

Submissions received on Jeffreys Reserve temporary bike jumps, February - March 2025

Businesses / Organisations

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31677	Yes	Spokes fully supports this initiative. It is a great idea and unstructured play, such as building ramps and riding bikes, is the best form of exercise. It also builds practical skills and knowledge. Please also put in some bike parking while you are at it.	Anne Scott Spokes Canterbury

Individuals

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31523	Yes	I think this is a great idea. It will help the neighbour kids get out of the house and use creativity and problem solving to build something they will get hours of enjoyment from for free.	Clayton Mitchell
31533	Yes	I have two boys who have spent hours making makeshift bike jumps. I think providing tamariki the opportunity to enjoy this growing sport in a safe, appropriate environment is ideal. It gets our children outside and active and encourages positive community connections with their peers. I have seen this first hand through the time my kids have spent at bike and scooter parks Thank you so much to the council for this initiative.	Pip O'Regan
31534	Somewhat	I think the location in amongst the new small trees with stakes is inappropriate. The children much prefer the area that they are currently using. The current area is that the children use is the confluence of three streets and will gather more children in an area that's very much unused. We put up with the building of the water tank and finally have some nice screening for this and now you're going to put temporary jumps right in front of our house. I walked this park at least three times a day with my dog in the area where the children have been using. The jumps also has some natural infrastructure perfect for them and is not a current gathering place for people dogs and children. The jumps in your proposed location is not appropriate. Happy to walk the park any time of the day with you.	Simon Hollander
31540	Yes	I support creating more activity space for kids and teens. I support this being created in collaboration with the local youth and directing it to be created in a way that does not impact the native plantings in Jeffrey's Reserve. As a side note, I would strongly encourage the creation of a crosswalk of some type on Clyde Road at Fendalton Library as many people need to cross Clyde at busy times of day there to access the library and this project will create even more foot/bicycle traffic headed that way. Thanks.	Henry Roe
31557	Yes	We walk our dogs through the park and have watched the jumps be built by local kids over the last year or more in various formats. The team work these kids display is awesome. Sometimes having mini working gees other times enjoying the results in their bikes. It's great to see! This park is well used by many ages and stages and seeing kids play like this should be encouraged. Well done CCC!	Sarah Palmer
31558	Yes	fantastic idea, kids have been having loads of fun armed with equipment building there jumps, trialling them etc. Totally support this initiative You may want to check that there is not a wasp or bees nest in the gum tree (nearest the tree that was recently removed) which is at the alley end of the park that enters Thornycroft St. older kids (early teens) have been building a jump over the old stump and having a blast.	Shaun Palmer
31561	Yes		Kathryn Andrews
31576	Yes	Us as kids don't all have the freedom to go to the hill every day or on weekends and we want somewhere local where we can have jump and have a safe enviroment to do that. we also just want to have fun and help enguagre kid to get outside and of dviecs which is not good for them.	
31577	Yes	You guys should definitely do this project this is an amazing opportunity to make the park livley again with many tamariki having fun there. It is a great Idea to put is where you are proposing to put it and I would love to volunteer to help build these to keep costs down so please email me if you would like me to volunteer.	Charlie Wilson
31581	No	Dear Local Board members I have two concerns with this proposal which I don't consider have been addressed in the materials from Council. 1. Cost. In the current climate all 'nice to have' spending should be carefully considered and, if wanted, offset by a reduction in another area. There is no evidence this has happened. Even 'low costs' should be offset by savings otherwise our rates will continue to grow. 2. Leaving aside the cost, the location could be improved. The proposed site has had several new trees planted in the area (not shown on Council's consultation document).	Karen Taylor

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		Tamariki building jumps and doing jumps on their bikes seems (i) hazardous to them if they hit the trees/stakes and (ii) not a good idea for the trees continued growth/survival. A more sensible option (approx 500m away) would seem to be at the Fendalton Road end of Fendalton Park. This area is significantly larger than the available space at Jeffreys Park. It is also clearly separated from the sports field at Fendalton Park.	
31586	Yes	Yes I support the temporary bike jumps in the location by the Library in Jeffreys Park. They have been ruining gardens and your plantings in the small Waiwetu St. Reserve, plus being a nuisance to near by neighbours, and people walking thru the small Waiwetu Reserve. They have left litter and lingered on the very noisy swings - perhaps you could move the very old swings too. PS - Why are you calling Jeffrey's Park a "Reserve"???	Brenda Anderson
31600	No	Has the board engaged with library users and implications of cyclists accessing park jumps - riding across car park to bike jump area and causing potential collisions with cars that are also accessing car park? Has safety protocol been surveyed regarding high volumes of car traffic along Jeffreys Road and cyclists being hit or colliding with cars? How are the bike jumps going to be supervised - there will be a mix/clash of different ages, inexperienced/novice/experienced cyclists that will be all vying for places on the jumps. Will be there a limit as to numbers on the bike jumps. First aid available? Time limits to prevent bikers monopolising jumps at the expense of others missing out? Potential fights, thefts, violence, noise, clashing with public? Will the bike jumps be used as a dumping ground by parents just as the library has been for years - drop off and pick up hours later with no parental supervision? Have the public who use the park for dogwalking, walking, sitting and enjoying peace and quiet been notified of the plan. Have the many elderly wahine and tane who walk along the adjoining path to sit at a nearby bench been notified that they will have to negotiate bicycles and children and run the risk of collision/injury? This also applies to unleashed dogs having to navigate around cyclists and children. What about implications of wear and tear on the newly planted shrubs and designed park - vandalism? There are 2 playgrounds, sports ground, tennis court picnic area for tamariki. Why not consider Fendalton Park which is bigger and not at intersection of library, car park, busy road. In summary, as a resident, rates payer, tax payer I totally oppose the idea and installation of bike jumps, not even temporary. Not in my back yard, as I assume the residents next to the unplanned jumps at Waiwetu Reserve have already voiced their concerns. Having lived at my address for 28 years I do not want to accommodate any harmful and potentially dangerous changes to the park that I cherish for walking, playing tennis, dogwalking and socialising and enjoying peace and quiet. My daughter when she was growing up was more than happy with the recreational facilities provided and never yearned for bike jumps. There is more than enough to entertain tamariki, even bored ones.	Christine Coster
31605	No	No to this! It is already a challenge with the library - people including staff parking over driveways etc. This would create more chaos, mothers, dogs, parking!	Nicola Benfell
31619	Yes	Please make sure we can have some rugby post this year, even if it's a kids size field. So many heart broken kids have had to miss out on goal kicking and the real feel of a rugby field	Anton Hutton
31620	No	There is a skate/bmx park just a short bike ride away in Jellie Park. The Jellie Park skate/bmx park is an investment by ratepayers specifically for this activity. If a new bike park is needed then the large amount of space at Jellie Park would be far more suitable. The small and constrained Jeffreys Reserve area that is proposed for this bike jumping activity is grassed, with many small trees that were recently planted with ratepayer money. Serious damage to both the trees and the park surface is inevitable. There will also be litter as there is no bin near that area. Furthermore, Jeffrey's Park is well-used by local residents every day and is an access way to the Public Library. Encouraging cycling across the grassed Reserve and walkway is a clear and obvious risk to other park users and will seriously reduce the utility of the park to others, including the daily gathering of dog owners every day near that area (to avoid the playgrounds). In conclusion, the activity is wholly unsuitable for a small public reserve and the activity should continue at the existing ratepayer-funded Jellie Park facility (with additions/extensions there, if needed).	Robert Jamieson
31628	No	I live 100 yards from Jeffreys Park and use the park every day. Firstly I would like to thank the CCC for the work they have done in upgrading the area with planting, and the ongoing care of the trees and shrubs. It is much appreciated by the locals who regularly use this facility. I feel that it would be a great mistake to have the temporary bike jumps in the park. The planned area is extremely close to the children's play area and the new planting you have recently completed. The jumps would be for the use of local tamariki (young teenage boys!) and the safety of young children, small dogs and the elderly would be compromised. Thank you for your consideration of my submission.	Alison Brooks
31646	No	Its a small space for bike jump. Have you considered its close to the main road and car park? There are 2 playground in Jeffreys Reserve already, if tamariki wants to play on their bikes, there's Jelly Park already set up. The Fendalton Library is already a dumping ground for lonely children, I can't imagine the Bike Jump to be the same, parents will	Suryana Chia

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		not be supervising their children, there will be vandalism around the neighborhood. Jeffreys Reserve is a popular place for dog walkers and seniors, who enjoyed the serenity environment. Why ruin that? Seniors and dog walkers were often seen in Jeffreys Reserve, I enjoyed walking my dogs through Jeffreys Reserve and I would not like seeing children zooming around the Reserve and crashing passersby and dogs. So PLEASE DON'T!	
31651	Yes	This is a great idea There is nothing else in the area for teenage children They have had to make their own bike jumps The park has plenty of room for other activities	Chris Wilson
31654	No	I am responding to this notification regarding the current bike jumps created by youths in Jeffreys Park, impeding public access, damage to the park and gardens, it has been condoned by the Council for sometime. This proposal to transfer the problem to another location in the park, to be a temporary measure, is not ideal. The proposed plan to develop the temporary bike jumps in a suitable location between the car park and library, does impact others, this area is the most shaded area for families using the park to picnic, while still close to the play area, to supervise young children to run and play safely without bikes, the riders won't be confined to this space, unless fenced. This will only be another attraction for youths day and night, we already have motor bikes and scooters using the park day and night, creating noise and damage, trees broken and rubbish, they also play on the playground equipment and leave their beer cans. The bike jump riders impede other park users, the elderly, people walking their dogs and children, exercising, the noise they create yelling and language used can be heard across the road, other park users will have to accept this behaviour. This location has a significant tree representing the original land owner gifted to the Council. There are other locations, nearby parks larger than Jeffreys Park more suitable for this activity. We have raised a concern about the road safety, in this area of Jeffreys Road, regards to no speed limit posted, or signage warning of children crossing the road near the park and library. We assume the Council is happy to accept responsibility for any injury and damage caused by this activity. We have experienced increased freedom campers, using the park at night, as a toilet and urinating in public, boy racers speeding well in excess of the speed limit without any concern for others.	Paul Williams
31655	Somewhat	Long term preferred, as its kids an outlet. I was on the DPB for a few years. We made the most of the Council parks, as we were extremely low income.	Gretchen Boyd
31656	No	The CCC has done a great job with the pump station and with planting trees along Jeffrey's Road side of Jeffrey's Reserve. The park is one we can all be proud of. It makes no sense to now dumps load of clay in the park in the middle of the newly planted trees and right alongside a children's play area. It's a risk to young children. Further, It's highly unlikely that the new trees will survive. It's almost as if one arm of the council has no idea what another arm of council is doing. Council staff obviously expect problems with safety, noise, and rubbish, otherwise it wouldn't have the backstop of making the jump temporary. The park on Greers Road opposite Burnside Park is better suited for the proposed bike jump because it's near the school: it's not near houses or a playground, and there is no risk of newly planted trees being destroyed. Our preferred option is for the	Ian Brooks
31658	No	Jeffreys reserve used by 100s of dogs every day..you will be taking space from them. The park is not large enough. The bike area is near the play area for small children. The road is already congested with the park and library traffic. It is a secondary road...and traffic often speeds down the road.. 70kms is not uncommon...the fire engines use this road regularly and speed down it. There are no signs to warn of children crossing....no safe crossing near the park	Suzannah Clyne
31664	No	I walk in the park daily and many people I speak to are not in favour of the temporary bike jumps. Especially the position so close to the playground and vehicles. If these temporary jumps are really needed, why not place them in the position nearby away from the playground areas, where in fact children have already established some bike jumps.	Dorothy Mcmenamin
31673	Yes	This is a fantastic idea! Unstructured play, such as building ramps in the clay and riding bikes, is the best exercise for young people and old alike.	Fox Bennetts
31683	Yes	*See attachment	
31686	No	*Phone call lodging opposition to the bike jumps in Jeffreys Reserve.* I have lived in Waiwetu Street for 18 years, and use the reserve twice daily.	Caroline Kyle

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		Jeffreys Reserve is not suited for this function. Council has already reduced the size of the park with recent adjustments. There used to be rugby and football at the reserve, and residents knew when this was on, and could use the reserve before and after to walk dogs etc. With the proposal, it will be hard to anticipate appropriate times to enjoy the reserve. The location is too small for the proposed jumps, and bikes won't be compliant. They will need a run up for the jumps, and turns will be too tight. The park is very social for neighbours, many have dogs and walk them here. The proposal will infringe on the feeling of safety – not to be run into or knocked over by a bike. For dog walkers and their dogs, young children who use the playground, and elderly neighbours. Kids get focused on their activity and don't deliberately cause accidents, but there will likely be safety risks due to this. There are two more appropriate locations: Jelly Park (preferred option) – in the area between the skate park and river (outside of disc golf zone). This area is bigger and more appropriate. It is also a short bike ride away from Jeffreys Reserve. Fendalton Park- In the woodlands area. This is not used for anything and is bigger. Bike jumps were also built here over covid.	
31700	Somewhat	I somewhat support the project because I don't have a major objection to it but would rather have a focus on maintains the existing recreational facilities in the Reserve. We have lived close to the Reserve for 20 years and have enjoyed being able to use the tennis court with our family. It is a very popular facility which gets lots of use. Unfortunately the ashphalt is in need of repair and it is no longer possible to play a proper game of tennis as the tree roots in the northeast corner have spread onto the court creating a raised crack and a trip hazard. Very recently the ashphalt in all of the carpark adjacent to the court was replaced. It would have been a great opportunity to resurface the tennis court while all the equipment and manpower was there. I would prefer the existing court was properly maintained before additional temporary facilities which are likely to require ongoing maintenance are created .	Marg Morrison
31705	Yes	I think this is a great idea as it will enable the local children to construct jumps and features that they wish to ride on. The children will also maintain the jumps so that they are most usable for them. It will be a relatively low cost project for the Council. The jumps need not be very complex or large. My son [REDACTED] was one of the children who constructed jumps on a large tree stump near the Thornycroft Street pathway. [REDACTED] and his friends could attend a meeting on site so they can explain what they would see as being most useful. Thank you.	James Mortlock

Why Jeffreys Park Should Have A Bike Jump Course

Dear Community,

For the last few years boys have been building mountain bike jumps at Jeffreys Park to entertain themselves. But, there have been some people who are getting angry and threatening to call the police. I strongly believe that kids must have a bike jump track at Jeffreys Park. Having a jump track will keep us entertained for hours, we will be able to improve our skills and it will keep all the adults happy.

Firstly, having bike jumps will keep us entertained for hours, instead of getting into trouble digging deep holes, and busting plants and bushes to make our jumps. It will be permanent because when we build our jumps they get destroyed by neighbours of the park. This way, we don't need to keep rebuilding them.

Secondly, we will be able to improve our skills by having a fun, nearby jump course. We will learn tricks like the one-hander, whips and a whole lot more. It will also be a fun local spot with cool jumps where my mates and I can hang out.

Thirdly, all the adults in nearby neighbours will be happy because we will have a certain place to ride and our parents won't need to drive thirty minutes to the Adventure Park. Other kids will be happy as well because they will have a cool place to ride without having to spend a minimum of one hundred dollars on a lift pass at Christchurch Adventure Park.

In conclusion, I think we must have a permanent bike jump course at Jeffreys Park where we can be entertained for hours, improve our skills and make everyone happy. You will find that all people and children in the community will be happy with this outcome.

Kind regards.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the author.