

LITTLE RIVER BIG IDEAS

**A Community Plan
for Little River and
Cooptown**

Submission to:

**THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY
COUNCIL
DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN**

Progressing projects from
The Little River Big Ideas
document 2016

Submitted by:

**THE LITTLE RIVER WAIREWA
COMMUNITY TRUST**

In collaboration with:

-)] The Little River Village Planning Committee
-)] The Little River Railway Station Trust
-)] The Awaiti Domain Board

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The Little River Village Planning Committee

The Awa Iti Domain Board

The Little River Railway Trust

The Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee

The Banks Peninsula Community Board

The Wairewa Rununga

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Summary

LITTLE RIVER BIG IDEAS

The Little River community has advocated strongly through the LRBI document that Little River and its immediate surrounds need attention in terms of infrastructure improvements, facilities and amenities for the well being of residents and visitors alike. We seek that funding be set aside over the next ten years through the Long Term Plan to bring the following key projects to fruition.

1. DRAINAGE AND FLOODING

Flooding is for many reasons a recurrent public hazard in the settlement of Little River. Three drainage choke points close to and within Little River have been identified that strongly contribute to this. We request that these be urgently remediated.

Little River Big Ideas Topic H

2. SH75 TRAFFIC CALMING, PARKING AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

The covering of the drain along the eastern side of SH75 to facilitate safer parking. Planting and other streetscape works to improve amenity and help slow traffic through the village.

Little River Big Ideas Topic D

3. TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Children's Playground/Recreation Park

Expansion of existing facility and development of additional facilities to cater for a wider age range and visitors

Little River Big Ideas Topic C

Craft Station environs Traffic safety, parking and amenity improvements around the Craft Station and Goods Shed.

Walkways and eco trail from Little River via existing paper roads to provide for recreational and educational needs of residents and visitors.

4. HEALTH AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Upgrading and provision of health and recreation facilities. Repair and re-use of Coronation Library

Little River Big Ideas Topic B

5. WASTEWATER TREATMENT

A modern water decontamination system / sewage treatment unit.

Little River Big Ideas Topic I

Background

The '**Little River - Big Ideas' Plan** (<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/community-planning/little-river-big-ideas>) is a community led/Council plan for the settlement. It was formed to address over ten years of historic issues and priorities and, through 2016 and 2017, after a consultative process with community and Council, was formally produced as an overall concept plan for Little River. The plan has been endorsed by the Banks Peninsula Community Board and the Christchurch City Councillors.

The **Little River Wairewa Community Trust (LRWCT)**, a charitable Community Trust who support the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of the local Little River Community, was a major part of forming the Little River - Big Ideas Plan, and now provide a united, strong, clear and community led voice for its implementation.

Over the last ten years LRWCT has built a strong foundation and proven track record in partnering with Council for successful community outcomes. In 2016/17 LRWCT led and managed the build of the new Council owned Birdlings Flat Community Centre, was part of a working party which successfully reduced the speed limit through Little River and in 2017 formed a sub-committee **Little River Village Planning Committee (LRVPC)** which is tasked with 'ensuring that the ideas and aspirations of the community members, which were recorded and documented in The Little River Big Ideas document for the town centre, will be brought to fruition for the benefit of the community and visitors'.

LRWCT works in co-operation with other interest groups including Little River Railway Station Trust, Awa Iti Domain Board, Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust and Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee. LRWCT and LRVWP are experienced in, and open to working in partnership with Council and other agencies to implement these submission item priorities in the Little River - Big Ideas Plan. Both groups are open to modern and innovative ways to partner with agencies in order to progress these important issues for Little River.

This submission requests recognition with appropriate funding to secure the future of Little River and enhance the wellbeing and resilience of the settlement by the investment in necessary and deferred maintenance and the enhancement of the village and business areas.

The resolution of drainage issues in the centre of Little River is essential to alleviate the risk of flooding and damage to SH75, business, community, heritage and residential properties. Over the past six months the LRWCT has worked with CCC and ECan, and identified three priority areas or choke points in the central area of Little River, that if mitigated will alleviate the recurrent flooding of SH75 and of properties in Little River.

Refer Appendices 1,2,3, Maps of Little River and the Domain Choke points and Appendix 4 which shows suggested location of wetland and swales.

1. **Barclays Road/SH75 intersection:** The culvert outfall is directed upstream adjacent to Kinloch Bridge. In times of high-flow, this contributes to flooding on SH75 and along Barclays Road (the end of the Rail Trail). This causes road closures and threatens housing.

2. **4214 Akaroa Road :** The culvert running between 4213/4215 discharges under SH75 into the drain on the Eastern side of SH75. This drain also receives input from the ephemeral pond on block 4210 and 4216. It cannot cope with the combined flow even in moderate rainfall. This SH75 drain is also a safety hazard and it is requested that this drain be covered over as part of the works for the Streetscape plan.

3. **Police Creek Drain and the Okana River** continue to contribute to ongoing damage to the Council owned Heritage Coronation Library buildings and other facilities in the Awa iti domain.

The implementation of this work would include the creation of swales and wetland on CCC land to support wetland plants and biodiversity and to add to recreational and educational opportunities in the village centre,



Key reasons for urgent implementation of this are:

- ⌋ Guarantee the integrity of SH75 through Little River
- ⌋ Affirm the viability of the business, community, heritage and residential buildings in Little River
- ⌋ Establish the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic in Little River
- ⌋ Improve water quality draining to Te Roto o Wairewa
- ⌋ Present an attractive and engaging gateway to the valuable conservation area of Banks Peninsula
- ⌋ Assure the future viability and resilience of Little River in the face of ongoing climate change.

Item 2. SH75 Traffic calming, parking and streetscape TOPIC D

One of the main priorities from public consultation has been to slow traffic down, make Little River safer and provide more off street parking. The recent reduction of the speed limit was the first step towards reducing speed. The remaining issues could all be addressed through improvements within the road reserve on the eastern side of SH75. This work would involve piping and covering the drain to allow the installation of a footpath, improved definition of the road edge to better cater for parking and tree planting. Discussions have been held with NZTA and CCC. In addition tree planting along the frontage of private land adjacent to the roadside could be pursued.



Key reasons for implementation of this are:

- ⌋ Cover dangerous roadside open drain
- ⌋ Safer roadside parking
- ⌋ Assist in slowing traffic speeds through the village
- ⌋ Safer pedestrian movement along and across the road
- ⌋ Enhance the appearance of the village centre

Item 3. Little River Town Centre Improvements TOPIC C

Over the last year The Little River Village Planning Committee has undertaken community consultation with affected neighbors and created a landscape/urban design concept plan which highlights priority areas for development (See Appendix 4).

At this stage there are two well defined projects within the town centre which are seeking funding. The playground/recreation park and the Railway Station Goods Shed. In addition there are a two complementary short term relatively low cost projects which the Committee has been pursuing. Enhancement of the Craft Station and Environs and the establishment of two walkways. The implementation of these latter two would provide confidence to the community that the LRBI Plan is leading to physical results.

- 1. Children’s Playground/Recreation Park:** The current public playground in Little River offers one baby's swing and one slide. This facility is inadequate for primary school children, and utterly inadequate for older children. The residents of Little River have long been asking for an upgrade to this area and strongly reiterated this during community engagement for the Little River Big Ideas Plan.

This need was reflected in the LTP 2015-2025 with funding for the playground. Due to the securing of funds, collaboration for this planning phase has been tentatively initiated, with great interest from local residents, including the Principal of the Little River School (Christian Couper), Lincoln University Landscape Architecture Professor (Mick Abbot), two Landscape Architects, Jackie Lough (play space design) and Rebecca Hammond (rain water design). A wide range of activities are proposed for this park. A draft concept plan has been prepared—see Appendix 5. We request that funding currently held by Council for the playground in the Long Term Plan for a new playground in Little River be confirmed and committed to and the total sum is increased to allow for the creation of facilities for a wider age group.



Key reasons for implementation of this are:

- ⌋ The current playground is too small and totally inadequate
- ⌋ The need to cater for children of all ages.
- ⌋ The current area is located close by a car park that gets very busy.
- ⌋ It would be a welcome stopping point for visitors
- ⌋ It would be located adjacent to a wetland that could be incorporated into the recreation area

- 2. Railway Station Goods Shed**
The former railway goods shed is a CCC asset and listed as a heritage building. At present the building needs repair work before it can be utilised. It is an integral component of improvements and enhancement of the town centre and will enhance the visitor experience along with the adjoining railway station (containing railway heritage memorabilia, visitor information service, public toilets and local crafts). The Little River Railway Station Trust has a lease on the building and is open to partnership agreement with community to restore and assure the importance of these heritage listed buildings.

The Little River Wairewa Community Trust fully supports the Railway Station Trust in requesting funds be prioritised to restore the heritage value Goods Shed in Little River. See Appendix 6.

3. Craft Station Environs

The area between the Craft Station and SH75 is heavily used by vehicles and pedestrians and can be chaotic at busy times. To the rear of the Craft Station and Goods Shed the land in CCC ownership is underutilised. The Craft Station is a valued and popular feature of Little River, but it is not enhanced by its setting. The concept plan proposes re-configuration of vehicle access, circulation and parking, the creation of a village square/market place and amenity improvements.

Discussion has been held with CCC and NZTA and we have commissioned a traffic engineer to prepare some feasible options.



Key reasons for implementation of this are:

-)] Safe and attractive area for pedestrians, both residents and visitors
-)] Creation of a community focal point
-)] Enhanced departure and arrival point for Rail Trail patrons
-)] Better management of tour bus and other vehicle access and parking
-)] To complement the Craft Station and Goods Shed and Playground projects

4. Walkways and eco trail

There are two paper roads that provide the opportunity for walkway and eco trails, for locals and visitors alike. One runs from the town centre to the Okana River and the other provides a walk from the town centre uphill towards Council Hill Road. See Appendices 7,8. Discussions have been held with Council staff and a presentation to the Banks Peninsula Community Board has been made, to help progress this project.



Key reasons for implementation of this are:

-)] Access to the 'Little River' for residents and visitors
-)] A lookout point to the surrounding hills
-)] Picnic sites and nature study
-)] An activity for visitors to partake in once arriving in Little River
-)] Greater awareness and use of the Heritage Park and establishment of a sculpture trail
-)] Enhanced awareness of the cultural and conservation values of this environment

The lack of suitable premises for health and recreation purposes seriously affects our people and their needs and aspirations for the future. In cooperation with The Awa Iti Domain Board it is requested that appropriate capital be allocated for venues which together in a phased process would meet demands.

1. Health Facility

The community has long expressed the need for a health facility, there being no recourse to health professionals other than Akaroa, Christchurch or Lincoln. People from the area have to drive long distances for medical consultation or Health professional attention. Winter driving conditions between the aforementioned places are quite often hazardous and demanding and frequently the road can be closed.

2. Recreation facility

Through the LRBI document the community expressed the need for more provision for recreational and leisure activities. Limited facilities are available in Little River for the diverse groups that need to pursue their activities including Tai Chi, Tai kwon do and Yoga classes, Dance classes, health and fitness programmes and health recovery programmes, Art Classes, Music classes to name a few.

Existing buildings such as the Little River Community Centre (below) and the Little River Service Centre and Library could be extended/ upgraded to meet some of these needs.

The Little River Wairewa Community Trust fully supports the Awa Iti Domain Board LTP submission regarding the Coronation Library



Key reasons for implementation of this are:

- ⌋ Health delivery benefits for residents and visitors alike
- ⌋ Support for the existing emergency services.
- ⌋ Reduction of stress on the community in times of civil emergency
- ⌋ A reduction in traffic to and from Christchurch to service medical needs
- ⌋ Enhancement of community fitness and wellbeing
- ⌋ Social, recreational, educational and health benefits to the community at large
- ⌋ Retention and re-use of a culturally significant site and building (Coronation Library) as part of our memorial heritage. If upgraded it would provide an essential set of meeting rooms for the community with multiple networking benefits

In previous years the LTP had scheduled a reticulated sewerage scheme for Little River to begin before 2019. This was understandably deferred; however, the need for a better system remains and may well have been exacerbated by the earthquakes that may have damaged older septic tanks.

An evaluation of different wastewater disposal systems used both in New Zealand and overseas is needed, along with options for locations, considering topography, soil type, potential hazards, population projections and cultural acceptability.

During the 2017/18 Annual Plan process The LRWCT requested that a modern water decontamination system / sewage treatment unit for Little River as prescribed in the Wairewa ZIP, be included for consideration. We were advised that this needed to be included in the LTP. The residents have requested action and have formally lodged such a request.

Key reasons for implementation of this are;

-)] Will address cultural concerns regarding Nitrogen and Phosphorous leaching.
-)] Will address long standing concerns regarding E. coli leaching into the Okana river and Te Roto o Wairewa.
-)] Make 19th Century model sewage holding tank redundant
-)] Reduction of the expense to CCC of trucking waste away.
-)] Recycling of valuable freshwater.
-)] Protection of community, visitors and environmental health
-)] Demonstrably meet the challenge of Climate Change as aquifers become brackish with saltwater intrusion from rising sea level.
-)] The Trust has ready access to impeccably qualified Internationally and Nationally recognised experts in this field



Funding request

CCC will be familiar with budget costs for the listed items, however we have provided some ball park figures below from our own limited research.

PERIOD	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021-2028	Total \$
Drainage and flood control works	100,000	100,000	100,000		300,000
Traffic calming, parking and streetscape improvements	20,000	40,000	500,000	500,000	1,060,000
Children's Playground/ Recreation park	240,000	50,000	50,000		340,000
Craft Station Environs	50,000	150,000	150,000		350,000
Walkways and eco trails	40,000	40,000	40,000		120,000
Health and Recreation Facilities					
Concept design and planning	30,000				
Physical works				2,000,000	2,030,000
Wastewater Treatment					
Feasibility study	50,000	50,000	50,000		150,000
Engineering concept Design and Planning					
Physical works				2,500,000	2,500,000

N.B. Figures in green represent sums already allocated in the Draft LTP

Similar funding we understand has been allocated for the Coronation Library



APPENDIX 1—CHOKE POINTS

Appendices



Little River

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APPENDIX 2—CHOKE POINTS



APPENDIX 3—CHOKE POINTS



Regards

Tim Ayers
Area Supervisor Land Drainage (Banks Peninsula)
Land Drainage
Three Waters & Waste Unit

APPENDIX 4—CONCEPT PLAN



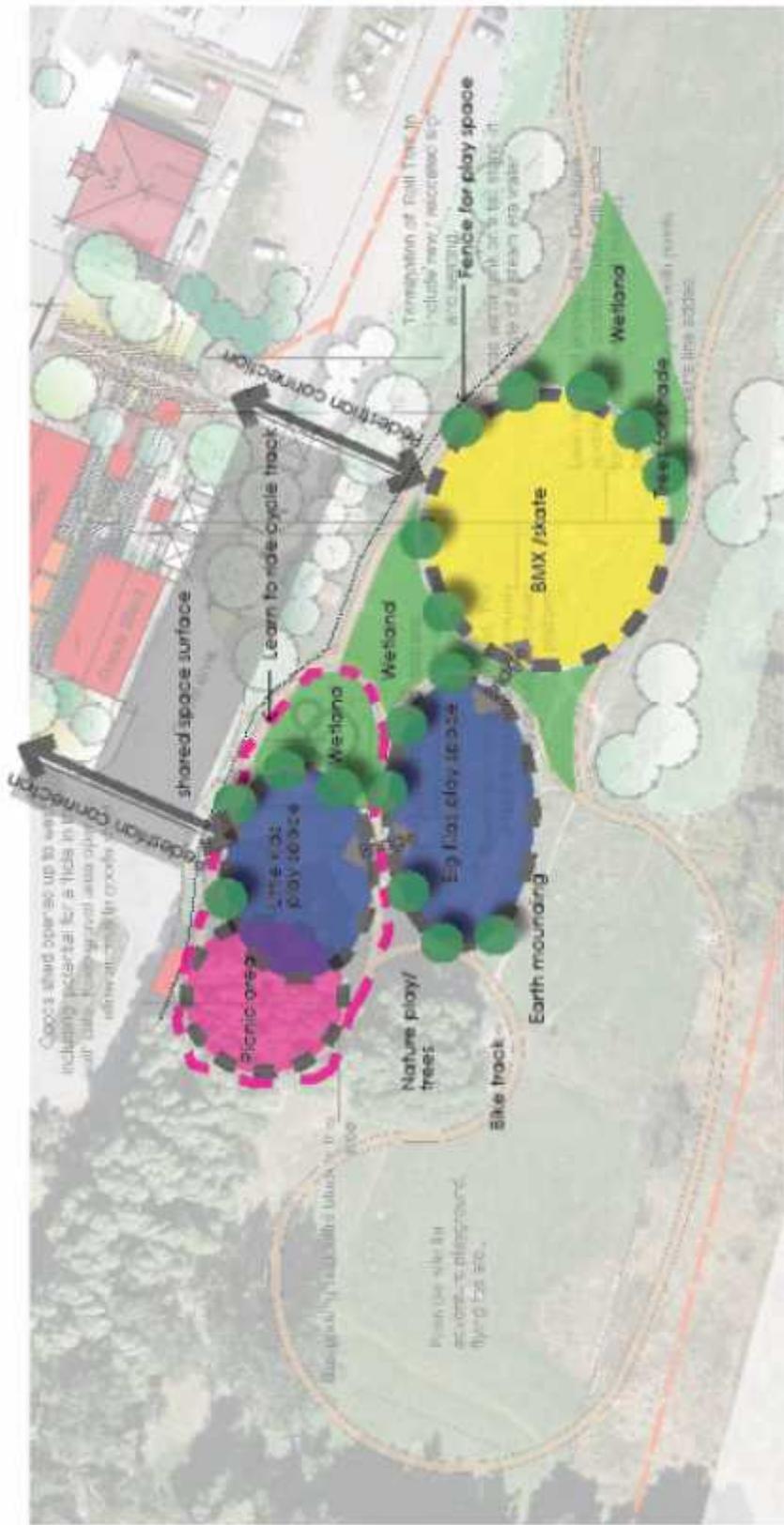
Little River Town Centre

Concept Plan - The Little River Village Planning Committee

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APPENDIX 5—PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLAN



SCHEMATIC LANDSCAPE CONCEPT- PLAY SPACE (DRAFT)
 Little River, Banks Peninsula

APPENDIX 6— LRRST SUBMISSION



LITTLE RIVER RAILWAY STATION TRUST

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Submission to Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan Review

The Little River Station Trust was formed in 1993 and is an active community organization, involved principally in promoting and preserving the heritage of Little River as a NZ railway terminus. In this regard it has added to the railway rolling stock, heritage items and cares for the Railway Station building, picnic area and flower gardens

The thrust of this submission is to support the submission of the Little River Wairewa Community Trust, to which this submission is part of

Little River Wairewa Community Trust Submission

Town Centre Improvements – Goods Shed

The LRRST views the former railway goods shed as an integral component of improvements and enhancement of the town Centre.

It is seen that along with the adjoining railway station (containing railway heritage memorabilia, visitor information service, public toilets and local crafts), art gallery and cafe it can add to facilities to be used and enjoyed by the community and the many visitors to the township.

It can be viewed as a gateway to the many attractions on Bank's Peninsula, particularly Akaroa

The central location of the Goods Shed makes it ideal for a range of community activities such as:

- local produce market stalls,
- hobbies workshop,
- practical skills development training Centre,
- bike trail repair/servicing facility
- railway rolling stock maintenance

Full consultation would be held with the Community to ensure its desires and needs will be catered for.

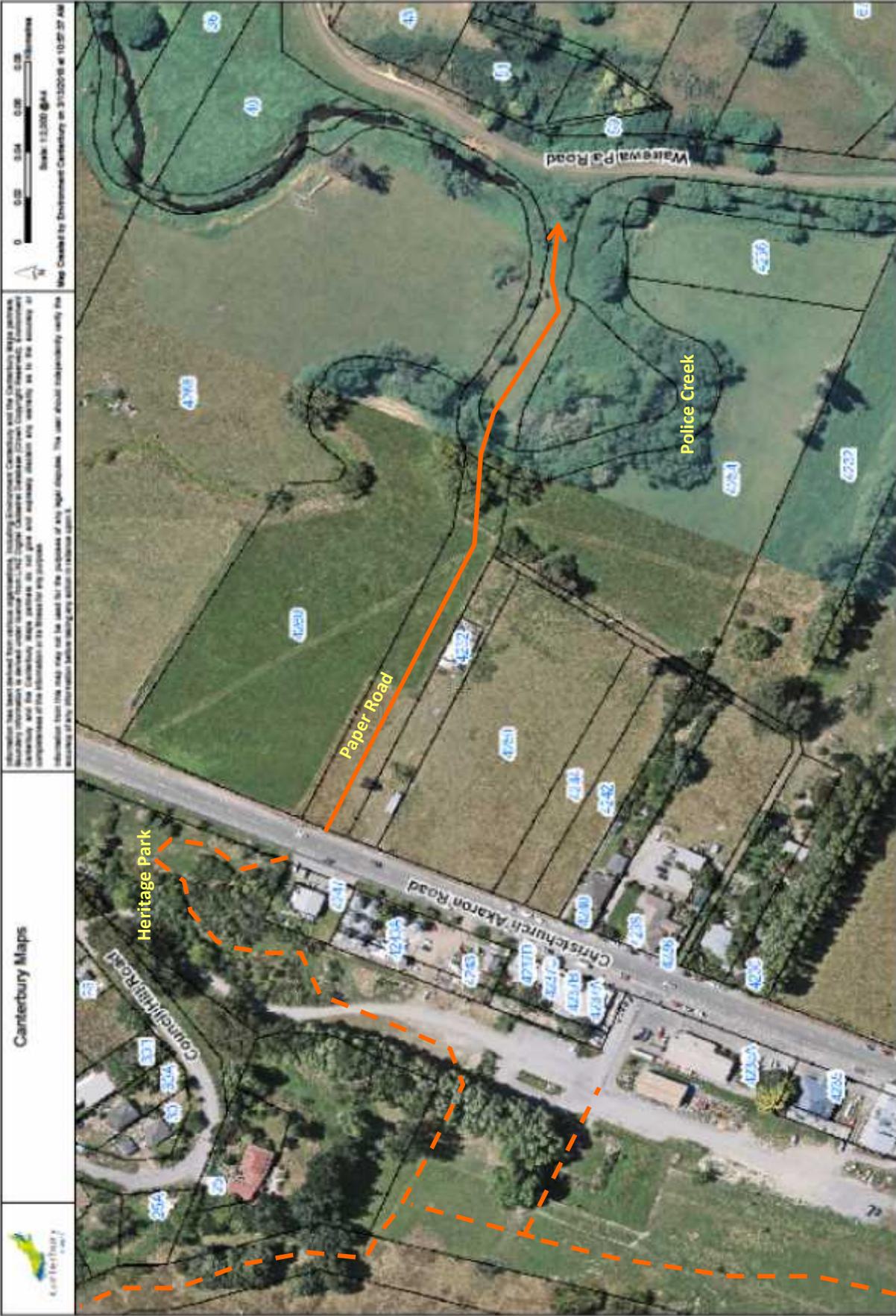
The Christchurch to Little River Rail Trail terminates adjacent to the Goods Shed where there is additional parking and children's playground, again making its locale attractive to cyclists and visitors

Warren Brixton

Chairman

20 March 2018

APPENDIX 7—WALKWAY TO RIVER



APPENDIX 8-WALKWAY/ECO TRAIL TO LOOKOUT POINT AND THROUGH WETLANDS AND HERITAGE PARK



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APPENDIX 9-LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM WAIREWA RUNANGA



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9 April 2018

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Little River

Tēnā koe Barb

Thank you for contacting us per your email to John Boyles, an Executive Committee member of the Wairewa Rūnanga Inc Soc and a member of the Little River Wairewa Community Trust.

John presented your submission to our rūnanga meeting yesterday and it was agreed at our meeting that we will support the Little River Community Trust Submission to the CCC Long Term Plan and that we, also, look forward to a continued open dialogue.

Nāku noa, na

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C: John Boyles

APPENDIX 10— LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM BANKS PENINSULA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE

9 April 2018



Little River Wairewa Community trust
Little River Service Centre
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Dear Mac,

Re Zone Committee support for the Little River Wairewa Community Trust submission on drainage, flooding and wastewater.

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee is a joint committee of the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury. We understand that we cannot make a direct submission to the CCC Long Term Plan however we wish to express support for part of the submission made by Little River Wairewa Community Trust. The relevant parts of the submission the committee support are drainage, flooding and wastewater.

Drainage and Flooding

The issues and solutions outlined in the submission align with the zone committee's ZIP Recommendation 5.1 Flood Mitigation and Sediment Control in the Wairewa ZIP Addendum (p20), in particular "Christchurch City Council should provide in their Long-Term Plan to: maintain and improve CCC's drainage infrastructure in the catchment".

Wastewater

The Banks Peninsula Zone Committee consider wastewater a priority issue on the Peninsula due to the potential risks to water quality, ecosystem health and human health. The submission of the trust requests that a modern, effective wastewater system be included in the LTP. This request is well aligned with Wairewa ZIP Recommendation 5.9- Wastewater Treatment-Phosphorous Removal (p26). This recommendation requests that phosphorous removal and land disposal are considered by council in the design of an advanced wastewater system.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Paula Smith

Chair of the Banks Peninsula Water Zone Committee