

# ***Draft Walking & Cycling Strategy – Summary of feedback***

**To support hearings and deliberations 20-21 January 2020**

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## 1. Summary of feedback received

Public consultation on the Walking & Cycling Strategy was undertaken from 30 October to 30 November 2020.

- There were a total of 68 submissions received.
- 14 submitters indicated they wanted to be heard on their submission form.

### 1.1 Overall aim of the plan

Submitters were asked if they agreed or not with the overall aim of the plan. The four main goals of the Walking & Cycling Strategy are;

1. A coherent, safe and connected urban walking and cycling environment.
2. A quality, fit for purpose recreational walking and cycling network that connects to key destinations.
3. Ensuring the urban and rural walking and cycling networks integrate to create an accessible district.
4. A district committed to walking and cycling for health, well-being, safety, environment and economic reasons.

## 1.2 Summary of submitters who supported and opposed the Walking & Cycling Strategy

<b>Submitters who support the draft Walking &amp; Cycling strategy as presented</b>		<b>Submitters who do not support the Walking &amp; Cycling Strategy as presented</b>	
Kate White Peter Wood (Ski Time) Ross Bowmar Wayne Moore Lisa Elliot Tim Kuipers (Ashburton Christian School) Evan Waters Marion Guise Dale Collis Jasmin McMahon Jill Blacklock Simon Hore Madeleine Henderson Janet Hadley Chris Gibbs Martin Reid David Bishop Clayton Howard Shona Vucetich Jenny Muir Graham Russell	John Low Trudy Hulme Brad O'Brien Trevor Isitt (Rangitata North Hutholders Association) Peter Garde (Methven Lions Club) Karyn Robertson Lesley Symington (Safer Mid Canterbury) Jan Cochrane (Sport Canterbury) Donna Favel Margaret Campbell Methven Community Board John Wards Renee Burns Caroline Polson (Middle Road Walking School bus) Rosie Twamley David Howden Sharon Bailey Ashburton Youth Council (AYC)	Steve Deeley Ian Rive Murray Gardiner Charlotte Hill Brian Cameron Jocelyn Johnston Tania Marshall Craig Clare Murray Hawkes (Alford Endeavours Ltd) Jessica Bennet Dean Harrison Phill Hooper Michelle Clyne (Bella Vista Ashburton) Ricky Brown (Bike Methven) Paul & Monique Brake (Stoked Cycle)	Kevin Boekholt Bev Skates (Litter-Free Ashburton) Peter Ayers Nicholas Squires Dell Phillips (Mountain Bike Ashburton) James Reid Megan Stirling Catherine Kilgour Catherine Warren Mitch Bellew Chris Abbott (Spokes Canterbury) Selwyn Price (Ashburton Citizens Association)
			<b>Submitters who not disclose their opinion</b> Mountain Bike Ashburton (MTB) Donna Field Johanna Warren

## 2. Key topics

Submissions have been coded into themes as shown in the table below and comments are listed in the subsequent pages.

Theme	Total number of comments	Theme	Total number of comments
Mountain Bike/Off-Road Acknowledgement	25	Health, safety and environment	13
Mountain Bike/Off-Road Upgrade and Assitance	11	West Street and Walnut Avenue	5
State Highway 1/ West Street	4	Signage and maps	7
Pathways	17	Hakaterere River, Lake Hood and Rangitata River	7
Racecourse Road	5	Tinwald and Ashburton River bridge	5
Methven	5	Cycle networks	2
Rakaia	1	Public amenities	8
Schools and promotion	12	Future plans	8
EA Networks Centre	3		

## 2.2 Mountain Bike / Off-Road Acknowledgement

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Skates, Bev</b>	71	Endorses the Ashburton Mountain Bike Club submission.	Acknowledged
<b>Howard, Clayton</b> <b>O'Brien, Brad</b> <b>Reid, James</b> <b>Russell, Graham</b> <b>Stirling, Megan</b>	41 61 66 70 73	<p>Submitters expressed a range of concerns around the lack of acknowledgement towards the mountain-biking/off-road walking and cycling scene in Ashburton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is little acknowledgement of the Ashburton MTB club and what they have done for the community (Howard).</li> <li>• Suggests more mention and support of local clubs e.g. Mountain bike Ashburton and Bike Methven (O'Brien).</li> <li>• Disappointed in little mention of MTB Loop and River Walkway (Reid).</li> <li>• Prefers to cycle along the MTB Loop and Mt Hutt Bike Park rather than on roads of footpaths. Would like to see more input in these areas (Russell).</li> <li>• Suggests more acknowledgement of popular walking and cycling tracks (Mountain Bike Loop, river Walkway) (Stirling).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>Council appreciates the great work that the volunteers and clubs contribute to renewal and maintain the river trails and rural walkways etc.</p> <p>The scope of this strategy is to introduce mode shift for the community. The idea is to use our vehicles less often and transition to active transport. This will align the district with the Government Policy Statement to be more active. Therefore the focus in this strategy is to provide infrastructure to connect with existing community facilities and recreational trails.</p>
<b>Ayers, Peter</b> <b>Bailey, Sharon</b> <b>Bellew, Mitch</b> <b>Bennet, Jessica</b> <b>Bishop, David</b> <b>Brake, Paul &amp; Monique</b> <b>Clyne, Michelle</b> <b>Harrison, Dean</b>	6 7 8 9 10 14 20 35	<p>A number of submitters requested support for mountain bike / off-road walking and cycling tracks and clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests financial support for the local mountain bike club / for ongoing maintenance and development of off-road (walking and cycling) trails across the district (Ayers, Bailey, Bellew, Bishop, Harrison, Hulme, Marshall).</li> <li>• Council needs to incorporate support of off-road cycling networks within the District (MTB Loop, River Walkway, Mt Hutt Bike Park, and</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The community group and clubs are welcome to put in a submission through the Community Grant to receive financial support for their projects.</p> <p>The development of recreational trail does not meet the NZTA walking and cycling funding criteria therefore Council will not</p>

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<b>Hulme, Trudy</b>	47	Lake Hood Trail. Provide financial support to enable ongoing maintenance and improvements (Bellew).	
<b>Johnstone, Jocelyn</b>	49		be able to get subsidised funding for recreational projects.
<b>Marshall, Tania</b>	54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of mention of support or action towards off road walking and cycling tracks (Lake Hood Trail, Mt Hutt Bike Park etc.) (Bennet).</li> </ul>	
<b>MTB Ashburton</b>	58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growing number of cyclists using the MTB Loop, Ashburton/Hakaterere River Trail, Lake Hood Trail and Mt Hutt Bike Park (Brake).</li> </ul>	
<b>O'Brien, Brad</b>	61		
<b>Phillips, Dell</b>	62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests off-road cycling networks across the district (incl MTB Loop, River Walkway, Mt Hutt Bike Park, Lake Hood Trail) are included in the Strategy and are provided more attention and time from Council to assist in their ongoing maintenance and development (Bailey, Bellew, Brake).</li> </ul>	
<b>Reid, James</b>	66		
<b>Russell, Graham</b>	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests we build on what we've got, working together, communicating and providing funds with volunteers who maintain River Tracks and Mt Hutt MTB Park (Clyne).</li> <li>• Acknowledges previous support from Council, but requires more to maintain, develop and improve off-road networks (Phillips).</li> <li>• Mountain bike tracks not sustainable without support; potential to expand/develop with Council funding (Reid).</li> <li>• Suggests better promotion for off-road cycling/mountain biking to attract more out of town visitors e.g. Maps highlighting these tracks (Reid).</li> <li>• Suggests more direct focus and funding into off-road cycling and walking tracks such as MTB Loop, and River Walkway (MTB Ashburton).</li> <li>• Notes the lack of mention of support &amp; action / suggests more support, towards off road walking and cycling tracks / local bike clubs (Bennet, Harrison, Johnston, O'Brien, Russell).</li> </ul>	

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<b>Boekholt, Kevin</b>	12	<p>Submitters specifically mention the mountain biking / off-road walking and cycling tracks in the Methven area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disappointed in the lack of mention of Bike Methven and Mt Hutt Bike Park. Suggests support of events, track maintaining and liaison with government departments like DOC to potentially expand the current track networks (Boekholt).</li> <li>Support towards Methven Skills/Mt Hutt Forest/Bike Park needed (Brown).</li> <li>Suggests we build on what we've got, working together, communicating and providing funds with volunteers who maintain River Tracks and Mt Hutt MTB Park (Clyne).</li> <li>Would like ADC to acknowledge both Methven Skills Park and Mt Hutt Forest/Bike Park, developed by hours of volunteers (Field).</li> <li>Mt Hutt Forest biking tracks and Methven Skills Park should be added to the plan and supported by ADC (Methven Community Board).</li> <li>Disappointed there is no mention of Bike Methven (MTB Ashburton).</li> <li>No acknowledgement of Mt Hutt Bike Park and Skills Park, despite hosting several national events (Stirling).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged
<b>Brown, Ricky</b>	15		
<b>Clyne, Michelle</b>	20		
<b>Field, Donna</b>	29		
<b>Methven Community Board</b>	56		
<b>MTB Ashburton</b>	58		
<b>Stirling, Megan</b>	73		

### 2.3 Mountain Bike/Off-Road Upgrade and Assistance

Submitter name	Page Number	Summary	Staff Comments
<b>Hooper, Phil</b>	39	<p>Submitters suggested Council work together with community groups to develop mountain biking / off-road walking and cycling in the district. Suggestions included:</p>	<p>Acknowledged, Council will be establishing a Walking and Cycling Working Group once the strategy is</p>
<b>Hulme, Trudy</b>	47		
<b>MTB Ashburton</b>			

<b>Stirling, Megan</b>	73 85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better relationship with Council and local MTB Loop (Hooper).</li> <li>• Communication with the organisation of volunteers who work hard on river track to support them (Hulme).</li> <li>• Better relationships with community groups who have created many of the walking and cycling trails in Mid Canterbury (MTB Ashburton).</li> <li>• Working together with volunteers and community groups (Stirling).</li> </ul>	adopted. The MTB community are welcome to elect a member to join the group.
<b>Bellew, Mitch</b> <b>Bennet, Jessica</b> <b>Johnston, Jocelyn</b> <b>Marshall, Tania</b> <b>MTB Ashburton</b> <b>Stirling, Megan</b>	8 9 49 54 58 73	<p>Submitters noted inaccuracies in some of the Council information on MTB/off-road walking and cycling tracks in Ashburton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns around out of date information on the Council website and in the Strategy: maps are inaccurate, wrong track names used, wrong community group names used (Bennet, Johnston, Marshall, MTB Ashburton, Stirling).</li> <li>• Requests up-to-date, accurate information related to recreational, off-road cycling facilities is established and made available for locals and tourists (Bellew).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, The cycling information will be updated under the objective 4.2 and wayfinder information will be worked under objective 3.2.
<b>MTB Ashburton</b>	58	Supports items 2.1, 2.2, and 3.2. Suggests these are actioned in consultation with community groups such as Mountain Bike Ashburton.	Acknowledged
<b>Bailey, Sharon</b>	7	Requests assistance in preventing motorcycles, 4x4s and vandals from using parks as it is dangerous and damaging.	Acknowledged, This submission will be forwarded to the enforcement and monitoring officer.
<b>Bellew, Mitch</b>	8	Suggests Council needs to establish appropriate governance structure for the oversight of off-road trail.	Acknowledged,
<b>Brake, Paul &amp; Monique</b>	14	Notes the growing number of cyclists using the MTB Loop, Ashburton/Hakatere River Trail, Lake Hood Trail and Mt Hutt Bike Park.	Acknowledged
<b>Russell, Graham</b>	73	Prefers to cycle along the MTB Loop and Mt Hutt Bike Park rather than on roads or footpaths.	Acknowledged

## 2.4 State Highway 1/West Street

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Collis, Dale</b>	22	Supports installation of traffic lights at SH1/Walnut Ave and East St/Walnut Ave.	Acknowledged
<b>Clare, Craig</b> <b>Hooper, Phill</b>	19 39	<p>Submitters expressed concerns around safety when crossing State Highway 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious lack of safe passage options to cross the high way (Clare).</li> <li>• Struggles to cross SH1 when coming from the bridge from Tinwald, “getting to East St is a nightmare” (Hooper).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, in the strategy there are proposed projects for safe crossings on the state highway to reduce severance within the townships.
<b>Price, Selwyn</b>	64	<p>Submitters suggests three SH1 crossings that need to be developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moore St/West St intersections on the Mitre 10 southern side. (Price)</li> <li>• Foot of the railway pedestrian bridge. (Price)</li> <li>• Walnut Avenue roundabout. (Price)</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>A crossing point on the State Highway 1 between the domain and the bridge could be included in the strategy.</p> <p>SH1/ Walnut Ave improvement is currently in development to become traffic signals.</p>
<b>Vucetich, Shona</b> <b>Wards, John</b> <b>Warren, Johanna</b>	76 77 79	<p>Submitters shared suggestions for improvements on West Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests an island on West Street to connect bridge to main Domain gates (like two south on West Street) (Vucetich).</li> <li>• Suggests a footpath on the east side of West Street from Havelock Street North (Vucetich).</li> <li>• Suggests in the medium term, a connection from East to West in the region of existing skate park for both foot and cycle traffic. Should be separate from road in an overbridge or subway format (Wards).</li> <li>• Suggests safer crossing point across West St near Saunders Road (Warren).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The development of the footpath East of West St will depend on NZTA and KiwiRail’s redevelopment plan for the site.</p> <p>There is currently no footpath on the East side of West St near Saunders Road to introduce a crossing point.</p>

## 2.5 Pathways

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>AYC</b>	5	Submitters support or have suggestions for footpath plans.	Acknowledged
<b>Blacklock, Jill</b>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports wider footpaths for mobility (AYC).</li> </ul>	
<b>Favel, Donna</b>	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports changes at Beach Road roundabout (Blacklock).</li> </ul>	
<b>Squires, Nicholas</b>	72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitter supports crossing from West and Park Street. (Blacklock)</li> </ul>	
<b>Waters, Evans</b>	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports joining footpaths, widening cycle ways, and more cycleway paintings at intersections (Blacklock).</li> <li>• Supports the audit and planned extensions to walkways (Favel).</li> <li>• Supports move provision for walking and cycling tracks in Mid-Canterbury. (Squires)</li> <li>• Supports extension along Bremners Road and Northpark Estate (Waters).</li> </ul>	
<b>Hadley, Janet</b>	34	Submitters had suggestions on specific roads or pathways	Acknowledged
<b>Hill, Charlotte</b>	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests footpath onto Allens Rd after the Mill Stream Bridge (Hadley).</li> </ul>	Allens Rd footpath extension will be considered in the annual footpath extension project in Ashburton.
<b>Hulme, Trudy</b>	47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests proposed shared network to include Seafield Road to Ashburton Airport (Hill).</li> </ul>	Staff will consider including in Seafield Rd to the shared network.
<b>Polson, Caroline</b>	63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests commitment to further development of walkway along Mill Creek from Argyle Park into Allenton (Hulme).</li> </ul>	Mill Creek walkway project is part of the open spaces strategy.
<b>Rive, Ian</b>	68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests safe walking around Ashburtons' perimeter on sealed walkways (Hulme).</li> </ul>	One of the goals in the strategy is to provide a safe walking environment for the community.
<b>Wards, John</b>	77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests crossing at Belt/Middle Road (Polson).</li> </ul>	Staff will consider including a safe crossing project on Belt/Middle Rd for the school.
<b>Warren, Johanna</b>	79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns around the safety on walkways on Allens Road from Racecourse Road (Rive).</li> <li>• Suggests in the medium term, a connection from East to West in the region of the existing Ashburton skate park for both foot and cycle</li> </ul>	There is a walkway connecting Creek/Pages Rd but it is unlikely property

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		<p>traffic.Should be separated from road in an overbridge or subway format. (Wards)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests more pedestrian linkages between streets such as walkways form Pages Road to Creek Road (Warren).</li> <li>• Suggests planting alongside busy roads to mitigate noise and danger and make walking more appealing (Warren).</li> </ul>	<p>owners will give land to Council to construct another walkway.</p> <p>Traffic separation will be considered in the network planning objective.</p>
<p><b>Cameron, Brian</b> <b>Gardiner, Murray</b></p>	<p>17 31</p>	<p>Submitters opposed footpath designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports strategy but not recent footpath design (Middle Road between Creek Road and Belt Road). Height and topography of footpaths dangerous for pedestrians, particularly those with walking frames/sticks, and mobility scooters. (Cameron).</li> <li>• Current footpaths too narrow (Gardiner).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>Submitter might be referring to the drop in footpath level for vehicle crossing on uneven topography. This is the standard design to accommodate vehicles and foot traffic.</p> <p>One of the strategy's actions is to implement a new standard width for shared paths in the district plan. This will increase the width of the footpath where there will be shared paths.</p>
<p><b>Kilgour, Catherine</b> <b>Skates, Bev</b> <b>Warren, Catherine</b></p>	<p>50 71 78</p>	<p>Submitters opposed shared footpath designs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not happy with existing shared paths on Grahams Road and Cass Street. More shared paths will increase conflict between people on bikes and walking (Kilgour).</li> <li>• Opposes shared pedestrian cycle pathways (Kilgour).</li> <li>• Does not support cycling, skateboards and scooters on walkways (Skates).</li> <li>• Shared pathways are not a substitute for separate, protected cycle ways (Warren).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>Currently there is no law against skateboarders and scooters on footpaths. Shared paths are designed to give less competent cyclists (e.g. students) to travel without the risk of sharing the road with cars/trucks.</p>

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<b>Hadley, Janet</b>	34	<p>Submitters mention various obstacles that caused hindrance when walking on footpaths around the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trucks cause damage on Racecourse Road (Hadley).</li> <li>• Obstacles mention: dogs frightening children, dog poo, broken glass, and rubbish and recycling bins (Polson).</li> <li>• Lichen on existing footpaths makes it dangerous to walk on (Price).</li> <li>• Low profile kerbs means that run-ups create an undulating surface for those in mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams if the footpath is formed on the road side with the grass beam nearest properties (Price).</li> <li>• Obstacles mention; wheelie bins on collection day, poles where utilities have not been undergrounded, cars parking on or across footpaths, including business owners, tree roots, deeper gutters, and difficulty to reach pedestrian crossing button (Price).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>High productivity motor vehicle does accelerate the deteriorate of roads.</p> <p>The maintenance contractor will continue to spray chemicals on the footpath to reduce the growth of lichen.</p>
<b>Polson, Caroline</b>	63		
<b>Price, Selwyn</b>	64		

## 2.6 Racecourse Road

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Elliot, Lisa</b>	24	Submitter supports Racecourse Road plan.	Acknowledged
<b>Guisse, Marion</b> <b>Hadley, Janet</b>	33 34	<p>Submitters shared suggestions around walkways/cycle ways along racecourse Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests a cycle lane along full length of Racecourse Road (Guisse).</li> <li>• Suggests shared walking/cycleway installed along Racecourse Road to Farm Road (Hadley).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The cycleway on Racecourse Rd is one of the strategy's actions.</p>

## 2.7 Methven

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Gibbs, Chris</b> <b>Henderson, Madeleine</b> <b>Robertson, Karyn</b>	32 37 69	Submitters support proposed plans in Methven. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the overall goal of the plan, particularly around Methven Golf Course (Gibbs).</li> <li>• Support proposed footpath and trail beside Methven Golf Course (Henderson).</li> <li>• Supports 1.5A as it is difficult and dangerous for children to cross SH77 (Robertson).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>Methven Community Board</b> <b>Robertson, Karyn</b>	1 56 69	Submitters shared suggestions for Methven. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methven has three schools in close proximity, ideal for a cycling infrastructure (Abbot).</li> <li>• Methven do not have shared paths mention in policy (Abbot).</li> <li>• With regards to objective 1.2A (Footpath on at least one side of each street), suggests adding streets without footpaths to map. Mackie St, Dolma St, Hobbs Rd, Line Rd to complete walkway around urban area (Methven Community Board).</li> <li>• With regards to objective 1.5A, concerns around putting a refuge island on the Main St as this is a busy street with lots of driveways and streets entering (Methven Community Board).</li> <li>• With regards to objective 1.7A (Improve street lighting), should be done before LTP (Methven Community Board).</li> <li>• Suggests footpath on both sides of Forest Drive or an extension of the current footpath towards Mt Harding Road and Pudding Hill Road. (Robertson)</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, A cycling network for Methven could be included into the strategy once the township has increased in growth. Staff will include additional proposed footpath for the roads in Methven. The objective 1.5A is to provide a safe crossing for pedestrian on SH77. The refuge island is the initial proposal but it could be changed in the detail design. The Thyme river trail has recently been built on Mt Harding Road and a trail is proposed on Pudding Hill Road to connect to the Methven Walkway.

## 2.8 Rakaia

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>Mcmahon, Jasmin</b>	1 55	<p>Submitter shared opinions on Rakaia plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rakaia do not have shared paths mention in policy (Abbot).</li> <li>• Supports footpaths going into Rakaia Township. (Mcmahon)</li> <li>• Suggests walkway to get to Rakaia River. (Mcmahon)</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>A cycling network for Rakaia could be included into the strategy once the township has increase in growth.</p> <p>Need further clarification on where submitter want Rakaia River access. The strategy have proposed a few footpath connection to the river.</p>

## 2.9 Schools and promotion

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<b>Burns, Renee</b> <b>Elliott, Lisa</b> <b>Hulme, Trudy</b> <b>Mcmahon, Jasmin</b>	16 24 47 55	<p>Submitters support creating safer options for school children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports action plan 4.1A, School Travel Plans (Burns).</li> <li>• Supports safer crossing for school kids (Elliot).</li> <li>• Supports safe cycle lanes around schools to promote healthy lifestyle and environmental awareness (Hulme).</li> <li>• Supports safe cycling especially for school aged children (Mcmahon).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>Bailey, Sharon</b> <b>Collis, Dale</b> <b>Symington, Lesley</b>	1 7 22 74	<p>Submitters provided suggests for safer options for school children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests methods to get more children biking to school – a measurable goal that will help address obesity in young children and vehicle emissions. Referred to strategies used in Cambridge, Waikato (Abbot).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The suggestions will be considered to be incorporated into the objectives programme.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More attention to cycle safety, visibility and lighting would be great, especially for school kids and commuters (Bailey).</li> <li>• Suggests separated cycleway around Ashburton College. Cars backing and parking cause hazards for cyclists (Collis).</li> <li>• Suggests a collaboration with Safer Communities (Safer Mid Canterbury) to provide a safe space for kids to learn to ride their bikes/scooters and learn about road rules (Symington).</li> </ul>	
<b>Burns, Renee</b> <b>Price, Selwyn</b>	16 64	<p>Submitters made suggestions on Albert Street, with regards to the Ashburton Christian School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to safer pedestrian and cyclists routes to Ashburton Christian School. Pathway along Albert Street from the Trevor's Road intersection to the school gate (Burns).</li> <li>• Suggests footpath continuing along Albert Street to the Christian School, safer than walking on side of road (Price).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, Connection to Ashburton Christian School has been incorporated into shared network project.
<b>AYC</b> <b>Collis, Dale</b> <b>White, Kate</b>	5 22 81	<p>Submitters commented on promotion of walking and cycling in the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports promotion to schools and communities (AYC).</li> <li>• Supports promotion within schools (Collis).</li> <li>• Suggests promotion of ABC (Aoteoroa Bike Challenge) to business and workplaces (White).</li> <li>• Supports 4.1 to see more promotion and increase participation (White).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, Additional events to promote cycling is welcomed to be looked into.

## 2.10 EA Networks Centre

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Cochrane, Jane</b>	21	Submitters have commented on access to EA Networks Centre.	Acknowledged,

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<b>Hulme, Trudy</b> <b>White, Kate</b>	47 81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration to ensure extension of a walking, cycling pathway be included around the perimeter of the adjoining land around EA networks sport centre (Cochrane).</li> <li>• Suggests safer access to pedestrians and cyclists to the EA Network Centre as it's currently unsafe to cross Alford Forest Road (Hulme).</li> <li>• Suggests separated cycleway added to the entrance of EA Networks Centre (White).</li> </ul>	<p>Some of the adjoining land around EA network sport centre does not belong to Council which might be problematic.</p> <p>There are currently two refuge island crossings on Alford Forest Road to access EA Network Centre.</p> <p>Cycleway project into EA network Centre could be considered.</p>

## 2.11 Health, safety and the environment

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>Garde, Peter</b> <b>Wood, Peter</b>	1 30 82	<p>Submitters commented on the health aspect of the Walking &amp; Cycling Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes obesity should be a key driver behind the policy (Abbot).</li> <li>• Supports better health, physical activity and safety with the plan and believes it should be seen as an urgent project (Garde).</li> <li>• Supports the overall goal of the plan and recognised the importance of health (Wood).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged
<b>AYC</b> <b>Cochrane, Jan</b> <b>Kuipers, Tim</b> <b>Polson, Caroline</b>	5 21 52 63	<p>Submitters commented on the safety aspect of the Walking &amp; Cycling Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports increased safety for residents and tourists (AYC).</li> <li>• Supports more traffic lights for safer and more controlled travel (AYC).</li> <li>• The strategy recognised the need to improve accessibility, connectivity, and safety for those walking and cycling within the district (Cochrane).</li> <li>• Supports overall goal of the plan to improve the number of safe cycle options (Kuipers).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests adequate safe spaces for both pedestrians on the footpath and cyclists on the road (Polson).</li> </ul>	
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>AYC</b> <b>Twamley, Rosie</b>	1 5 75	Submitters commented on the environmental aspect of the Walking & Cycling Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believes climate change should be a key driver behind the policy (Abbot).</li> <li>Supports the eco benefits of cycling and walking (AYC).</li> <li>Suggests the Council work towards UN Sustainable Development Goals (Twamley).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged

## 2.12 West Street and Walnut Avenue

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>White, Kate</b>	81	Submitter supports plans for Walnut Ave, particularly 1.3A and 1.4C (White).	Acknowledged

## 2.13 Signage and maps

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Burns, Renee</b>	16	Submitters commented on signage.	Acknowledged,
<b>Howard, Clayton</b>	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mountain Bike Ashburton would like to be involved in the signage process to ensure all information is correct, current and with user's safety as paramount (Mountain Bike Ashburton).</li> </ul>	Signage improvement and wayfinder guide will be implemented in Objective 2.1 & 3.2. Mountain Bike Ashburton is welcome to share information on their recreational
<b>Howden, David</b>	42		
<b>MTB Ashburton</b>	58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests signage that helps walkers find their way to attractive places, with good parking and maps (Warren).</li> </ul>	
<b>Warren, Johanna</b>	79		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests stencils that can be painted onto footpaths guiding people towards parks (Warren).</li> <li>• Suggests more information on directions for Hakatere River Track (Howard).</li> <li>• Suggests better publicity, designated road markings and enthusiastic and accurate brochures (Howden).</li> <li>• Supports action plan 2.1 (improve wayfinding signage for recreational networks) (Burns).</li> </ul>	trail for a consistent information across the district.
<b>Abbot, Chris</b> <b>Favel, Donna</b> <b>Kilgour, Catherine</b> <b>Price, Selwyn</b>	1 25 50 64	Submitters commented on Maps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests similar strategies used in Cambridge, Waikato, to get children to bike to school – online map of town for parents (Abbot).</li> <li>• Opposes exclusion of Hinds, NE Industrial Park, and Lake Hood in the plan (Favel).</li> <li>• Suggests improvements of maps, with addition infrastructure identifies (e.g. public conveniences, drinking fountains, and playgrounds) (Favel).</li> <li>• W&amp;C Strategy shows diagrams of actual road layout (Kilgour).</li> <li>• Requests links through Ng King Brothers Chinese Market Garden Settlement and Braebrook spaces be developed, and included in maps (Price).</li> <li>• Requests maps of NE Business Park, Lake Hood, and Cemetery to Ashburton town network and Hinds be included (Price).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged The walking and cycling information resources including maps will be further developed under objective 4.2.

## 2.14 Hakatere River, Lake Hood, Rangitata River

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Bowmar, Ross</b>	13	Submitters shared opinions on Hakatere River.	Acknowledged
<b>Gibbs, Chris</b>	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests road realignment, straightening and widening of access up braided rivers (Bowmar).</li> </ul>	
<b>Guise, Marion</b>	33		
<b>Howard, Clayton</b>	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests future plans to create cycle/walkway alongside Ashburton River from RDR or further (Gibbs).</li> <li>Concerned about roads to river not sealed to the stop banks (Melrose St, Smyths Rd, and Rawles Crossing) (Guise).</li> <li>Suggests more information on directions for Hakatere River Track (Clayton).</li> </ul>	
<b>Deeley, Steve</b>	23	Submitter shared opinions on Lake Hood.	Acknowledged
<b>Waters, Evan</b>	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding circumference of Lake Hood. (Deeley)</li> <li>Concerns regarding quality of track from Tinwald to Lake Hood. (Deeley)</li> <li>Suggests sealing Grahams Road to Lake Hood. (Waters)</li> </ul>	
<b>Isitt, Trevor</b>	48	Submitter believes there are walking and cycling opportunities in the proximity of the Rangitata River Mouth to enhance recreational experiences for community.	Acknowledged

## 2.15 Tinwald and Ashburton River bridge

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Campbell, Margaret</b>	18	Submitters commented on the Tinwald viaduct and Ashburton River bridge.	Acknowledged,
<b>Muir, Jenny</b>	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests some form of mirror set up by viaduct for cyclists to see cars coming from around Malcolm Street (Campbell).</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests better cycling/walking paths across the bridge from Ashburton to Tinwald under the viaduct (Muir).</li> <li>Lights are out along bridge and need replacing immediately (Muir).</li> </ul>	<p>Improvements to the bridge/viaduct will be part of the Ashburton Cycling Network business case objective 1.4B.</p> <p>NZTA has been notified in regards to the streetlight outage on the Ashburton Bridge.</p>
<b>Howden, David</b> <b>Low, John</b> <b>Warren, Johanna</b>	42 53 79	Tinwald Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urgent need for a complete pathway along Tarbottons Road, then along the road past the pony club grounds to the scout's hall (Low).</li> <li>Suggests additional safe crossing point near Wilkin Road intersection as there is a high level of pedestrian activity in this area (Warren).</li> <li>Suggests linked road marking from Tinwald Motor Camp and East Street motels to defined access to the Lake Hood and Hakatere River Trails (Howden).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>Tarbottons Rd footpath extension is in the footpath forwards programme in Ashburton.</p> <p>Safe crossing point on SH1/ Archibald St will be part of objective 1.5C</p> <p>Linked network connection will be part of objective 1.4B</p>

## 2.16 Cycle networks

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Bishop, David</b> <b>Howden David</b>	10 42	Submitters discussed urban cycle networks in the district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns around lack of a comprehensive and connected urban cycle lane complex (Bishop).</li> <li>Suggested possible urban cycle route, <i>Town Ride</i> (Howden).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The urban cycle network in the strategy is to serve as a direction on where the route should go. A detailed business case is to be developed under objective 1.5B</p>
<b>Bishop, David</b> <b>Howden, David</b>	10 42	Submitters discussed rural cycle networks in the district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests rural cycling network to be developed (Bishop).</li> </ul>	<p>Acknowledged,</p> <p>The scope of the strategy is to focus on mode shift within townships. Rural cycling</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested two rural cycle networks, <i>Country Rumble</i>, and <i>Mt Barrosa Odyssey</i> (Howden).</li> </ul>	development projects could be consider further down the track in the strategy implementation.

## 2.17 Public amenities

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Blacklock, Jill</b> <b>Elliot, Lisa</b> <b>Favel, Donna</b> <b>Price, Selwyn</b> <b>Warren, Johanna</b>	11 24 25 64 79	Submitters shared suggestions on public amenities in the Ashburton District. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports shared extension in the Domain (Blacklock).</li> <li>Suggests lighting around Domain perimeter boardwalk and Argyle Park (Elliot).</li> <li>Need to support the walking and cycling public with toilets (Favel).</li> <li>Absence of public conveniences for recreational walkers/cyclists on the east side of town (Price).</li> <li>Suggests picnic table/bench seats at Digby Place Park, and extended with a footpath to West Street (Warren).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, Lighting in the Domain and Argyle Park should be part of Council's Domain Development Plan and Open Spaces Strategy. Additional public amenities project could be considered as another objective in the strategy.
<b>Hawkes, Murray</b>	36	Submitter commented on parking. Believes any parking removed from the street side for the provision of cycle-only access should be compensated by provision of additional free parking on council land (Hawkes).	Acknowledged
<b>Burns, Renee</b> <b>Hore, Simon</b>	16 40	Submitters suggested safe storage sites in town for bicycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests bike parks in CBD to encourage people to bike, Suggests a facility in the West St carpark (Burns).</li> <li>More consideration lock up storage for bikes and scooters around the city (Hore).</li> </ul>	Acknowledged, Bike parking and storage will be reviewed under the objective 2.2B.

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## 2.18 Future plans

Submitter name	Page number	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Abbot, Chris</b>	1	Submitters expressed concerns or suggests around the future of the plan.	Acknowledged,
<b>Gibbs, Chris</b>	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current goals in plan do not seem measurable for future Council to appraise (Abbot).</li> </ul>	The short term objectives in the strategy have already been submitted into the long term plan budget for approval.
<b>Moore, Wayne</b>	57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans lack guidance on required financial commitment (These have to be finalised in each year's budget and tri-annual ten year plan but some broad indications could be set) (Abbot).</li> <li>• Suggests creating a 10-15/20 year plan (Gibbs).</li> <li>• Suggests action plan compared to the actions taken in 1 years' time/2 years' time etc. (Moore).</li> </ul>	This strategy document will be reviewed every 5 years and the implementation plan will be reviewed on a 3 year cycle so does not need a 20 year plan.

### 3. Our Place: Our Plan Responses

Long-Term plan 2021-31 pre-engagement survey results

Topic	Reponses
<b>Footpaths</b>  General Comments	Footpaths (x3)
	Footpath repairs / maintenance (x3)
	Better footpath quality
	Clean footpaths
	Replace footpaths
	Resealing of footpaths by contractors every time they get dug up
	Smoother footpaths around town for electric scooters/bikes
	Cleaning of the footpaths in the town centre
	Stop putting strips of weeds on our footpaths to make them narrower
	Better footpaths with less grass verges as they become neglected
	Footpaths with attention to overgrowing vegetation
	Street lights and footpaths on Tarbottons Road (x2)
	Lowering of footpaths in Tinwald
Rural town footpaths	Repair and upgrade footpaths outside town areas
	Rural community upgrades - footpaths

	Paved footpaths in Chertsey township
	Footpaths in Rakaia
<b>Sport Development</b> Sporting Activity	Fix up Tinwald cycling track. Consider an enclosed board track like the Invercargill cycle track which is coming to the end of its Useable life – Ashburton could become the centre for track cycling.
<b>Walkways/Cycle Trails</b>	Off-road biking and walking tracks (x5)
	Re-opening walks/more walkways
	More cycle tracks (x2)
	Walking and cycling paths and linkages
	Walking and cycling trails along the river track
	Lake Hood cycle route doesn't go the whole way around
	Maintenance of walking and biking tracks/bike park
	Biking/walking areas kept in good condition
	Keep improving cycle ways around Ashburton
	More work on a district wide cycle trail going from Ashburton to RDR to Methven, to High bank, to Rakaia
<b>Ashburton Town Centre Improvements</b> General Comments	For Ashburton to be a 'more walkable' town
	Pedestrian friendly East Street, no cars, more cafes etc.
	Town centre to be walking only, no traffic other than service vehicles
<b>Cycle Lanes</b>	More cycle lanes (x5)

	Better bike lanes to encourage cycling
	Cycle lane all the way on Racecourse Road
	Increased cycle ways in town, and tidy up existing ones (potholes)
	Cycle ways though town centre, Alford Forest Road, Racecourse Road, Beach Road and Smithfield Road (x2)
<b>Road Quality</b> Cyclists	Improve roads for cyclists
	Roads dangerous for cyclists
<b>Safety</b> Street Lights	Make the roads safer for children
	More street lighting (x2)test
	Street lights on Tarbottons Road
<b>Footpaths</b>	Footpath safety
	Footpath upgrade / repair / maintain (x16)
	Get rid of slippery green stuff on suburban footpaths
	More footpaths
	Footpaths, kerb and channel maintenance (x2)
	Improving footpath surfaces in town and country
	Better footpaths in CBD to encourage foot traffic
Specific Roads	Footpath on Allens Road and Racecourse Road

	Cambridge Street footpath
	More footpaths in Rakaia
	Improve footpaths outside Ashburton Borough School
<b>Signage</b>	Proper speed signs around schools and pedestrian crossings
<b>Other</b>	Concentrate on alternative transport options such as separate cycle lanes and walking options (public transport)
	Maintain bike lanes, safer to bike in car lane at the moment
	Focus at school
	Widen the bridge 2 lanes on each side plus walkways and cycle ways
	Mobility for people who use mobility scooters
<b>Lighting</b>	Increased / better street lighting (x65)
	There is not much street lighting in certain areas (x2)
	Better lighting / visibility at night time (x7)
	Improving lighting would encourage people to go out and about at night time
Specific areas	More / better lighting around the Domain (x4)
	The lights on the bridge are appalling (x2)
	Better lighting within the streets of Ashburton
	Give outside towns more street lights e.g. Rakaia
	Street lights in Methven are poor

	More lights around parks (x2)
	More lights in small villages like Fairton
	Additional lighting in residential areas (x3)
	Need street lights on Racecourse Road East
	Lights over the Chalmers Avenue corner
	Street lights on Tarbottons Road
	Better lighting around schools
<b>Footpaths</b>	Footpaths are uneven / dangerous (x9)
	More footpaths (x5)
	Footpath along Racecourse Road / Allens Road
<b>Cycle Lanes</b>	More cycle lanes (x4)
	Paving
	Footpaths and cycle lanes are terrible
	More cycle lanes heading from suburbs into the CBD
<b>Pedestrian Crossings</b>	More pedestrian crossings (x4)
	Speed bumps and crossings around day-cares
	Better crossings at busy areas for children (near EANC, Borough School / New World etc.)
	More pedestrian crossings / more visibility around the existing ones

	Making sure children can safely get over crossings
	School crossings
	Better situated pedestrian crossings
<b>Specific places for crossings</b>	No places for children to safely cross SH1 in Tinwald (x2)
	Crosswalk on West Street next to the railway foot traffic bridge
	Pedestrian crossing by Health Centre Tinwald
	Safer crossings in Rakaia
<b>Other</b>	Being able to walk around the streets safely in the evening / night (x5)
	Improve Mobility Access
	Think about lighting, rubbish, places to store bikes etc.
	Clear overhanging shrubs on footpath
<b>Traffic Management</b>	SH1 is unsafe for cyclists
	Need further access for cyclists and pedestrians across the river
<b>Health and Safety</b>	SH1 is unsafe for cyclists
<b>Suggestions for current proposal</b>	New bridge should have separate walking and cycling lanes
<b>Pedestrians / cycle lanes</b>	Ensure footpaths are smooth and wide enough for motor scooters and prams - stop changing footpaths to have weedy dry strips of grass and dirt instead of being tar sealed
	Pedestrian only main street

	Promote foot traffic (x2)
	Cycle lanes, bike friendly town (x2)
<b>Recreation</b>	Protection of recreational areas
	More walking and cycling tracks around the town, incorporating the river tracks
	More walking tracks
<b>Pedestrian Friendly</b>	Pedestrian friendly
	Better pedestrian options
	More pedestrian areas
	Make it pedestrian friendly and attractive to draw people into town
	Anything to increase foot traffic
	Ensure that the finished product encourages more people to walk or cycle into town, promote this to staff so parking spaces are left for those with mobility issues or those living rurally
<b>Roading – General</b>	My street has been bumpy and lumpy for the last 5 years, yet you pave up where no one walks
<b>Covid-19 - Exercise</b>	Spend more time exercising, walking and bike riding
	The bike track is great for getting out and about for mental health
	Would like more exercise areas like Argyle Park, a track around the Domain would be perfect
	Used the Ashburton River MTB track extensively during lockdown
<b>Ashburton township</b>	More pedestrian friendly and less cars in CBD

<b>Domain</b>	Put a walking track right round the domain like argyle park. Gets more people out and moving and family's connecting
	I would like to see a track around the outside of the domain like you have done at Argyle Park. Would encourage more people to use it for a longer period of time as it is a very short walk through the domain
<b>Safety</b>	Safe pedestrian / cycle access under the Tinwald viaduct
	This is not a safe town for women to walk alone anymore
<b>Intersections/roads</b>	The West / East Street roundabouts are unsafe for school kids
	Access to Ashburton intermediate is dangerous (road safety)
	For safety for pedestrians please do consider more street lighting up Racecourse Road
<b>Footpaths</b>	Some more footpaths in Rakaia areas as there is a fairly large increase in housing happening, plus the new subdivision on West Town Belt Road
	Paved footpaths for Chertsey
	Lower footpaths in Tinwald
	Better paths with even surfaces
	Some of our foot paths are hard to walk on, too steep
	When you repair a footpath, put a border around it instead of a cheap option. An asphalt edge deteriorates
	Also I would like to see a footpath, even if it is shingle like on the way out to Lake Hood, along Farm Road and then running along Racecourse road and joining up to the one that is only part way along there. There has been so much growth and development In that area that there should be good footpaths to encourage exercise
	Footpaths are a disgrace
	Keep in mind that Methven and other rural centres should be thought of and integrated in this plan, like a biking trail on country

<b>Walkways/Cycle ways</b>	Roads to all the different small villages starting in Ashburton or Methven something like the rail trail.
	EA Networks should be more cycle friendly, it's dangerous entering on a bike with the speed bumps
	The mountain bike track is a huge asset to the community and well used by riders of all ages - would be great if the council funded the maintenance of the track (spraying & weeding ), like it does with other sporting facilities
	Cycleway from Rakaia, Methven, Rangitata, linking to Ashburton
	More cycle ways