

## Submissions received on safety improvements for Avonhead Road and Withells Road, near Burnside Park - March 2023

ID	Name	Do you have any comments on the plan?	Staff response to questions or concerns (if applicable)
In person		Request for signage before the bend in Avonhead Road to alert drivers to the pedestrian crossing ahead.	Pedestrian warning signs will be included in the detailed design.
50882	Fiona Bennetts	I support the proposed installations to provide better access for pedestrians. Please also reduce the speed limit and consider how cyclists use this area, including using the shared paths (which are too narrow) through Burnside Park.	Feedback regarding speed limit reduction is noted and can be considered for further investigation. The Parks team will be notified regarding the concerns associated with the shared path widths through Burnside Park.
50854	Richard Abey-Nesbit	I am strongly in favour of adding the two pedestrian refuge islands. I am strongly in favour of building out the curb to reduce the road width, which should slow vehicles through traffic calming on top of decreasing the crossing distance for pedestrians. I would also be in favour of reducing the speed limit in this area to 40 km/h.	Reducing the speed is outside the scope of this project. Feedback regarding speed limit reduction is noted and can be considered for further investigation.
50843	Godo Miyazaki	I agree this is a good plan	
50769	Sarah Hamzah	This is a great idea, I used to live in this area for quite a few years and would always find it a bit difficult to cross in this area on the way to the bus stop. Plus when there are events on there are so many cars and children everywhere, a safe crossing is a huge benefit to the community	
50751	Emma Paulin	Yes, this is a great idea. I think you should consider this further down avonhead road towards avonhead school and how this could link into the university cycle lanes to the city. I try promote cycling to my daughters school in ilam, coming from avonhead. However it is very unsafe crossing both avonhead road and peer street. The metal bike leaner is wobbly where you cross on peer street. We had an accident because this is not cemented into the ground. I lost balance due to it not being stable with my daughter close to a busy road. Not ideal.	Out of scope for this project but will pass on to the Planning team to investigate cycle lane connections. Pedestrian improvements near Avonhead School are currently on potential projects list and will need to be prioritised against other safety issues around the city.  <i>Staff have contacted submitter for the exact location of the metal rail arrange for it to be fixed.</i>
50734	Rodrigo Haro	Great initiative however don't forget about the cyclist on Avonhead road. Avonhead road is wide and cyclist can easily stay out of the way of the cars specially the kids. With the improvements you are mentioning I wonder if you will make the cyclist go closer to the cars.	The proposed changes will visually narrow the road to encourage lower vehicle speeds. The width of the lanes aligns with guidance to accommodate cyclists and vehicles within a wide kerbside lane (Waka Kotahi Cycle Network Guidance).
50729	Connor Mclver	I strongly support this plan. However, I wonder if there would be value in extending the painted median further northwest, given that the whole field is busy on game days.	There are no formal pedestrian paths along the northern side of Avonhead Road at this location beyond the extent of the painted flush median currently proposed. Pedestrians will be encouraged to use the proposed crossing facilities once built to cross Avonhead Road.
50728	Karen Smith	As a resident of the area I believe the pedestrian crossing proposed is too close to the bend in Avonhead Road by Burnside Park. It is a blind bend and I believe for the safety of crossing pedestriians it would be better situated between 363 and 365 Avonhead Road, not the proposed 361/359 site. We quite often get drivers speeding down Avonhead Road towards the Park. This may be an accident waiting to happen by the time they realise someone is already crossing. I also would like to propose that there be a bike lane down Memorial Avenue, especially between Roydvale Avenue and the Christchurch International Airport. I work at the Airport and bike everyday, along with many other people. There is already a bike lane just by the over pass, but I would like to propose this bike lane be extended. This is a really busy and dangerous road. Currently drivers park their vehicles just past the Commodore Hotel on both the left and right hand side of Memorial Ave all the way down to the overpass on the corner of Russell Road and Memorial Ave. Owners leave their vehicles there for extended periods of time while they catch flights at the airport. These vehicles are often being tampered with and having their windows smashed, as well as on some occasions where passing vehicles have crashed into them. As a cyclist biking to work at the airport it is extremely dangerous and scary passing these parked cars while having buses and other vehicles speeding along Memorial Ave. My proposal would easily combat this problem, by putting yellow lines along these parts of Memorial Ave and make it a continued bike lane. Vehicles park along this area so as not to pay fees for parking in the long stay at the Christchurch International Airport. If you did mark this area with yellow lines and make it a cycle lane (infrastruccion already in place) these vehicles would be forced to pay the fee at the airport.. which in turn is more money in the Christchurch City Councils pocket, as well as making a safe journey for cyclist along this straight.	The crossing has been proposed at this location to tie in with the existing path in Burnside Park. The proposed location meets the crossing sight distance requirements for vehicle speeds expected around this corner and means that pedestrians can cross the road in two stages rather than crossing the whole road at once. Warning signs to indicate the presence of pedestrians are also planned to inform vehicles approaching the bend. The proposed treatments are expected to provide some management of the speeds of vehicles entering or exiting the bend at this location.  The bike lanes are outside the scope of this project. There are currently investigations into installing cycle lanes down Memorial Ave and this project is being pushed by the Network Planning team for inclusion in the Long Term Plan.