

St Albans skate park revamp – Submissions Jan/Feb 2020

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32315	Not indicated		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the plans to extend the Skate Park at St Albans Park. Based on information gathered from local residents by SARA Committee Members over the past month and from the St Albans Community Conversations held by the CCC in 2012 and SARA's survey of the community in 2013 we have the following to convey.</p> <p>St Albans lacks youth orientated spaces and there is a need for a safe place for teenagers to be without supervision. Our youth need gathering points and the skatepark can be this. With a pump track in Shirley and one being built for community use at St Francis of Assisi School it is felt that the focus of this project should be on the youth rather than younger riders. In addition to this SARA would like to the CCC to think about the Bowling Club space for a youth orientated venue in the future.</p> <p>With younger riders, and some of their parents, not understanding skate etiquette the younger riders often are in the way of the others who know to wait and have turns. Trying to make the area suit both ages groups may cause some friction.</p> <p>There is a need for a drinking fountain near the skate ramp</p> <p>A picnic table near the Skate park would be welcomed.</p> <p>There was feedback on the walnut trees. They are established and provide shade. Leave them where they are. Shade umbrellas are nothing compared to trees.</p> <p>There has been negative feedback from elderly residents in regard to the painted lines on the path. It mixes skaters and walkers and there is the potential for collisions.</p> <p>Space for bike parking is needed in the area.</p> <p>Good lighting is needed.</p> <p>Lower vehicle speeds on Forfar and Barbadoes Sts along with controlled pedestrian crossing are needed to ensure residents can safely get to the park.</p> <p>Regards, The St Albans Residents Association (SARA)</p>	St Albans Resident Association
31020	Yes			Nick Scannell
31041	Yes	Would it be possible to include signage about skate park etiquette? Things like directional arrows painted on the ground in the beginners area and signage about not dropping in on others in the pipe? The skatejam was awesome but showed that many kids aren't getting these lessons very well.		Chris Greenlow
31042	Yes		I'm really glad you're adding things that are more beginner friendly. I especially love that there will be a quarter pipe smaller than 3ft - I believe this will be the only one in Chch.	Jess Leach
31043	Yes			J Beltran
31045	Yes	A painted sign on the ground to stop and check before rolling into the existing spine feature if people are already using it. The new features encourage a flow into it, which could be dangerous if people are using it.	<p>The small quarter pipe is a great new feature.</p> <p>I don't understand those hump rollover features - they tend not to be used in skate parks from what I've seen. They work better if they have flatter tops</p>	Melanie Hendren - Admin of CIB Christchurch
31047	Yes	In addition to the seating, a picnic table or two would be a good addition.	My kids really like the design.	Jason Harvey

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31065	Yes	How long is the 0.2m ramp? Looks a bit short, would be good to have it longer. I'll be along to the meeting on Feb 4, looking forward to it.		Tyler How
31108	Yes	Sounds great. The proposed extension remains focussed on transition, 'ramp' style skateboarding, and if that's the goal, it's perfect for that. The street features described are minimal but great for people just getting into things.		Kevin Grimwood
31121	Yes	The ramp to platform great, also include a platform with no ramp, maybe a couple at different heights. As an ex-intermediate skater myself these were always sought on street sessions	Long overdue!	Andrew Hirtzel
31123	Yes			Steve Krenek
31125	Yes	I have lived close to St Albans Park since 1982 and regularly visit. The new skateboard extensions and facilities look excellent. It's great to think the skateboard part of the park might again attract good numbers of children and teenagers. It is especially pleasing that the alterations were co-designed with local skateboarders.		Jeanette King
31155	Yes	As much as you can within the space & budget available!!!		Jennifer Low
31158	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seating for parents, others to watch - move to the left more where the trees are being removed. - Sufficient timed lighting so it can be used in winter until later - maybe until 8pm - Adequate rubbish bins - Consultation with road planners to place a crossing across beginning of Forfar Street direct to entry to skate park - Some consideration of additional planting - noise reduction between skate park and road - I live opposite its TC3 area wooden house and noisy - Seems like a great idea. The park is used reasonably well - but I notice that little kids won't use it if there are much older kids / adults there. Multi use spaces for a range of ages is great. 		Leona Manna
31190	Yes		My Husband & myself 92 yrs & 87 yrs support the skate park extension, it keeps the young ones out of mischief & keeps them fit & healthy.	CJ Russell
31195	Yes			Tamara Smolinski
31218	Yes			Rachel Currie
31227	Yes	Please add in public toilets	Today I was walking around park & saw teenagers in the bush as a toilet. I did have sympathy for them as there were no toilets for them to use.	Margaret Patterson
31357	Yes		I think it look great. Not too big and plenty of shade.	Gwyneth Carlaw
31361	Yes	A water fountain by the skate park please if in the budget and Cameras for the number of children who will/are using the skate park.		Wendy Dick
31396	Yes	Lighting and visibility from street- safety and for families younger people to be comfortable.		Hugh Mould
31435	Yes	<p>Please also refer to the attached sketch – see Attachment A at the end of this document.</p> <p>-To add value and more use to the skate park during the winter when there are fewer daylight hours but can also be for added safety, could a dedicated street light type pole be added to illuminate the</p>	Is it worth moving slightly beyond the skate park and thinking about " safer" accessibility to the skate park? Will the extensions to the skate park mean more people attracted to use the park. If so, how can they safely cross Forfar/Madras Street to the new skate park. I think the cheapest	Raharuhi koia

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31448	Yes	400mm High ledge. Relocate rail and add taller rail. Remove double roll over bump, not really any use unless in the middle of a bowl. Long 3 stair with flatbar handrail and hubba, identical to the one at Rolleston and Knight Stream Skatepark. Mellow pole jam. Manual pad with extension similar to the one at Washing Way reserve, except make the manual pad 100mm higher than the one at Washington Way. Tabletop similar to the one at Prebbleton. Make seating skateble, like knight stream. Small step up, similar to the one at Washington Way Skatepark. Ramped gap. Barrier similar to one at Templeton Skatepark. Also a ledge running along the tabletop.	Original design needs alot of tweeking, in my opinion in its current form would be a huge waste of moneys.	James Taylor
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31463	Yes		I think it is great for the area to have the skate park re-vamped. I will have a 6 year old living with me soon & he will love it. I would hope that the playing area is tidied up as well.	Lynne Switalla

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31023	Generally but have some concerns	<p>I am unsure if timber seating is wise at a skate park graffiti would be hard to remove? They inevitably get used as jumps etc.</p> <p>Rest looks great good work with the shade!!</p>		Mark Johnston
31063	Generally but have some concerns	<p>The design looks great and will be an asset to the park.</p> <p>My concern is that the walking footpath that goes around the St Albans Park goes past this area and is used regularly by many people but the design looks as though it takes over the walking footpath space. I would like to see the footpath extended so that there is still space for people to walk safely past the skate park painted timber poles and painted lines while the skate park is in use.</p>	<p>The two trees to be removed are beautiful and it would be important to me that they are replanted or replaced as mentioned in the information.</p>	Ruth Carson
31099	Generally but have some concerns	<p>Happy as long as don't remove too much shrubbery.</p> <p>When running in the area can find smashed bottles – perhaps some kind of camera surveillance.</p>	<p>1. While I agree that the provision of built recreational facilities like the skate park is essential, I do have a concern that there is ongoing pressure on public open spaces towards concrete and (not much less of an environmental obscenity) monoculture grass playing fields.</p> <p>There is a growing recognition that greener, and that means wilder, urban environments are associated with better physical and mental health of their residents, Christchurch is not badly off in that respect, and the residential red zone has great potential, but in contrast the higher density infill of older suburbs like St Albans and Edgware is causing a loss of greenery, making the trees and bushes of St Albans park all the more locally valuable.</p> <p>Just as a personal observation: I commute between two homes - one in Christchurch and one in New Plymouth. I also go for a run every morning. In St Albans I am more tired out after 6Km around St Albans Park than I am at the end of 20Km along the Te Henui and Coastal walkways in New Plymouth. Guess which run is hillier! The big difference to my mind is that so much of the New Plymouth run is through or alongside native bush, pasture, river and sea.</p> <p>2. The comment on broken glass bottles is because I regularly see them on the skate park and the basketball practice area. This is not just litter, I feel sure it represents deliberate malicious intent to cause harm, and merits a proportionate law enforcement response.</p> <p>3. On the subject of litter, and off that of the skate park: It really would be good if the Council could provide recycling options. At present there are only bins for general waste, which are overflowing at the end of weekends, and the bulk of the contents of which are eminently recyclable PET and glass bottles and aluminium cans, and potentially compostable paper fast food bags and cardboard pizza boxes.</p> <p>Very best wishes</p>	Richard Doehring
31145	Generally but have some concerns	<p>My only concern is that with an increase in the volume of users with the skate park that the older community, young families don't feel intimidated when walking or biking around the park. However the layout looks good and the developments are targeting beginners.</p>	<p>My partner and I, love what the Christchurch City Council have done with the St Albans Park.</p>	Michael Williamson
31156	Generally but have some concerns	<p>This looks amazing - well done.</p> <p>Only one concern the pathway around the park, used by walkers regularly will be incorporated into the skate park at the place where the poles are. I am concerned about safety if there is no separate walking path at that point. Users of the walking path include young children on bikes & scooters, families with prams, the elderly. Not a good mix with skateboards. Easily solved by putting in separate walking path at that point.</p>		Marion Fairbrass

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31194	Generally but have some concerns	I think extending the skate park is great, however there are also a lot of people that use the path around the park for dog walking, jogging etc. There doesn't seem to be any footpath allowed for these people to pass by the skate park as they can currently. I think you need to include room for them too.		Julia Harbidge
31205	Generally but have some concerns	<p>The Walnut Trees: The proposal said they will be 'relocated or replaced'. I am concerned that they will not be adequately relocated/replaced. I would love to see the design incorporate some provisions/plans or replanting of these trees nearby as well as a space for the planting of other fruit and nut trees within the park.</p> <p>I support and understand that skateparks are important for recreation and the community, especially for children to learn new skills and be social in a safe environment. I also think it is important for children and families to have access to gardens and trees (especially those growing food). The added concrete on the park will create more water runoff and more heat capture on sunny days. It is important to offset this by planting more trees around the park, ideally fruit and nut trees.</p>		Racquel Wilson
31206	Generally but have some concerns	The security of the ramp is my concern, I have reported at least 50 graffiti tags to Council in the past year. These I assume are performed in darkness. My suggestion is evening lighting. This will deter vandals and also keep this area free of other unwanted visitors. The shade sails are a good idea but will almost certainly be targeted, so lighting is imperative to keep this in good order.	<p>More large rubbish bins during the sporting seasons, 100's of people converse at the park and the bins are not adequate.</p> <p>Repair the large dip in the ground near the north oaks, this area fills with rainwater and becomes stagnant.</p>	Adrian Badger
31312	Generally but have some concerns	<p>Please do not cut down those trees. Use the trees as shade & move the new ramps closer to the oval / existing half pipes. The trees are natural sun shade, not affected by high winds unlike sun shades. Sun shades can be susceptible to vandalism.</p> <p>It is great to have this in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Thank you for asking & providing this upgrade.</p>		Aaron
31405	Generally but have some concerns	Replacing the fruit trees is essential and they should be mature/ fruit bearing as they already are.	<p>Ensure that the walk path going by the skatepark for the inner loop walk around the park remains clear.</p> <p>You should also empty the wastebaskets, one is adjacent to south side of skatepark currently and the other is at the north side just past the first timber pole. On weekends, it is often overflowing.</p>	Dave Evans
31649	Generally but have some concerns	<p>Maybe fewer seats as parents don't normally go there. Instead, more fun kids things such as an obstacle course, but I like the general lay-out.</p> <p>I would like for the skate ramp to be painted a different colour so people don't tag it.</p> <p>Colours like red, maybe black, dark green.</p>	I'm looking forward to it.	Sharna Campbell
31654	Generally but have some concerns		<p>Just checking if there has been any work done on the expected impact on other park users of the proposal.</p> <p>It's already a bit dangerous at times walking past the skate park on the pathway as a grandparent and or with small kids walking or on scooters looping the park. The older skaters or bikers using the skate park seem to use the path ways to get some speed up or to slowdown.</p> <p>I can't see the proposed pathway is changed in any way, or has any protections on it or even if there is room to walk now safely past. Lots of people obviously loop the park on that path.</p>	Martin Cooney

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31356	No		<p>This has been put forward as a "fait accompli", when even the heading "skate park" is wrong. It is a facility within a park. References to "school children" makes one think of small ones, when young adults come into that range too. In other words the dice are loaded.</p> <p>I attended the meeting on the 4th Feb, after which I spent two days checking the site & pouring over the documents. I soon came to the conclusion that the design does not work & has been produced by someone who has never been on site, perhaps just working from photographs.</p> <p>I rest my case, please drop it. I feel that the faults in this design are self evident, but am happy to piece by piece explain why & suggest some alternatives.</p> <p>17.02.2020</p> <p>Please treat this as an addenda to my previous submission</p> <p>St Albans Park is unique in that contains a sealed track that forms a complete circle around the park. Great for walkers, runners, and people at all stages of life. Lots of mums with prams & small children learning how to ride tiny bicycles. The section with the poles is in constant use by keep fit addicts.</p> <p>Removal of what has now appeared to be mature, large nut-bearing walnut trees cannot be allowed in this day and age, surely putting an end to this ill-conceived project.</p>	T O Thorpe

St Albans skate park revamp - 2D plans

