

# Local Traffic Committee

A meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 21 August 2024 at 11.00am

**MEMBERS ONLY** are requested to attend. However, other Councillors are welcome.

Cr Jeri Hall  
**Chairperson**

14 August 2024

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## ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### A guiding checklist for councillors, staff and community committees

#### Ethical decision making

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to gain personally at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

#### Conflict of interest

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict:

- Pecuniary – an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to yourself or another person or entity defined in part 4 of the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct with whom you are associated.
- Non-pecuniary – a private or personal interest that you have that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct. These commonly arise out of family or personal relationships, or out of involvement in sporting, social, religious or other cultural groups and associations, and may include an interest of a financial nature.

#### The test for conflict of interest

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

#### Identifying problems

- Do I have private interests affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- Do my private interests' conflict with my official role?

#### Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
  - a. at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
  - b. at any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**No Knowledge** - a person does not breach this clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

**Non-pecuniary Interests** - Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as of the provisions in the Code of Conduct (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

# Agenda

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**1. Apologies and Leave of Absence**

**2. Disclosure of Interest**

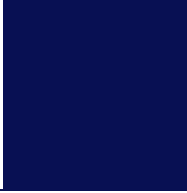
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# Business

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## Business

Subject	Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street, The Channon
TRIM Record No	BP24/838:CDR23/1519
Item Number	4.1

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Council staff are referring this matter to the Local Traffic Committee.

That the matter be discussed.

Lismore City Council has received funding under the Get NSW Active 2022-24 Funding Program (Active Transport) for the purpose of constructing a Shared Path for Pedestrians and Cyclists providing connectivity between communities and local destinations.

The objective of the Get NSW Active program is to support the development and delivery of walking and cycling projects that:

- Contribute to continuous and connected walking and cycling networks across NSW that connect communities to local destinations.
- Enable more people to safely walk and ride as part of their everyday travel.
- Facilitate children's and young people's independent mobility by improving safe walking and bike riding options for travel to and from school.
- Support multi-modal journeys by integrating active and public transport.
- Deliver quality place outcomes that contribute to vibrant places, and livable neighborhoods that support local lifestyles.
- Enable and encourage behavior change and shift community perception towards walking and cycling as everyday travel options for short trips.
- Deliver walking and cycling connections that enable all people, regardless of gender, to move freely within their communities.

This matter was previously raised at the May 2024 TRSC Group meeting with two (2) residents from The Channon Community representing the Community. The follow outcomes were recorded:

### ***4.2 Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street The Channon***

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#### **OUTCOME:**

1. Contractor onsite needs to isolate the site.
2. Notification to residents to be issued to residents, including the updated design plans.
3. Request for a variation needs to be sent to TfNSW for an extension of the start date of the project.
4. Road safety audit to be undertaken.
5. Traffic counter to be installed.

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6. *Notes that the community representatives are happy for the works to be complete in front of the school.*

Councils Community Engagement team have been managing further communications with the community, including on site door to door consultation with residents in Standing Street seeking feedback on 22 July 2024 with Councils Senior Stakeholder and Communications Officer and Councils Coordinator Design Services.

Local MP Janelle Saffin undertook discussions with member of the community and provided a letter on 4 August 2024

A response from Councils Community Engagement team was provided to Local MP Janelle Saffin on 5 August 2024 following discussions with Councils Head of COO Shared Services.

Several clarifications have been provided to the Local MP including:

- Reallocate the funding to another location within the Lismore LGA  
*This option had previously been discussed with the funding body which was not supported as the funding was provided for that project at that location to provide a safe walking and cycling infrastructure.*
- If the funding is not spent it will be returned to the funding body
- It should be noted that a Road Safety Audit has been undertaken and attached. See below extraction:

*“Pedestrians walking on road, including mothers with prams and small children, being struck by a vehicles as **POSSIBLE Likelihood / CONSEQUENCE Major***

*School Children walking on road, being struck by a vehicle as **POSSIBLE Likelihood / CONSEQUENCE Major**”*

***Other Risks have bene identified in the Risk Matrix attached.***

## Attachment/s

1. [↓](#) TRSCG Report from May 2024
2. [↓](#) Email from Community Engagement Team
3. [↓](#) Email from Community Engagement Team
4. [↓](#) Extraction from RSA
5. [↓](#) RSA
6. [↓](#) RSA
7. [↓](#) Letter from Local MP

## Business

**Business**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street The Channon</b>
<b>TRIM Record No</b>	BP24/501:CDR23/1519
<b>Item Number</b>	4.2

The design staff are referring this matter to the TRSCG to seek further comments in relation to the project following Community Consultation.

That the TRSCG support the proposed options and proceed with construction.

**Background**

Lismore City Council has received funding under the Get NSW Active 2022-2024 Funding Program (Active Transport) for the purpose of constructing a Shared Path for Pedestrians and Cyclists providing connectivity between communities and local destinations.

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Standing Street, The Channon site was discussed at the 14 February 2023 Transport and Road Safety Consultation Group meeting with the following outcome recorded for the preferred option B (the current proposal).

**OUTCOME:**

1. The TRSC Group viewed the projects and provided feedback of preference to option B. Community Consultation to be undertaken.



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### Option B

This option investigated the installation on the southern side of Standing Street for a section which runs past a council reserve. This is slightly overgrown and will require removal of some vegetation.

In the area between Foot Street and Nimbin Street, the footpath has been located in a practical solution to maintain clear zone standards is Design whilst trying to retain as much vegetation in the park as possible.

Council has received a Consultants Review of Environmental factors and an Ecologist report. This report detailed that there was no threatened flora or fauna within the park. It also reported that there were no hollow bearing trees or Koala Food Trees within the Construction Footprint.

A Construction Environmental Plan has also been provided for during construction.

Council staff responded to the individual issues raised by the author of the petition and modified the design to meet as many of the issues raised or clarified any misinterpretations from the petition.

A response email was provided to the writer of the petition and an interim response was provided that the amended design and comments would be circulated to the signatories.

Further responses from the signatories are being waited on and decision from the TRSCG prior to general community notification.

Construction of the works is planned for early June to meet funding agreements.

Council staff have discussed with the funding body if the funding can be considered at alternate sites within the Local Government Area. However, this request was denied as the funding was provided for this project.

If the project did not proceed at this location, the funding would need to be returned.

Council staff have sought response from the Channon School in relation to the amended design.

### Conclusion

That the TRSCG Group discuss the responses as provided by the petitioners.

### Attachment/s

1. Original Report
2. Amended Design
3. Community Consultation Updated Letter
4. Response from Writer of Petition

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**Business**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street, The Channon</b>
<b>TRIM Record No</b>	BP24/126:CDR23/1519
<b>Item Number</b>	4.9

Raised for information or comment from the Traffic & Road Safety Consultation Group.

That the Group consider the projects and provide feedback.

**Background**

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This program is administered by Transport for NSW with projects to be delivered by June 2024.

Eligible infrastructure projects must include design or construction of either:

- New footpaths
- Widening of existing footpaths
- Signed crossings
- Unsigned crossings (including pedestrian refuges)
- Footpaths continuation treatments
- Shared zones (10kmh speed limit)

The successful nominations include:

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1. Standing Street, The Channon – provide a safer travel route for School Children to and from The Channon Public School and recreational walkers in the area.
2. Thorburn Street, Nimbin – provide a safer travel route for School Children to and from The Nimbin Public School and recreational walkers in the area.
3. Dibbs Street, Lismore – between Dalziell Street north to Uralba Street. This is designed to provide a safe off-road walking area for pedestrians including hospital staff.
4. Elizabeth Street, East Lismore – between Wyrallah Road East to Nielson Street. This provides a safer travel route for School Children to and from The Wyrallah Road Public School and recreational walkers in the area.
5. Barham Street, East Lismore – Between Wyrallah Road south to Atlas Street. This provides connectivity for the East Lismore precinct to the Wyrallah Road Shopping Complex.
6. Norwood Avenue and Pleasant Street, Goonellabah. Between Clifford Street east to Fischer Street.

Some components of the design require the Transport and Road Safety Consultation Group to discuss and potentially refer to Council for formal approval.

### Get NSW Active Project – Standing Street, The Channon

#### Traffic Data

Standing Street, The Channon is classified as a local access road under Councils Road Hierarchy. It is a two-way undivided sealed road and a nominal 7.0m Wide. Standing Street provides connectivity between The Channon General Store and The Channon Public School.

There is no recorded Traffic Data recorded. 50 kph speed zone, with school zone speeds applying.

#### Design Components

The approved funding from TfNSW is to install a new off-road footpath in Standing Street, The Channon as a safety route for school children and recreational walkers to have a formal walking area.

This will include widening of existing paths or new footpath constructions and crossing locations including kerb ramps.

Further feedback has been sought from the funding body to vary design standards where some sections of a standard cannot be achieved due to existing infrastructure or private vegetation plantings. There are two options for the TRSC Group to consider:

#### Option A

Install a section of the footpath on the northern side of Standing Street between 10 Standing Street east to 24 Standing Street.

This option was provided to the community as consultation from which we received some opposition to the proposal as the proposed footpath would impact on local parking habits.

#### Option B

This option investigated the installation on the southern side of Standing Street for a section which runs past a council reserve. This is slightly overgrown and will require removal of some vegetation.

A Review of Environmental Factors and ecologist report has been organised to ensure that there is no protected flora or fauna in that area.

#### Option C

Not to progress with the project and return the funding.

#### Community Consultation

Council undertook community consultation letters to all the residents in Standing Street advising them of the proposed footpath (Refer to Attachment 3) and consequently Council has received the following:

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1. Monday, 11 September 2023 – Request from Deborah Darcy of 17 Standing Street requested a site meeting to discuss proposal.
2. Tuesday, 19 September 2023 – Design Engineer meet with two residents of Standing Street to listen to concerns raised in relation to the proposed footpath.
3. Tuesday, 19 September 2023 – Correspondence from Steve Payne, President of The Channon Tennis Club and resident of The Channon dated.
4. Friday, 22 September 2023 – Correspondence from Debra D’Arcy dated requesting further information in relation to the proposed footpath and forwarding a signed petition from the residents from The Channon objecting to the proposed footpath.
5. Thursday, 28 September 2023 – Correspondence from Kathy Devine dated offering an alternative location for the proposed footpath rather than the footpath in Standing Street.
6. Design Engineer has provided comments in relation to the dot points that were raised by the residents of The Channon when they submitted the petition.
7. Coordinator Design Services spoke to the Principal of The Channon Public School who had discussed the proposal with the P&C and had advised the Coordinator Design Services that they are very supportive of the installation of the footpath.

The residents had offered an alternative location for the footpath being the Environmental Walk that stretches along The Channon Road from the Tennis courts to the campgrounds and beyond to the Oval/Showgrounds.

Council has approached TfNSW to investigate if the funding received for the Standing Street footpath could be used at a different location. Transport for NSW has advised Council that *“it is outside of program guidelines to move the funds from The Channon share path project to another location/project as such the request will not be supported by the program team”*.

Therefore, if the project, as approved under the program funding, does not proceed then the funding will need to be returned to TfNSW.

Further Community Consultation will be undertaken pending the decision from the TRSC Group. The Channon Public School have provided verbal support for the project to proceed and provide a safer and hard stand surface for the school children to walk.

### Attachment/s

1. Community Consultation Letter
2. Email to The Channon School
3. 80% Preliminary Construction Plans (Over 7 pages)
4. Onsite Meeting Notes
5. Email from Resident - Steve Payne
6. Letter & Petition from Resident - Debra D’Arcy
7. Email from Resident - Kathy Devine
8. Response to concerns
9. Option B

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Our ref: BG-BM:AF23/897  
Contact: Barry Goodwin

31 August 2023

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Dear >

**New Shared Path – Standing Street, The Channon (Mills Street to The Channon School)**

Lismore City Council has secured funding from the NSW 2022/23 Get Active Program (Active Transport) to construct a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists at Standing Street, from Mills Street to The Channon School.

The new footpath, which will adjoin your boundary, is proposed to be constructed by the end of the 2023/24 financial year. Prior to works commencing a Council representative will contact you to discuss any interruptions to your driveway access as well as any other issues to be considered when finalising the scope of work.

As part of this project, it may be necessary to either trim back or remove some of your garden plantings prior to construction of the new path if any overhang your boundary line onto Standing Street. The diagram below is a guide for the clearance required.



We would appreciate if this trimming could be carried out as soon as convenient and continue to be maintained to the above standard. If you wish to remove a tree from your property, permission from Council may be required and you should contact us for advice before proceeding.

If you have any questions about the new shared path project, please do not hesitate to contact our Design Services Engineer, Barry Goodwin during office hours on (02) 6625 0500.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Joshua Smith  
**Acting Head of Shared Services (Chief Operating Office)**

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**Barry Goodwin**

**From:** Barry Goodwin  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 December 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Lismore City Council - NSW Active Walking and Cycling Funding Program

Hi can we receive a response on this to determine if we proceed with the funding

**From:** Barry Goodwin  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Lismore City Council - NSW Active Walking and Cycling Funding Program

Hi we have received funding under the NSW Active Walking and Cycling program  
You should have received a copy of the attached letter as information

We have undertaken Community consultation and have received a petition not to install as per our attached plans  
I am presuming that the school received a letter and we are seeking feedback on behalf of the school.

We have received a petition from a number of community residents who are objecting to this proposal  
Attached is a copy of the proposed design , however subject to modification  
It may be better to construct it on the other side of the street

We are interested in benefit to school children , number of school students who may walk or ride a bike that way to school  
Maybe it could be raised at your next P&C meeting

We are reluctant to give the money back to the funding body

Please call me to discuss

**Barry Goodwin | Coordinator Design Services | Lismore City Council**

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**Hayley Collins**

**From:** Hayley Collins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 September 2023 12:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Barry Goodwin; Hayley Collins  
**Subject:** Get Active NSW - Standing Street, The Channon

Afternoon Deborah and Steve

Thank you for meeting with me this morning to discuss the proposed footpath for Standing Street, The Channon which Council has received funding for under the NSW Get Active program.

As discussed this morning the concerns you have in relation to the footpath, if it is located on the western side of Standing Street are:-

1. Drainage issues (road will be higher than footpath)
2. Inability to park vehicles in property driveways
3. Children safety – should a vehicle slide off the road in wet weather it may hit a child who is walking on the footpath
4. Insufficient space
5. Current road has minimal width and for vehicles to pass on the road they have to drive on the western side of the nature reserve
6. If footpath is located on the western side of the road then there should be barriers between the footpath and the road
7. Vegetation clearing
8. Existing utility services i.e. power poles, Telstra pits
9. Would not be used as there is only a handful of people that use it. Majority of children either take the bus to school or are driven there

All of the above items will be looked into as part of the final location of the design.

It was also discussed that Deborah was also going to speak to all the residents in Standing Street and see if they are in agreeance of the new footpath not being constructed due to the lack of potential use and that a letter with all residents signing the letter will be forwarded to Council to consider as part of the project.

If you require any further information in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me and thank you again for your time this morning it is important we consult with all members of the community.

Regards,

Hayley Collins | Design Engineer | Lismore City Council  
 [REDACTED]

**Hayley Collins**

**From:** Steve [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 September 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** Hayley Collins  
**Subject:** Re: Get Active NSW - Standing Street, The Channon

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Thanks Haley for the meeting. Apart from vegetation loss and some of the other issues listed, which will happen either side of the road, I still feel this is an unnecessary project.

Did the community ask for it? Is it needed? It may not be council's money, but it is certainly taking up your and council time which I believe could be spent on more important things elsewhere in the shire.

I totally agree with Debra – and you'll find others in the community – that it will be a footpath rarely used. The council once built a path between the tennis courts and the oval, which was used for a while but was badly designed, soon became slippery and a hazard and was eventually closed.

If there were lots of children using the track between school and shop, or mothers with prams, people with disability, I'd be all for it, but there is not evidence of that.

I would like to know more about the Get Active aspect of the funding and how the decision was made. How will this achieve those goals?

A more important and needed project for the Channon would be access from the village to the oval via the main road, but that would be a big job. And as mentioned, a previous attempt failed.

Has the whole of The Channon been consulted? Would there be better use of the money? I feel wider consultation is necessary apart from just the those affected in the street.

Many thanks

Steve Payne  
 President of the Channon Tennis Club, and resident.

[REDACTED]

Afternoon Deborah and Steve

Thank you for meeting with me this morning to discuss the proposed footpath for Standing Street, The Channon which Council has received funding for under the NSW Get Active program.

As discussed this morning the concerns you have in relation to the footpath, if it is located on the western side of Standing Street are:-

1. Drainage issues (road will be higher than footpath)
2. Inability to park vehicles in property driveways
3. Children safety – should a vehicle slide off the road in wet weather it may hit a child who is walking on the footpath

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**Hayley Collins**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 September 2023 7:51 AM  
**To:** Hayley Collins; Barry Goodwin  
**Subject:** Petition from residents at The Channon  
**Attachments:** Scan of Petition signed by Channon Residents.PDF

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**REGARDING Proposed New Shared Path.** Your ref: BGT:BM:AF23/897

**For the Attention of: Hayley Collins & Barry Goodwin**

Thank you for your time on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Hayley, for providing more information on the proposed shared cycleway/footpath plans along Standing St (from Mill St to the public school)

We, the residents see this path as unnecessary and to the detriment to our historic village.

Despite giving me only three days to mount a response to your proposal I have collected signatures from the residents of The Channon, ATTACHED. As you can see I have signatures for **every property in the immediate village (31)** except for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Given more time, I am sure our response would be 100% unanimously against the proposed path along Standing Street.

**Of the 12 occupied properties on Standing Street directly affected by this proposal I have signatures for every household.**

In the process of discussing this matter with my neighbours the following concerns have arisen that I may not have mentioned during your visit-

- 1) First and foremost every resident expressed surprise at the proposal as there is minimal foot traffic up/down Standing Street (usually adults) **No resident asked for this path.** Not even at the Planning Committee meeting held regarding The Channon, held just a couple months ago.
- 2) As no kerb and channel is planned there were **SAFETY** concerns raised about vehicles driving onto your proposed footpath – note this is additional to my concern of the footpath being proposed in front of my property (No.17) at a level well below the existing road level and that barriers would have to be installed to protect ‘supposed’ path-users from vehicles.
- 3) As no kerb and channel is planned there were concerns about **allowance for on-street parking** (in addition to the 7-8m overall road allowance for passing traffic, incl. buses) as the existing road doesn’t support **2-way traffic** without leaving the sealed surface.
- 4) As your proposed path is a shared cycleway/footpath **SAFETY** measures will have to be taken to minimise risk of vehicles reversing out of driveways onto your ‘assumed’ path users? You suggested that the path would be built within 30-50cm of property boundaries. **As this historic village is over 100years old most houses/garages have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations** which leaves little sight distance unless you’re planning major destruction of existing gardens and trees along the entire length of Standing Street.
- 5) Several residents expressed incredulity at the assumption that the supposed users of the proposed path would include bikes. At such **steep inclines bikes would NOT be ridden up** Standing Street with the exception of professional bike rides who would use the road itself. Suggesting that children would be cycling up and down the street is nonsensical and **unsafe due to the steep** incline.
- 6) Other residents voiced their concerns about storm water management and **access to driveways** (A footpath cannot possibly be built over driveway access without the corresponding culverts and water management)
- 7) **Removal of the Vegetation** area on the Foot Street Easement to allow footpath construction was another big concern for residents. Destruction of this area will affect the local wildlife (uses as a corridor, including koalas), affect the houses currently being protected by this stand (windbreak) and concerns have been raised of erosion of this entire area as the trees currently mitigate **current surface storm water run-off.**

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Regards,

Debra [Redacted]

[Redacted Signature]

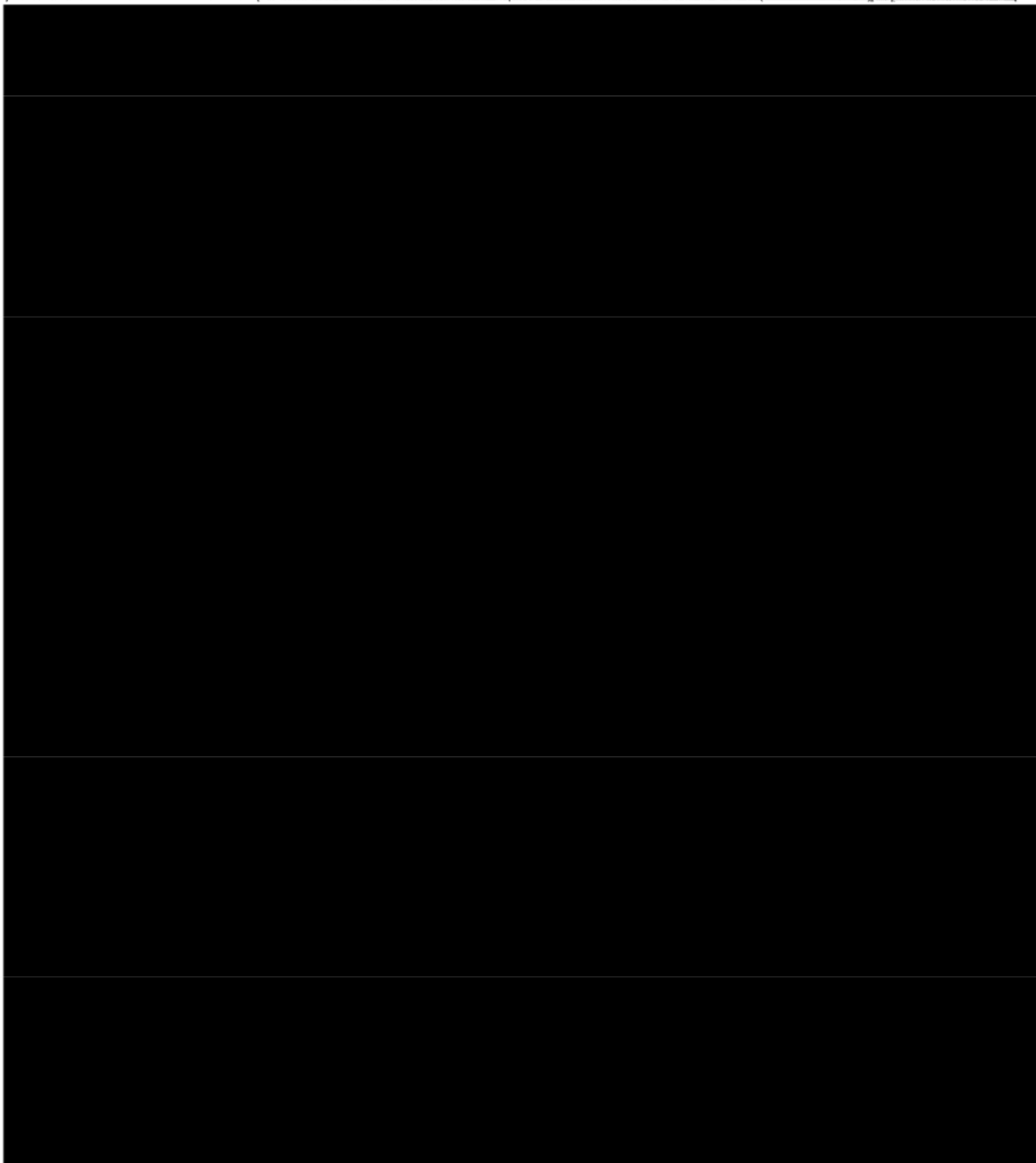
### Petition of Residents of The Channon

We, the undersigned, feel that a footpath running from Mill Street to The Channon primary school is unnecessary and will impact the residents unfairly.

We note that school children are primarily dropped off by car and bus and the foot traffic along Standing Street is minimal.

To perform clearing works at the Foot street easement will dramatically impact the feel of the street to the detriment of residents.

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**Hayley Collins**

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**From:** kathy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 September 2023 11:18 AM  
**To:** Hayley Collins  
**Subject:** The Channon - Proposed Updates

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Good Morning Hayley,

Thank you for taking the time to chat with me regarding the proposed footpath in the village of The Channon. As I mentioned I have signed the petition against the footpath on Standing Street.

The Environmental Walk that stretches along the Channon Road from the Tennis Courts to the campground and beyond to the Oval/showgrounds and where the monthly markets are held, is in desperate need of revitalising. This concreted path is overgrown and hence no longer provides a safe pathway from the center of the village to the oval where the pony club meets, locals who play soccer meet, people walk their dogs and many other activities that locals engage with.

Now that the Tavern is open beside the tennis courts and the tennis courts are about to get funding to be brought back after massive damage from floods; it would definitely be a visual upgrade for our village to have this path brought back to life.

Our village is slowly becoming a tourist destination again, which brings financial hope, forging resilience and invigoration to our village.

It is my sincerest wish that monies can be spent for the purpose of revitalising the Environmental Walk.

King regards  
Kathy [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS OF THE CHANNON  
RE INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATH – STANDING STREET, THE CHANNON**

We, the residents see this path as unnecessary and to the detriment to our historic village.

Despite giving me only three days to mount a response to your proposal I have collected signatures from the residents of The Channon, ATTACHED. As you can see I have signatures for **every property in the immediate village** (31) except for 2 in Nimbin St (absent each time I called) 1 on Mills Street and 3 on Standing Street – one was deceased estate and 2 empty for sale/sold. And 3 on Terania st (adjacent to Tavern) as one was destroyed by the floods, one empty after floods (gallery) and one under repair. Given more time, I am sure our response would be 100% **unanimously** against the proposed path along Standing Street.

**Of the 12 occupied properties on Standing Street directly affected by this proposal I have signatures for every household.**

In the process of discussing this matter with my neighbours the following concerns have arisen that I may not have mentioned during your visit-

1) First and foremost every resident expressed surprise at the proposal as there is minimal foot traffic up/down Standing Street (usually adults) **No resident asked for this path**. Not even at the Planning Committee meeting held regarding The Channon, held just a couple months ago.

**LCC Response:** This project has been submitted for several years running with no success, however this year Council was successful. Initially there was no consultation with residents the nomination was just submitted. Residents were advised on 31 August 2023 that Council has secured funding and were given a copy of the proposed construction plans.

Discussions with The Channon Public School reveal that they are in support of the new footpath and that is the reason for the funding to allow safer access to schools.

2) As no kerb and channel is planned there were **SAFETY** concerns raised about vehicles driving onto your proposed footpath – note this is additional to my concern of the footpath being proposed in front of my property (No.17) at a level well below the existing road level and that barriers would have to be installed to protect 'supposed' path-users from vehicles.

**LCC Response:** The footpath is proposed to be located on the eastern side of the footpath and set back from the edge of bitumen. The distance between the edge of bitumen and the edge of footpath varies from 2m to 3.5m. No 17 is on the western side of the road, the footpath is not going to be installed in front of her house.

3) As no kerb and channel is planned there were concerns about **allowance for on-street parking** (in addition to the 7-8m overall road allowance for passing traffic, incl.

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buses) as the existing road doesn't support **2-way traffic** without leaving the sealed surface.

**LCC Response:** According to Australian Standards you need 2.3m for a parallel park the distance between the edge of bitumen varies from 2m to 3.5m. Where the footpath is only 2m from the edge of bitumen is due to obstructions that cannot be relocated e.g. power poles, property boundaries. Where the distance between the edge of bitumen and edge of footpath is only 2m wide then vehicle parked in front of those properties will need to park within the boundaries of that property or on the other side of the road where sufficient space is located.

4) As your proposed path is a shared cycleway/footpath **SAFETY** measures will have to be taken to minimise risk of vehicles reversing out of driveways onto your 'assumed' path users? You suggested that the path would be built within 30-50cm of property boundaries. **As this historic village is over 100years old most houses/garages have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations** which leaves little sight distance unless you're planning major destruction of existing gardens and trees along the entire length of Standing Street.

**LCC Response:** There are only three (3) driveways located on the western side of Standing Street (the side of the proposed footpath) and one driveway. Two these the footpath is located approximately 5-5.5m from the boundary and the third driveway (20 Standing Street) the footpath is actually located on the boundary of this property due to the width of the road reserve in this section.

5) Several residents expressed incredulity at the assumption that the supposed users of the proposed path would include bikes. At such **steep inclines bikes would NOT be ridden up** Standing Street with the exception of professional bike rides who would use the road itself. Suggesting that children would be cycling up and down the street is nonsensical and **unsafe due to the steep** incline.

**LCC Response:** The grade of the road between The Channon Public School and Mills Street is approximately 8.9% over 160m.

6) Other residents voiced their concerns about storm water management and **access to driveways** (A footpath cannot possibly be built over driveway access without the corresponding culverts and water management)

**LCC Response:** The driveways that the footpath cross there isn't actually a driveway in that location they are just driving over the road reserve to access their properties.

Where the footpath does need to merge into the existing driveways on the western side near the General Store the footpath is merging into these driveways and there will be no change to those driveways as they have access points to the underground petrol tanks.

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**LCC Response:** The vegetation will not be affected as this is on the western side of Standing Street and the footpath is being located on the eastern side of Standing Street.

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**LCC Response:** This footpath crosses private property and would not be eligible under the guidelines for the funding.

9) The Channon Store asked whether the footpath would **intersect with their loading docks** and the **safety implications** if it does. The issue of where the footpath would end at Mill Street was also raised by other residents. At such a busy intersection (including queuing vehicles for petrol pumps at Store) any users of the proposed path could be at risk stepping off the path.

**LCC Response:** The footpath will merge into the General Stores existing driveways. There will be a hoop bollard at the intersection of the footpath and road edge for pedestrians/cyclists to hold whilst waiting to cross the road.

10) The Channon Café wanted to note that if the footpath crosses to the eastern side, to avoid interfering with The Channon General Store's loading dock and access, that there is insufficient room in front of their entrance to the café to accommodate a 2m wide path.

**LCC Response:** The footpath is located approximately 40m from the corner of Mills Street and Standing Street on the eastern side of Standing Street. The crossing from the western side to the eastern side is located near the far end of the boundary for the café.

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**LCC Response:** Refer to response to dot point number 4. The footpath is located on the eastern side of Standing Street. Vehicle should park within the boundaries of their own properties.

**Overall, residents are adamant in preserving our historic village atmosphere and we ask that these unnecessary (and unwanted) works be abandoned and the funds be directed toward the Terania St footpath repair.** If that is not feasible, then the funds could be used to construct a footpath from Standing St and Mill St, between No 20 and No 24 Standing St, along the allotted easement.

**LCC Response:** This is not an option because:-

1. The grade in this area is nearly -20% over a distance of 67m from Standing Street to Mills Street
2. This doesn't align with the guidelines of the funding.

Please let me know the decision on this matter, ideally by the 30<sup>th</sup> September, so we have enough time to open discussions with our local councillors, the mayor's office, and the wider community to prepare to bring up this issue at the next council meeting, *if required.*

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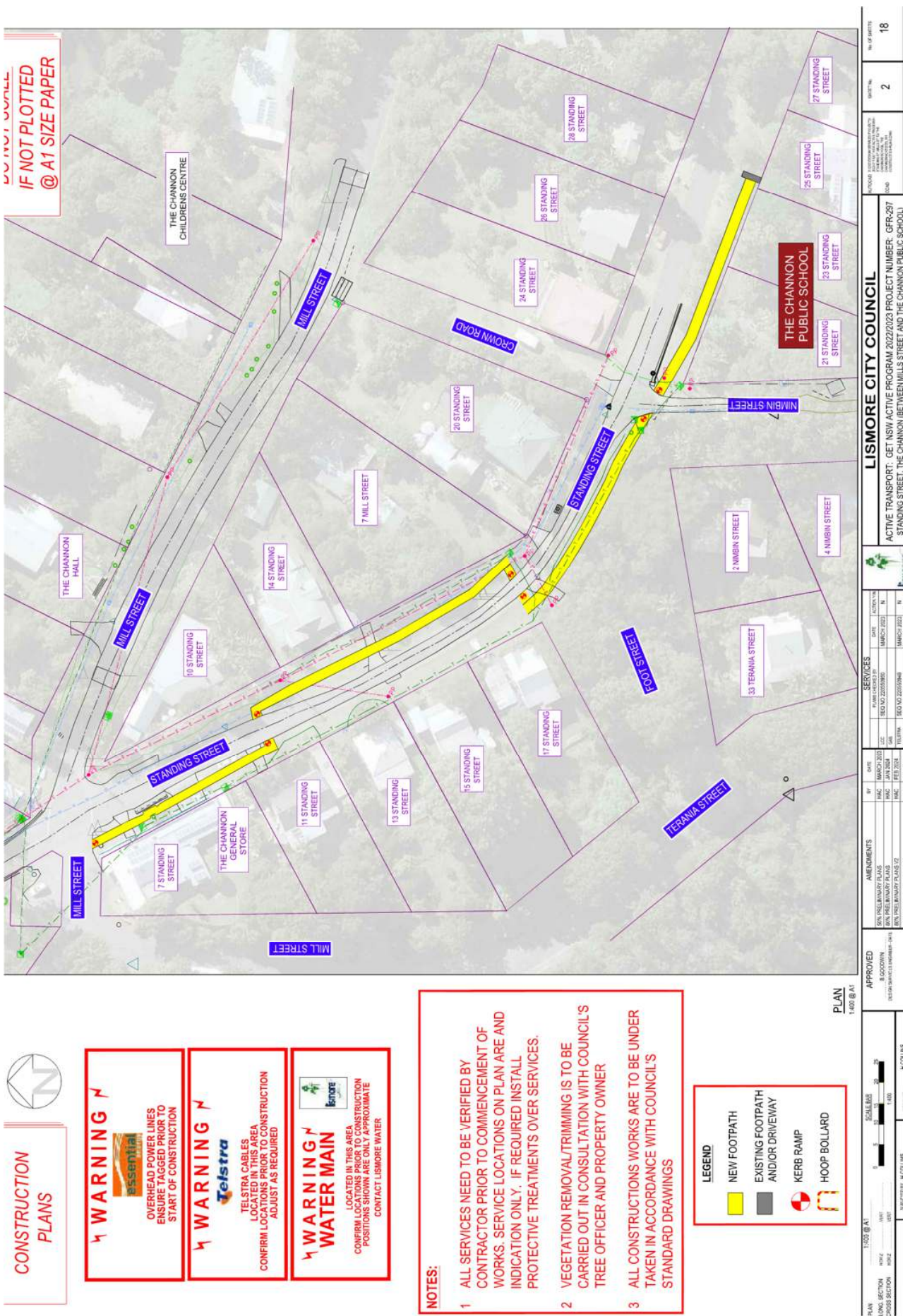
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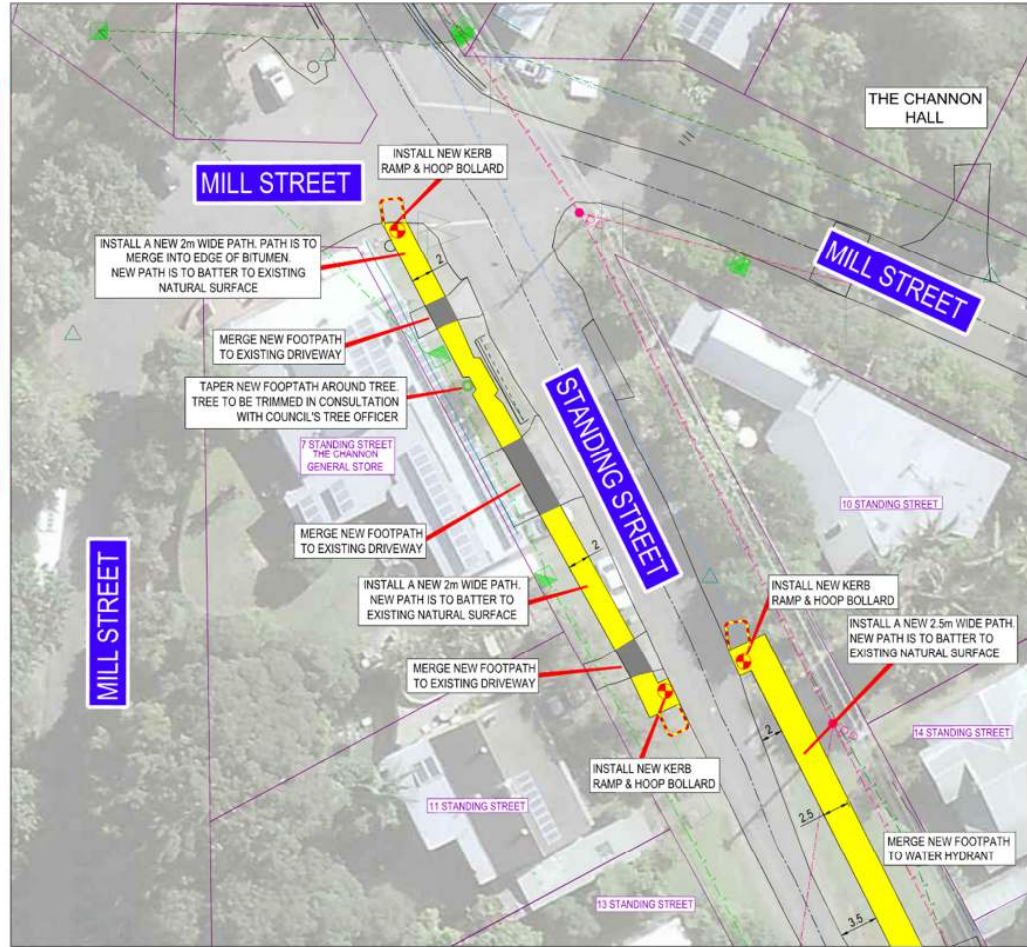
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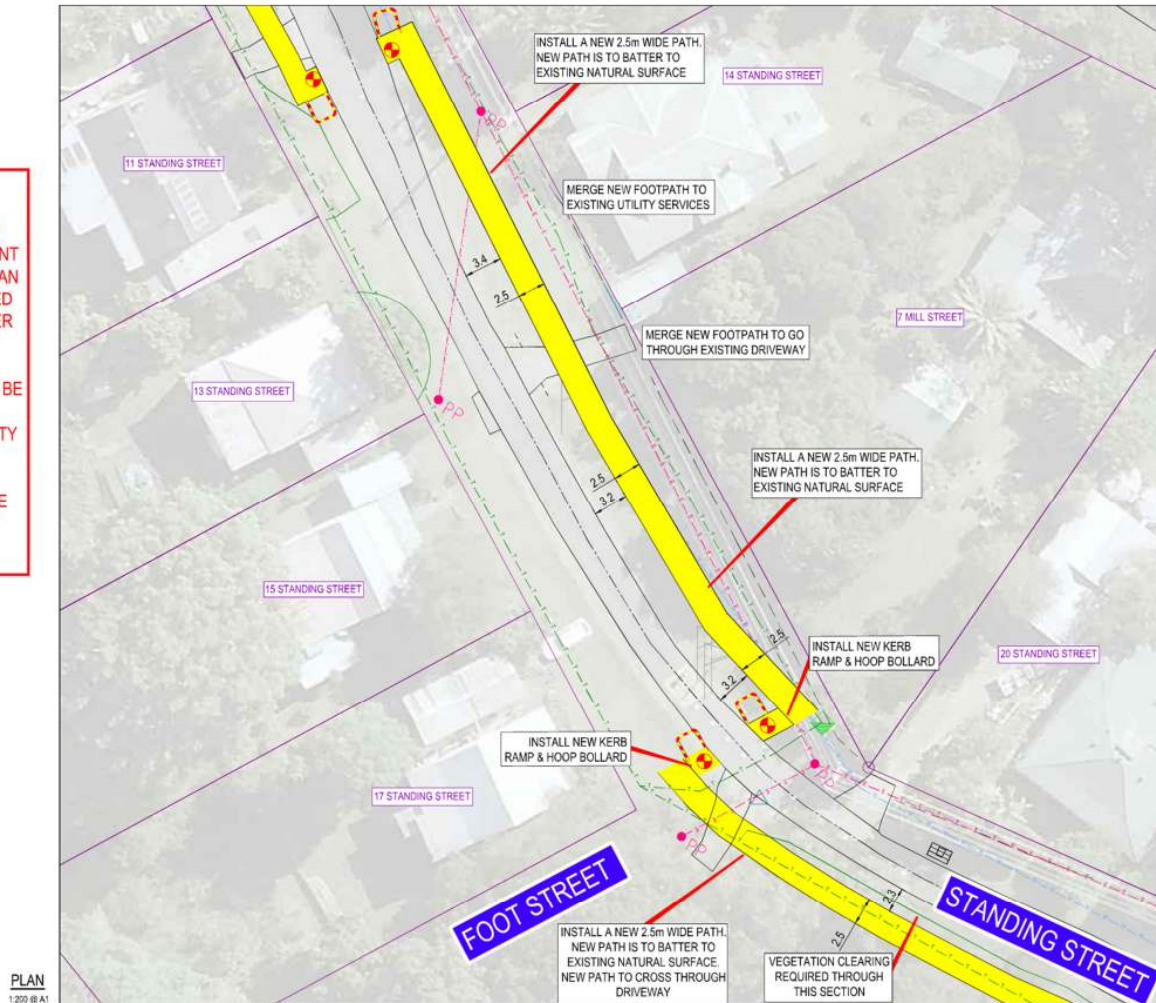
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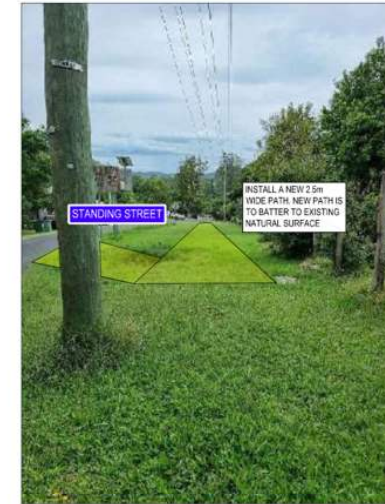
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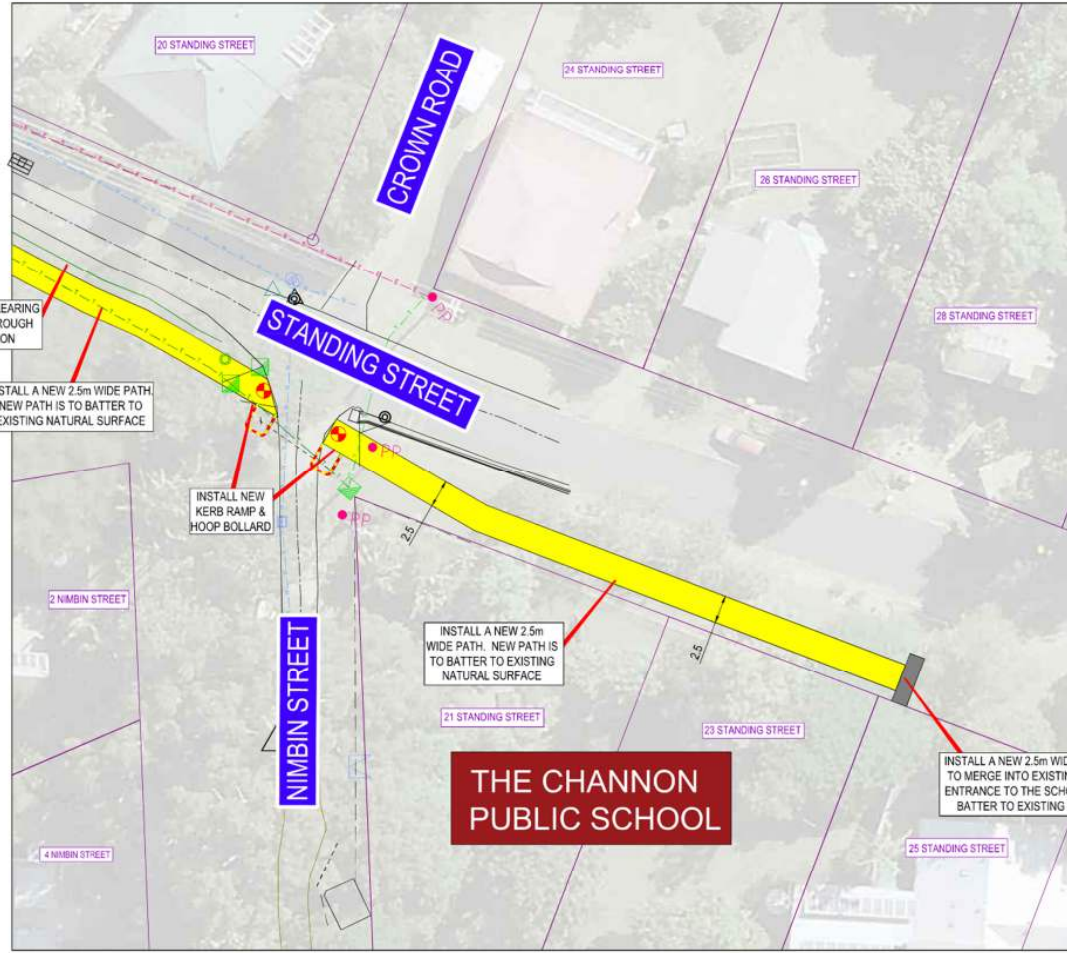
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 Contact: Barry Goodwin

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Dear >

**New Path – Standing Street, The Channon**

Lismore City Council has secured funding from the NSW 2022/23 Get Active (Active Transport) Program to construct a path for pedestrians in Standing Street, The Channon. Please refer to plans attached to this letter.

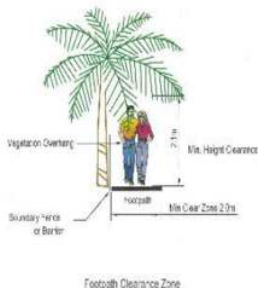
Council acknowledges that the community of The Channon presented Council with a petition and letters objecting to the installation of the new footpath. The issues raised by residents in objecting to the proposed footpath has been investigated and it has been determined that the preferred option for the new footpath would be as shown in the attached plans. Consultation has been held with The Channon Public School who are in full support of the proposed footpath.

The proposed footpath has been discussed at Council’s Transport & Road Safety Consultation Group, which is a group from Lismore City Council’s Traffic Advisory Committee. The Group has considered the proposal and is of the opinion that this would be the preferred option for the new location of the new proposed footpath. This proposed option has also been supported by Transport for NSW

One of the issues which was raised in the petition and correspondence was the potential removal of vegetation in the vicinity of Foot Street. Council wishes to advise that it has engaged an experienced Ecologist who has undertaken an ecological study of the area and has advised Council of what vegetation can and cannot be removed and this recommendation will be followed prior to any tree removal/vegetation trimming by Council’s Officers.

The new shared path, which will adjoin your boundary, is proposed to be constructed by the end of the 2023/24 financial year. Prior to works commencing a Council representative will contact you to discuss any interruptions to your driveway access as well as any other issues to be considered when finalising the scope of work.

As part of this project, it may be necessary to either trim back or remove some of your garden plantings prior to construction of the new path if any overhang your boundary line onto Standing Street. The diagram below is a guide for the clearance required.



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We would appreciate if this trimming could be carried out as soon as convenient and continue to be maintained to the above standard. If you wish to remove a tree from your property, permission from Council may be required and you should contact us for advice before proceeding.

If you have any questions about the new shared path, please do not hesitate to contact our Design Services Engineer, Barry Goodwin during office hours on (02) 6625 0500.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Joshua Smith  
**Acting Head of Shared Services (Chief Operating Officer)**





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**Barry Goodwin**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 May 2024 7:39 AM  
**To:** Barry Goodwin  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Petition from residents at The Channon  
**Attachments:** Scan of Petition signed by Channon Residents.PDF

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Barry,  
Please disregard previous request. Found the attachment.  
Will pass onto to ALL the residents of the CHANNON who's opinion on this unwanted pathway has been ignored.  
[REDACTED].

On ,Mon May 13 2024 16:28:23 GMT+1000 (Australian Eastern Standard Time), Barry Goodwin <[REDACTED]>  
wrote:

----- Original Message -----

Hi [REDACTED]

This matter has come to me to manage and deliver as the result of my Design Engineer recently leaving council

I apologise for not responding sooner , but the designer only completed her new design prior to her leaving and was part of the handover at that time . She has been working on this new design to meet petitioners concerns

To reiterate , the funding for the project is from the **State Government under the NSW 2022/2023 Get Active Program** and is basically provided around providing the general public and cyclists an off road facility and provide school children with safer route to and from their school

The amended plan has been endorsed by the Funding body as well as discussed and endorsed on February 2021., Transport and Road Safety Consultation Group .

This group is Chaired by One of the Council elected, Local Member of Parliament , NSW Police ad Transport for NSW delegates.

This group discuss and approve an array of traffic safety matters in the LGA and provide recommendations to Council as required. The amended design was endorsed by that forum

Not proceeding with the project was also discussed with the funding body (TfNSW) but the amended design was approved and Council requested to proceed with the works

A follow up notification letter was also circulated to the original merge list and is also attached  
I have also a copy of the Redesigned Plans

I will try and provide some responses to the matters raised below and hope that we have addressed as many concerns as possible with the revamped design -Council responses are shown in mauve

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**LCC Response:**

Council has a Strategic Planning Team that have been looking at future strategys for footpath connectivity between Schools, Residential Properties and Commercial Premises . This project was raised as providing connectivity as well as providing students and pedestrians with a safe off road place to walk.

The funding was provided by the State Government under NSW Active program and ultimately supported and approved by the Transport for NSW .

Council advised the Community as per standard Councils Standard Community Consultation Process in August 2023 during the design phase.

Conulation has also been undertaken with The Channon Public School who are very supportive of providing a safe travel route for their students.

2) As no kerb and channel is planned there were **SAFETY** concerns raised about vehicles driving onto your proposed footpath – note this is additional to my concern of the footpath being proposed in front of my property (No.17) at a level well below the existing road level and that barriers would have to be installed to protect 'supposed' path-users from vehicles.

**LCC Response:**

The footpath is designed with relevant standard in relation to clear zones between vehicular movements and pedestrians.

The Path has now been designed opposite No 17 Standing Street, therefore minimal impact to this property

3) As no kerb and channel is planned there were concerns about **allowance for on-street parking** (in addition to the 7-8m overall road allowance for passing traffic, incl. buses) as the existing road doesn't support **2-way traffic** without leaving the sealed surface.

**LCC Response:**



Allowance has been for standard on street car parking width of 2.3m to be provided , There is also on road verge parking available on the opposite side of the proposed footpath

4) As your proposed path is a shared cycleway/footpath **SAFETY** measures will have to be taken to minimise risk of vehicles reversing out of driveways onto your 'assumed' path users? You suggested that the path would be built within 30-50cm of property boundaries. **As this historic village is over 100years old most houses/garages have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations** which leaves little sight distance unless you're planning major destruction of existing gardens and trees along the entire length of Standing Street.

**LCC Response:**

As per NSW Driving Rules, pedestrians have the right of way whilst on a formed footpath and drivers are required to take care whilst existing their driveway. The redesign of this project now shows one driveway on the Northern Side where conflict may occur and 2 driveways on the southern side. The footpath has been designed to be between 3-5m away from the property boundary to minimise vegetation impact and provide additional sight distance

5) Several residents expressed incredulity at the assumption that the supposed users of the proposed path would include bikes. At such **steep inclines bikes would NOT be ridden up** Standing Street with the exception of professional bike rides who would use the road itself. Suggesting that children would be cycling up and down the street is nonsensical and **unsafe due to the steep** incline.

**LCC Response:**

The funding is provided for pedestrians and cyclists to provide an off road safe zone and hopefully both road users will. Our Surve data indicates that the grades of the footpath are acceptable under Australian Standards

6) Other residents voiced their concerns about storm water management and **access to driveways** (A footpath cannot possibly be built over driveway access without the corresponding culverts and water management)

**LCC Response:**

This Design wont impact to any overland water flow, they will be constructed to match existing levels with minimal / if any change to current driveway accesses

7) **Removal of the Vegetation** area on the Foot Street Easement to allow footpath construction was another big concern for residents. Destruction of this area will affect the local wildlife (uses as a corridor, including koalas), affect the houses currently being protected by this stand (windbreak) and concerns have been raised of erosion of this entire area as the trees currently **mitigate current surface storm water run-off**.

**LCC Response:**

In the area between Foot Street and Nimbin Street, the footpath has been located in a practical solution to maintain clear zone standards is Design whilst trying to retain as much vegetation in the park as possible.

Council has received a Consultants Review of Environmental factors as well as a Ecologist report ,. This report detailed that there was No threatened flora or fauna within the park. It also reported that there were No hollow bearing trees or Koala Food Trees within the Construction Footprint

A Construction Environmental Plan has also been provided for during construction.

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**LCC Response:**

This footpath mentioned is on private property and therefore outside the scope and guidelines of this funding .

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The Channon Store asked whether the footpath would **intersect with their loading docks** and the **safety implications** if it does. The issue of where the footpath would end at Mill Street was also raised by other residents. At such a busy intersection (including queuing vehicles for petrol pumps at Store) any users of the proposed path could be at risk stepping off the path.

**LCC Response:**

The footpath will merge into the General Stores existing driveways. There will be a hoop bollard at the intersection of the footpath and road edge for pedestrians/cyclists to hold whilst waiting to cross the road.

10)

The Channon Café wanted to note that if the footpath crosses to the eastern side, to avoid interfering with The Channon General Store's loading dock and access, that there is insufficient room in front of their entrance to the café to accommodate a 2m wide path.

**LCC Response:**

The footpath is located approximately 40m from the corner of Mills Street and Standing Street on the eastern side of Standing Street. The crossing from the western side to the eastern side is located near the far end of the boundary for the café.

11) Some residents (including myself) will have **nowhere to park our vehicles** if the footpath is installed on the western side of Standing St. To leave enough allowance for vehicles to pass each other would mean that the proposed footpath would be no more than 30-50cm from property lines as discussed with Hayley. **Note- As this historic village is over 100years old most houses have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations.** This proposed 2m wide pathway will **severely reduce driveways** on the western side of Standing Street. My driveway will be slashed to the point that only the smallest vehicle could fit without parking over path. As regulations/laws state vehicles cannot park on footpaths there will also be **no roadside parking** for myself or any visitor to any household on the western side (due **to allowance still needed for vehicles** to pass each other and illegal to park on footpath). The eastern side has a dish drain that precludes vehicles from using nature-strip to pass oncoming traffic on that side. The path on the Western side will also mean **extensive destruction of gardens/trees** along the Western side of the road to allow for the proposed pathway.

**LCC Response:** Similar response to Dotpoint 4. The amended design allows for on street parking or opposite side of the road to the footpath being available

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If that is not feasible, then the funds could be used to construct a footpath from Standing St and Mill St, between No 20 and No 24 Standing St, along the allotted easement.

**LCC Response:**

These requests are not feasible as :-

1. The slope of the ground in this area does not meet relevant footpath standards ie grade in this area is nearly -20% over a distance of 67m from Standing Street to Mills Street
2. This request does not meet the guidelines for this funding

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**From:**

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 8:07 AM**To:** Records <Council@lismore.nsw.gov.au>**Cc:**

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Petition from residents at The Channon

Morning

This email and petition has come in and Barry has asked if it can please be put into the system so it can be processed through the correct channels and records system.

There is a project file for this project it is EF22/9 and the sub folder Standing Street, The Channon.

Just some background for you we sent the residents a notification letter advising of the proposed footpath that we received funding for under the Get Active NSW grants from TfNSW and the residents do not want it in the proposed location.

I am not sure as to how it needs to be referred to but if it can please be referred to who ever you think needs to see it and also Barry Goodwin and myself.

Thanks heaps

Regards,

[REDACTED] | Design Engineer | Lismore City Council

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**Meeting held 21 August 2024 - 4.1 - Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street, The Channon**

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**Sent:** Friday, 22 September 2023 7:51 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
>  
**Subject:** Petition from residents at The Channon

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**REGARDING Proposed New Shared Path.** Your ref: BGT:BM:AF23/897

**For the Attention of:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> [REDACTED] for providing more information on the proposed shared cycleway/footpath plans along Standing St (from Mill St to the public school)

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Please let me know the decision on this matter, ideally by the 30<sup>th</sup> September, so we have enough time to open discussions with our local councillors, the mayor's office, and the wider community to prepare to bring up this issue at the next council meeting, *if required*.

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**Barry Goodwin**

**From:** Barry Goodwin  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 9:24 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Sproule  
**Cc:** Zoe Hunter  
**Subject:** RE: Standing Street Footpath, The Channon - [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** 12162 2024-06 Design Risk Assessment-rev2.pdf; 1705591914628 LCC Standing Street Pedestrian Count Report.xlsx; Attach 4.2.1 Original Report.pdf; BP24 524 Agenda - Attachments Included.pdf; Draft community consultation letter Standing Street Feb 2024.docx

Hi Bec

1. Happy to go down that track of a Community Meeting if you feel from a Comms perspective useful and productive

Further commentary below

Hi Barry,  
 Have spoken with [REDACTED]. She works at Janelle Saffin's office and has been a resident of Nimbin Street for 30 years. Speaking on behalf of the community, they want the consultation that has never happened – currently the community are feeling railroaded into getting a footpath that no one wanted. Strongly requesting a community meeting, for better understanding, information sharing and for residents to have their say.

**In Summary**

- Initial Letter seeking feedback to the residents of Standing Street issued December 2023
- Petition received and on site meeting with residents with issues undertaken by Designer , this included
- A copy of the initial Agenda item for the TRSC Group February 2024 – this included a couple of options (to meet some residents concerns)

<b>4.9 Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street, The Channon</b>	
<b>OUTCOME:</b>	
1. The TRSC Group viewed the projects and provided feedback of preference to option B.	
2. Community Consultation to be undertaken	

- Follow up letter attached to residents
  - Work started onsite without an approved plan
- (normal process is for the roads team to issue a note 2 weeks prior to construction - this was not done )**
- A couple of phone calls where received and the TRSC Group agreed to invite 2 residents to address the TRSC Group –
  - Copy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Report to TRSC Group attached - recorded minutes below

A discussion was had between the TRSC Group and the residents with options for a way forward including potential for a community meeting, NOTE the TRSC Group voting members are Councillor Hall, Police Delegate, TfNSW Delegate and Janelle Saffin or her delegate

Minutes were recorded as below

**4.2 Get NSW Active Project - Standing Street The Channon**

- OUTCOME:**
1. Contractor onsite needs to isolate the site.
  2. Notification to residents to be issued to residents, including the updated design plans.
  3. Request for a variation needs to be sent to TfNSW for an extension of the start date of the project.



4. Road safety audit to be undertaken.
5. Traffic counter to be installed.
6. Notes that the community representatives are happy for the works to be complete in front of the school.

The outcomes were undertaken with a RSA indicating high risk should the project not proceed with potential for vehicle / pedestrian collision  
The Pedestrian counts over 2 days indicated a reasonably amount of useage

As the approved change in alignment differed from the approved plans – the new alignment was sent to TfNSW as funding body to approval  
This was reviewed by their safety team and not supported (as required a number of pedestrian crossings )

Therefore the original proposal ie the path on the Northern Side was agreed on  
NOTE the funding bodies opinion has always been to proceed with the project , irrespective of the petition

The latest alignment was provided to a wider precinct , and presumably the Village followed by door to door meetings with the directly affected residents  
It was our understanding that the majority of the affected residents where supportive

#### Risks of not proceeding

Council at risk in the instance of an accident for not proceeding with a funded project with an RSA indicating high potential for vehicle / pedestrian collision  
Future funding options with Council (as this one was not delivered)  
(As Discussed I speak with the funding body regularly and Councils can be “blacklisted” for not performing with funding projects)  
Potential for increase in student numbers with a number of village schools not reopening

#### Some positives advantages following recent onsite discussions

Some of the verges are extremely wet , this transfers to muddy shoes (possibly the reason the new footpath is dirty)  
The reactivation of the drainage pit will assist with overland flow (which has been raised by the residents) the footpath will be constructed with a slope away from the dwellings and redirect to table drain and the pipe crossing  
Dry verge will allow residents to park on dry area  
Negated risk of trip hazards on wet or uneven surfaces

#### Some Comments below on your previous email

##### Regarding the path: **Barry, please provide additional info**

*Will it become slimy like the others in the village?* The Footpath will be constructed in accordance with relevant Australian Standards

*What are the plans for drainage? (I spoke through the verge drainage and stormwater pit – however do we have drainage plans we can share?)* As discussed - we will clean out the covered pit and provide a Standard pit to suit a V Drain type footpath - I can provide a sketch in due course

*Would like the path to be 1.5m the whole length (Can we provide plans showing where the path will be 2.2 and 1.5?)* This is pretty much shown on the plans , but I am happy to amend the plans to detail in closer detail (and include the drainage pit listed above

*Maintenance schedule? (The school path is reportedly already very dirty)* mm not sure on maintenance schedule, that is a Brian Davis question

*Replacing grass with concrete will lead to water flow concerns for houses?* The drain will constructed to drain with a cross fall that directs the water towards the road and as we saw on site will in fact improve once that table drain is cleaned out

*Disturbs the green spaces and look and feel of the village.*

*The main concerns came from **not being consulted, as promised at the TAC meeting** before the footpath proceeded. Are there TAC minutes available I can review?*

■■■■ expectations of engagement/consultation was a sign at The Store with information and feedback channels, and a town meeting to discuss.

I gave ■■■■ the following information:

Discussed residents we spoke to on Monday, including ■■■■ as a main stakeholder and that conversations were mostly positive. ■■■■ says they are resigned to the fact, but are not happy with the path.

That we have spoken with the businesses being the Art Gallery/Café, The Store, The Tavern, and school and all seemed ok/positive with the path moving ahead.

Asked who else we should be talking to, or how we can better communicate the project from here. There was no formed response, just that it shouldn't be going ahead and residents should be consulted.

#### Additional points:

Community shouldn't be finding out about the path, by seeing contractors onsite and asking them what's going on – agreed, took it on as feedback for future comms.

- The Initial letter for information which we send out for any Construction was sent late last year and to the immediate affected residents
- From a formal process and we comply with the Roads Act for notification
- Council only needs to advise residents of any construction works where driveway levels are changed , flooding areas

- As a Courtesy we always send out letters to the directly affect area and this one was slightly outside Standing Street
- A follow up letter should be sent out by the Construction Team at least 2 weeks in advance of start of Construction Team by the relevant Engineer - clearly this didn't happen
- In fact I told Brian not to let the contractors start work as we agreed to hear a couple of the residents at the next Transport and Road Safety Consult group

The path in this location doesn't improve safety. It should have been constructed from the Store to the Hall, or the Mill St section to the Tavern/Tennis Courts – mentioned this could have been an unsuitable design, and it was determined a footpath in current location was approved and added safety improvement for pedestrians.

What meetings did this plan go to? – Will find TAC minutes for reference.

A complete waste of funding money on a path that the community does not want, and does not need. The Background for this one was that it aligned with strategic plannings future beautification and paths for several Villages and was included at a request from them when the funding was offered

- This project is fully funded by Transport for NSW , we have discussed the issues with the petitioners with the funding body and they are keen that it should progress
- The down side of handing the money back is that next time funding is offered for Walking or Cycling , Council may not be considered based on not delivering this project
- The bigger issue is the risk that Council will be taking on , if the
- As mentioned we undertook a road safety audit and this risk matrix is attached ie RISK ASSESSMENT OF NOT PROVIDING A FOOTPATH as Possible with Major Consequence - Daily Pedestrian Counts have also been done and attached

Council shouldn't be asking for feedback on how to improve the Village, if they aren't going to listen. This was where the Strategic Planners started this I believe

The petition should have been enough indication that the path is not wanted or needed. And the designer reviewed the design and attempted to remediate any issues – I have included their issues below and provide a comment

█ called back 10minutes after first call. She had spoken with █ (main resident) who was very upset and felt that he had to resign to getting the path. We met █ onsite and he seemed okay - he was one of the residents that attended the TRSCG meeting

Will save this in TRIM, start a public project page on the website that includes information mentioned here, and update EARL for future calls.

Being that now Janelle is involved, I think we have to have a community meeting. Lucky we made friends with the Tavern owners. Happy to , I just need to know before next Wednesday as will have a monthly catchup with the funding body

Listed below is a response to the issues that were raised from the petition signatories and a copy of the Designers initial responses in red – ive added commentary in Mauve

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**LCC Response:** This project has been submitted for several years running with no success, however this year Council was successful. Initially there was no consultation with residents the nomination was just submitted. Residents were advised on 31 August 2023 that Council has secured funding and were given a copy of the proposed construction plans.

Discussions with The Channon Public School reveal that they are in support of the new footpath and that is the reason for the funding to allow safer access to schools.

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**LCC Response:** The footpath is proposed to be located on the eastern side of the footpath and set back from the edge of bitumen. The distance between the edge of bitumen and the edge of footpath varies from 2m to 3.5m. No 17 is on the western side of the road, the footpath is not going to be installed in front of her house.

3) As no kerb and channel is planned there were concerns about **allowance for on-street parking** (in addition to the 7-8m overall road allowance for passing traffic, incl. buses) as the existing road doesn't support **2-way traffic** without leaving the sealed surface.

**LCC Response:** According to Australian Standards you need 2.3m for a parallel park the distance between the edge of bitumen varies from 2m to 3.5m. Where the footpath is only 2m from the edge of bitumen is due to obstructions that cannot be relocated e.g. power poles, property boundaries. Where the distance between the edge of bitumen and edge of footpath is only 2m wide then vehicle parked in front of those properties will need to park within the boundaries of that property or on the other side of the road where sufficient space is located.

4) As your proposed path is a shared cycleway/footpath **SAFETY** measures will have to be taken to minimise risk of vehicles reversing out of driveways onto your 'assumed' path users? You suggested that the path would be built within 30-50cm of property boundaries. **As this historic village is over 100years old most houses/garages have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations** which leaves little sight distance unless you're planning major destruction of existing gardens and trees along the entire length of Standing Street.

**LCC Response:** There are only three (3) driveways located on the western side of Standing Street (the side of the proposed footpath) and one driveway. Two these the footpath is located approximately 5-5.5m from the boundary and the third driveway (20 Standing Street) the footpath is actually located on the boundary of this property due to the width of the road reserve in this section. We can install signage as safety issue for both pedestrians and motorists , A pedestrian has right of way on a formal footpath , but we can sign this for the Pedestrian to take care and give way to vehicles

5) Several residents expressed incredulity at the assumption that the supposed users of the proposed path would include bikes. At such **steep inclines bikes would NOT be ridden up** Standing Street with the exception of professional bike rides who would use the road itself. Suggesting that children would be cycling up and down the street is nonsensical and **unsafe due to the steep** incline.

**LCC Response:** The grade of the road between The Channon Public School and Mills Street is approximately 8.9% over 160m.

6) Other residents voiced their concerns about storm water management and **access to driveways** (A footpath cannot possibly be built over driveway access without the corresponding culverts and water management)

**LCC Response:** The driveways that the footpath cross there isn't actually a driveway in that location they are just driving over the road reserve to access their properties.

Where the footpath does need to merge into the existing driveways on the western side near the General Store the footpath is merging into these driveways and there will be no change to those driveways as they have access points to the underground petrol tanks. Due to the existence of the drainage pit and plans to reactivate it in alignment with the footpath , this will discharge the majority of water as intended into the park – and with the reshaping of the v drains which need cleaning out as maintenance required

7) **Removal of the Vegetation** area on the Foot Street Easement to allow footpath construction was another big concern for residents. Destruction of this area will affect the local wildlife (uses as a corridor, including koalas), affect the houses currently being protected by this stand (windbreak) and concerns have been raised of erosion of this entire area as the trees currently **mitigate current surface storm water run-off**.

**LCC Response:** The vegetation will not be affected as this is on the western side of Standing Street and the footpath is being located on the eastern side of Standing Street. – As above

8) Most neighbours asked why these funds were not being used to **REPAIR the existing shared pathway** (along the creek/Terania st) between the Tennis Court and Oval. The repair of this Nature-walk would support a get-active (transport) program as the path is isolated from road vehicles, accommodates both pedestrians and cyclists and has gentle inclines and, if repaired correctly, is far **more accessible and inclusive to all residents**. This path would also be attractive to visitors to The Channon, walking from our renowned Craft Market to the local Tavern.

**LCC Response:** This footpath crosses private property and would not be eligible under the guidelines for the funding.

9) The Channon Store asked whether the footpath would **intersect with their loading docks** and the **safety implications** if it does. The issue of where the footpath would end at Mill Street was also raised by other residents. At such a busy intersection (including queuing vehicles for petrol pumps at Store) any users of the proposed path could be at risk stepping off the path.

**LCC Response:** The footpath will merge into the General Stores existing driveways. There will be a hoop bollard at the intersection of the footpath and road edge for pedestrians/cyclists to hold whilst waiting to cross the road. This has been designed out now following on site changes -

10) The Channon Café wanted to note that if the footpath crosses to the eastern side, to avoid interfering with The Channon General Store's loading dock and access, that there is insufficient room in front of their entrance to the café to accommodate a 2m wide path.

This has been designed out now following on site changes -

11) Some residents (including myself) will have **nowhere to park our vehicles** if the footpath is installed on the western side of Standing St. To leave enough allowance for vehicles to pass each other would mean that the proposed footpath would be no more than 30-50cm from property lines as discussed with Hayley. **Note- As this historic village is over 100years old most houses have been built far closer to front boundaries than current regulations.** This proposed 2m wide pathway will **severely reduce driveways** on the western side of Standing Street. My driveway will be slashed to the point that only the smallest vehicle could fit without parking over path. As regulations/laws state vehicles cannot park on footpaths there will also be **no roadside parking** for myself or any visitor to any household on the western side (due to **allowance still needed for vehicles** to pass each other and illegal to park on footpath). The eastern side has a dish drain that precludes vehicles from using nature-strip to pass oncoming traffic on that side. The path on the Western side will also mean **extensive destruction of gardens/trees** along the Western side of the road to allow for the proposed pathway.

**LCC Response:** Refer to response to dot point number 4. The footpath is located on the eastern side of Standing Street. Vehicle should park within the boundaries of their own properties.- As mentioned to residents onsite it is legal to park anywhere within the road verge , but cannot completely block of a formal footpath

Overall, residents are adamant in preserving our historic village atmosphere and we ask that these unnecessary (and unwanted) works be abandoned and the funds be directed toward the Terania St footpath repair. If that is not feasible, then the funds could be used to construct a footpath from Standing St and Mill St, between No 20 and No 24 Standing St, along the allotted easement.

**LCC Response:** This is not an option because:-

1. The grade in this area is nearly -20% over a distance of 67m from Standing Street to Mills Street
2. This doesn't align with the guidelines of the funding.

Please let me know the decision on this matter, ideally by the 30<sup>th</sup> September, so we have enough time to open discussions with our local councillors, the mayor's office, and the wider community to prepare to bring up this issue at the next council meeting, *if required*.

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**From:** Rebecca Sproule <rebecca.sproule@lismore.nsw.gov.au>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2024 12:35 PM

**To:** Barry Goodwin <barry.goodwin@lismore.nsw.gov.au>

**Cc:** Zoe Hunter <zoe.hunter@lismore.nsw.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Standing Street Footpath, The Channon - [REDACTED]

Hi Barry,

Have spoken with [REDACTED]. She works at Janelle Saffin's office and has been a resident of Nimbin Street for 30 years.

Speaking on behalf of the community, they want the consultation that has never happened – currently the community are feeling railroaded into getting a footpath that no one wanted.

Strongly requesting a community meeting, for better understanding, information sharing and for residents to have their say.

**Regarding the path:** Barry, please provide additional info

Will it become slimy like the others in the village?

What are the plans for drainage? (I spoke through the verge drainage and stormwater pit – however do we have drainage plans we can share?)

Would like the path to be 1.5m the whole length (Can we provide plans showing where the path will be 2.2 and 1.5?)

Maintenance schedule? (The school path is reportedly already very dirty)

Replacing grass with concrete will lead to water flow concerns for houses?

Disturbs the green spaces and look and feel of the village.

The main concerns came from **not being consulted, as promised at the TAC meeting** before the footpath proceeded. Are there TAC minutes available I can review?

[REDACTED] expectations of engagement/consultation was a sign at The Store with information and feedback channels, and a town meeting to discuss.

I gave [REDACTED] the following information:

Discussed residents we spoke to on Monday, including [REDACTED] as a main stakeholder and that conversations were mostly positive. [REDACTED] says they are resigned to the fact, but are not happy with the path.

That we have spoken with the businesses being the Art Gallery/Café, The Store, The Tavern, and school and all seemed ok/positive with the path moving ahead.

Asked who else we should be talking to, or how we can better communicate the project from here. There was no formed response, just that it shouldn't be going ahead and residents should be consulted.

**Additional points:**

Community shouldn't be finding out about the path, by seeing contractors onsite and asking them what's going on – agreed, took it on as feedback for future comms.

The path in this location doesn't improve safety. It should have been constructed from the Store to the Hall, or the Mill St section to the Tavern/Tennis Courts – mentioned this could have been an unsuitable design, and it was determined a footpath in current location was approved and added safety improvement for pedestrians.

What meetings did this plan go to? – Will find TAC minutes for reference.  
A complete waste of funding money on a path that the community does not want, and does not need.  
Council shouldn't be asking for feedback on how to improve the Village, if they aren't going to listen.  
The petition should have been enough indication that the path is not wanted or needed.

█ called back 10minutes after first call. She had spoken with █ (main resident) who was very upset and felt that he had to resign to getting the path.

Will save this in TRIM, start a public project page on the website that includes information mentioned here, and update EARL for future calls.  
█

Thanks,  
Bec

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Rebecca Sproule | Senior Stakeholder and Communications Officer | Lismore City Council

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From: Barry Goodwin █  
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Subject: Re: Standing Street Footpath, The Channon - █

Hey Bec  
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For contact centre  
Bec and I have had onsite consults on Monday and this morning with the residents directly affected with 95% support for this project to proceed  
We have addressed most if nit all of the issues raised  
The funding body have requested we proceed in lieu of handing the money back  
We have pedestrian counts done and surprisingly there is a reasonable number of pedestrians using this area  
We also had a road safety audit undertaken which flags not proceeding as a high major risk

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From: CONTACT CENTRE █  
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Subject: Standing Street Footpath, The Channon █

Hey Barry,

I have just had █ call wanting to speak to you about the footpath in The Channon on Standing Street, she has advised that she is from Janelle Saffin's office and that she is just wanting a bit more information on why it is happening to begin with could you please call her back on █ Thanks.

Kind Regards,  
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Barry Goodwin

From: Rebecca Sproule  
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2024 5:16 PM  
To: Barry Goodwin  
Subject: FW: Standing St The Channon footpath

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[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 3:05 PM  
To: Rebecca [Redacted]  
Subject: Standing St The Channon footpath

**CAUTION:** This email was sent from outside our organisation. Be cautious, particularly with links and attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Bec,  
I just wanted to follow up on the meeting in the street the other day with you. [Redacted]

I want to express my concern at the lack of community consultation with the whole village, which was asked for and promised at the TAC meeting in May. There was supposed to be a village meeting and also a sign put up at the shop.... but didnt see either of those. Again we are blindsided by a letter saying it's going ahead regardless.

Initially we were told if the village didn't want the footpath the money would go elsewhere, then the other day the story was "we have to do it" I may not be affected but I still believe the whole village should have a say. It's a lot of money and greenhouse gases for so little gain.

regards  
[Redacted]

## Risk Assessment of Not Providing a New Footpath

**Project Name:** Active Transport: Get NSW Active Program 2022/2023, Standing Street, The Channon  
(between Mills Street and The Channon Public School), New Footpath

**Project Number:** GFR-297

**Issue:** 2 **Date:** 17/06/24

The Risk	Existing Risk			Suggested Mitigation Measure	Residual Risk		
	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating		Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
Pedestrians walking on road, including mothers with prams and small children, being struck by a vehicle	Possible	Major	12	Construct shared path on road verge	Rare	Major	4
School children walking on road, being struck by a vehicle	Possible	Major	12	Construct shared path on road verge	Unlikely	Major	8
Cyclists riding on road, being struck by a vehicle	Unlikely	Major	8	Construct shared path on road verge	Unlikely	Major	8
Uncontrolled and random crossing of roads by pedestrians and cyclists, including school children, being struck by a vehicle	Unlikely	Major	8	Construct shared path with formalised crossing locations appropriately marked and sign posted	Rare	Major	4
School drop off and pick up times. Increased activity, increased risk of being struck by a vehicle	Possible	Major	12	Construct shared path on road verge that would connect School with parking areas	Unlikely	Major	8
Trip hazards in road verges – tree roots, holes, pits, etc. Various trips and falls	Unlikely	Minor	4	A concrete path would likely eliminate all trip hazards	Rare	Minor	2
Parked cars causing pedestrians and cyclists to walk or cycle on road, then being struck by a vehicle	Unlikely	Major	8	Vehicles are less likely to park on the path. Likelihood of path users having to use road to go around parked vehicle is reduced.	Rare	Major	4
Lack of formal connectivity between School and residents, and Store. Walking on road, being struck by a vehicle	Unlikely	Major	8	Construct shared path on road verge that would connect School with General Store	Rare	Major	4
People in wheelchairs and other less ambulant people, need an even surface. Using road, being struck by a vehicle	Rare	Major	5	Construct accessibility compliant path on road verge	Rare	Major	4



**RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX**

		Consequences				
		Insignificant (1) No injuries / minimal financial loss	Minor (2) First aid treatment / medium financial loss	Moderate (3) Medical treatment / high financial loss	Major (4) Hospital admission / large financial loss	Catastrophic (5) Death / massive financial loss
Likelihood	<b>Almost Certain (5)</b> Often occurs / once a week	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
	<b>Likely (4)</b> Could easily happen / once a month	Moderate (4)	Moderate (8)	High (12)	Extreme (16)	Extreme (20)
	<b>Possible (3)</b> Could happen or known it to happen / once a year	Low (3)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (9)	High (12)	High (15)
	<b>Unlikely (2)</b> Hasn't happened yet but could / once every 10 years	Low (2)	Moderate (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
	<b>Rare (1)</b> Conceivable but only in extreme circumstances / once in 100 years	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Moderate (4)	Moderate (5)

When establishing actions to be taken, the hierarchy of controls to be followed is:

- Elimination
- Substitution
- Engineering
- Administrative
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

<b>Report Type:</b>	Pedestrian Counts
<b>Geocounts Job ID:</b>	1705591914628
<b>Client Name:</b>	Lismore City Council
<b>Location:</b>	The Channon
<b>Site:</b>	Standing Street, at Nimbin Road
<b>Survey Date:</b>	Wednesday, 29th May 2024
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine
<b>Rainfall:</b>	Nil



Eastbound = towards Nimbin St

Westbound = towards Mill St



**Pedestrian Activity Log**

	Time	Direction	Description
1	7:18	Westbound	1 x walker
2	7:28	Eastbound	1 x walker
3	8:34	Eastbound	2 x school children
4	13:29	Eastbound	1 x cyclist
5	14:19	Westbound	2 x walkers
6	14:19	Eastbound	2 x walkers
7	14:32	Westbound	1 x walker with pram and dog
8	14:32	Eastbound	1 x walker
9	14:40	Westbound	1 x cyclist
10	14:42	Eastbound	1 x walker with pram and dog
11	15:08	Northbound	2 x adults, 10 x school children (from Nimbin St, cross Standing St to path between #20 & #24)
12	16:00	Northbound	1 x adult (from Nimbin St, cross Standing St to path between #20 & #24)
13	17:11	Southbound	1 x adult (from path, cross Standing St to Nimbin St)

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**Pedestrian Activity Log**

	Time	Direction	Description
1	7:40	Westbound	1 x walker
2	7:48	Eastbound	1 x walker
3	8:45	Eastbound	1 x school child
4	8:50	Eastbound	1 x school child
5	9:50	Westbound	1 x walker
6	11:06	Eastbound	1 x walker with pram
7	11:33	Westbound	1 x walker
8	13:26	Eastbound	1 x walker
9	14:00	Westbound	1 x walker
10	15:04	Northbound	1 x adult, 3 x school children (from Nimbin St, cross Standing St to path between #20 & #24)
11	16:44	Southbound	1 x adult (from path, cross Standing St to Nimbin St)



*Janelle Saffin* MP  
STATE MEMBER FOR LISMORE



**Sunday August 4 2024**

**To: Barry Goodwin  
Design Services Engineer  
Lismore City Council**

**Re: Standing Street Footpath**

Dear Barry,

As you know I held an informal meeting at The Channon today to listen to residents' views about the Standing Street footpath because of issues that have been raised with me.

Nine residents attended the meeting (at very short notice) and I also spoke to a Standing Street resident when I was having a look at the path outside The Channon School.

The feedback that I received was the same from all:

- that the path is not needed and not wanted
- residents were not consulted
- it will do nothing for 'active communities'
- a path from the village to the Oval is needed and would be a much better a way of supporting walking and cycling.

Steve Payne, who attended the May TAC meeting was there today and he confirmed that the TAC meeting agreed that Council would:

1. Hold a community meeting at The Channon for consultation.
2. Put up a sign at The Channon shop advising of the meeting.
3. Put a hold on works on the footpath until this had happened.

This was also reported by my representative after the May TAC meeting.

I ask that the agreements of the TAC meeting be met.

Warm regards



Janelle Saffin MP  
State Member for Lismore

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## Business

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Traffic Safety Issues and Request fro No Stopping Zones - Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah (Hepburn Park)</b>
<b>TRIM Record No</b>	BP24/840:EF19/313-6
<b>Item Number</b>	4.2

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Request has been received from Councils Strategic Engineer in relation to pedestrians and traffic safety issues in the Hepburn Park Sporting precinct in Oliver Avenue and Holland Street, Goonellabah.

That the matter be discussed and comment provided to the writer.

Request has been received from Councils Strategic Engineer in relation to pedestrians and traffic safety issues in the Hepburn Park Sporting precinct in Oliver Avenue and Holland Street, Goonellabah. Hepburn Park is a sporting hub in Goonellabah bounded by Oliver Avenue to the south and Holland Street to the East.

Oliver Avenue is a Sub Arterial Road under Councils road hierarchy attracting traffic volumes of approximately 5000 vehicles per day including 5% Heavy vehicles (traffic data 2015). Holland Street is a Sub Arterial Road under Councils road hierarchy attracting traffic volumes of approximately 3500 vehicles per day including 8.2% Heavy vehicles(Traffic data 2014).

Holland Street on the eastern side is an industrial area connecting a recently constructed arterial road to the Bruxner Highway to the north-east providing access for B double size vehicles.

The Hepburn Park Precinct includes multiple sporting fields regularly used for weekly touch football and AusTag sporting competitions including 2 hockey fields adjoining the area. There is a Sporting Club west of the site where overflow parking occupies the car park. There is a recently completed car park east of the site.

The precinct attracts several annual regional sporting events over the weekend where overflow parking is spills into Oliver Avenue and Holland Street.

The writer witnessed traffic safety issues in around the intersection of Oliver Avenue and O'Mahoney Drive and provided an option to install No Stopping zones for the TRSC Group to discuss.

### Attachment/s

1. [↓](#) Email from Writer

**Barry Goodwin**

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**From:** Barry Goodwin  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 June 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** Lucas Myers  
**Cc:** Olivia Kerry; Gavin McKean; Barry Goodwin  
**Subject:** RE: Hepburn Park Parking/Traffic Issues

Thanks Lucas and agree and we did discuss at the meeting

I think we need to look at some sort of std traffic management plan for large sporting events as it does impact the community as well as safety issues as mentioned

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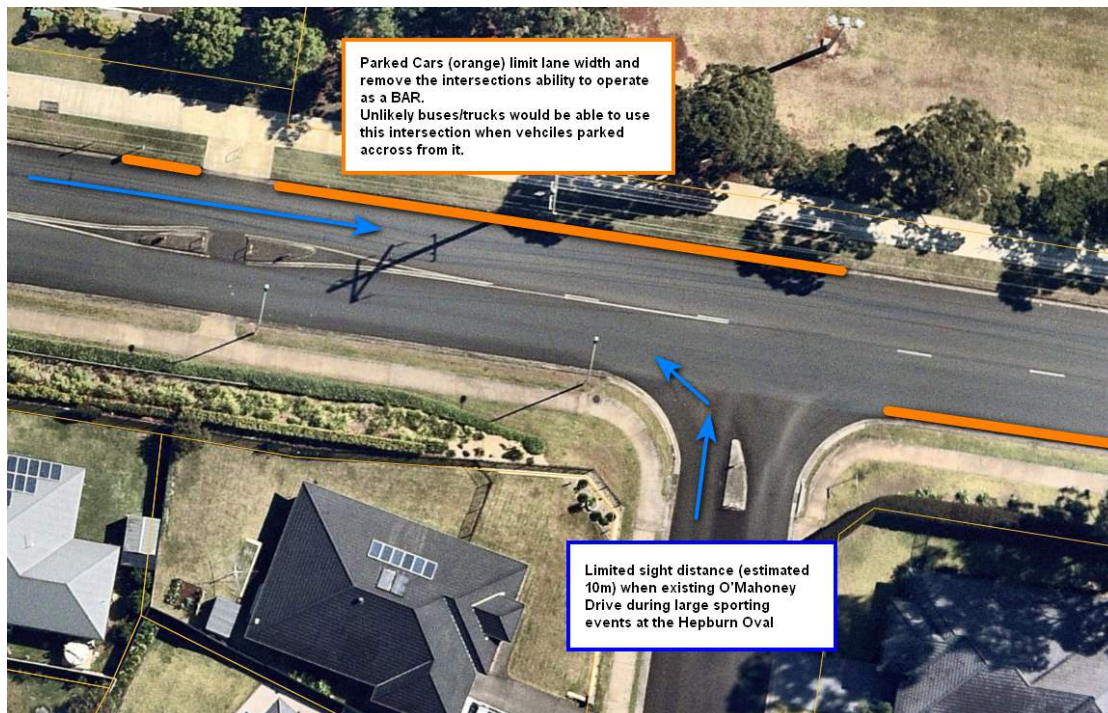
**From:** Lucas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:59 AM  
**To:** Barry [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Hepburn Park Parking/Traffic Issues

Morning Barry,

As discussed can you please put Hepburn Park on the next TAC agenda for discussion.

**Issues:**

Please refer to the attached images and sketch I have done up below. During the last event there was very minimal sight distance when leaving O'Mahoney Drive, further to this during other events (Monday/Wednesday night football) the parking along the Hepburn Park side of Oliver Avenue hinders people's ability to pass a car waiting to turn into O'Mahoney Drive. I believe Oliver Avenue is the width it is to ensure free flowing traffic at all times.



**Possible Solution:**

I think to make the intersection operate efficiently and safely, no stopping signage/line marking needs to be implemented. I will leave the design to your team, but I have roughly sketched blow and area that might work



Thanks

**Lucas Myers** | Strategic Engineer | Lismore City Council

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