

Gilberthorpes Road/Waterloo Road/Parker Street/Moffett Street intersection

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Request

Have you received any further information, advice and/or memos regarding the Gilberthorpes Road/Waterloo Road/Parker Street/Moffett Street intersection progression?

My understanding was that this was on-hold / paused; however, the latest updates on the website and via. email suggests that this work is continuing.

Council Response

The intersection of Waterloo Road/Gilberthorpes Road/Parker Street/Moffett Street is to be upgraded as part of the South Express Major Cycleway Route. The design and timing is dependent on an upgrade of the Parker Street level crossing, which is required due to the increased level of risk from vulnerable users crossing the railway from the cycleway, and because any signalisation of the intersection for cyclists will also restrict traffic movements across the intersection, which could cause traffic to queue over the level crossing if the two systems are not integrated.

Council and KiwiRail are working on an appropriate solution that manages this increased risk in an appropriate way, however, the scoping for this exercise requires input from specialist railway signalling resource. Council recognises that these resources are in short supply, so have been working with KiwiRail to develop a prioritisation for level crossings so the highest risk crossings are looked at first. An update on this was shared with Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee on 15 August 2025, and the information, along with an update of progress at each site and prioritisation, is available here:

https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2025/08/ARCM_20250815_AGN_8619_AT.PDF

In summary, work on the intersection upgrade at Waterloo Road/Parker Street/et al is not officially on hold, although little work on developing the design is underway at this time, as signalling resources are focused on closing out issues at Halswell Junction Road and Harewood/Langdons/Sawyers Arms, and on scoping and designing level crossing upgrades at Scruttons Road and Radcliffe Road. The Parker Street level crossing is the next priority after these.