

# Living Streets Aotearoa



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**RE: Proposed Madras Street (Kilmore to Salisbury) Street Renewal Project**

**RE: Barbadoes Street (Kilmore to Lichfield) Street Renewal Project**

Dear Peter

Living Streets Canterbury (Living Streets) under the umbrella of Living Streets Aotearoa works towards the goal of more people walking more often. Walking experts believe good design and planning of public space has a major impact on the number of walkers and the frequency with which they walk. We value opportunities to share our expertise in the area of walking as a way of attaining the best possible outcomes for those who currently walk as well as encouraging more people to walk.

We are pleased to see the improvements proposed in the plans out for consultation, and generally support these with some suggested improvements.

Reducing car parks to provide space for plantings enhances enjoyment of public space and is to be commended. The build outs at intersections to help pedestrians to cross are useful provided they provide room for all road users.

## **Suggested Improvements to current proposed plan**

We consider all tactile pavers within the project boundaries and immediately opposing/adjacent corners should follow best practice as specified by the NZ Transport Agency Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide (2007). Some tactile pavers within the project boundaries or immediately opposing corners are old and need replacement, due to lack of colour contrast, for example the corner of Kilmore and Madras Streets. We were told that any opposing/adjacent corners outside the boundaries of the project where there is no need to do footpath renovations would have tactiles added.

Examples of areas where there are no tactile pavers and there should be are the intersections of:

- Barbadoes and Hereford Streets
- Barbadoes and Worcester Streets
- Barbadoes and Gloucester Streets

There is an important issue to address on the south east to south west side of Madras and Kilmore Street, an area of high pedestrian usage, where the painted lines guiding pedestrians across do not align with the opposing kerb cut downs. There are tactile pavers missing on two corners of this intersection.

We wish to speak to our submission at the hearings to be held during the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

This submission is on behalf of Living Streets Canterbury

This submission refers to the following projects:

*The Proposed Madras Street (Kilmore to Salisbury) Street Renewal Project*

*The proposed Barbadoes Street (Kilmore to Lichfield) Street Renewal Project*

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