

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON WEST BROKEN RUN RESERVE – PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PLAN

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20574	have some concerns	Apple Trees?	James & Catherine Eggers
20564	have some concerns	*Refer to attachment below	Dirk De Lu - Spokes Canterbury
20514	have some concerns	<p>We are concerned that the plan for fruit trees etc could cause some issues. Our questions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who will maintain the trees i.e. spray and prune, pick up fallen fruit, water them in dry weather - Who will pick the fruit and who gets to have them. - There would need to be some sort of maintenance plan otherwise they will deteriorate and die. - Our observation of the lack of mowing the grass has been so bad that the residents have had to take responsibility. If the same lack of attention is given to the fruit trees it will be a waste of time. <p>Would it not be more sensible to have trees that do not have to be attended to like native trees.</p>	Graeme & Diane Watson
20485	have some concerns	<p>Replace quince tree with an apple in orchard area.</p> <p>Centre proposed boardwalk over stream to be wide enough and strong enough for ride on mower to cross to orchard if funding approved.</p> <p>No cabbage trees, they make such a mess</p>	Mrs Marcia Eggers
20484	support the plan	Wonderful - seem to love all the planting!! Many thanks	Colleen Maloney
20483	support the plan	<p>We acknowledge the response to initial communications in respect of the value of plantings throughout the reserve. The follow up by way of a neighbourhood meeting and BBQ confirmed with a strong representation from homes along the reserve. As did the response to do initial planting.</p> <p>The diversity shown in the proposed plan acknowledges community ideas as given at the BBQ meeting and will greatly enhance the banks we look out onto. Thank you for this response.</p> <p>We also acknowledge recent clearing of long grass along the banks of the waterway and look forward to this being cleared away so the water becomes visible and can flow as intended. Also the mowing of the unkempt grass that becomes a fire hazard in summer and is very unsightly from our windows.</p>	Mr & Mrs R T Todd
20447	support the plan		Nancy Huang & Jimmy Tiong
20446	have some concerns	<p>The flax bushes around the walkway are a hazard. They cover the track and they need to be removed a.s.a.p.</p> <p>The grass is left to long and makes a mess when cut, now the contractor can't keep up. They are not as good as CityCare.</p> <p>The grass around the walkway as it is now is a joke it is cut 2 times a year. Why did this happen</p>	John Maffey
20409	support the plan	Great to see fruit trees & fruit bushes being considered	Karen Watson
20408	have some concerns	<p>I think fixing the problem of the path flooding is important.</p> <p>A lot of people use the path and this makes it a real difficulty during wet weather.</p> <p>Otherwise - go for it!</p>	R Harrington
20394	have some concerns	<p>Thank you for the opportunity.</p> <p>In general, the plan is fantastic. However, I would like to note that there is a strong preference everywhere in the city to plant NZ natives. Although some fruit trees and exotics are planned for this reserve, may I respectfully suggest that on this occasion the theme becomes "an English woodland", with a preponderance of English countryside trees and shrubs.</p>	Ron van Hamelsveld

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20394		I especially like your choice of fruit trees, but suspect the apricot will not do well, since, from experience, we get insufficient frost days to encourage good fruiting. How about a few lemon trees, sheltered amongst other fruit trees? And perhaps an edible chestnut, or pecan tree, and walnuts?	
20388	have some concerns	I'd like to see this area join up with the Aidenfield part of this stream (Annie's Lane reserve area). My child and his friends love the Annie's Lane area (glimpsing geckoes, swinging on the tyre swing, climbing the willow trees, walking the dry stream bed, exploring) and it would be fantastic to link the two for foot traffic by an environmentally-sympathetic, natural way. There would need to be access across the cycle lane for this to occur. The nature play space needs to be better-resourced and understood than the 'nature play' space at Scarborough Park, which is quite a let-down. A couple of logs and boulders is insufficient for mixed-age use by children and adults. An imaginative local expert to consult would be Emma Woods at www.woodland-escape.co.nz . Fruit trees are a great addition to a reserve.	Corinne Rooney - Slingababy NZ
20376	support the plan	Well done - looks good thanks	Bruce Campbell
20372	support the plan		Val Parker
20371	do not support the plan	I would rather see long grass which does get cut from time to time and looks very nice rather than plantings which are not maintained as has happened in the reserve between the old Broken Run and the motorway	Norma Hancock
20370	have some concerns	The residents of Asheridge Place who back onto reserve are to be commended for their efforts so far. The plantings suggested are appropriate except for cabbage trees which prove to be a real headache in terms of dead leaves which do not mulch down and which home owners are left to clear up when they come off in the wind. They are very untidy and no-one wants to clear them up! Feature trees are fine (except for nut trees which attract certain groups of individuals coming into our subdivision with their plastic bags and stripping the trees bare.) We have this happening in Broken Run every year. Likewise fruit trees, which a great idea but totally unrealistic and naive. Fruit will be stripped from trees by small minority. Branches will be broken by people trying to reach inaccessible fruit. Blueberries, etc., lovely idea but greedy few will spoil it for others. TREES, TREES, TREES! Hopefully species that will attract bird life.	Adrienne Senior
20369	support the plan	How about an area for a common garden or three? Be great to have a community 'plot' to share and develop - a chance to meet neighbours - make new acquaintances	Dean Harrison
20355	support the plan	Thanks for making our little park a great place filled with natives and plants that will positively affect the water quality	Andrew Chalmers
20354	have some concerns	I think it would be important to add another board-walk over stream up the other end of the river in the reserve. I live in the original Broken Run & have walked under the motorway to Aidenfield trying to get to the other side of West Broken Run. But there is no board walk across it. Then we could walk up one side of the new planted area & cross over to the other side, and walk back again. So the exact spot would be near house 14 and 16 at the right hand side of the Draft Plan, as it is tricky to get across the stream without it.	Kate Parsons
20352	support the plan	This is excellent and should be replicated in other parks and flood mitigation areas	Steve Holland
20344	support the plan	Hi, the boardwalk correctly identifies a low lying area but instead of a boardwalk that would be high capital cost and higher maintenance (and still might flood), it would be fixed by simply cutting in the asphalt path higher up the slope in a gentle rise and curve to avoid the small bit low. The low point could then be planted on some other feature. The issue is, the boardwalk needs to be quite high otherwise it is just not going to work. The curve up slope wouldn't look out of place and if you want just leave a low track there as a second option.	Callum Wood
20330	support the plan		Callum & Marie McDougall

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20329	support the plan	This plan looks well thought out. It is important to "green" our city and suburbs. Importantly this plan does not interfere with roads and parking which many elderly people like me who have to use their cars are finding new roading layouts making many destinations very difficult	Sandra Walsh
20321	have some concerns	Natives, natives, natives! To encourage bird life and create a corridor for their travel. Recently Tui have been sighted on the western side of the peninsula, imagine if we can encourage this further. I cannot understand why we plant "feature trees", I believe we have more than enough of these exotics in the city and beyond. The volumes of leaves and nuts help block the waterways and generally make a mess. Fruit trees and bushes sound all good. I can't help wonder about the care they need and the lack of fairness when it comes to harvesting. Individuals and certain cultures don't seem to consider "other" persons who may be interested. Thanks for opportunity. NURTURE NATIVES	Victoria Halliday
20316	support the plan		Hua Zhong
20307	have some concerns	On behalf of our many CHCH members we are disappointed to see that yet again there is no planning for bridleways, or multi-use paths to connect areas with lifestyle blocks (and therefore areas with lots of horse owners). Councils are very good at talking about respecting the unique character of an area, or the history of a place, but not very good at backing it up when it comes to areas with a traditional equestrian population (or a new equestrian population, as occurs when large farms are converted to lifestyle blocks). There is also no information on the pest control measures with this plan. Anywhere that fruit and nuts are being planted, will need a comprehensive pest control plan (and implementation), or this will become a reserve for rats, mice and possums that continually repopulates the surrounding areas.	Vivien Dostine - NZ Horse Network
20305	have some concerns	We support the proposed landscape plan - it'll be really good to get this area planted out. However. There really needs a comprehensive and regular maintenance plan implemented as well, otherwise it will either fall to the residents to maintain or the landscaping plants will get overgrown and die out like has happened at the south-eastern end adjacent to 29 Asheridge place. As it is, even the grass areas on both sides of Heathcote River and the reserve adjacent 22, 24 and 29 Asheridge are relatively infrequently mowed.	Eric and Mel Bird
20303	support the plan	Just one comment - we would prefer not to have a quince tree in the orchard as there is limited options to use the fruit. An apple tree would be great.	Chris Thorne
20302	support the plan	1. The Willow trees CHCH Southern Motorway end need to be cut down. 2. Careful consideration should be given to planting / maintenance. A lot of the grass type plantings around Wigram now stand as bark gardens due to overzealous spraying. Grasses tend to be difficult to maintain unless planted quite close together (to shade weeds out).	Mike O'Grady - CDHB
20293	support the plan	The fruit trees are great and natural play area Would love to see this extended west of Wigram Rd through the Heathcote River head waters - particularly planting and boardwalks across the stream! The pedestrian / cycle path makes this easily accessible	Sophie South
20284	have some concerns	We live in ██████████ Wigram (since January 2018). It was great to see a proposed landscape plan arrive for consultation. As a family we support the West Broken Run proposed landscape plan. We appreciate the proposed dual purpose functional waterway and recreational space. However, I have a few concerns I hope you can clarify. We have noticed recently (as my son has been collecting rubbish for a community service school project over term 3) that the reserve area appears to be a catchment for rubbish/litter. I have attached photos from the 5th August 2018 when we collected 2 full bags of rubbish along this reserve and under the bridge that sits at the west end of the proposed project area. I am concerned about the water quality here as my son (pictured above) found an awesome stick in the river. When he pulled it out from the river it was covered in what appeared to be a thick brown oil, which left residue on his gloves. Is water quality improvement a project goal?	Treena-Marie Aldridge

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20284		become a social hub of our community where skills are shared and food enjoyed? I am happy to discuss my concerns raised and talk through possible solutions. *Photos have been included by submitter but we have redacted them for submitter privacy reasons.	
20269	have some concerns	Would like to see some more seating like from Longhurst *Please refer to the photo below.	Lyn Woolhouse
20268	have some concerns	We would love to see some picnic tables and seating around the area. A lot of the families in broken run and surrounding areas like to gather together for the kids to play together and it would be nice to be able to have the elderly friends and family be able to sit down when joining us all.	Heidi Jones
20267	have some concerns	Would like to see some seating and tables in this area as we like to walk through here	Robin Woolhouse
20266	have some concerns	We would love to see some seating around this place for us older people. Something similar to furniture from Longhurst near the shops.	Roy Jones
20238	support the plan		Walter Wang
20233	have some concerns	I support the general planting plan, but would suggest leaving out the large oaks especially Quercus robur and Q. coccinea as they will eventually shade out the smaller native component and the fruit trees, add tonnes of autumn leaf litter and their acorns will germinate in their thousands beneath shrubs. Alternative deciduous tree species could include Gleditsia triacanthos inermis, Carpinus 'Fastigata' and Ulmus chinensis and even Sophora microphylla -these trees are medium sized, cast lighter shade, do not aggressively naturalise and their leaf litter will vanish within a winter.	David Barwick
20232	support the plan	The proposed planting plan on completion will enhance the environment and the district.	John Lamond
20192	have some concerns	I do not support the inclusion of the non-native trees in this planting (such as oaks). Aotearoa has many native species which are well suited to this environment, and which will also provide food for birds.	Grant O'Brien
20187	support the plan	I would be keen to get involved in the project as had no idea about the other planting day that happened. Looks like a good idea to use the current waste of space that appears a few locals spent alot of time mowing a keeping tidy	Matt Ferguson
20175	support the plan	Could a mini bike park be included in the plan for use of the space. Along the lines of what adventure park do currently for their juniors.	Ingrid Mesman
20174	support the plan	Fantastic	Ronald Stuart
20173	support the plan		Regan Bentley





December 12 2018

RE: CCC Broken Run Reserve – west (Wigram Skies)

SUBMISSION FROM SPOKES CANTERBURY

Spokes Canterbury is a local cycling advocacy group with approximately 1,200 members that is affiliated with the national Cycling Action Network (CAN). All submissions are developed online and include member's input. Spokes is dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport in the greater Christchurch area.

We would like the opportunity to appear at any public hearing that is held to consider submissions on these projects. Should there be an officer's report or similar document(s) we would appreciate a copy(s).

If you require further information or there are matters requiring clarification, please contact our Submissions Convenor Dirk De Lu in the first instance. His contact details are:

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Don Babe
Chairperson, Spokes Canterbury

Thank you for tying this into the Southern Motorway cycle path.

At 2.5m this shared path allows little leeway for errors and fails to prepare for success. Pedestrians on an off road meander should be free to relax, lower their guard and stop to sight see or socialize. Adults and children on bicycles need safe efficient alternatives to on street riding. There is plenty of room to make this a 3m wide path.

This ties into Motorway Park; will a safe crossing at Wigram Road to the larger park be provided? Giving children off road and safe access to places to ride and play should be a priority.

Please make sure that plantings do not encroach on the path and that safe run off places are provided to prevent accidents. Using this area at night will offer safety options if lighting and CPTED design are incorporated.