds on rural road also makes a significant difference (see fig 1), including variable speeds at intersections.

Fig 1. Glen Koorey, 2023 Australasian Road Safety Conference, Cairns

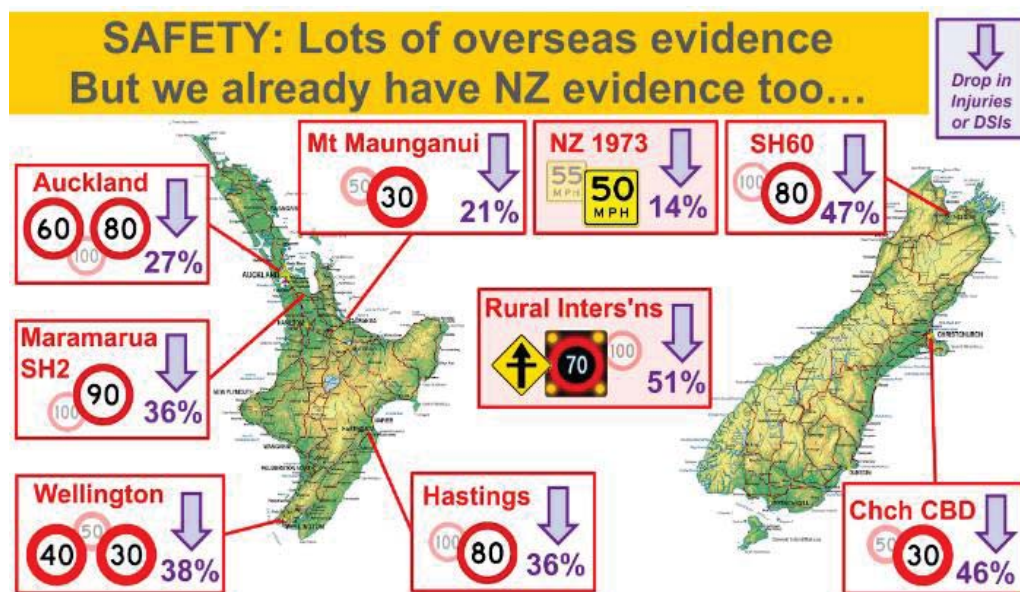
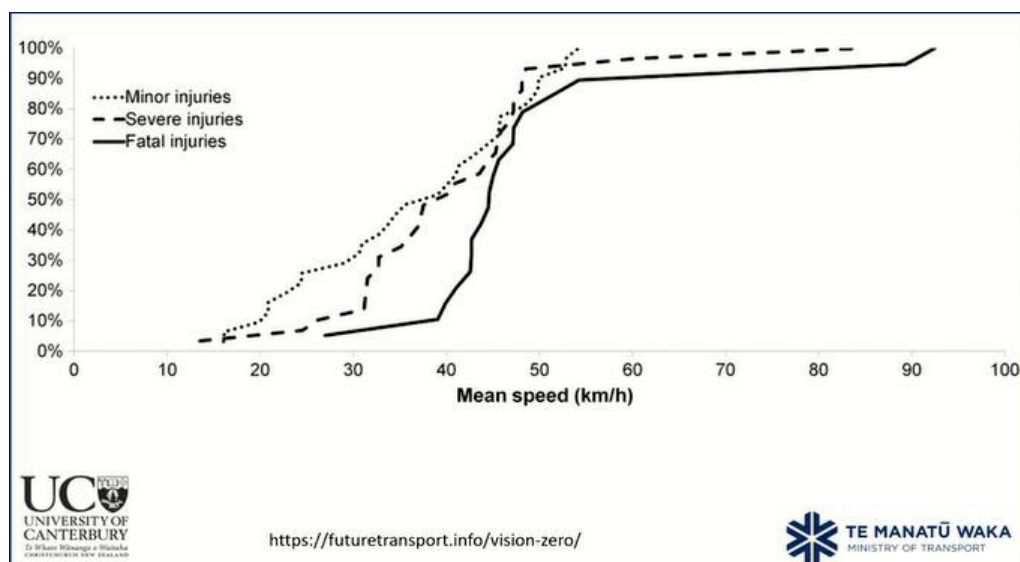


Fig 2 Deaths and Serious Injuries at various speeds



Prof. Simon Kingham presentation, Sept 2022

Selwyn has a number of intersections of 80km or above that would benefit from variable speeds, noting that this can reduce deaths and serious injuries by 51%. The Council could discuss this with NZTA | Waka Kotahi based on the needs of the community and DSI statistics.

Big Decision 1 Public Transport

Spokes supports Option 1 - Build three new Park and Ride Facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston and upgrade Public Transport

Spokes Canterbury supports better public transport for Selwyn. We support Bike Park and Ride facilities with safe, secure, covered bike parking and good shelters. Bike parking can be the hooped variety or Locky Docky for e-bikes. Good public transport services using electric buses reduces congestion and emissions.

Selwyn should also consider a MyWay service (similar to Timaru) that interconnects with Selwyn key destinations and to other bus services. For example, a bus between Prebbleton and Rolleston as the current connection stops in Lincoln for a break which makes the trip too long. The MyWay vehicles should have bike racks.

If Waka Kotahi does not provide co-funding for option 1 Selwyn should consider going ahead with at least some of the service improvements given there is good local support.

Climate Change

Spokes would like to see an **increased focus and expenditure spent on climate action**.

Spokes Canterbury supports the Council focusing infrastructure investment on active and public transport modes such as cycling and walking using separated or shared paths; reduced speed; and public transport as part of your climate actions.

Transport makes up 17.5% of New Zealand's gross emissions. The health effects and costs of fossil fuel vehicles should also be taken into account when prioritising funding. It is not a coincidence that New Zealand has the highest car ownership and one of the highest asthma rates in the world. A recent study in Neurology has linked PM2.5 particulates from diesel exhausts and other traffic-related air pollutants to Alzheimer's disease. Anything we can do to reduce single occupancy motor vehicle use and motor vehicle use for shorter journeys reduces the long-term costs to all New Zealanders. Selwyn has the potential to increase cycling trips with the right infrastructure.

Spokes also supports the Council efforts on climate adaptation, water reforms and protecting land and ocean biodiversity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the plan.

Spokes would be happy to clarify any issues raised above.

Spokes Canterbury
2/5/24

Details of submitter No: 814 - Andy England

Submitter:	Andy England
Organisation:	Darfield High School Te Kura Tuarua o Tawera



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/04/2024

First name: Andy **Last name:** England

☐ Withhold my details

Organisation: Darfield High School Te Kura

Tuarua o Tawera

Preferred method of contact Email

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At Darfield High School, we're seeing a huge growth in interest in sports such as basketball but we currently have to travel to Rolleston or Chch to access full size courts. Our students come from as far away as Coleridge and Castle Hill so travel times make accessing such sports a major, inequitable, barrier. Darfield is an obvious hub for the inland parts of Selwyn and is growing substantially through new subdivisions, so far mainly occupied by younger families.

One court would be insufficient to meet demand by the time it is built. Of note is that DHS currently has two (undersize) gym spaces and both are in constant use during the day with significant usage outside of school times for team training. This suggests that a one-court gym would be too small. It would make more sense to recognise the growth of the area and build for the near future, rather than building an undersize facility and needing to extend it in the foreseeable future.

Darfield High School, which is likely to have a roll of around 1,000 students by the time the facility is completed, also needs to upgrade our gym. We would be very keen to collaborate with SDC to achieve our goals together in a responsible use of public funds. We have space to enable building on our site which could save costs and would guarantee usage during the day; this would not need to be exclusive, or even a barrier, to wider community usage. The Ministry of Education could be a significant contributor to build costs and DHS to ongoing costs through patronage and maintenance contributions. This would make much better use of public funds and could potentially affect the cost projections for Council. There are many examples of successful partnerships between MoE/schools and district councils. DHS is a reasonably central location for the wider community.

If located off the Darfield High School site, we would be unable to contribute financially and distance from the school would be a significant factor in whether we can use the facility during the school day. It would not seem sensible to build a facility in Darfield that cannot be used by school students during the day.

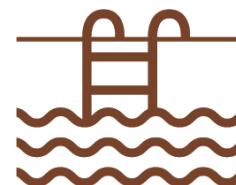
We believe that this decision is highly significant for our growing community in terms of equitable access to resources in Selwyn and to our future health.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

We acknowledge the challenge of keeping this facility open while building in Darfield. Our students and community really value the Sheffield pool as well as Darfield's.

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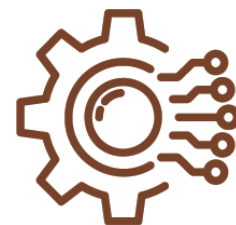
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Economic development is key to our students having bright futures in their home area. We are happy to collaborate with SDC on this.

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Yes

Any comments?

Distance is a barrier in our area that technological solutions can support

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Public transport from Darfield to Rolleston should be a high priority for our students. We agree that Rolleston makes sense as a hub for public services but it does not make sense if it cannot be accessed by our community, many of whom are too young to have driving licences and shouldn't need to drive even if they can. Currently, the amazing services available in Rolleston cause some resentment as they are so inaccessible to our community.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 969 - Cindy Driscoll**Submitter:**

Cindy Driscoll



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 29/04/2024

First name: Cindy **Last name:** Driscoll

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Preferred method of contact Email

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1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

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Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$7.06

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Funding:

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Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

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Funding:

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Any comments?

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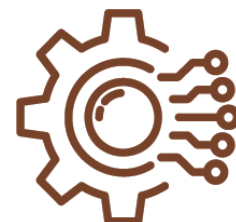
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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:

Year 1: \$3.05m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$10.46

Funding:

Rates: 100%

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:

Years 1-10: \$3.4m

Estimated impact on rates :

Included in current rates

Funding:


Rates: 71.4%

Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
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The Selwyn district is blessed with a network of active and thriving communities. People across the district volunteer to make their community a better place to live. They are connected to the public spaces (whether it be buildings, reserves, pools, walking and bike tracks etc) in their area. People are willing to give their time to see public facilities looked after and improved. Community involvement in these public spaces gives people a sense of belonging, pride, connection to others and people who established these facilities.

A modern term for this is 'Placemaking' - Strengthening the connection between people and the places they share; placemaking refers to a collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm to maximize shared value. With community-based participation at its centre, an effective placemaking process capitalizes on a local community's assets, inspiration, and potential, creating quality public spaces that contribute to people's health, happiness, and well-being.

The Council doesn't need to lead Placemaking but enables our already active and brilliant community groups to do this. A more community-led approach by the Council would see a collaborative process that would strengthen our communities, see our public spaces better cared for more sustainably and more than likely save ratepayers money because more projects could be carried out more efficiently by local contractors.

Some steps the Council could take:

- Keep running capacity building workshops these are useful.
- Keep a dedicated staff member to be the point of contact for Residents Groups.
- Keep the Malvern Community Board or similar – it is useful for resident's groups to have someone who can attend meetings and help connect community and Council. The rural areas have many active resident's groups and it is not feasible for 1 or 2 Councillors to attend all of the meeting.
- Streamline the booking system for public spaces to make them more accessible – both buildings and green spaces.
- There are many great community events happening on our district, the Council does not need to run these but enable them to happen, not just with funding but making it easier for volunteers to organise and run the events in public spaces.

Differentiate between large events and smaller events. A small event with under 150 people held on a Reserve should not require the same insurance and health and safety paperwork as a large event. Remove the need for small events to hold their own public liability policy.

- Involve communities in developing plans and projects in public spaces. Since the dissolving the committees of Council there is no clear path for communities to make projects happen. In the past communities have been able to develop and fundraise for projects like walkways, sports areas, building renovations and more. This was way for improvements to be made to public spaces without needing to be fully funded by Council and had all the 'Placemaking' benefits mentioned above.
- Collaborate with community groups that are already achieving great outcomes for Selwyn communities.
- Have a system where working bees can be held by the communities to do basic maintenance in public space.
- Don't let layers of bureaucracy stop good projects and activities happening in communities.
- Better communication between Council departments to ensure a consistent approach.

Rate increases need to be controlled, this likely means that discretionary spending on the 'nice to have' projects need to be trimmed. Fair enough, every business in New Zealand is facing this challenge at the moment. This is an opportunity to look at how the Council could empower and enable communities to develop some smaller projects in public space.

Details of submitter No: 712 - Mark Palmer

Submitter:	Mark Palmer
Organisation:	Springfield Community Association

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 26/04/2024
First name: Mark Last name: Palmer

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Organisation: Springfield Community Association

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I head up the focus group on behalf of the Springfield Community Association for Township signage

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Long Term Plan Submission 2024

Springfield Township signs

Townships signs located on the eastern & western side of Springfield.

Nau mai tauti mai (Welcome to)

SPRINGFIELD

Finished artwork attached

The Springfield Community Association is a not for profit group representing the township and it's residents working with the council and other relevant bodies/authorities to promote and sustain a positive and safe environment for all residents who live in the area.

Residents of Springfield feel the town requires identity in the form of a sign either side of the town. A focus group was set up to work on developing a concept and details for such a sign.

There was no suitable areas available of placement of a sign on the road reserves due to lack of space. Suitable placement locations have been secured on the eastern & western sides on private land to ensure excellent visibility and maximum exposure to oncoming traffic.

Advice has been provided by the Selwyn District Council Cultural advisor of the correct and most suitable use of Te reo.

The signs are to be produced and installed on site by Taege Engineering , Sheffield.
The signs have been engineered to be suitable for the extreme weather conditions that we endure.

Integral in their design is low maintenance and a design that relates to the Mt Torlesse mountain range which is the prominent view entering the town from the east.

The association believes these signs will be a very professional and positive addition to Springfield and give the township the prominence and identity it deserves.

The community has been kept informed during the process of developing the project and will be informed of the funding at our monthly meetings and recorded in our minutes that are available for all residents to view on our community facebook page.

Confirmation of the project being signed off and the signs completed and in place will be published in The Malvern News & Selwyn Times

The Association would like to acknowledge the following:

The approval and generosity of the land owners for access and the use of their land to erect the signs.

Springfield Lime Quarry - provision of lime boulders to place around the base at no cost

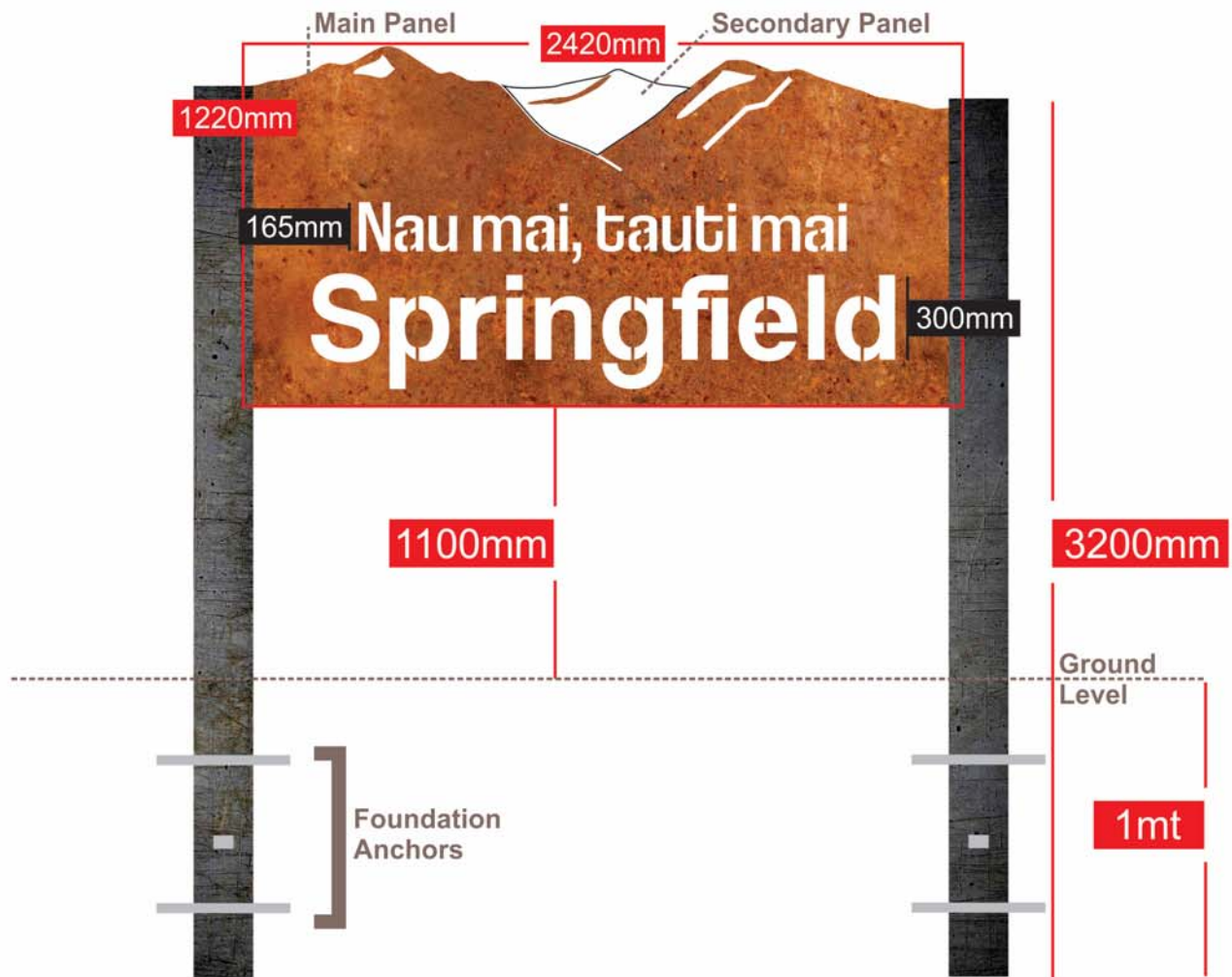
Curle Contracting - for collecting and locating the lime boulders on site at no cost and for installing the signs at a much reduced cost.

Taege Engineering Sheffield are manufacturing most of the sign at a considerably reduced price and outsourced work at cost.

The Association are requesting a sum of \$6000 from the Selwyn District Council to help fund the total cost of these signs.

Springfield Community Association

Proposed Entrance Sign - West End



Main Panel

4mm Mild Steel, zinc treated & powder coated both sides in a Corten finish

Secondary Panel

4mm Mild Steel, zinc treated & powder coated white

Both panels to be laminated together and sealed

Legs/Posts

200mm Universal Beams, 25k/g, total height of 3mts in length, with 1mt concreted into ground. Foundation anchors to be welded to footings, 3 per beam for wind loading, to stop footings/concrete twisting

Panel Attachment to Post Beams

4x 100/12mm welded plates with holes to hold panels in place. Fixings of panels to beams, Zinc bolts HT, 12mmx40mm; Nyloc Nuts 12mm UNC; Flat Washers, Galv 12mm or 1/2" (12x32x3mm)

Designed by:
Cat Stead-Wilson
Rangiora
021 106 44 22

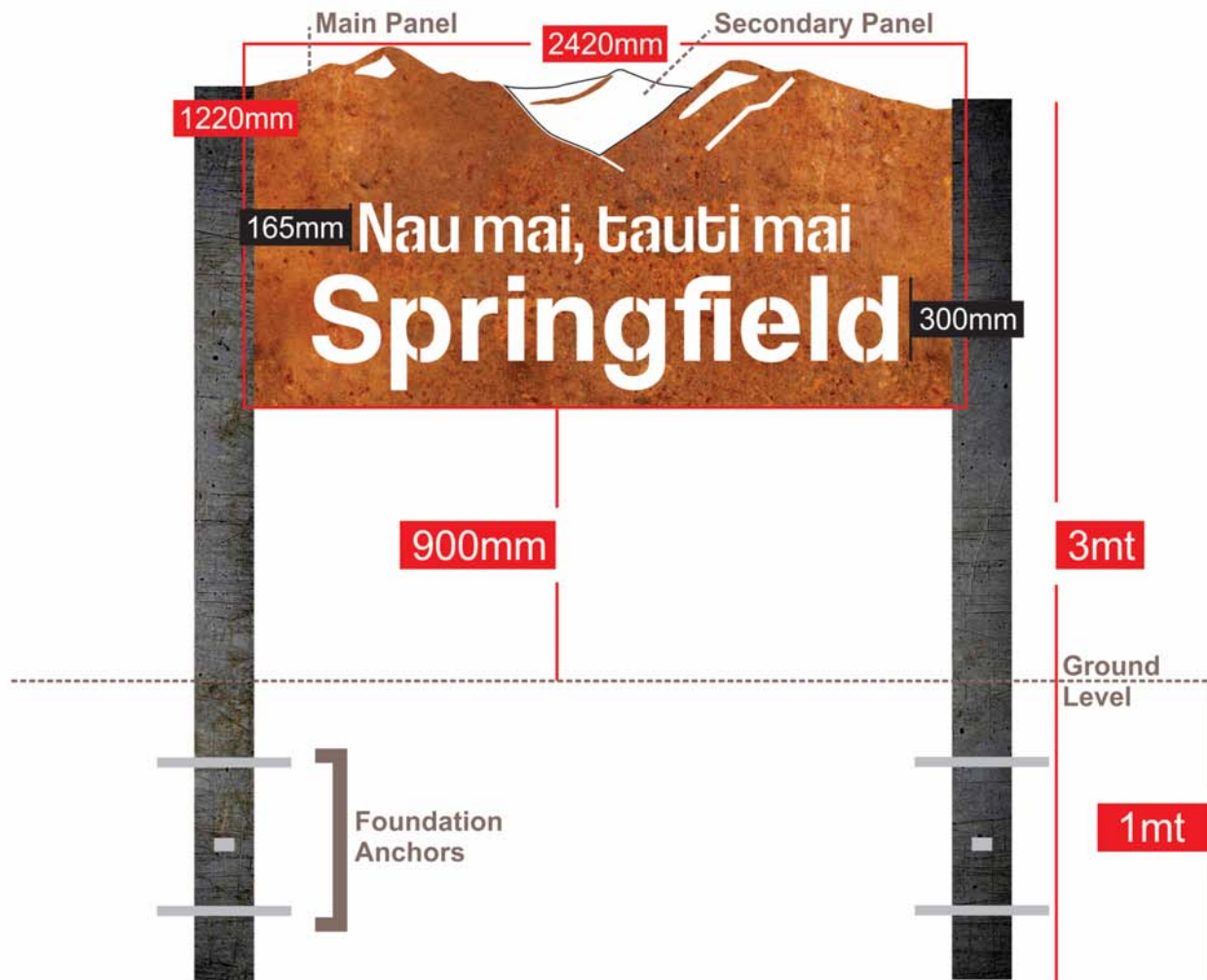
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Main West Road
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Keith: 027 676 8888

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Details of submitter No: 713 - Brian and Helen Coker**Submitter:**

Brian and Helen Coker

Pam [REDACTED]

From: Selwyn District Council <contactus@selwyn.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 26 April 2024 12:58 PM
To: Long Term Plan
Subject: Fwd: Long-Term Plan Submission

Hello
 Please see below for your attention.
 Ngā mihi nui,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 11:21 AM
To: contactus@selwyn.govt.nz
Subject: Long-Term Plan Submission

Further to our submission on the LTP as per the email below we wish to advise that we would like to appear and give a verbal presentation in support of our submission.

Regards

Brian and Helen Coker

----- Original Message -----

From: Brian Coker [REDACTED]
To: "contactus@selwyn.govt.nz" <contactus@selwyn.govt.nz>
Date: 19/04/2024 13:51 NZST
Subject: Long-Term Plan Submission

We wish to submit the following in respect to the Long-Term Plan which is currently open for submissions.

We believe that the submission relates directly to the planning of further community facilities on page 51 of the LTP.

We are writing to urge the SDC to consider the purchase of Broadfield Garden as a community garden and park for the benefit of the residents of Selwyn.

Selwyn deserves to have a botanical garden and park.

Broadfield Garden (an internationally recognized garden) is the botanical jewel in Selwyn's crown and with David Hobbs, the garden's visionary creator, now retiring, the property is for sale and Selwyn risks losing this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Details of submitter No: 1426 - As above As above

Submitter:	As above As above
Organisation:	Prebbleton Public Hall Society Incorporated



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 29/04/2024

First name: As above **Last name:** As above

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Organisation: Prebbleton Public Hall Society

Incorporated

Preferred method of contact Email

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

None

Funding:

None

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Already a Service Centre and Library and also a Darfield Recreation and Community Centre whereas Prebbleton only has the Council owned Cottage which caters for 30 people

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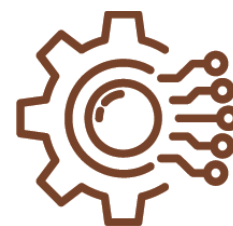


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Any comments?

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

Have to prioritise spending

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by [clicking here](#).

Please provide your comments in the box below.

If it improves the speed of engagement and delivery then yes.

Other comments

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See Supporting Documents

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:

Year 1: \$3.05m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$10.46

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Greater need in Prebbleton for a new facility

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$143,000

Estimated impact on rates:


Included in our current rates

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Greater need in the third largest Selwyn Township of Prebbleton

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Draft Submission

Since about 2008, Selwyn district Council has been considering a Community Facility for Prebbleton. See Council document excerpts below:

2010 Prebbleton Structure Plan

8.13. Community Facilities

'As the community grows it is likely that the existing community hall will be inadequate and a replacement facility will be required. Two potential sites for a new hall and associated car parking are on the frontage of the Meadow Mushrooms site or in the commercial zone'

The projected growth plan for this document shows a population of just under 5000 in 2041:- a figure that was reached in 2021 ie in 10yrs not 30yrs

Table 3: BERL Population and household projection

Year	2008	2011	2016	2026	2041	Total increase
Population	2121	2492	3173	4775	4962	2841
Households	702	882	1189	1816	1870	1168
Average h/hold size	3.02	2.83	2.67	2.63	2.65	

2016 Eastern Selwyn Community Spaces Plan

A 5. Fast Track and Future Proof Key Council Community Space Builds/Redevelopments Key Projects could include:

- § Rolleston Library and associated community spaces
- § Foster Recreation Park
- § West Melton Community Centre
- § Selwyn Aquatic Centre Upgrade
- § Prebbleton Community Centre

NB. All of these Fast Track projects have been completed except the Prebbleton Community Centre.

2018 Community Facilities Activity Management Plan

\$5.5 million allocated to be built 2019 - 2021

Prebbleton – An area of significant population size and projected population growth, and the existing community hall is no longer suitable or able to cope with demand. The existing Hall is on a small site (already has maximum site coverage) and there are currently issues with a lack of on-site car parking with the facility located on a main arterial road. The Strategic Plan (2013) made a recommendation to replace this facility with a larger more flexible 'hub' facility, to cope with population growth and provide support to smaller 'local' facilities nearby (Ladbrooks, Broadfield). A site for the facility has yet to be confirmed, but options include the Prebbleton Domain where it could consolidate facilities and create a community recreation hub. There is no

area for future expansion of either the building or parking on the existing site. A larger facility would also assist with local school needs, who have outgrown their current hall. The project is currently planned for 2019-21 with an indicative cost of \$5.5 million.

Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031

\$6.3 million allocated to be built 2025 - 2026

BIG DECISION 6

New Prebbleton Community Centre

What was proposed

Build a new community centre, which would be a multi-purpose facility, suitable for many different types of functions, and for a range of users and ages.

Your submissions

Most submissions had no preference regarding the future of the new community centre in Prebbleton. For those that submitted an option, more supported a new community centre than having the project deferred to outside the 10-year plan.

- New community centre: 28.7%
- Defer the project for 10 years: 23.2%
- No preference: 48.1%



Council's decision

The Council agreed to go ahead with the project as proposed, with construction starting in 2025/26. We will continue with appropriate feasibility discussions with interested parties and will report outcomes to the Council together with suggested construction and location options.

Cost

\$6.3 million

Impact on rates

\$12 per year already budgeted for within the current Community Centres Targeted rate.

note the Council's decision was to go ahead with construction starting in 2025/26

However the draft LTP 2024-2034 no longer has a date for building this facility. There is only a mention on page 51 of planning to do further investigations on the likely costs of these facilities (Prebbleton and two new proposals in Rolleston) over the next three years, with a plan to build them between 2027-2034, if consultation is positive once plans and costs are known.

This is simply not good enough. Prebbleton has waited long enough and needs this facility now.

We expect SDC to put this project back in the LTP for 2025/26, and to do the right thing by your constituents in Prebbleton, who are feeling distinctly uncared for and poorly represented.

Details of submitter No: 1509 - Simon Wall

Submitter:	Simon Wall
Organisation:	Apollo Projects

Tuesday, 30 April 2024

Selwyn District Council
2 Norman Kirk Drive
Rolleston

Email: contactus@selwyn.govt.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL – LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034 CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Apollo Projects is a specialist Design and Build contractor that has delivered successful community, sports, recreation and aquatic projects for Local Government throughout New Zealand. We are making this submission in response to the consultation process for Selwyn District Council's (SDC) Long Term Plan 2024-2034 to share our knowledge and insights in relation to the delivery of Local Government infrastructure projects. For the purposes of this submission our focus is on providing feedback to Council regarding the successful delivery of projects to ensure they deliver long-lasting benefit to the community.

Review of draft LTP and consultation document

Apollo has reviewed the draft LTP and associated consultation document and have identified the following key matters that are related to community infrastructure that we wish to submit upon:

Selwyn District Council's "big decisions"

Big Decision 2 – Waihora Whata Rau- Community facility in Leeston

- We support either Option 3 or 4.

Big Decision 2b Leeston Park improvements

- We support Option 2.

Big Decision 3 – Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

- We support Option 3

To support future project success Apollo believes that with a smart approach to procurement and delivery, through design and build engagement and effective project packaging, there would be opportunity to save costs on these projects and potentially deliver improved outcomes particularly for the local community.

In addition to the projects referred to in the above "big decisions", Apollo also notes that there are a number of other planned or potential projects within the Selwyn District that we believe would be more likely to be successful if taking into consideration of the following points:

Combining projects into delivery programmes – Selwyn District Council’s proposed community facility projects present a great opportunity to leverage the benefits of combining multiple projects into a single delivery programme. There are many benefits that can be obtained from this approach which include cost savings in overheads and purchasing power, consistency in delivery, reduction in client-side management resource and optimisation in scheduling. The opportunity to create value by delivering faster, better and for less cost for the ratepayers of Selwyn District by following this approach is significant.

Developing and delivering to realistic capital budgets for projects – recognising that Councils typically need to apply conservatism and contingency when assessing project budgets, it is important that the budget does not become over-inflated to mitigate cost risk thus resulting in that project becoming unaffordable. The worst outcome for a community is either to lose projects to an inflated budget when costs could have been reduced, or, for the initial budget to be overrun during the construction phase. Whilst consultants are typically relied upon during the early phases of a project, Apollo’s experience is that this typically leads to conservatism and over-scoping that ultimately leads to setting a project budget that is higher than necessary. It is crucial to include, during the budget and scoping phase, advice from organisations with proven experience in all aspects of project delivery from design through to construction.

Design and Build should be leveraged – Apollo is seeing more Local Government and Central Government projects move to Design and Build due to:

- **Single Point of Responsibility:** With Design and Build, there is a single entity responsible for both design and construction. This can streamline communication, decision-making, and simplify accountability throughout the project lifecycle.
- **Faster Project Delivery:** Since the design and construction phases can overlap, Design and Build projects often have shorter timelines compared to traditional methods. This can result in faster project completion and earlier occupancy and utilisation.
- **Cost Certainty:** Design and Build contracts often include a fixed price or a guaranteed maximum price, providing more certainty regarding project costs. This can be appealing to clients who want to avoid cost overruns.
- **Innovation and Collaboration:** Design and Build encourages collaboration between designers and builders from the early stages of a project. This can lead to innovative solutions and value engineering, potentially resulting in better project outcomes.
- **Reduced Administrative Burden:** Since there's only one contract and one point of contact, the administrative burden on the client is reduced compared to managing separate contracts for design and construction.

We recommend that Design and Build be considered as an engagement and contracting methodology for the construction of SDC’s proposed projects and encourage this method to be explored as much as possible. Design and Build is sometimes considered as an appropriate methodology for ‘cheap and quick’ project types. The reality is that Design and Build, with the right team on board, is suitable for virtually any project type - with the true benefit being the project is delivered to a fixed price with one point of accountability for design and construction that means variations and programme extensions that so often blight Council projects are negated.

Facility utilisation predictions should be optimistic – Apollo has seen first-hand how community assets are utilised to far greater levels than initially predicted during the planning phase. Sometimes demand estimates are based on the existing unfit for purpose facility. Innovative and best practice community facility design will cater for a far wider range and greater number of users if designed well. Apollo recommend to SDC that the projected utilisation of Community Assets, particularly those in highly engaged communities, be considered using predictions that are at the high end of probability.

Apollo Projects appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to Selwyn District Council in relation to the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

Should it be available, we would appreciate the opportunity to present in person during the LTP hearing process.

Yours Sincerely,



Simon Wall

General Manager – Strategy and Relationships

Simon.wall@apolloprojects.co.nz

apolloprojects.co.nz



Details of submitter No: 127 - Rebecca Dollery**Submitter:**

Rebecca Dollery



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 08/04/2024

First name: Rebecca **Last name:** Dollery

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Preferred method of contact Email

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$7.06

Years 4–10: \$19.52

Funding:

Rates: 49%

NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:

Year 3: \$7.07 million (minus \$1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is \$5.97 million)

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$11.67

Funding:

Rates: 57%

Development contributions: 43% *

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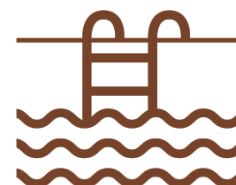
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Any comments?

I make this comment but am not a resident of Sheffield. I think targeted consultation would be better than LTP. Are there options for the local community to pay a little more to support the pool if it is a valued resource?

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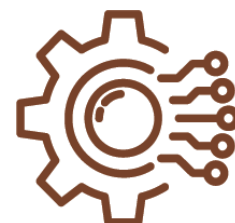
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I would like to see better access and usability. I would also like to see better digital reporting

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More than anything, I want to see a commitment by this Council to the future. The development seems to be granted by Council so I want to see measures in place to protect the future for our children alongside the revenue this will bring. I envisage this as being more capital and operational funding in the environmental and health/community sector, whether in Council or outsourced in the form of grant funding. Lincoln can no longer be termed an enviro town with the lack of environmental initiatives - Te Whariki landscaping is the closest we have to any sensible design. I want to see more incentive from the Council to develop in a sustainable way - not just building up, but building sensibly. Permeable paving, green roofs, green walls, pollinator paths along footpaths, community spaces that reflect the indigenous landscape rather than a European representation. I am aware that you have brilliant ecologists working within Council and would like to see them have an input on planning matters, consents, landscape designs. I am happy to pay for this across the whole region. We need to do more - my children tell me they are worried about the choices that are being made with the natural environment and the precious resources this country has to offer. I want to see health, of people and environment, prioritised over economic health. The former feeds the latter.

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$16.01m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$44.22

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

2024/25

2025/26

2026/27

2027/28

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Our
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Details of submitter No: 1244 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024

First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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Funding:

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Slowing the development of Lincoln and Rolleston should be a serious consideration. Both high schools are at breaking point, primary schools have no space left. Principals are constantly focussing on where to put ākonga, distracted from the real purpose of our schools; teaching and learning. The education sector is getting slammed in the media and reforms are coming, easing the pressure on our teachers, and our tamariki in schools by slowing the growth is absolutely in SDC's control. It is a problem SDC's consenting process has caused, it's time to show some backbone and put the rate payers needs ahead of that of the developers greedy wants.

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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:

Years 1-10: \$3.4m

Estimated impact on rates :

Included in current rates

Funding:


Rates: 71.4%

Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
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Details of submitter No: 1411 - David Miller

Submitter:	David Miller
Organisation:	Pest Free Banks Peninsula



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	SDC PFBP LTP Submission



01 May 2024

Elected Representatives
Selwyn District Council

Dear Councillors

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the conversation about the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034. It is my privilege to make this submission on behalf of the Project Management Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP).

I wish to begin by thanking SDC councillors and staff who are directly involved in the management and oversight of PFBP, including Lydia Gliddon on the Project Oversight Group, and Denise Ford on the Project Management Group: they and other SDC colleagues continue to make a very positive contribution to Pest Free and we are extremely appreciative of their work.

PFBP staff and volunteers are undertaking removal of predators within the Selwyn district with overwhelming support from local residents – a complete exemplar of our ‘community led, agency supported’ methodology. Our connecting local residents to nature and the outside world is demonstrated by our received permission to trap on private land, as well as with the committed volunteers that check traps on a weekly basis and the feedback we receive from them about the biodiversity increases they are witnessing.

Within Selwyn, PFBP support Te Taumutu Runanga with on the ground help (such as weeding and pest control), planning (reviewing Muriwai environmental documentation) and employment of runanga members (such as summer students). PFBP rangers and staff have attended and presented at several trapping evening sessions throughout Selwyn to help sow the seeds for a predator free Selwyn.

PFBP thank SDC for the previous Selwyn Natural Environment Fund (SNEF) funding in which control devices are installed around Taumutu to prevent the decline of native biodiversity. PFBP would welcome having this contestable fund enlarged so that others could access and unlock funding specific to increasing biodiversity within SDC.

One anomaly in the published SDC LTP 2024-2034 seems to be that although it contains a goal that "Waikirikiri/Selwyn's whenua/land, wai/water, and kātaoka o te taiao/ biodiversity are protected and enhanced", and the Plan also mentions that climate change is one of the most pressing issues worldwide, the Plan seems to say very little about climate change mitigation and

adaptation. There appear to be no environmental policies or any significant environmental directions included in the Plan.

This is in contrast to the feedback we are getting from locals in Selwyn who want to launch "Predator Free Selwyn" and who are already engaged in environmental projects including trapping and restoration. Further, planning has started on how best to increase and consolidate the biodiversity gains on Banks Peninsula and link BP to the Alps between the Rakaia and the Ashley/Rakahura Rivers. This is the Towards Pest Free Waitaha initiative of which the Pest Free Project Oversight Group is facilitating the planning. The success of PFBP is critical to this extended project. Substantial work is already under way across Selwyn, the City and Waimakariri linking and supporting the various community groups and agencies already undertaking pest control. It is our contention that the Council needs to acknowledge the significant work being done within its boundaries as well as alongside it and aim to work in partnership with others to protect these gains going forward.

In sum, PFBP would argue that the LTP for the coming ten years needs to make some substantive commitments to environmental protection, including increasing the amount available for biodiversity enhancements, including but not limited to predator control.

I would like to speak to this submission.

With grateful thanks and best wishes



Dr David Miller
Pest Free Banks Peninsula PMG Chair

Details of submitter No: 1398 - penny carnaby

Submitter:	penny carnaby
Organisation:	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024

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	2050EcologicalVisionForBanksPeninsula_Mar24



**Submission: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/2034: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)
Selwyn District Council**

From:

Penny Carnaby

Chairperson

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

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Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission from Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)

This submission has been prepared by the trustees and management of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) for the SDC.

BPCT supports the submissions forwarded to SDC by Dr David Miller from the Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) Management Group and Mark Richardson Chair, Pest Free Banks Peninsula Oversight group (POG).

I wish to present BPCT's submission in person and, if it is possible for the BPCT, PFBP and POG submissions to be heard following each other on the same day it would be appreciated.

1. Acknowledging the support of Selwyn District Council

BPCT wishes to acknowledge the SDC staff who work with the BPCT on the PFBP programme and the Te Kāhahu Kahukura (TKK) collaboration of 21 organisations on both sides of the Port Hills.

2. The work of BPCT: Celebrating community-led, council supported indigenous biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot. Because biodiversity is mobile, Banks Peninsula acts as a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Greater Christchurch (including the Selwyn District) and the wider Canterbury area. Biodiversity is a public good and all current and future generations of Greater Christchurch residents benefit from its protection and enhancement.

The BPCT's model of community-led conservation with strong local council support has proven to be effective due to: the Trust's ability to work positively with landowners in way that is often unavailable to Council; low operating overheads ensuring maximum resources are directed into biodiversity enhancement; a proven ability to leverage Council/s funding to maximise other funding opportunities (e.g., \$1M from MPI and \$8M from PF2050Ltd secured over 7 seven year period); good science underpinning programmes that support community aspirations for biodiversity protection and



enhancement; and the Trust demonstrating local conservation sector leadership through the establishment and facilitation of collaborations of organisations and individuals working towards shared ecological goals.

The BPCT's most notable achievements during the last LTP period include:

- Celebration of 20 years as Aotearoa's only independent conservation covenanting authority, now with over 100 covenants established which legally protect high value habitat for current and future generations of Christchurch residents.
- A refreshed 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (attached) including two new goals focused on removal of 'transformer' ecological weeds and enhancement of native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch, and the region.
- Winner of the 2022 Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board supreme award Te Waka o Aoraki, recognising excellence in conservation outcomes.
- Finalist in the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards for leadership of the highly successful Banks Peninsula Feral Goat Eradication Programme.
- Establishment of a new Peninsula-wide Farm Biodiversity Programme to support farmers with biodiversity planning and monitoring.
- Ongoing strategic leadership and facilitation of significant landscape scale, cross land tenure, multi-partner conservation programmes (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations) e.g.
 - **Te Kākahu Kahukura** 21 organisations working together to restore a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds, lizards, and invertebrates on the Port Hills.
 - **Pest Free Banks Peninsula** 17 partner organisations (including five BP runanga) committed to the widespread removal of animal pests across Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).
 (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations)

2. Response to directions signalled in the Draft LTP 2024/2034

One anomaly in the published SDC LTP 2024-2034 seems to be that although it contains a goal that "Waikirikiri/Selwyn's whenua/land, wai/water, and kātaoka o te taiao/ biodiversity are protected and enhanced", and the Plan also mentions that climate change is one of the most pressing issues worldwide, the Plan seems to say very little about climate change mitigation and adaptation. There appear to be no environmental policies or any significant environmental directions included in the Plan.

BPCT would encourage more specific biodiversity and climate change outcomes are considered in the SDC LTP to support the considerable effort the community is already contributing to the enhancement of biodiversity outcomes in the Greater Christchurch area which links BP to the Alps between the Rakaia and the Ashley/Rakahura Rivers. It is our contention that the Council needs to acknowledge the significant work being done within its boundaries as well as alongside it and aim to work in partnership with others to protect these gains going forward.



3. Suggested areas of support

BPCT respectfully requests consideration of the following: (drawn from the PFBP and POG submissions):

3.1 Consideration of support for the "Predator Free Selwyn" and "Towards Pest Free Waitaha" project concepts, to dovetail with other adjacent pest projects.

3.2 Consideration of the continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Predator Free 2050 Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.

3.2 Consideration of professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse Selwyn residents who are not already involved in pest control.

Concluding comments

Thank you for reading our submission. We wish to present our submission in person.

Penny Carnaby

Chairperson

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust



**2050 Ecological Vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula
(including the Port Hills)**

October 2023

The vision:

**In 2050 native biodiversity is thriving across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.
Native ecosystems underpin our resilient communities, recognising that when nature thrives,
people thrive.**

Ka ora te whenua
Ka ora te tāngata

Introduction

The ecological vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has been developed by the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) with input from many partner organisations, including mana whenua, landowners, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and other community groups. The BPCT is proud to promote the ecological vision and acknowledges with gratitude the many contributors who assisted its development. The ecological vision is a resource to be used by the whole community and others are encouraged to adopt it, or adapt it for their own purposes.

Banks Peninsula (which includes Port Hills), with its breath-taking landscapes, diverse ecosystems and precious wildlife, has long captured the hearts of those fortunate enough to engage with this special place. The Peninsula's wide range of habitats support a remarkable biodiversity, from penguins and inanga to wētā and forest birds, from kelp forest and podocarp forest to cliff and mountaintop plants. This biodiversity has great value - as taonga, for recreation, for tourism, and for ecosystem services such as flood protection.

The challenges posed by climate change and human activities have threatened the delicate balance that sustains this ecological gem. The 10 ecological goals outlined here chart a path through those challenges and towards a thriving, resilient and biodiverse future. In adopting this vision, we can take encouragement from the progress made to date. Since the 1920s, when indigenous forest was reduced to only 1% of Banks Peninsula's area, indigenous woody vegetation has steadily increased so that today about 20% of the land is covered in regenerating native vegetation. Remarkably, despite extensive historical losses of forest, few native species were lost locally, and Banks Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Waitaha Canterbury and for Aotearoa.

The 10 interconnected goals in this vision will guide collective efforts towards the recovery of this unique area, enabling it to flourish. Success depends not on any single entity or a few, but on us all: mana whenua, landowners, agencies, conservation organisations and the wider community, working hand in hand to achieve our shared aspirations. This vision is intended to facilitate collaboration and provide new solutions to complex issues. Together, we can foster a culture of environmental stewardship, implementing sustainable land management practices, and embracing innovative conservation strategies.

On Banks Peninsula we envision a future where native species thrive and ecosystems regenerate, offering sanctuary for both resident and migratory species. The restoration of ecological corridors, the protection of critical habitats, and the reintroduction of locally extinct species will restore the Peninsula's ecological integrity, and provide inspiration for the rest of Canterbury and Aotearoa. The 2050 ecological vision for Banks Peninsula invites us to dream big, and to work tirelessly for a future where our actions today foster the thriving biodiversity of tomorrow. It is a call to unite in creating a better future.

When Nature Thrives, We Thrive – Ka ora whenua, ka ora te tāngata

Penny Carnaby
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Chair

The 10 Ecological Goals

This vision outlines 10 interconnected goals which collectively will guide efforts towards enhancing the biodiversity and thriving ecosystems of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Goal 1: Protect all remaining old-growth forest remnants

The deeper soils on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula were once extensively covered in podocarp forest, with hardwood trees and ferns beneath the lofty tōtara, mataī and kahikatea, sometimes with miro and rimu. Sub-alpine areas were dominated by thin barked tōtara with native cedar. The south-east corner of the Peninsula had localised areas of red and black beech.

Podocarp trees were highly prized by settlers for timber, and those growing on the lowlands were among the first resources to be extracted. Forests were further cleared by burning to make land available for farming. These tree species have a lineage dating back to Gondwana. Their lives can span many hundreds of years, sequestering and storing carbon while they grow. They are important for wildlife, providing valuable food sources for even the largest forest birds, kerurū and kākā, as well as nesting and roosting sites. Older trees with holes and hollows provide nesting places for ruru, mohua, riflemen, bats and kiwi. Healthy forest soils support a rich and diverse ecosystem.

These remnant forest types are now rare, but are important windows into the previous native ecosystems. They are small fractions of what once existed, and are now mostly small, isolated patches. Often their margins are vulnerable to wind, stock damage and weed pests. Elsewhere, there are single old-growth trees which are isolated from forests and even more vulnerable to damage. These remnant trees and forests hold the genetic material of the next generation, as well as providing food and shelter for large numbers of birds, insects and other wildlife.

Now is our chance to covenant or otherwise legally protect and manage the small remaining areas of these mighty forests before they are lost. They can also be protected by restoration planting of native trees around the edges to enlarge the forest patches and provide shelter to the older trees in the centre.

Goal 2: Protect the full range of rare¹ and naturally uncommon ecosystems

From its summits down to the coasts and plains around its perimeter, Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has many distinctive geographic features supporting specialised ecosystems that are rare or naturally uncommon in Aotearoa. They have distinctive soils and climatic conditions which support uncommon flora and fauna. These ecosystems are varied and mostly small and unforested. To survive, these need protection from pests, grazing animals, introduced weeds and from development.

They include:

- Inland cliffs, scarps and tors, which are often home to threatened or rare plants and animals, such as the nationally critical Lyttelton forget-me-not, Banks Peninsula sun hebe, waitaha gecko and Banks Peninsula tree wētā.
- Wetlands, such as lagoons and estuary margins, seepages and flushes on valley floors and slopes, and ephemeral wetlands, which each have their own characteristic assemblage of plants and animals.
- Boulderfields, which create microclimates and provide refuges for native shrubs, invertebrates and lizards.
- Coastal cliffs and rock stacks, which provide nesting, burrowing and roosting sites for penguins, shags, petrels and other sea-going birds, and for lizards.
- Sand-dunes, shingle beaches, coastal turfs and sea mammal haul-out areas, which each have different characteristics suited to specific assemblages of plants, invertebrates, lizards and birds.

These special ecosystems make a significant contribution to national biodiversity.

¹ These ecosystems are now classified as naturally uncommon. See:
<https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/>

Goal 3: Protect streams and coastal seas through better land management

Aquatic habitats need to be healthy in order to support the many native species that depend on freshwater and marine environments for part or all of their life cycle. Freshwater and marine ecosystems are greatly affected by the conditions on the land adjacent to them. Silty sediment chokes up streams and coastal waters, greatly reducing their ability to support life. High nutrient loads promote excessive algal growth.

Good land management can greatly reduce sediment and nutrient inputs into streams and coastal seas. On steeper slopes and near coastal margins, native forest cover helps to reduce silt run-off. The forest and its soils absorb water and release it slowly, reducing sediment movement and the risk of flooding. Appropriate indigenous vegetation along the stream margins all the way down the catchment intercepts silt and nutrient run-off, reducing sediment and nutrient overload in streams and wetlands. Overhanging trees shade waterways, reducing light and heat reaching the water, which further reduces the likelihood of detrimental algal blooms. Falling leaves and other terrestrial inputs provide food for a healthy in-stream food web that supports aquatic invertebrate larvae, tuna/eels, adult galaxids (whitebait species) and kōura/freshwater crayfish. In slow-moving wetland areas, vegetation offers further filtration and buffering, which improves water quality. Clear water then reaches the sea, promoting healthy beds of kelp and seagrass, which support nurseries of fish and other marine life.

Many of our iconic native species such as kororā/little blue penguin, tītī/petrels, spotted shags, tuna/eels and inanga/whitebait rely on the healthy state of the land, freshwater and the marine environment to survive.

Inanga and other whitebait species need good water quality throughout their life cycle

Adult inanga live in coastal wetland areas (creeks, rivers, estuaries, etc.) and feed on tiny insects that also need healthy freshwater to breed. A few days before the full moons and new moons of February to May the adult inanga travel downstream to the place where the freshwater meets the incoming seawater. They wait for the very high waters of the spring tide to carry them up into flooded vegetation on the edge of the streams where they work their way into the base of dense, grassy vegetation to lay their eggs. The eggs are hidden there, shielded from natural predators (herons and eels) and from the sun's UV, and, ideally, safe from trampling stock. They develop over the next few weeks until they are ready to hatch on the next high spring tide. The tiny larvae are carried downstream to the sea, where they feed on plankton in coastal waters for 6 months until spring arrives, when they migrate back into clean wetlands, rivers and streams.

Goal 4: Establish four large biodiversity hubs of indigenous vegetation

Fragmented forest patches have small interiors with most of the habitat being close to an edge. Edges are more vulnerable to drying winds, and to weed and predator incursion. This limits the resilience of the plants, animals, important soil-living microbes and fungal networks, especially under a warming climate, thus reducing the diversity of species that can survive, and compromising those that remain. This goal is to establish four large-scale hubs, of more than 1000 hectares each, of connected and protected indigenous vegetation. These hubs will contain old-growth and regenerating forest and naturally uncommon ecosystems, providing ecosystem resilience from summit to sea.

Establishing large hubs of continuous native habitat from summit to sea and across spurs, valleys and rocky tops enables a rich diversity of native plants and animals to thrive. They support larger populations, increasing genetic diversity. Animal species can move safely between food and water sources, and adapt as the seasons and climate change; this is particularly important for smaller species that are less able to cross large open gaps in a more fragmented landscape, e.g. tomtit, rifleman and gecko.

These areas of 1000 hectares or greater will be in various ownerships, with large parts of them likely to be in private ownership sympathetic to this goal, such as with the Wildside which has Hinewai Reserve at the core. There may be residential areas within them.

Goal 5: Enhance native biodiversity within the rural environment

Most of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is rural, and this environment is a diverse mix of native and exotic elements. Much of the native remnant ecosystems are embedded within a matrix of primary production (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, etc.) and with areas of human habitation within it (farm houses, baches and small villages). Wildlife species move across this landscape, from mountaintop to lower country and down to the coastal margin or Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, from one bush area to the next, or from stream to lake and sea, in order to find food, to find safe shelter, to breed, and to cope with the changes in seasons and weather patterns. With the worldwide shift in climate, this habitat flexibility is becoming increasingly important.

Many native birds, such as kererū, bellbird, tūī and fantail, spend considerable amounts of time within gardens and amongst farmland, opportunistically moving with the seasons. Other smaller species, like rifleman, lizards and beetles, struggle to cross large open stretches without native cover and safe shelter from pests. Springs, streams and rivers, critical for production and settlement, are also critical for biodiversity.

Sympathetic management of the native ecosystems within the areas of primary production and settled areas is important in order to sustain native species and to build ecosystem resilience into the landscape. Developing resilience against climate change will benefit both the environment and the people that live there. There are many things that can be done. These include restoring forest corridors and other habitat connections, waterway and stream-edge restoration, sympathetic road verge management, use of native species in shelter belts, and weed and animal pest control. These actions will improve ecosystem services and bring benefits to the primary production values and to human wellbeing. Owners can choose to legally protect their areas of native habitat in perpetuity through covenanting.

Goal 6: Increase the abundance of rare and uncommon native species

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has a wide range of native biodiversity, of varying abundance. Some native species are relatively common and are found throughout the Peninsula, such as fantails, silveryeyes and black-back gulls. Some are locally uncommon, such as ruru, tūī, tītī and nikau palms. Some rare species are classified as nationally threatened, at risk or locally endemic, including hoiho, kārearea, spotted shag, Banks Peninsula tree wētā, a number of endemic moths, Lyttelton forget-me-not and Cooks scurvy grass. This goal is focused on the less common species, to increase their abundance and range. This will make their populations more secure, increase the biodiversity of areas they spread into, and enable people to encounter and appreciate them more widely than they can at present.

Many animal and plant species on the Peninsula appear to have increased in abundance over the last few decades as a result of habitat protection, pest control, and the general increase in native woody vegetation - including bellbird, tomtit, kereru and five-finger. Kororā have benefitted from localised predator control. However, increases in populations may be quite localised, and some species may still be declining or relatively neutral. All are vulnerable to loss of habitat and to increases in predators.

This goal aims to ensure that native fauna and flora become more abundant and widespread across the Peninsula. While it is focused mainly on less common species, it would also cover any common species that started to decline. For fauna that are dependent on the marine environment, such as tītī and other petrels, penguins, shags, tuna and inanga, their abundances on land will be partially dependent on what is happening in the marine environment, potentially some distance away from Banks Peninsula.

Achieving this goal relies on success in some of the other goals, and evaluation of it requires affordable monitoring methods that can detect changes in species' abundance.

Goal 7: Re-establish populations of locally extinct plant and animal species

In the past, Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula was home to some native species that are now missing. Some of these are gone forever, such as moa, South Island piopio, laughing owl and the Waitaha penguin. Other species survive elsewhere, but were lost from the Peninsula, most likely due to extensive deforestation and the impact of introduced predators and hunting. The absence of these missing species has reduced the native biodiversity of the Peninsula. Some of these are iconic species that characterise Aotearoa's unique wildlife. Restoring local populations of these species will enhance local biodiversity.

As areas of suitable habitat expand and the impact of introduced predators is reliably managed, it will become increasingly feasible to reintroduce some of these missing species from suitable nearby source populations. The Peninsula has already seen the successful reintroduction of tūī, which had become locally extinct in the early 1990s. Several invertebrate species have been successfully reintroduced to Ōtamahua Quail Island. These species are all reproducing and forming self-sustaining populations.

Further potential candidates for reintroduction could include tuatara, tokoeka/South Island brown kiwi, seabird species including pakahā/fluttering shearwater, kakaruai/South Island robin, kākā, kākārīki/yellow crowned parakeet, mohua/yellow-head, takahē and yellow mistletoe.

In general, re-establishment is most successful when the causes of the original loss have been addressed, the species' habitat needs are met and the threat from introduced predators is minimised. Since some of the species listed above nest in tree holes and hollows, and the Peninsula currently has few ancient trees with suitable holes, artificial nest-boxes could be installed as a substitute. Despite the anticipated elimination of feral predators, flightless birds may still be at risk from domestic cats and dogs and so may only be successful inside predator-proof fences.

Me he korokori tūī

How eloquent is he who has the throat of a tūī

By 2000, tūī had effectively died out from the Peninsula, with only occasional sightings of single vagrant birds. And so, the community, with Agency support and appropriate research, translocated 72 tūī from Maud Island, Marlborough Sounds, to Hinewai Reserve in 2009 and 2010. These tūī, and many of their hatchlings, have coloured leg bands so that they can be identified and their movements monitored. A team of volunteers in the Banks Peninsula Tūī Restoration Group have spent thousands of hours, observing, recording and managing this information. The work is overseen by Dr Laura Molles.

Goal 8: Eliminate or control pest animals to protect native biodiversity

Introduced mammalian pests are now widespread throughout Aotearoa and have played a major role in the extinction story. They will continue to threaten native species if left unchecked. These pests can be divided into two main groups:

- Predator pests that eat wildlife, including birds, lizards and invertebrates. These include ferrets, stoats and weasels, feral cats, hedgehogs, rats and mice. Possums eat chicks and eggs, and pigs eat eggs and invertebrates.
- Browsing pests that imperil our biodiversity by weakening the forest structures, compromising regeneration, and targeting certain plant species they find particularly palatable. These include goats, deer (red and fallow), pigs, possums, hares and rabbits. Rodents also eat plant seeds, seedlings and flowers, thus preventing native plant species regeneration.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) was established in 2018 by a collaboration of organisations with conservation functions on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The programme is facilitated by BPCT and is a community-led agency supported initiative working towards realising the PFBP goal.

PFBP aims to eliminate all feral browsing pests across the Peninsula, and reduce all predator pests to zero, or as close to zero as possible. It may not be possible to eliminate all of these pests, e.g. rodents, however the intention is to reduce populations to a level that does not threaten biodiversity.

For it to be technically feasible, achieving this goal assumes that the tools for pest control continue to be developed.

This goal aligns with the national 'Predator Free New Zealand 2050' programme but is more comprehensive.

Goal 9: Eliminate or control 'transformer' ecological weeds

Ecological 'transformer' weeds are non-native plants, usually garden escapees, that can smother, outcompete and prevent natural regeneration of our ecosystems. These include pine species, sycamore, old man's beard, banana passionfruit, Chilean flame creeper, Spanish heather, spur valerian, pig's ear and pride of Madeira. They also threaten our native fauna that relies on healthy native ecosystems. Ecological weeds can be trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous, succulent, freshwater or marine plants, and can spread by many different means, e.g. wind, water currents, birds, people and other animals. Typically they are fast growing, able to outcompete our native species, or are better adapted than native plants to environmental pressures which used to be uncommon in Aotearoa, such as wildfires or soil disturbance by mammals. Some weeds (e.g. pines, gorse) promote the spread of fire, which worsens the risk to native ecosystems and to human property.

If left unchecked, such weeds can expand exponentially and become increasingly costly to control. It is therefore important to understand which weeds pose a particular threat to native habitats, ensure new ones do not establish, and that new infestations are eradicated before they spread. Understanding how they proliferate is important to understanding how to control them. Climate change is expected to increase the conditions that suit many weed species, and so controlling them now is a priority.

Goal 10: Improve native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and the rest of Canterbury

Native bird species move seasonally for food, nesting sites or in search of breeding partners and some species will populate new areas if conditions are suitable. Large bush birds such as kerurū, tūī and kaka are capable of flying large distances such as between the Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula and the alpine areas, foot hills and plains of Waitaha Canterbury. Smaller bush species such as bellbird, fantail and warbler move smaller distances between bush patches and their seasonal movements between the Peninsula hills and the gardens and parks of Christchurch City are well recorded. The many significant wetlands at the foot of the western and northern margins of the Peninsula attract huge numbers and species of wetland birds from far afield, some from great distances across the oceans. This goal aims to develop and enhance native habitat areas and corridors to facilitate safe movement of native species through the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and across Canterbury, and therefore help support more resilient populations of native birds.

The hills and valleys of the Peninsula that form the zone of contact with Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains run from the mouth of Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth round past Tai Tapu to the mouth of the Ihutai Avon-Heathcote estuary at Sumner. The Port Hills, from Gebbies Pass to Godley Head, define a substantial portion of this contact zone, and are part of the Peninsula's connection with Selwyn District and also with urban Ōtautahi Christchurch. The Port Hills' northern slopes lost most of their forest cover in the first 600 years of human settlement, and large areas have been cloaked in native tussock for several centuries. This has reduced available habitat for forest species, such as larger bush birds. Only small remnants of old-growth forest remain, such as Ahuriri Bush, but there has been native regeneration in damper sites and Christchurch City Council and others have been undertaking restoration plantings for many years.

The risk of fire here and across the Peninsula is a consideration when restoring forest habitat. Native plantings can take many decades to establish in dry conditions but generally carry fire less easily than many exotic species if well planned. A range of protections can be considered when planting, including designating fire break areas, selecting fire resistant native species particularly for around the margins of planted areas and in home shelterbelts, ensuring clear zones around houses and powerlines, and incorporating ponds for firefighting and for wildlife habitat.

Developing networks of native habitat linking through the hills and valleys on the western and northern margins of the Peninsula to the wetlands, parks, gardens and reserves will benefit indigenous biodiversity and facilitate natural migrations. Various community-led groups are already working towards this goal, including Whaka-Ora, initiated by Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki to replenish the mauri of Lyttelton Harbour, and Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK), supported by BPCT, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki, Summit Road Society and Living Springs. Te Ara Kakariki is planting forest corridors on the plains.

Appendix 1: Why Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is worth protecting

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is an extraordinary geological region and the biodiversity jewel of Ōtautahi Christchurch and Waitaha Canterbury. Its origins as an offshore volcanic island, its large size (about 100,000 hectares, making it the largest peninsula in Aotearoa), and its location as a high-altitude, high-rainfall counterpoint to the extensive low-altitude, low-rainfall plains of the eastern Te Wai Pounamu South Island, all contribute to its distinctive characteristics. Its geological and island origins underpin the extraordinary diversity of life found upon Banks Peninsula, and have made it a hotspot for local endemism – unique species that exist nowhere else in Aotearoa or the world.

The island that is now Banks Peninsula was formed by offshore volcanic activity over a period from twelve to six million years ago. When the volcanic activity finally ceased, the craters centred on Lyttelton and Akaroa eroded into today's harbours as they were invaded by the ocean. Plant and animal life colonised the island and continued to evolve, separated from their mainland relatives. Eventually, about 20,000 years ago, the out-washed gravels from the glaciated Southern Alps of the South Island, which fanned out to form the Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, reached the volcanic island and joined it to the rest of the South Island, forming the Peninsula we know today.

The eroded volcanic landform creates a remarkable diversity of microclimates, thus providing exceptional habitat diversity – from the windswept mountain tops (the highest Mt Herbert at 919m), rugged rocky bluffs, tors, coastal cliffs and islets, to the harbours and outer bays, deep fertile valley floors, streams and estuaries. On top of this intricate form, the volcanic soils, overlaid with wind-blown glacial loess from the plains, and a legacy of millions of years of burrowing seabirds depositing guano, formed rich fertile soils. With the plains joining the island to the mainland, large quantities of sand (formed from glacier-ground then river-worked rock from the Alps) constantly carried down to the sea by Canterbury's braided rivers, got transported around the Peninsula's coast by long-shore drift, settling out into pockets around the base of the new Peninsula, creating many and varied beaches, estuaries, wetlands and dune systems.

Before humans settled here, the Peninsula was almost entirely forested. On the mid to lower slopes and alluvial valley floors, lofty tōtara, matai and kahikatea (podocarps) towered over understoreys of hardwood trees and shrubs, climbers, tree ferns and ground ferns etc. The warmer coastal parts of these forests included frost-tender northern species such as nikau, kawakawa and tītoki. The higher altitude forests had native cedar and Hall's/thin-barked tōtara emerging above the hardwood tree canopy. In the coolest and wettest uplands of the south-east corner of the Peninsula, red and black beech forests out-competed the podocarp species. The rocky slopes, cliffs and sub-alpine peaks were clothed in stunted forests with diverse shrublands, indigenous herbs and grasses. These forests and the wetlands and beaches would have been raucous with birdlife, with large flightless birds like the moa, takahē and kiwi being common. Rivers and estuaries would have teemed with invertebrates and fish, and nesting seabirds would have been abundant.

With human arrival, starting about 900 years ago, a rich history of cultural and economic activity began. However, impacts of human activities accelerated, especially in the last two centuries, resulting in significant ecological and environmental damage. By 1920, the forests were reduced to 1% of their original cover, and the loss of woody vegetation caused vulnerable soils to erode and slip, leading to sediment increase in waterways. The loss of habitat, as well as the introduction of feral predators and browsers (including rats, cats, mustelids, possums, goats, pigs and deer), caused the loss of many species, including kākā, kākārīki, tītī, piopio, saddleback and tuatara. The introduction of weedy plant species also threatened vulnerable indigenous species and habitat types. Recently, however, with changing farming practices and values, native woody vegetation on the Peninsula has been steadily increasing, and about 20% of the land is now covered in regenerating forest.

Remarkably, the Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Canterbury and for Aotearoa. There is an astonishing number of locally endemic species, including seven plant species and many invertebrate species, such as cicada, wētā, beetles, moths, etc. This reflects the Peninsula's origins as an island. Some nationally vulnerable species are thriving here too. Very few plant species have been completely lost from the Peninsula, and the fauna remains very diverse. Several nationally rare lizard species have sizeable populations, and there is diverse birdlife due to the range of habitats – bush, freshwater and coastal. That so many of the original native plants and animals have survived is due to the sheer size of the Peninsula, its varied topography (from damp nooks and crannies to dry rocky outcrops) and the forethought of some landowners who set aside and continue to protect small areas of original forest.

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot, a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area.

Appendix 2: Why indigenous biodiversity is important

Biodiversity is vital for our survival. Its protection is at the heart of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, one of the three Conventions under the Rio Summit. New Zealand's National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity sets the direction for the country to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity. We are closely connected to the land and rely on nature for our food, water, health and wellbeing. For Māori, kaitiakitanga is integral to the spiritual, cultural and social life of tangata whenua, and there are specific processes and practices for looking after the environment.

No other country can protect the ecosystems, species and endemics of Aotearoa; we have to protect them. Extinction is irreversible, and environmental degradation is costly to undo.

Ecosystems and the various species and elements within them are interdependent. Nature, over millions of years of trial and error (aka evolution), established a vast diversity of species that were adapted to the local climatic conditions, soils and other environmental variables to form well-functioning ecosystems. Millions of kilometres of fungal hyphae (filaments) in the soil deliver micronutrients to plants, which in turn supply the fungi with the food they need (produced by photosynthesis). Micro- and macro-organisms, e.g. worms, feed on leaf litter and other forest debris, turning it into good quality, well aerated soil, and produce a kind of glue that helps prevent drying out and wind erosion. Above-ground invertebrates help spread propagules such as fungus spores within a wider area. Vertebrates, including birds, bats and lizards, and invertebrates, such as native bees and wētā, help with pollination and seed dispersal, in return for food in the form of nectar, berries etc., while assisting the continual renewal of the ecosystem. The more diversity, the greater the range of services that are exchanged, and the more resilient the overall system becomes.

Collectively, other 'ecosystem services' enabled by a fully functioning indigenous ecosystem include:

- The canopy and roots of native cover and a healthy soil structure help attenuate water flow and hold soil in place. This protects the soil from erosion and reduces the damage from extreme rainfall events. It also protects the soil from desiccation in sustained drought events. With climate change, these weather extremes, which threaten human property and infrastructure through flooding, slips and fires, are expected to become more common.
- At a global level, as a result of the exchange of gases by photosynthesising plants, absorbing CO₂ and releasing O₂, storing the carbon in their mass and transferring some to the soil, the biosphere regulates the atmosphere within the stable range that we all depend on.

Losing any element of a diverse ecosystem reduces its functionality and its ability to renew itself. If we restore as much as possible of the ecological systems that evolved here, we will improve the integrity of the land and the overall wellbeing of the people who live and make a living here.

Details of submitter No: 1353 - Mike Davidson

Submitter:	Mike Davidson
Organisation:	Te Taumutu Rūnanga

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024**First name:** Mike **Last name:** Davidson☐ Withhold my details**Organisation:** Te Taumutu Rūnanga**Preferred method of contact** Email**Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?**☒ Yes☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Attached Documents

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22 April 2024

Te Taumutu Rūnanga submission on the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu are the primary kaitiaki of the Te Waihora catchment. Their takiwā also extends to the wider Selwyn District. Te Taumutu Rūnanga ('Rūnanga') is the administrative council for the hapū. In this role, the Rūnanga has a responsibility to protect the natural resources, mahinga kia, and other values of the takiwā for the benefit of those people of Ngāi Tahu descent who have customary interests in the area.

Ko ngā hau ki ētahi wāhi, ko ngā kai ki Orariki

This whakataukī refers to the year round abundance of food that was available at Orariki, the pā of Te Ruahikihiki. Sadly today however, it does not reflect the current state and condition of our taiao (environment).

The Rūnanga welcomes the opportunity to submit as partners to the Selwyn District Council ('Council') Long Term Plan 2024 -2034 (LTP).

The Rūnanga acknowledges and appreciates the developing partnership relationship with Council and the work that has been undertaken with the Rūnanga during the development of this LTP.

The Rūnanga supports the proposed funding for the 'strengthened partnership with mana whenua'. We support the continuation of the Mana Whenua Representative on Council. Noting that this appointment should be funded through the democracy budget.

The Rūnanga shares the concerns of the Council around the increasing levels of nitrates in water sources and supports the funding proposed in the LTP to investigate the centralisation of some of the water on the plains to come from one low nitrate source. While Environment Canterbury is responsible for addressing nitrate contamination, the Rūnanga would expect to see the Council taking a strong and vocal stance with its concern around the impact of nitrates in our water.

The Rūnanga supports Council's One Water Strategy and the proposed funding of a wastewater project to Taumutu that will service Ng āti Moki Marae and Fishermans Point.

The Rūnanga notes the continued work on seeking chlorination exemptions and the listing of Taumutu as an area that could be considered for an exemption. We ask that the Rūnanga is involved at the beginning of any conversation that affects the Taumutu community.

The Rūnanga notes the Council's ambition for a cycle trail from Arthur's Pass to the east coast and asks to be involved with this kaupapa, especially the trail around Te Waihora.

The Rūnanga would like to highlight that Taumutu does not have kerbside collection, one of only 4% of the district that does not receive this service.



Details of submitter No: 180 - Phillipa Lamborn

Submitter:	Phillipa Lamborn
Organisation:	Darfield Residents Association

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 09/04/2024

First name: Phillipa **Last name:** Lamborn

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Preferred method of contact Email

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

As a member of the Darfield Residents Association I have been asked to write to the council on behalf of our group with regards to two areas interest we have needing road crossings.

ONE area that desperately needs a road crossing, for the safety of the children at both Darfield High School and Darfield Primary, is at close to the Cardale/Greendale intersection. We have already tried to contact the council regarding this and was declined on the basis of an upcoming overall roading plan, which has since thankfully been scrapped by the new government. With no set roading plans we are asking for a pedestrian crossing, or at the very least, an island on Greendale Road to be placed at the sidewalk that goes along the past the Darfield Pool. This crossing is used a lot by students of both schools and parents who are sometimes accompanied by child under 5. Given a corner in the road that is very close to this proposed crossing and the speeds at which some travel this road we would like this crossing to have signage and believe a pedestrian crossing is necessary.

TWO there is a second area of pedestrian concern. The corner of Bray and Cardale Street. This should be set on the South Terrace side. There are 3 companies at least that frequently have truck and trailer units on this road. I realise that the council has no control over pedestrians alongside South Terrace but it has full jurisdiction of Bray and Cardale. Along with the constant flow of truck and trailer units there are often large trucks parked on bray street blocking the view of children and parents at this intersection.

Both of these intersections seem to only have two busy periods during the day and the Darfield Residents are NOT asking for a speed reduction zone.


Thank you for your consideration of these two proposals.

Phillipa Lamborn

Member of the Darfield Residents Association.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

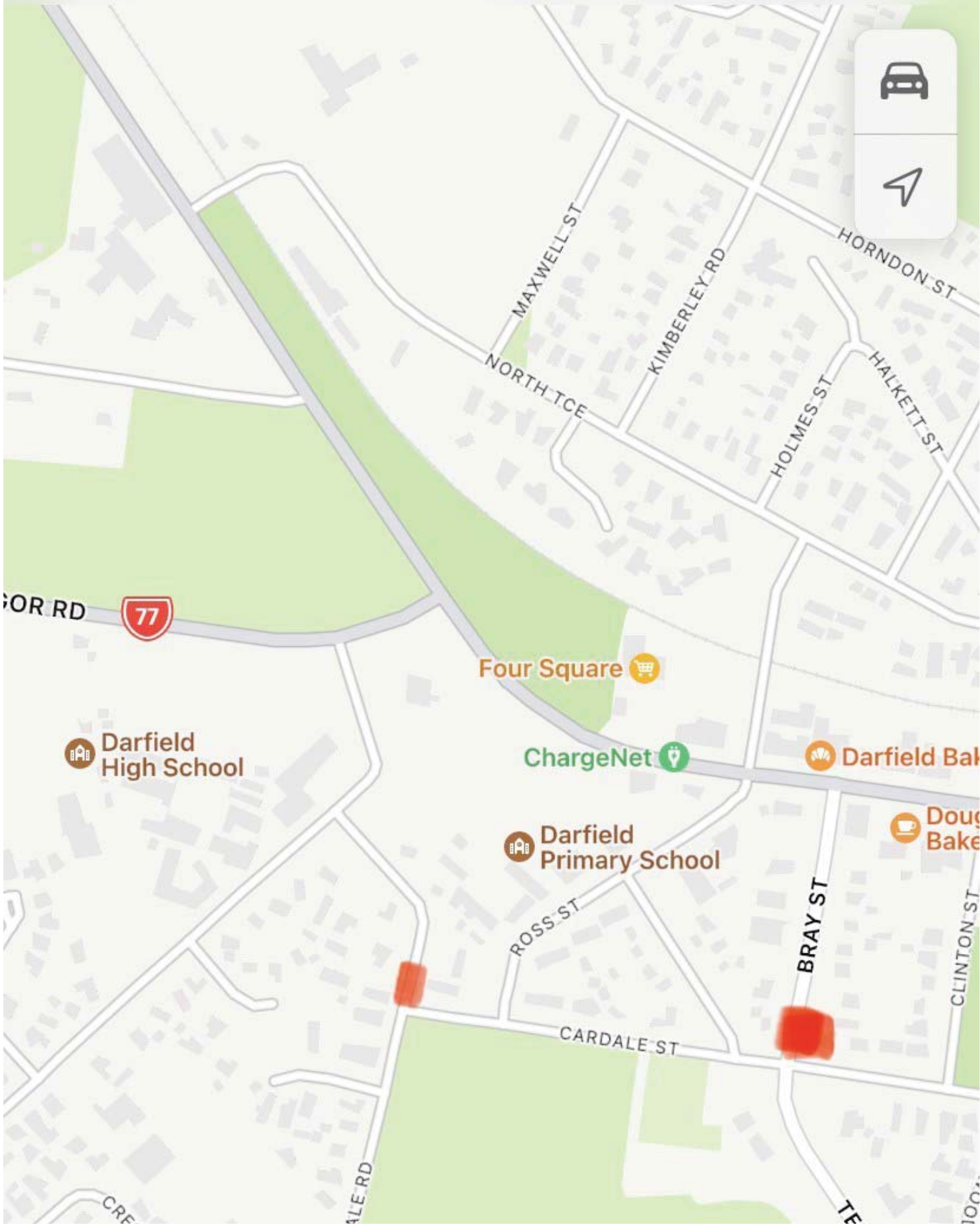
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Organisation:	Upper Selwyn Huts

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/04/2024

First name: Graham **Last name:** Evans

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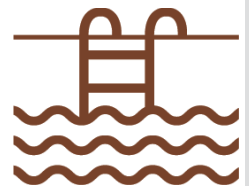
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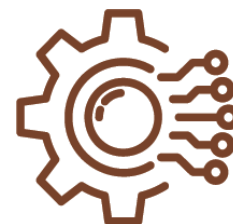


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Any comments?

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Yes

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I request that the SDC review their decision not to include the Upper Selwyn Huts of the District Wide Rates for water and sewage.

The reason given most recently referred to Upper Selwyn Huts as follows:

"Huts were never intended for full-time residence, it would not have made sense to have rated huts for these services when they were only occupied for a limited number of days each year."

My current Deed of Licence refers to Licence Type: Permanent. This came about while Kelvin Coe was Mayor and under his direction, we were informed that the council under advice from council lawyers; could not restrict the occupancy to other than that being permanent.

The reference made in the past as to the change in occupancy was not as a result of people being made homeless post the 2011 Christchurch Earthquakes, there were some properties of hut owners who were using their huts for recreation purposes that made requests for family or friends to stay over due to their homes being red carded. This was not why huts became more populated but due to the change of status from non-permanent to permanent status prior to 2011.

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	Selwyn LTP District Wide Rates

District Wide Rates for Water and Sewage

For 114 years the Upper Selwyn Huts were self-administered with an annual licence fee to cover our internal expenditure. From this fund we were able to construct two successful sewer schemes the first in 1920 which included a holding tank that effluent was truck away, the second in 1987 which was a boarder dyke system. In 2011 the SDC took over the administration of the settlement. The SDC council has continued to claim the payment of this Licence Fee and now we are faced with an horrific invoice to gain compliance with the installation of a pipe line to the Pines in Burnham.

The District Wide Rates for water and sewage; for the settlement I believe should have been moved on to this in 2011; following the transfer from the self-administered system.

I have made three attempts as a speaker at the council meetings to have this change made, the only response I have received is that other rate payers would not be happy to approve this move. I am not happy to be faced with paying for our portion of the pipeline, when I can only use it for possibly 1 year or 5 years as the new draft Deed of Licence indicates.

This issue was put to the SDC at the last Long Term Plan, and I spoke to the submission.

From the Council meeting the only input was from Debra Hasson commenting that would not be fair on all the other SDC Rate payers if the Upper Selwyn Huts were added to the District Wide Rates.

As a rate payer I am paying rates towards the following:

- General Purposes Rate
- Library Charge
- Recreation Reserve Rate
- Community Centre Rate
- Uniform Annual General Charge
- Water Race (Amenity) Rate
- Swimming Pools
- Canterbury Museum
- Land Drainage

With the latest attack on the Upper Selwyn Huts from the SDC related to the Draft Deed of Licence, it is amazing that there could be savings made in administration, if the Water and Sewage charges were added to the District Wide rates.

When this Pipe to Pines scheme was initially proposed it was estimated to be \$3M, now it is estimated at \$4M on a total scheme estimated at \$35M. It was expected to be completed by 30 June 2024 the date the ecan consent extension expires.

Why is the Upper Selwyn Huts being made to pay anything towards this scheme?

When will the pipe line to the Upper Selwyn Huts.

If we refuse to sign the Deed of Licence or pay for the 30% of the \$2M loan or the suggested bond, then we will be evicted, this is unacceptable for all families who call this place their home and you are not offering any compensation.

On 19/04/2024 2:33 pm, Selwyn Huts <huts@selwyn.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Graham,

Thank you for your email. Council has reviewed this issue on several occasions and decided that it is not appropriate for the Upper Selwyn Huts to be part of the district-wide rates for water and sewage. As the Huts were never intended for full-time residence, it would not have made sense to have rated huts for these services when they were only occupied for a limited number of days each year. This historical precedence continued once the 365 day a year occupation was permitted.

Thanks, Tim

Hi Tim

I am not impressed by this historic reply. The reason for not being included I believe is due to it being administered by a board and committee for 114 years and the associated cost came from license fees.

Forward on to 2011 when the SDC took over administration that would have been the time to reassess the rates and include the water and waste within the District Wide Rates

Your reply as to non-permanent residents has got nothing to do with the reasons for excluding the USH. That was the case until 2015 when the DOL indicates that all dwellings are classed as permanent.

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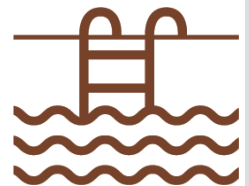
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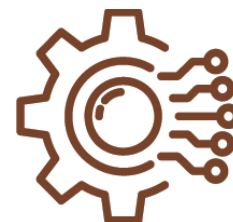


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Upper Selwyn Huts Historical Status

It is time for the SDC to treat our settlement with the respect it is due. Instead of spending our money and effort on trying to evict us, it would be more beneficial to look at protecting us.

The Upper Selwyn Huts are part of the Jewel in the Canterbury Crown and it needs to be preserved. With reference to the time-line attached this settlement has historical status being established in 1888. There are huts that have been in one family for over 100 years. There has recently been one hut that it has been established was used to accommodate shearers as it was drawn by horses to many farms. This hut has been restored to its original formate.

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Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$143,000

Estimated impact on rates:


Included in our current rates

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Selwyn Huts Time Line

Upper Selwyn Huts Time Line

1888	W.H. Spackman (barrister, solicitor, Chairman Cauty . Angling Society)
14 Jun 1889	W.H. Spackman wrote Commissioner of Crown Lands seeking the lease of 20 acres of Reserve 959
28 Feb 1890	Commissioner of Crown Lands wrote the area was under lease until 28 Feb 1890
1890	8 small huts on the reserve
22 Mar 1895	Reserve 3048 was gazetted as a public recreation ground to be known as “Lake Ellesmere Recreation Ground” 5 acres set aside as fishing settlement, 15 acres becoming public domain. Repeated applications during 1895 led to the land being brought under the Public Domain Act. Giving the Commissioner the power to lease sections within it, and this came into effect in Feb 1896.
Feb 1896	
12 Apr 1897	The Lake Ellesmere Domain Board was constituted. 3x Cauty Acclimatisation Society, 3x Selwyn District Councillors. Its name changed to Springston South Domain Board.
1897	An occupation of 20 shillings per annum and the first bylaws governing the settlement adopted
1897	Saw planting & fencing of the 5 acre portion of the fishing reserve authorised, with the planting belt approved in 1903
Feb 1906	A form of licence was adopted
Dec 1907	60 residents petitioned the board to lay down a Tennis Court. The Acclimatisation Society pegged out in 1913, 1916 (sections 81-88) and 1919
Dec 1910	Tennis Courts
26 Oct 1911	Tennis Courts officially opened, with netting around courts and building used for visitors and storage.
1912	Domain used for sports gatherings, a meeting held in the Springston South School resulted in a decision to hold a sports meeting on New Year 's Day
1915	Well sunk in area of tennis court sunk to depth of 221 feet
1920	Power installed
1922	Tennis Courts new asphalt
Mar 1927	Community Septic Tank installed, driven by the Health Dept. Scheme approved by Dec 1926 at the cost of 1537 pounds and reticulation mains including 5 public conveniences (at extra cost) was accepted in March 1927
Jun 1927	The Springston South Hut Owners Assoc. chairman H. W. Heslop appeared in the board minutes with the names of S.F. Barnett (hut owners) & C.NC. Powell (resident of the district) was added to the Board.
Sept 1927	Tender accepted to install 1500 gallon reinforced concrete tank.
1931	W. Stewart the Commissioner of Crown Land pushed for a new row of hut sites on part of horse paddock.
1932	Septic Tank extended .
1967	Water reticulation system totally ungraded with provision for new piping.

1983	Meeting held with the Ellesmere County & Catchment Board to discuss continued use of Septic Tank.
Late 1980's	Septic tank replaced by a boarder dike system with consent granted until 2020 .
1984	Lands & Survey Dept. offered the fishing reserve to the Ellesmere District Council, but the offer was not taken up .
31 Mar 1990	The old Springston South Domain Board was renamed Springston South Reserve Management Committee.
28 Jun 2011	Notification of discharge of the Springston South Reserve Management Committee by the Selwyn District Council, because of issues of governance. <i>That pursuant to the powers set out in Clause 30 (5) (a) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council discharge Springston South Reserve Management Committee with immediate effect. Further to this, all governance and operational responsibilities associated with the management of the Springston South Reserve shall revert to the Selwyn District Council for the time being.</i>
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23 Jan 2018	Selwyn Huts Association committee elected at a Special Meeting held at the Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall.
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26 Feb 2018	Mail reply from D. Hasson declining a meeting.
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August 2018	T. von Pein Report presented to Council
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23 Jan 2018	Hut Owners Committee requested a meeting with Council on the Future of the Upper Selwyn Huts .
13 Feb 2018	Presentation made to full Council requesting action
8 April 2019	Meeting of all Hut Owners
4 May 2019	Letter sent to all Hut Owners advising a general meeting for 8 May
8 May 2019	Meeting of all Hut Owners selected 3 representatives to meet with sub committee
14 Sept 2019	Meeting to advise all Hut Owners of the resolution passed at the Council meeting 25 Aug

21 June 2023	Drop in session to discuss Deed of Licence, USH Wastewater Pipeline Update, Stormwater , Hard Surface Car parking, Hut Licence Fees/Charges, Vehicles Boats Trailers, Vehicles parked on Stopbank												
26 July 2023	21 June Drop-in Session follow up (letter to Hut Owners)												
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Details of submitter No: 1214 - Nicholas Kirk

Submitter:	Nicholas Kirk
Organisation:	Waihora Ellesmere Trust



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024

First name: Nicholas **Last name:** Kirk

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Organisation: Waihora Ellesmere Trust

Preferred method of contact Postal

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

☒ Yes

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Waihora Ellesmere Trust - LTP Submission

The Waihora Ellesmere Trust (WET) is a volunteer-led community-driven organisation committed to enhancing the health and biodiversity of Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere and its surrounding catchment area. Established in 2003, our enduring vision is to cultivate a balanced environment that supports diverse uses while preserving the area's unique flora, fauna, and cultural heritage. To achieve this, WET engages in various conservation activities aimed at nurturing the lake's ecosystem, promoting cultural and historical awareness, and providing opportunities for Selwyn District residents to actively engage with and learn about the lake. Supported by the Selwyn District Council's Strategic Community Partnership Fund, WET has been able to serve as a strategic partner in advancing the Council's objectives of enhancing environmental, social, and cultural well-being. Through this partnership, WET has undertaken several impactful initiatives, including:

- Employing a dedicated project manager to spearhead the development of the Te Waihora Lakeside Trail, aligning with the Council's proposal for Rural Walking and Cycling Improvements. Since July 2023 the WET Project Manager has worked in collaboration with Selwyn District Council consultants to populate and accelerate the Te Waihora Lakeside Trail feasibility assessment.
- Hosting biennial Living Lake Symposia, offering residents opportunities to learn about ecological restoration efforts, lake chemistry (pollution levels), and biodiversity updates.
- Contributing to annual bird counts in Te Waihora to gather crucial data for conservation decision-making, particularly focusing on vulnerable species like the Australasian Bittern.
- Collaborating on trapping initiatives in Yarrs Flat, promoting biodiversity conservation in partnership with the Selwyn District Council, the Department of Conservation, and other stakeholders.
- Organising seminars on various catchment-related topics to facilitate community engagement and education, both at public venues and during our Annual General Meetings.
- Actively participating in forums like Whakakohanga Kōrero, aimed at fostering collaboration among stakeholders interested in Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere's well-being.

WET's work programme also aligns closely with goals articulated in Selwyn District Council's biodiversity strategy. Our activities – such as the annual bird count - help identify the state of indigenous biodiversity within the region, and we help support actions by landowners and the community, such as trapping, which support indigenous biodiversity and enhance public awareness of our natural environment. WET's objectives resonate with the desires of Selwyn residents for a more sustainable community, preserving our environment, fostering connectivity, protecting water resources, and providing access to green spaces.

We urge the Selwyn District Council to sustain current funding for WET through the Strategic Community Partnership Fund to enable us to sustain our vital activities. If possible, we request an increase in funding given inflationary pressures. We argue this money is a sensible investment as funding WET to conduct our activities will be cheaper than contracting consultants or professional organisations. We support the Long Term Plan consultation document's proposal regarding "Rural Walking and Cycling Improvements"; in particular, the aim to construct a new trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere connecting to the Little River Rail Trail. Funding provided to WET through the Strategic Community Partnership Fund will facilitate the ongoing employment of a project manager – who we have spent \$60,000 to date to employ - to advance the construction of the Te Waihora Lakeside Trail, seek capital funding opportunities, and liaise with key partners. This investment will not only enrich our community's well-being but also contribute to the realization of our shared vision for a vibrant and sustainable Selwyn District.

Dr Nicholas Kirk – Chair Waihora Ellesmere Trust.

Details of submitter No: 1018 - Susan Rogers**Submitter:**

Susan Rogers



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024

First name: Susan **Last name:** Rogers

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Preferred method of contact Email

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$14.41

Years 4–10: \$39.83

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by [clicking here](#).

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I wish to speak to my submission at a Council meeting

1. Historical value

The Mayor says in the Long Term Plan that "we're focussed on looking after what we already have" - how about you look after us!

An 1881 plan shows the reserve on which the huts would come to be established was in existence and by the 1890's at the latest there were huts established there, mainly for fishing and hunting. Given this pre-1900 date, the huts are an archaeological site under the Heritage Pouhere Taonga New Zealand Act. There is a long historic and cultural association with the huts and community over the three centuries of occupation. The Reserve is Crown Land, administered by the Selwyn District Council. In 2015 the purpose was changed (by the Department Conservation) from recreation reserve to Local Purpose – Hut Settlement. On 8 May 2019, the Council unanimously determined that 'Hut licences and subsequent renewals are short term and ultimately for a finite period'. At its 13 March 2024 meeting Council resolved to accept option 2 (of 4 options) and offered Residents a final 15 year term for occupation of their huts.

We need this historical significance be recognised and for the Selwyn Huts to be listed as an historical site on the District Plan and for the term for us being here to be extended to protect this history.

District wide rates

(a) We will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston who pay DWR and we have previously paid for our sewer ourselves and a subsequent upgrade, the requirement we were told for being put on DWR.

(b) We have already paid for the water upgrade.

(c) We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district.

(d) We already pay DWR for Recreation Reserve Rate; General Purpose Rate; Library Charge; Community Centre Rate; Uniform Annual General Rate; Water Race (Amenity) Rate; Area Board; Swimming Pools; Canterbury Museum Levy; and Land Drainage. We should also be added to the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.

(e) Towards25 LTP Document stated:

"The Council is proposing to introduce a new way of funding water and wastewater, community centres/halls and recreation reserves. These services are currently funded through targeted rates and the Council is proposing to meet the costs of these services by introducing standard district-wide rates. Underpinning this proposal is the view that Selwyn should be seen as one integrated district, rather than simply a series of detached townships. The Council acknowledges that where residents across the district receive a similar level of service for key infrastructure, the cost to residents should also be consistent. In the case of water and wastewater this proposal will also help keep these services affordable for smaller communities."

This document also has USH specifically listed in the "Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates" table.

From this we conclude there was a clear intention to include USH in the DWR for sewer and water. This is even more

relevant now we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston.

(f) Buddle Findlay's Legal Opinion dated 04/03/2019 states "We note that the Council has recently tended to move to a model where the costs of provision of network infrastructure (such as waste water infrastructure) are spread across the district (ie under district wide targeted rates). It would go against the trend for the Council now to look to recover the greater costs of continuing to provide water services to the [Upper Selwyn] Huts solely from that community."

(g) Council has already agreed to fund 70% of the sewer upgrade, indicating the district is prepared to pay towards USH sewer upgrade. There is no good reason why the Council couldn't find the full amount. This was proposed in 4.12.4 of the "Upper Sekwyn Huts Future Occupancy Strategy" report dated 04/03/2024.

(h) The cost and operational charges for the pipeline continue to change so being on the DWR would give the community certainty. It would also mean that if people choose to leave the settlement early the cost will not increase for the remaining owners.

(i) Additionally we also request that our reticulation system be replaced by SDC as they have been responsible for this since 1989 and have had ample time to replace this.

Given the reasons above there is no reason why USH Can not be put on the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 1166 - Maria Carter

Submitter:

Maria Carter



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024

First name: Maria **Last name:** Carter

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Preferred method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$7.06

Years 4–10: \$19.52

Funding:

Rates: 49%

NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:

Year 3: \$7.07 million (minus \$1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is \$5.97 million)

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$11.67

Funding:

Rates: 57%

Development contributions: 43% *

Our
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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require \$1 million in upgrades to keep open, or \$290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted \$9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



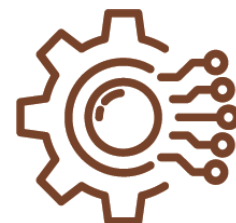
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted \$1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

Projected 8.5% increase per annum over a 10 year period is necessary but tough on residents.

Other comments

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There is an absence of planning for a dedicated performance space for the arts. I believe there had previously been a plan to have an outdoor stage for the town centre but an indoor auditorium/art performance auditorium/theatre is needed in the Selwyn district. Rather than having to travel into Chch - such a space would enhance the community. Te Ara Atea has a community multi space and it's great having the spaces available for workshops/exhibitions/small performances but there are a lack of performance venues in Selwyn district. This connects with the SDC community events funding where often funding applications include staging/technical equipment. The best solution would be to partner with MOE with the new senior secondary campus at Rolleston College/Horoeka Haemata and it's a win win for both sides - 50% 50% spend from both sides. Rolleston has the largest population in Selwyn and being a hub for other community facilities there is a nice synergy. It also makes Selwyn District a destination for other international

acts/performances, rather than being overlooked. We are thinking longterm 10 years and beyond.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$16.01m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$44.22

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

2024/25

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:

Years 1-10: \$3.4m

Estimated impact on rates :

Included in current rates

Funding:

Rates: 71.4%

Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Details of submitter No: 1169 - Victoria Leech

Submitter:	Victoria Leech
Organisation:	Darfield Netball Club



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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024

First name: Victoria **Last name:** Leech

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Organisation: Darfield Netball Club

Preferred method of contact Email

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:

Year 3: \$11.28 million (minus \$1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is \$10.18 million)

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$19.91

Funding:

Rates: 57%

Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have

A two court facility would provide an opportunity for both our club and our Malvern Netball Centre to be able to offer netball formats and competitions in an increased and differing way to what we can with only outdoor courts. We are finding more and

more that due to family, work and other life commitments we are needing to be more and more flexible in what we offer. Currently we are hindered in this. And with multiple, extremely large facilities within a 30 to 60 minute drive, people do head out of our area to play where there are less weather interruptions, eg. the Lincoln and Rolleston indoor facilities and even the newly opened Christchurch indoor courts. To be able to continue to thrive in our sport, we need to be adaptive to the wants and needs of our members to enable us to grow our sport in the local community, being the Darfield township and the wider rural communities.

The design and future ability to add onto an indoor facility in a much later timeframe is so required, is key to a two court facility being successful and well utilised.

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Details of submitter No: 1213 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:

Years 1–3: \$4.2 million

Years 4–10: \$11.6 million

Estimated impact on rates:

Years 1–3: \$7.06

Years 4–10: \$19.52

Funding:

Rates: 49%

NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

A good public transport network is definitely required going forwards but for it to be useful and effective it needs to pick up and drop off near to peoples homes. With the current and proposed urban sprawl that is about to happen in Lincoln it is very doubtful that will be able to happen. If you put a park and ride in at Lincoln and also the ones in Rolleston you are encouraging many cars to do repeated short journeys which is incredibly bad for the lifespan of the car engines, the battery and air pollution. Ideally public transport should be in corridors of medium density housing where people live who are most likely to use it. SDC could change the medium density zoning to apply more specifically to town centre locations where it should be medium density under the new government changes, but the Mayor has already stated that it would not be a preference as it would be 'too hard.' On page 15 of the LTP you talk about Climate Change and the effects beyond the lifespan of the plan, but is SDC really bothered about Climate Change and the environmental effects or is it just 'greenwashing' because it sounds good? You have a 'Climate Change' policy - where does this come into action in this plan?

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

None

Funding:

None

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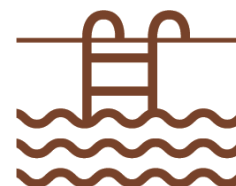
Darfield has a relatively small population compared to Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton. If Malvern is being developed further then the building developers involved should fund facilities. Im sure that this is not what people in darfield will want but with the excessive population growth that has been allowed in Lincoln and Prebbleton these areas should be a priority.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

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The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require \$1 million in upgrades to keep open, or \$290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

It is very sad that small community facilities like this are being closed. Darfield has had a pool upgrade and is not that far away

- however 1 million in the scheme of this budget is not huge and surely the local community would be happy to manage the pool. It is such a good way of developing community and also helping children to learn to swim and be safe around water. The Council have gone down a route of taking responsibility for small community facilities such as parks, small halls, and small pools away from the community - and now it is costing them too much - it would be better to encourage, train and facilitate the community to take responsibility for their own facilities - they will care and appreciate it more than having a central contractor who does not care.

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted \$9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

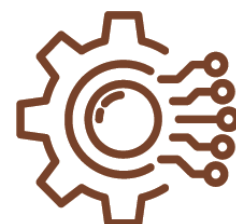
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Any comments?

The Council need to get back to basics. It is interesting to note that with the proposed subdivision in Lincoln we were told by the Council that 'if you build the houses the businesses and infrastructure will come' - but that has been proven to be wrong and now you want to spend more money to put it right? Interesting? I have spoke to many people who feel that the rate of development should be slowed down to allow everything to catch up. Its all very well selling Selwyn as a great place to live but not much use if you are ruining it for the people that live here. There is actually no more space in our education facilities especially at senior school level. The water quality is at breaking point. The roads are at breaking point. We are wrecking the environment faster than it can ever be expected to cope and that doesnt really fulfil a legacy of leaving a better place for the future for our mokopuna does it?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted \$1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

The people that you employ should be adequately skilled and trained to work with digital technologies. This should come as part of the standard employment of the correctly qualified people within the Council.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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I would support any clarification of engagement and financial policies however there is not enough detail here to comment. Having experienced the treatment of rate payers and 'ordinary people' through the PC69 'process' - it was appalling, not transparent and clearly designed to trick and deceive the public, so any improvements would be welcomed - but again these need to be specified. So I would recommend withdrawing both of these policies from the LTP until you can provide clearer consultation with the community.

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

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Strategic Relationships - strengthened partnership with mana whenua. I do support this and it is very important. I would say that listening to the Council meetings it is interesting how much preference and importance is given to the mana whenua representative as opposed to the elected representatives. I can see that going forward this could cause an issue and people to ask questions.

Providing Safe Drinking Water:- This is a huge issue and you have put it in one section at the back of the document where you are 'telling' not 'asking.' It will be 82.6 million to remove the chlorine (+\$231 per year on rates) This is after saying that 96% of respondents listed it as a key priority. You introduced chlorine under the pretence that it was 'temporary.' In fact some people are still waiting and thinking that it will be removed - however it is clear from your document and also listening to your council meetings that there is not going to be and never has been any intent to remove the chlorine. Whether chlorination is right or wrong I do not know - but to put the decision making through such a shoddy process will again increase distrust in the Council. It was also disappointing to listen to Councillors referring to rate payers who are passionately against chlorination as annoying and inferring that they are just crazy and not worth listening to? I feel strongly it should have been put back to the public to say if they wanted to pay the extra to have the chlorine removed or for it to stay and the health and safety risks explained.

Of even bigger concern to me personally - and should be to everyone is the paragraph about 'Considering Low Nitrate Water Sources.' Again hidden in a small paragraph and 'telling' not 'asking' This is such an important public health issue it should be being put out there loudly and urgently. Of course straight away you blame ECan, but this has to be a priority for SDC, ECan and the Government. You say that 5 water sources are already at half the maximum nitrate level allowed currently in NZ for drinking water. NZ use 11.3 mg/l nitrate - nitrogen which is a level that was set in the 1950's to avoid blue baby syndrome. This is out of date and needs urgent action by you. The NZ College of Public Health, Medicine, and Public Health Association states that 100 cases of bowel cancer and 40 deaths per year are related to high nitrate levels along with links to miscarriages/ premature births, thyroid, colorectal, non hodgkins lymphoma, stomach, bladder, ovarian and breast cancers. The New Zealand College of Midwives advises pregnant women should avoid drinking water over 5mg/l nitrate (increases pre term birth chance by 47% which can result in learning difficulties, poor health outcomes for life and costs of approx \$97,000 for that child in health care.) 5 areas are stated as having half the current limit - so presumably around 5.6mg/l nitrate. One of these areas is Darfield and Kirwee from- if I lived there I would not drink the water. To be safe it should be under 1mg/L If we cannot drink our local water it increases plastic pollution exponentially, as well as transportation, storage etc. Areas effected most are usually dairy areas such as we have - nitrate has no taste, no colour, no odour. Synthetic nitrogen fertiliser (added to accelerate grass growth) and intensive dairying are the main issues, but here we also have nitrate leaching from the refuse depot bringing the issue closer than ever to Rolleston. SDC, Ecan and the Govt need to lower the number of cows in Canterbury now. They need to phase out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. The areas around the refuse station need action. So \$5.3 million to 'start looking at this situation over 10 years is clearly not enough, not soon enough and should be given priority over anything else. Without

healthy water you will not have a healthy population. We could maybe stop what is happening and save our water table from contamination before it is too late for all areas (although it is most likely too late as this nitrate could be in the ground 20 -30 years before reaching the water table.). I propose that any funds required for this are moved across now and action is taken urgently, this could avoid the future need to bring water in from further away - presumably the alps so that it is not nitrate contaminated. It would be great to see SDC be brave and take the lead on this rather than blaming everyone else and just taking the consequences of their inaction.

No fluoridation to the water. Looking at the state of childrens teeth here and the costs around adult dental care fluoridation of the water seems like an obvious choice to me. As there is no budget and no intention, but chlorination is continuing, it would be interesting to know the costs of adding fluoridation to the water supply so that people could make an informed choice as maybe people would opt to have it?

Exploring new public transport services at a cost of \$75,000 with Ecan is a good idea.

Roading maintenance and renewals \$82.3 million - this is a huge amount and has not been broken down in the document for people to look at. Having found the break down it does not include anything from what I can see for Springs Road, Birches Road and most of Ellesmere Road. These roads are extremely worn, too narrow, have dangerous stop junctions coming onto them and are not fit for purpose with the current amount of traffic - never mind the future growth of Lincoln. Every week almost there are accidents. Just yesterday there was a near fatal - if not fatal accident at the junction of Ellesmere and Edward Street. Yes people need to drive better, but it is the Councils responsibility (not Waka Kotahi) to make our local roads safe. Stop junctions need flashing light up signs. Road markings need updating. Roads need to be wider and resurfaced. Everyone I have spoken to would be happy for money to moved across to address these issues and these issues are urgent before more people are killed. This is a core Council responsibility and a 'must have' not a 'nice to have.'

Lincoln Town Centre Upgrades - page 49 'planning to 'progressively' up grade Gerald Street from Springs Road intersection to James Street. It was adopted in 2016 'at the time to meet the needs of a growing population.' Original cost was \$21.4 million and is now \$46 million - how much will it be by the time it actually gets completed? Has this work taken into account of the fact that Lincoln is about to again drastically increase and virtually double in size? The town plan as it stands would be great - and better than nothing. A better option would be 4 way traffic lights at the end of William Street as this would allow traffic from both William Street and Robert Street to turn onto Gerald Street, as well as allowing pedestrians to cross safely in all directions. The cycle path cost could be reduced by having a two way cycle path on one side rather than a path on both sides. The diagonal parks cause chaos and should be removed as cars reversing out along with cars coming out of the side roads and big 4 wheel drive cars blocking the views. Traffic needs to urgently be slowed down as the current pedestrian crossings will result in a fatality soon. Children and young people are not safe - cars do not slow down or stop. Kids on scooters and bikes appear on the crossings without giving drivers a chance to see them. Every week there are near misses and many people have expressed their concern about the lack of safety for children going to school.

Te Waihora Lakeside Trail 5 Million and Waikirikiri Alpine to Sea Trail Stage 1- 10 million and stage 2 - 12 million! these costs are not including inflation - this is the cost now so presumably by the time they are carried out they could be as much as double that as has happened with the Lincoln Town Centre? This is \$27 million of work that shouldn't be done. It does mention getting other sources of funding and this should be done. It is not for rate payers to be paying for such projects in the current climate and it should have been more clearly talked about in the LTP as most will not be aware of this cost - again not transparent and will increase distrust of the Council and its processes.

Compulsory Organics - kerbside collection is brilliant. Kerbside recycling of all types of plastic would be great to do as well, when it is possible to do so.

Please do increase development contributions substantially - this is vital and should have been done before now.

A new Prebbleton Community Facility is definitely needed now that the population has increased so much.

A military museum at Burnham is a huge expense that will not be funded by entrance fees - this is the kind of project that is a 'nice to have' but definitely should not be looked at or funded by rate payers in the current climate.

Community Reserve Boundary Rd 2024 - 2029 should be done with some urgency due to population growth.

Kakaha Park Stage 2 2024 - 2026 is not urgent and could be delayed indefinitely as not currently required.

Selwyn Huts - even though this decision has been made I feel they should be kept as part of Selwyns history and heritage. Batch settlements like this one at Selwyn Huts are unique and iconic to New Zealand and if SDC were serious about its Heritage Strategy they would actually start doing things that illustrate this. In the recent District plan there were no heritage protection actions taken. In fact the opposite was documented. It is amazing to uphold the tangata whenua history but the reality is that places such as Lincoln have a strong and still important colonial history and this should be maintained as well. Lincoln has its roots as an agricultural town and this should be celebrated. Maintaining our valuable highly productive land should have been and should be in the future a high priority as it cannot be replaced once lost. We need to maintain the food security of the community for the future - especially in the face of climate change.

The 'district park' Rolleston is not required and should be delayed until it can be paid for, it is a 'nice to have' not a 'need to have.'

Nowhere in your documents do you discuss 'tree cover.' this is vital for a healthy, liveable environment and has been sadly lacking in any SDC decisions as illustrated by Rolleston which is devoid of large trees and natural habitats for birds and other wildlife. Tree Cover protection should be included in all future plans urgently - including not removing existing trees and making developers add trees and green spaces to developments. Rolleston is a dismal desert of concrete and is lacking in all things 'environmental' - please do not let this happen to other Selwyn neighbourhoods.

\$3 million to 'help catch up with road renewals and do emergency work for climate change and extreme weather events' seems extremely inadequate considering the state of the roads that need

upgrading and the likelihood of extreme weather events.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:

Year 1: \$3.05m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$10.46

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

This is my preferred option but I do not know what the people of Leeston would want? Im sure everyone would say that they want facilities improved in their own area but the reality is that you have no money. Borrowing increase as on Page 57 from \$155 million to \$634 million seems a huge amount. It goes on to say that 'much of the borrowing will be funded by development contributions from land developers and lease income from Council commercial properties' - but I find that hard to believe, as developers have not yet funded very much at all, and supply minimal infrastructure in and around subdivisions which will eventually become the Councils problem to maintain and repair (costing you more) The rates increases that you are proposing are high and possibly managable at the moment for most but then you forcast the increases just stop - again I'm not a finance person but I find it hard to believe that rates will then just stop increasing - when there is so much debt owed?

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:

Years 1-10: \$3.4m

Estimated impact on rates :

Included in current rates

Funding:

Rates: 71.4%

Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Please add any comments you may have

I imagine that if I lived in Leeston I would prefer the full upgrade option but that is really a 'nice to have' not a 'need to have.' The population of Leeston has not exploded as Lincoln, Prebbleton and Rolleston have and so sadly some things are not going to be possible. It does however need to be safe, hygienic, well lit and fit for purpose so the middle option will achieve this.

Attached Documents

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates:

To be determined

Funding:

To be determined

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Whilst I fully support adequate public transport I think that road safety investment is of higher priority, particularly for Lincoln residents. My rationale is:

1. At present for Lincoln there are adequate parking facilities for the limited number of commuters who use buses. We should note that the town parking areas are planned to be increased substantially with the town centre upgrades (all of which will be within a few minutes walk to the planned park-in-ride facility). The town centre upgrade, including the increased parking areas, traffic lights and safe pedestrian crossings are a higher priority that if completed as scheduled in the LTP would provide adequate capacity for any park and ride demand for at least the next 5 yrs.

2. The main roads from Lincoln are in poor and dangerous condition - Springs, Birches and Ellesmere. These roads all have a very poor surface and dangerous intersections - this has been raised with the council and on the community facebook page a number of times, yet both Springs and Birches Roads do not appear to have any dedicated investment in the LTP for upgrading these key commuter routes.

3. The consultation document makes it clear that there is no immediate and concrete commitment from the Greater Christchurch Partnership on establishment and funding of additional bus services. There is also no commitment from Waka Kotahi to co-fund. It makes sense to delay until the next LTP any investment in Park in ride until those agencies have provided concrete support. As in the above two points, Lincoln in particular has higher immediate priorities for the park in ride funding, and will have adequate parking if the town centre is upgraded to support any increase in demand or provision of bus services.

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Project cost:

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Estimated impact on rates (per year):

None

Funding:

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Whilst I support investment in community recreation facilities, the LTP document doesn't provide enough evidence to prioritize over other urgent needs across the district. The LTP consultation document indicates that Malvern has a number of Community Centres and Halls (page 32) in comparison to other wards, so it is not clear in the information provided that these can't be used or renovated / upgraded to meet the indoor court need. How does this differ from the existing facilities provided by the Darfield Recreation and Community Centre - where is the option to renovate / modify that facility?. Likewise does the high school have a hall that could be used, or co-invested to renovate - this would benefit both the school and the wider community.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

AS stated the District has invested substantially in upgrading the nearby Darfield pool - a number of major towns in the District

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

This should be driven by the Government and private sector. The existing economic development and business growth is high with sufficient momentum - the SDC have a number of urgent community and core SDC functions (e.g. roading, community facilities) that this funding should focused on.

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

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The information provided in page 54 on the changes to the significance and engagement policy is inadequate for anyone to be able to provide meaningful comment - where is the link to the draft policy? There is no information provided on what the actual proposed changes will be. This should be withdrawn from being included in the LTP until it has actually been provided to the community with a chance to read and provide feedback.

I have the same concerns and comment on the changes to financial policies - how can you ask for our feedback when no information on the specific changes is provided? For example revising the capped rate uplift and revising the SDC rating structure and adding a provision for a annual CPI

uplift appear to be major changes with potentially significant impact on ratepayers - but 1 sentence with no detail on the specific changes is not adequate information. As above, this should be withdrawn from being included in the LTP until it has actually been provided to the community with a chance to read and provide feedback.

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1. I support strengthening partnerships with mana whenua.
2. The options for removing chlorination in water supplies should have been put out to community consultation - this is a major issue for each community so ratepayers do have a right to have a say, particularly when the council is back tracking on previous public commitments / statements that chlorination was only a temporary measure. Each community should have the choice on what level of service they are willing to pay for - e.g. let a community vote on whether they want a township specific targeted rate increase to pay for chlorination removal.
3. I strongly support increased investment in maintenance and renewal of transport infrastructure, but am disappointed that the LTP consultation document provides very little information on such a significant issue for residents. The LTP should be upfront and clear to ratepayers that these are the roads / intersections that will be improved through this LTP, particularly over the next 3 year period. The poor state of a number of high-use roads is one of the major concerns that are constantly raised, so I am somewhat gob-smacked why SDC has not come out in the LTP with a clear and well specified plan of action.
4. I strongly support increased investment in the Lincoln town Centre upgrades. This has been committed to completion in a number of previous LTP's, but keeps getting bumped for prioritization of investment elsewhere (presumably Rolleston upgrades). Further delay and lack on investment in Lincoln is not acceptable.
5. I do feel though that some investment in Lincoln could be better scheduled - particularly the Park'n'ride and Meijer Drive extension should be better thought through and should be delayed until later years (i.e. beyond the next 3 years). This would free up \$7.5M in the next 3 years that could be better used to improve community facilities and safety within the township, e.g. i) the Gerald Street and Birches Road intersection traffic lights could be brought forward to the next 3 years, rather than 2029/30; ii) Traffic lights should be installed in the centre of the village at Gerald / William / Maurice Street intersection. This is already a high use car and pedestrian intersection (more than West-Belt/Gerald) that will only increase substantially if the proposed large carparks are built behind the town centre and the Lincoln events Centre sports fields are extended. Traffic lights at Gerald / William / Maurice Street intersection would also mean a safer pedestrian crossing for the many school children who use the town center to cross Gerald Street (both pedestrian crossings could then also be removed outside the Grouse and the Cottage cafe); iii) Improving the road safety

outside Lincoln Primary on Birches and North Belt is also a much higher priority in the next 3 years than the Park and Ride and Meijer Drive extension; iv) I struggle to see the reason why Meijer Drive needs to be extended all the way through to Boundary Road - I fully support the planned extension of the sports grounds, but this doesn't need to have road straight through it, that without proper speed calming measures will most likely be ideal for boy-racer's as at night-time it will be a large empty area. This would also put more traffic pressure on the Springs / Boundary Rd intersection which is already a crash hotspot.

6. I strongly support the upgrade to Ellesmere Road, but argue that the Ellesmere / Lincoln-Tai Tapu intersection upgrade should be brought forward from 2027/28. This intersection is clearly getting more and more dangerous. It has been in poor condition for a number of years and has ever increasing traffic use.

7. I can't see any clear plans to upgrade both Springs and Birches Roads between Lincoln and Prebbleton. Both are increasingly dangerous, with very poor areas of road surface, intersection crashes and already high commuter use. I am gob-smacked that it appears SDC continues to ignore the many concerns raised by residents - but this seems a glaring hole in the LTP (I hope I am wrong here, but cannot see any mention in LTP documents)

8. The \$24 million indicated for the Arthurs Pass to the sea cycleway is beyond what ratepayers can afford and is not a priority, considering all of the other urgent issues in core infrastructure functions that we are struggling to pay for, even with the very high rate increases in coming years. The same could be argued for the \$8.5 million indicated for Te Waihora Lakeside trail. There are already a number of walking and cycling options available for residents across Selwyn and Christchurch areas, that are easy to access and have sufficient capacity and diversity of environments for residents to enjoy (I have used them and there are still a number I haven't had time to explore yet).

9. I strongly support increasing development contributions for community infrastructure. It is clear with the very large rate increases that the current costs of new residential and commercial expansion is too high and existing ratepayers are having to pick-up a substantial bill. This needs to be better balanced, existing ratepayers can not keep subsidising the community facility and infrastructure demands of more and more greenfield urban expansion.

10. I do not support spending \$3.7M on upgrading the Rolleston SDC offices - there is no strong justification provided, and many other urgent community and infrastructure issues such as roading that need to be prioritised.

11. I support planning for improved community centres in Prebbleton and Rolleston.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:

Year 1: 15.21m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$42.01

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

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Please add any comments you may have

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Project cost:

Years 1-10: \$3.4m

Estimated impact on rates :

Included in current rates

Funding:

Rates: 71.4%

Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Details of submitter No: 694 - Simon Dakers**Submitter:**

Simon Dakers

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 26/04/2024

First name: Simon **Last name:** Dakers

☐ Withhold my details

Preferred method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates:

To be determined

Funding:

To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:

Year 3: \$7.07 million (minus \$1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is \$5.97 million)

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$11.67

Funding:

Rates: 57%

Development contributions: 43% *

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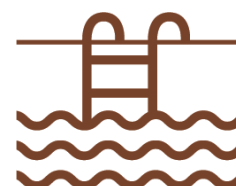
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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require \$1 million in upgrades to keep open, or \$290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted \$9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



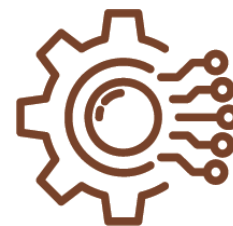
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted \$1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by [clicking here](#).

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I would like to propose that we open the Cemetery Pit between Leeston and Southbridge. I would like to develop the Cemetery Pit into a dirt jump / mountain bike area. I am a teacher at Southbridge School and when we put in a small and inexpensive track bike track we saw bike skills improve, an increase in physical activity, children challenging themselves on the jumps, and increased interest in mountain biking. I am also the father of a very keen 14 year old son. Him and his friends have been looking for places to build jumps around Southbridge without much luck. They find it hard to entertain themselves around Southbridge and often end up playing video games when they would much rather be outside jumping their bikes.

The Cemetery Pit sits half way between Leeston and Southbridge so it would be a great resource for both towns. It is also an easily bikable distance from both towns. It would be a very cheap project. All we would need to get started are piles of dirt and a digger to put in the dirt jumps. There are many people around our community that have these things and would happily help with this project. They would be progressive jumps meaning that there would be smaller jumps for beginners moving all the way up to expert jumps. Once these were in I would like to make a mountain bike track through the trees. This facility would be suitable for all ages.

This area would then provide something for our younger children to do. It would connect them to nature and provide excellent physical activity. It would help them push themselves out of their comfort zone and in turn would support their mental health. It would give them a sense of community and responsibility as they look after the facility. It would give them something to be proud of.

I have talked to Shane Epiha about this project and he fully supports opening the Cemetery Pit and then developing it into a recreational area.

Thanks for considering this,

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$16.01m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$44.22

Funding:

Rates: 80.5%

Development contributions: 19.5% *

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Details of submitter No: 1422 - Matt Legg

Submitter:	Matt Legg
Organisation:	Coes Ford Concerned Residents Group

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 30/04/2024**First name:** Matt **Last name:** Legg☐ Withhold my details**Organisation:** Coes Ford Concerned

Residents Group

Preferred method of contact Email**Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?**☒ Yes☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

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	FLOOD PROTECTION SUBMISSION SDC 30.4.24 (Coes Ford Concerned Residents)
	Coes Ford - Appendix 30.04.24 1

FLOOD PROTECTION

Submitted on behalf of The Coes Ford Concerned Resident's Group

Total residents the are part of the group: 16

We as a group are submitting to the SDC Long-Term Plan as we are increasingly concerned about the current management of the Selwyn River, particularly the Coes Ford Reserve. We are already paying rates that should go partly towards the elimination of the following concerns.

Our concerns have been raised with both SDC and ECAN multiple times in the past and not addressed.

As residents, we pay rates for SDC and ECAN. Included are:

SDC

- Recreation and Reserve maintenance
- Water race maintenance
- Land Drainage

ECAN

- Drainage. Class A Works and Service
- Uniform General Charge
- Fresh Water Management

As such we already pay for reserve maintenance, flood protection, and land drainage.

Although some may state it is our choice to live near a river, the council allowed these properties to be subdivided to include a dwelling - and has been collecting rates which include that for flood protection. Therefore, there is a duty of care to the residents – particularly since the issues we raise are due to maintenance and current management of the waterway.

Local residents have noted that the flooding is getting worse – however it is believed that this isn't due to extra water, but a change in the condition of the riverbed.

In 2004 you could see from one side of the river to the other. In the 60 years of the flood banks being up, the Legg's property had never flooded (from local feedback). Now, in the last 8 years the property has flooded twice. In July 2023 when the water came over the last time (286 cumecs), the Legg's property would have flooded again had it not been for the fact they had lifted their dwelling in 2021.

In the last 15 years, there has been quite a lot of change in the riverbed – causing out of river flows. The shingle coming from downstream is a well know issue, but a bigger issue is the extensive planting of low growing, bushy shrubs in mass plantings.

One local noted that trees were planted in the river in wrong places. The floods have proven that natives planted in Coes Ford had the effect of not allowing the river to flow and backing water up until it comes over the banks. Any plantings should be planted with the flow of the river not across it.

Another ongoing issue is the lack of working together (SDC and ECAN) – a constant theme is one blames the other and vice versa. It's impossible to get questions answered, and neither will commit to a plan to stop or mitigate flooding.

SUBMISSION

Members of our group have highlighted and discussed these at length during various meetings with ECAN/SDC representatives and via correspondence. However, again we will restate the main points:

PLANTING IN AND NEAR RIVERBEDS

Existing planting approx. 2010 – 2024 in and around Coes Ford (including campgrounds)

A group "Evergreen" commenced planting in Coes Ford and surrounds with SDC knowledge (signs placed in these areas have SDC logo). In times of flood these plantings are blocking the natural river flow and speed (as witnessed by residents). It appears that as the years pass, the flooding is getting worse as the planting thickens and more is added.

PHOTOS – please see attached PDF with photos of the riverbed and the change in planting over the last 35 years.

Unfortunately, although native species are valuable to New Zealanders, it is important to consider the following when planting in and near riverbeds:

Species (thick and shrubby blocks, restricts and diverts water flow)

Spacing between planting (allowing for maturity and ensuring growth does not block/restrict/divert water flow)

Maintenance (thinning, pruning and removal of species that have died is required ensuring growth does not block/restrict/divert water flow)

Modelling ECAN modelling of any proposed planting should be required.

Traffic management needs to be considered, as some of the roading corners are either planted or overgrown, reducing visibility of oncoming traffic.

NOTE: The Selwyn River (Chamberlains Ford) bridge on Leeston Road was weakened by the 2021 flood due to planting diverting water in the wrong direction (Stu Hastings – Farmer) - there was no other viable option available for quite some time.

There is ongoing planting regularly occurring. Who is doing this and what controls/oversight are ECAN and SDC putting on this? First and foremost, it is a riverbed, not a campground. River flow should always be considered when planting projects, maintenance are being undertaken.

Sylvia from ECAN has met with us on more than one occasion. Sylvia has noted the problem and took photos.

SOLUTION

- Do not plant in riverbeds
- Current plantings require removal (or tinning if this is impossible) ensuring growth does not block/restrict/divert water flow. Our group is prepared to do some of this work.
- If a group is allowed to plant near a riverbed (taking into consideration location, species for planting etc.), they must be responsible for and maintain the area.
- A policy needs to be in place or set up that should include the following points
 - Which plants can be planted where
 - Spacing
 - Maintenance intervals
 - This policy needs to be followed by all departments from ECAN and SDC

FLOOD BANK REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Earthquake Damage

The flood bank behind the Barclay and Hutcheon properties has a significant drop (100 mm) since the Christchurch earthquakes that has never had any work to remediate it. This was confirmed and recognized as an issue by Ian Heslop who was the ECAN River Engineer. Video footage is held of the flood bank breach during flooding. We would consider this a priority before the introduction of a wetland with the potential to cause more significant flooding. Why has this maintenance of Silver Stream, Coes Ford and the surrounding stop banks not been prioritised above something that is considered a 'nice to have'? Perhaps we should stick to the basics first?

SOLUTION

- ECAN/SDC Raise the flood bank where it has dropped.
- Finish the Flood Bank from Clive MacIntosh's to Selwyn Bridge now that water cannot get through due to planting slowing the water down and pushing it out the sides of the river.

SDC/ECAN COLLABORATION

The group would like to see better collaboration between SDC and ECAN. If they could combine their efforts and work jointly there would be less duplication. Internal departments in ECAN/SDC appear to be compartmentalised and protecting their own patch rather than working together as one.

Example: Wetlands Project willow removal along Silverstream. Waited too long to burn, so it was damp and did not remove, flooding then resulted in clogging of Silverstream with part

burnt and unburnt willow debris. When advised, the comment was “It’s not ideal” after asking about cleanout ...”not my funding area”. The mess has not been cleaned up. Imagine if a landowner had caused such a mess. Note that willows uprooted and in the middle of the riverbed were never cleaned up from the 2017 flood. These will be slowing the flow and should have been removed long ago as a priority.

Various members of the group have had numerous meetings/correspondence with ECAN and do not feel as though we are being listened to and heard.

SOLUTION

- ECAN and SDC to collaborate more so both parties are aware of each other’s activities and implications to each.

CURRENT RIVERBED MANAGEMENT

The river is supposed to take 450-500 cumecs yet it has breached and gone over at approx. 286 cumecs at Coes Ford (16 & 21 Goulds Road affected).

- The riverbed at Coes Ford narrows and is a natural funnel, where the stop banks come together - hence it cannot be blocked with planting.
- Other streams and tributaries contribute to the flow and flooding of Coes Ford.
- Gravel comes down the river naturally and requires regular cleaning out to ensure the river stays in its own channel. Further, it requires removal in the narrow portion of the flood banks coming into Coes Ford. The last 3 removals of gravel have made Coes Ford water much cleaner and fish and eels have been seen since. Further, continued removal of gravel build-up ensures that the Ford is less likely to flood and access to and from the District is more evenly distributed.
- Plant effective non-invasive plants and willows that allow water to go through
- Willows in the Coes Ford area have been drilled and poisoned as advised by Keely Gwatkin Reserves Officer of SDC, however the plan is to let them rot in situ.
- Clearance plans should be required for poisoned/dead/cleared material. There should be no clearing without a disposal plan due to the mass damage caused by it when it floods
- Manage the river as one, not by catchment. There has been work done upstream and it must be remembered that doing this will influence those of us down stream. Dunsandel had work done to stop water flooding/overflowing where there was a natural overflow to stop a farmer flooding (as advised by Verity ECAN River Engineer). Obviously taking out this natural overflow ensures that more water comes to us and we are clogged with planting in the smallest part of the river.

SOLUTION

- Manage the river as one not by catchment

- Do not clog the riverbed with planting
- Only allow planting that will not block/restrict/divert water flow
- Regularly remove gravel
- Ensure any planned work done upstream does not have negative effects downstream
- Remove the poisoned willows as they will further clog the riverbed and cause more flooding

PROPOSED WETLANDS



We view the proposed wetland by SDC/ECAN with some trepidation having been affected by flooding. We are also concerned with weather pattern/climate change and being told repeatedly flooding will get worse.

We are concerned at the cost (paid by Ratepayers like ourselves) and implications only to have next flood wash it away. We would prefer money on flood protection in the first instance, then look at a wetland, which may increase the flood risk. The land has already been purchased; therefore, it is highly likely this will go ahead rather than not. It appears that we have been presented with a fait accompli. Judging by the 2021 flood and what was moved by the force of the water e.g. concrete toilet blocks at Coes Ford, those expensive walkways will all disappear.

- The land purchased by SDC was grazed and maintained. Now, it is getting full of weeds, scrub, and brush.
- What flood assessments have been done for the properties located opposite and below proposed wetlands?
- Walkways or any infrastructure would need to survive floods, however; there is a concern that these too will slow the river and are potential causes of flooding.
- Should the wetland increase flooding, who is going to foot the bill to the local landowners when they have made you aware of their concerns and you have progressed anyway?

Although this is a nice idea, it is suggested that you come when the river is in full flood as the idea of planting a wetland on a river bed that floods like the Selwyn does, is clearly not ideal.

- The ECAN website states the working group includes local landowners. It does not. The group was selected and there is no land owner that has this wetland behind their property on the group. The one landowner representative in fact had a lease on the land purchased by the council and lives a distance from the proposed wetlands. There is no local landowner on the Northern and East of the proposed wetland on the Coes Ford side of the working group. We asked to have a representative included that was located closer and this was disallowed. Further, the ECAN website states *"A separate meeting was also held earlier this year to hear from landowners who were concerned the project could heighten the risk of flooding."* *"The designers - along with river engineers, were able to hear any concerns that needed to be taken into account, and allay people's fears."* Let us advise you that our fears have **not** been alleviated.

SOLUTION

Do not consider or build a wetland until the river and surrounds have been resolved and the river is flowing freely.

OUR SUMMARY

The flow of the river is being compromised by planting/shingle building up and other debris. This is causing major damage regularly with flooding. Stop banks being maintained and completed would be helpful to reduce out of reiver flows.

***Photos are attached showing the change in the riverbed over the last 35 years.**

Contacts on behalf of The Coes Ford Concerned Resident's Group:

Matt Legg 027 6658311

Chloe Legg 0274277611

Coes Ford issue map

Red – indicates stock bank locations, which shape as a funnel

White – not maintained (mowed) area

Yellow - overgrown river sides, which didn't exist or were really minor before 2000

2nd from left hand side is parallel to Silverstream and nearly crosses the riverbed with shrubs

Purple – Recreation Reserve re-established by Selwyn Council and supporting groups in the early 2010's

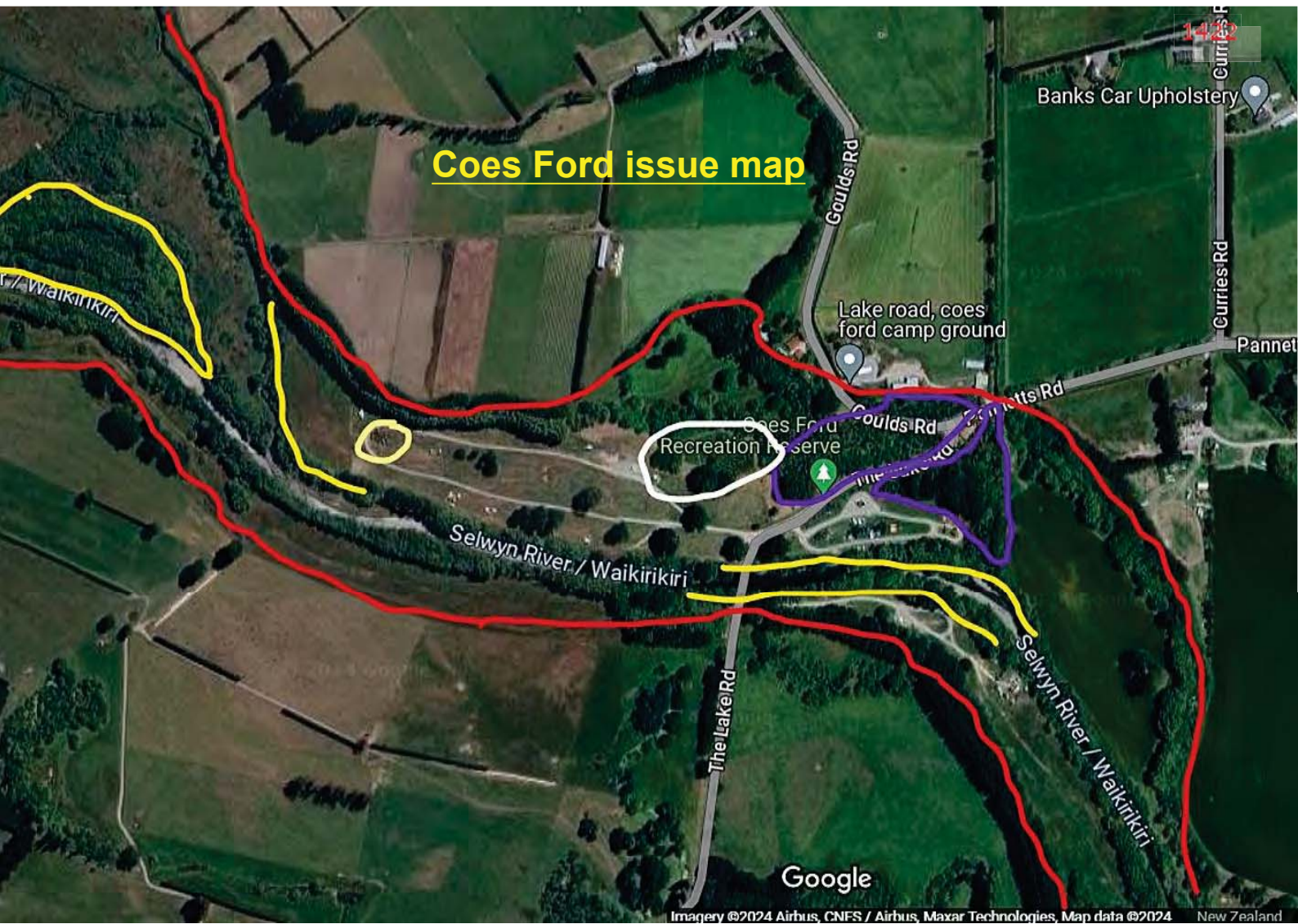
These are blocking the river flow during flood! High dense planted area

Light Yellow – few years old new planted shrubs in the riverbed

Flood Picture (from canterbury map) should underline the plating of historical picture from a different perspective.

Historical pictures (from canterbury map)

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| 1980-1984 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – light planting along Silverstream – Nearly no plants or trees on the Selwyn river bank – High grown trees in the river bed areas (today campground & reserves) |
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| 1995-1999 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – as before still really light planting |
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| Latest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – please look at google screenshot with colour markings |





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811 Selwyn River at Coes Ford (west)

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503 Selwyn River upstream of Coes Ford (Southeast)

28/07/1994

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507 Selwyn River unstream of Coes Ford (West)

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20/08/2000



210 Selwyn River at Coes Road (south)

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Coes Ford - 1980-1984

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Coes Ford - 1995-1999

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Coes Ford - latest

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**This is as it should! High trees and
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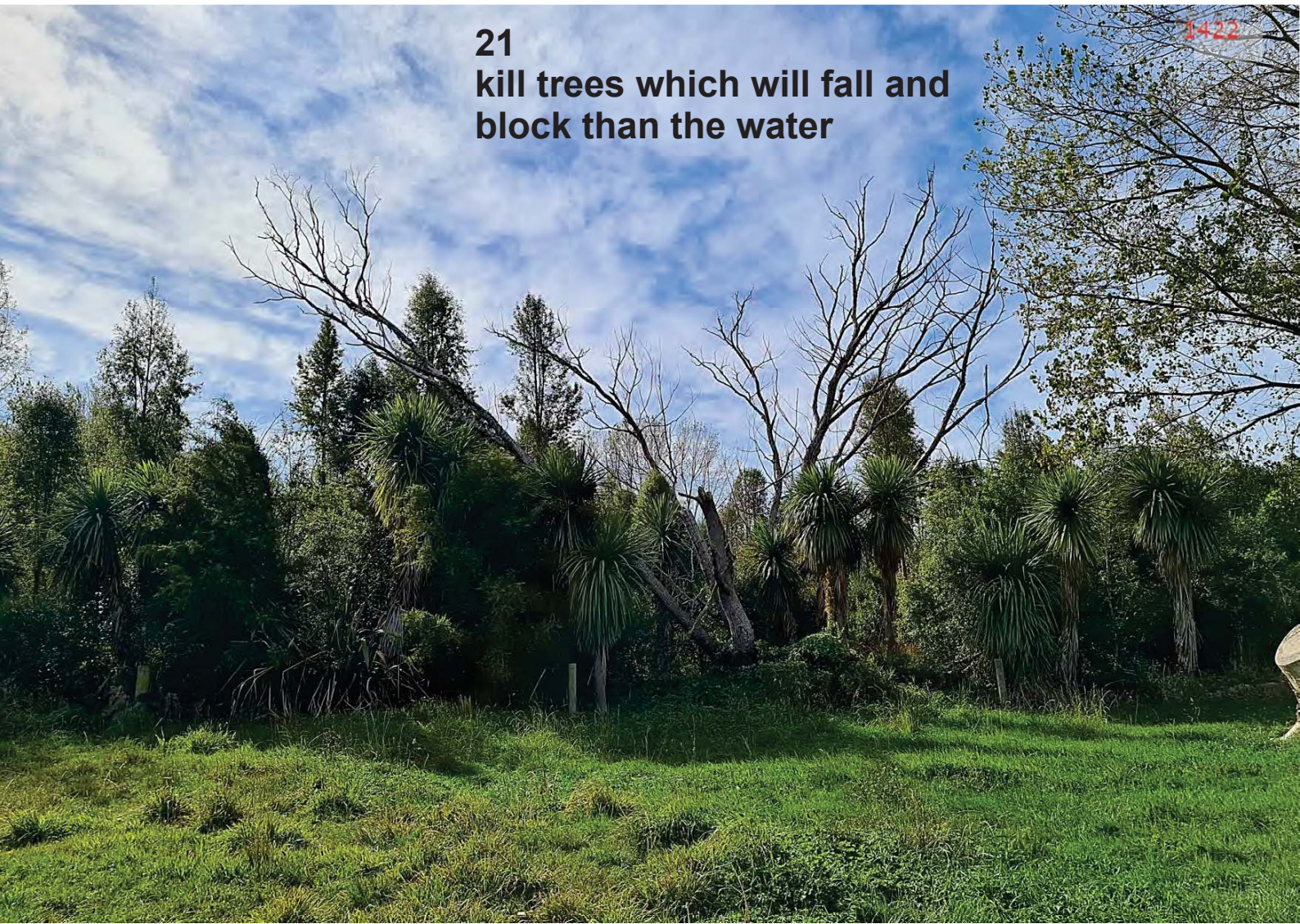
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Details of submitter No: 1142 - Louise Jamieson

Submitter:

Louise Jamieson



Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024

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My submission is to propose helping the Selwyn Dog Training Club find a new home.

The dog club has out grown it's current location. The increase in the number of dogs using the dog park and the expansion of Rolleston means the dog park is used by so many members of the public, that when the club uses the grounds for training or closes on weekend days for events, it causes friction with those who don't understand the clubs lease and right to use the grounds.

The condition of the grounds is also deteriorating with the large numbers of dogs concentrated at the grounds. The public also allow their dogs to dig willy nilly which caused holes that are dangerous for running dogs around agility course.

The ability for the club to find a new home, would mean the public would have full use of the current dog park and the club could have a space more suitable to the host competition events and training the growing dog sport codes the club offers.

The dog club provides valuable training for anyone who wants to train their young dogs to the "Canine Good Basics" level which is a good start to learning how to be a good dog in society. Good dogs are less likely to cause problems for the owners, neighbours and the Council! Having dedicated grounds for the club allows for flexibility for offering these training times.

As a club member, it would be nice not to be constantly the "bad" guys in the eyes of the public. I was managing a recent event held at the park and had to deal with several unhappy members of the public who felt strongly enough that the club didn't have any rights to close the park and prevent them from walking their dogs at what ever time they wanted, that they voiced their unhappiness in person.

As a member of the dog club, I know the club would love the Council's assistance with finding a new home.

We'd love to be able to run competition events that allows camping on site, allows us to leave gear and fences up over a 2 day event, brining more visitors into the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To Selwyn District Council

We (Selwyn Dog Training Club) wish to put forward a submission on the Long-Term Plan for the Selwyn district. We wish to highlight our concerns about the Foster Dog Park in Rolleston and provide recommendations for a dedicated area for dog training and dog sport competition purposes for the Selwyn District. This would also be a new home for Selwyn Dog Training Club and the ongoing services the club provides to its members and the community.

Our club has grown since its inception in 2004, particularly in the last 15 years since being based at the Foster Dog Park. We had 157 members in 2023 and our membership continues to grow each year. We have had tremendous support from the Selwyn District Council during these years and we wish to thank the Council for this.

Our community 'Canine Good Basics' classes are enjoyed by approximately 80 people each year. These classes are the next step up from puppy classes and are essential for owners of young dogs to learn how to teach their dogs

to be good members of the community. Following completion of these classes, anyone can join the club to continue training their dog, whether it be in Canine Good Citizen classes, formal obedience, agility, scent work or rally-O. This type of training gives dogs a job, lessening the likelihood of complaints to the Council regarding noisy and bored dogs.

With the unprecedented growth of Rolleston, we now find our club is sitting in the middle of the town, instead of the semi-rural outskirts, competing with a rapidly increasing number of dog owners for the use of the same space. While we understand that Foster Dog Park is a shared space, the restrictions we have with allocated training times and limited weekend bookings will affect the future of the club's growth. We are unable to run spontaneous events such as displays, fundraising events, public have-a-go days, competitions, assessments, seminars and workshops because of these restrictions. Our club members are often harassed by members of the public when the park is closed for our events (12 days per year) and the level of dissatisfaction seems to be rising as Rolleston continues to grow.

For our club to be able to run dog-sport competitions, the sports turf needs to be similar to that of a rugby field. These competitions involve human athletes sprinting with many changes of directions at speed to get their dogs around the challenging courses. The dogs are also athletes, jumping, running and turning quickly around the courses. Injuries to both people and dogs happen when the grounds are in poor condition. The grounds at Foster Dog Park are extremely rutted and uneven because of the heavy use and digging from public dogs. The grass surface is patchy in places and over grown in others where the irrigation is leaking. Unfortunately, because of the poor condition of the grounds, there has been at least two broken ankles and numerous sprain and strain injuries in the last 5 years. While we prefer to host our competitions on our home grounds, we are often forced to move offsite, out of the Selwyn district, at great expense and effort, for safety reasons.

For the weekend competitions that we host, we spend a great deal of time setting up equipment, only to have to take it down at the end of the day so that the dog park can reopen each night. This is not the case for most dog training clubs running championship events over more than one day where the equipment and temporary fencing required for the running of the events can remain in place until event concludes. Also, it is usual for dog-sport events around the country to allow visiting competitors to be able to camp onsite during these events; however, this is not possible at Foster Dog Park.

Another concerning issue that our club has with being located within Foster Dog Park is the sheer volume of dog faeces that is left from public dogs. Our club members pick up a considerable amount of dog faeces before our training classes and competitions can commence. This is not an issue for most dog training clubs in New Zealand because they are not located within public dog parks.

Also, there is a perception from some of the public that their dogs can do anything they like if inside the fences of the dog park, allowing these dogs to interrupt competitions, and training sessions, jump on and play with any dogs (including club members dogs on leash) and dogs allowed to pee on the dog club's equipment. The public knowledge of the meaning of "effective control" is often poor which results in friction when they are asked to control their dogs.

Although the Council has bylaws regarding the immediate removal of dog faeces from public places, an obligation not to create a nuisance or health hazard and the requirement for dog owners to have effective control of their dogs when off leash, it is apparent that public dog park users are not adhering to these, nor is there any evidence of enforcement by Animal Control Officers.

We feel that our club would be better located out of the immediate Rolleston township area, leaving Foster Dog Park to become solely a dog exercise facility with 24-hour access for the residents of Rolleston and the Selwyn district. For our club to remain fully functional in the long term, we envisage our club grounds as being an area of approximately 3–4 hectares that is dedicated for dog training and dog sport competition purposes. Within that parcel of land, we would need a sports turf area of 1 ha (the size and shape of a rugby field) for training and competitions, with the rest of the land used for clubrooms and storage containers (relocated from Foster Dog Park), toilets, parking, and room for camping during events (with Council permission). Perhaps there is an existing Council-owned country domain or showgrounds somewhere in the Selwyn district that could be better utilised by a local club such as ours?

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide this submission and to be heard in support of it.

Kind regards

Selwyn Dog Training Club

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Details of submitter No: 483 - Leslie McAuley

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024

First name: Leslie **Last name:** McAuley

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Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates:

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Funding:

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Please add any comments you may have

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:

None

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

None

Funding:

None

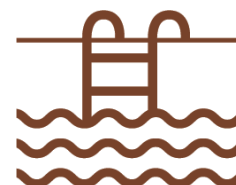
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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Economic Development

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

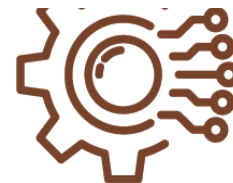
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best work for the community. We've budgeted \$1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

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The high long term debts levels of projects and overruns of projects outweigh the medium to long term debt that are rested upon ratepayers. Ratepayers and businesses alike could not sustain to run their homes or businesses, like the council is spending money. Ratepayers are already hurting with increased interest rates and council rates. At some stage something has to give.

With a cost of living crisis that the country is currently experiencing and minimal income increases, interest rate increases with families with mortgages, will continue to make it difficult for homeowners to pay rates.

These proposals are not going to alleviate the ongoing increases to medium to long term debt that all councils throughout NZ, including CCC are struggling to pay the interest on. Making it easier to pay for the debt does not change the fact the some of the projects proposed by the council, does not reduce the debt.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

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Project cost:

Year 1: \$3.05m

Estimated impact on rates (per year):

\$10.46

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

We are currently in a cost of living crisis and the council continues to spend money it does not have and increasing rates. Our ratepayers are already struggling.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

Year 1: \$143,000

Estimated impact on rates:

Included in our current rates

Funding:

Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Details of submitter No: 395 - [REDACTED]

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Submission Date: 17/04/2024

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Where is the option for non of the above or other????? Stop all non essential spending. We are in a recession.

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Project cost:

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Estimated impact on rates (per year):

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Funding:

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This would be non essential spending in a time of recession. Use other community facilities including those at schools.

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Yes

Any comments?

This is a long standing existing facilities that should have been better maintained and upgraded over the years. This is a key facility for this community.

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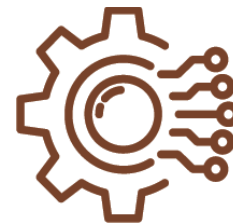
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

Yes, however, this needs more public consultation regarding the distribution of these funds. Selwyn District is a farming district and our food supply, so majority of money needs to go to development in this area.

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No

Any comments?

Technology is not the answer to better outcomes, in fact it is the opposite. Look at everyone sitting around on phones rather than actually communicating and taking action. Technology is leading us down a very slippery slope to track and track and invasion of privacy.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Significance and Engagement Policy is just fancy words that mean nothing and allow councils to spend more rates payers money. How about keep things simple. Most people don't have time to waste on trying to understand the meaning of this. How about just saying it as it is and being transparent. There are either Essential or Non-Essential Services. Let the rate payers decide then call them as they are. The Financial Policy is just farcical. Clearly the plan is for local and national government to take ownership of the rate payers land and they become unable to afford the imposed land tax. If all of the non-essential spending is stopped, where is the real need to increase rates? Accounting 101, don't spend more than you earn, and don't borrow to leave our and future generations with a noose around our neck that will eventually collapse, or is that the intention. Agenda 2030 is well known now and clearly SDC are well on board with this scheme.

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I oppose all capital non-essential spending. Debra Hassen made it very clear at the community drop in meeting this week that the long term plan is really only a 3 year plan, and I applaud her for speaking out. This means we can only look at rates increase over the next 3 years and not look at the long term 10 year forecast. It's an absolute disaster waiting to happen and I demand that these costs are not imposed on the rate payers.

I utterly oppose the use of Chlorine and Fluoride in our water system. This is illegal and immoral forced medication on the public and must cease immediately. I have not consented to this and it goes against our human rights.

While I can appreciate the desire for walking and cycle safety, there are much better alternatives than spending hundreds of millions of dollars on unsafe and unneeded cycleways. We are lucky (not) to have the perfect example of how what not to do in Christchurch mid-city on the likes of St Aspah and Colombo Streets. What a nightmare this has turned into. Near missed all the time. Cyclist still using the car lanes and cycleways are too dangerous, and whats the point of 2 car lanes when you can only fit one car down at a time, let alone trying to get a bus along these roads. Christchurch weather is not conducive to all year cycling and this is blatantly obvious from the pitiful numbers using the lanes. At horrendous costs for cycle lanes I believe it is time for cyclists to start paying road user charges. BTW I am a cyclist from time to time.

There is constant mention of growth however, the world population is decreasing and with increased unknown death rates, dropping fertility rates, the need for much of this expenditure will diminish.

The new cycle lane down Hoskyns and West Melton Roads is a recipe for disaster. Vehicle crossings are used to see what is coming before exiting properties, so how will motorists see who is on the cycle lane from behind their fences and plantings? Many cyclists and walkers wear headphones, what do you think is likely to happen?

I would like to propose that all cycle ways and walk ways in the Selwyn District are also open to horse riders. I would also like to see more community equestrian specific facilities available such as 2 or 3 more parks like the West Melton Equestrian Forest. More road signage in rural areas to make people aware of horse riders rights to use the 'carriageways'.

Why is it that we can get and MRI scan in Rolleston but there are no blood test facilities? We should have multiple units in the Selwyn District.

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