

**Spokes Canterbury** thanks Ashburton District Council (ADC) for considering cyclists and bike parking in their parking strategy

Spokes Canterbury believes that ADC is correct to assume an uptake in active transport for the following reasons:

- Awareness of the global climate emergency is growing
- Personal health is improved by use of active transport
- A second bridge over the Ashburton River will encourage even more active transport

Note that solid structures to which bikes can be locked by D-Lock or chain are much more secure than strip bike racks. One only has to note the incidence of bike wheels without frames left locked to strip bike racks

Camera monitoring - and advertising of it - improve bike security

Any changing needs for bike parking can be addressed very quickly and inexpensively – the important thing is to ensure that there is a feedback loop

Bike security is enhanced if it is sited in the open rather than placed in a location with less visibility eg a parking building (unless monitored by camera and operator)

Cyclists will park as close as possible (and hopefully reasonable) to their destination

By explicitly providing bike parks the risks of tripping to the elderly and visually impaired are much reduced

One car park can easily accommodate ten cycles – see CCC structure below, copied from

<https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/more-bike-stands-for-christchurchs-city-centre>

It's good of the ADC to allow for the increasing use of larger ebikes and cargo bikes.

### Strip Bike Rack – less secure



Often there isn't enough reach in the chain to lock the frame to the stand, meaning that a bike can be stolen leaving the frame behind.

This example from <https://www.treasurebox.co.nz/sports-fitness/bike-accessories/bike-stand.html>

### Solid Structure



Bikes can be secured to the fixed bike stand securing frame and often at least one wheel with one D-Lock or chain.

<http://www.metalart.co.nz/shop/Street+%26+Park+Furniture/Traffic+Controls+%26+Bike+Racks/Steel+Bike+Racks.html>

### CCC Example of a Bike Park Pod



One of the bike parking pods on-street on Gloucester St near New Regent St.

<http://cyclingchristchurch.co.nz/2020/02/24/where-shall-we-put-some-more-cycle-parks/>

Spokes Canterbury (<http://www.spokes.org.nz/>) is a local cycling advocacy group based in Christchurch with approximately 1,200 members and 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 area (and within Canterbury).

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 (and Secretary), Chris Abbott in the first instance.