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## **Whakatā Templeton Cemetery submissions**

Jun 05, 2025 - Jul 09, 2025

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text BRENDAN

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text MUIR

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Templeton RSA

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I do like the layout, so no issues there.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Will parking be an issue??

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text As with Shands Rd Cemetery there is an RSA plot/section, will there be one included if not why not?

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Jolene

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Eagar

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Templeton Residents Association

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text While we understand the wider need for additional burial space across Christchurch, we see no specific advantage for the Templeton community in this proposal. The cemetery, which in stage one alone will be more than double the size of any existing cemetery in the city, offers no direct benefit to Templeton residents—only the same city-wide service it provides to all of Christchurch. The key difference is that our small village would be the only community living directly beside it and affected by it.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text There are several significant concerns about the impact of this development on the Templeton community—particularly for residents whose homes directly border the proposed cemetery site.

Properties on Roydon Drive currently enjoy rural views toward the mountains. These homeowners are understandably distressed at the prospect of looking out onto grave sites instead. They are also concerned about the loss of privacy and the reduced enjoyment of their outdoor spaces. While visual screening through planting is requested, it must not block natural light, which is also highly valued.

Drainage is another major issue. The land slopes down toward Roydon Drive, and residents are worried about the effect a swale system may have. Will it adequately manage stormwater, or could it result in pooling, backyard flooding, or swamp-like conditions?

Security and lighting are also a concern. Even with locked gates, people may still access the site. The current design includes a children's area and public toilets positioned near the edge of the site—this is an inappropriate location. The cemetery is not a recreational facility. If there is a need for a children's area, it should be centralised and solely for cemetery visitors. Templeton already has a public park—the Templeton Domain—which is in desperate need of upgraded facilities and a modern playground. It is difficult to justify brand new amenities in the cemetery while local families continue to use outdated equipment.

Traffic is another pressing concern. Increased use of Kirk Road—especially near the already dangerous intersection with Main South Road—poses a serious safety risk. Many believe there should be no access to the cemetery from Kirk Road at all. If access remains part of the plan, significant attention must be given to the layout, visibility, and planting around the entrance and exit to ensure it is safe.

Finally—and perhaps most importantly—we question why Stage 1 is being developed first when Stage 2 is located further from residential homes and would have far less impact on the community. While it may represent a change in the staging plan, starting with Stage 2 would alleviate many of the concerns raised by residents. Eliminating concerns altogether is a far better outcome than simply trying to mitigate them.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text The cumulative impact of this cemetery—visual, environmental, traffic-related, and social—cannot be viewed in isolation.

The Council should also consider investing in Templeton's existing infrastructure, particularly upgrading the Templeton Domain and its amenities, as a show of good faith and recognition of the community's needs.

Finally, careful thought must be given to long-term maintenance, landscape design, and how the site will be managed over time. The visual character and rural setting of Templeton must be respected—not just during construction, but for generations to come.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Chandra

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Rai

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Kirant Society of New Zealand Incorporated

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We belong to Kirant ethnic group originated in Himalayan region of Nepal. In Kiranti culture we bury our family member when passed away. Culturally, we prefer to bury our beloved one on our own land back home. But here in New Zealand we cannot bury deceased body on our own land. It would be great if council allocates a piece of cemetery land for our ethnic group. This Whakata Templeton Cemetery proposed plan is a good opportunity to our ethnic group primarily to fulfil our cultural needs. Likewise, the Templeton venue is a convenient place to not only those who are living in Christchurch but also who are living in Canterbury and other provinces of New Zealand.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We do not know details of the plan. So, at this stage I do not have any comment on this. For our ethnic group something is better than nothing.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text As our cultural need we would like to have a piece of cemetery land allocated for Kiranti members only. We request City council to allow to bury Kiranti members' dead body not only who are/were residents of Christchurch but also from whole New Zealand.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Chris

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Ford

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) New Zealand

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text



**Disabled Persons** Assembly nz

July 2025

**To Christchurch City Council**

Please find attached our submission on the Whakatā Templeton Cemetery development

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## Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

### We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a not-for-profit pan-impairment Disabled People's Organisation run by and for disabled people.

### We recognise:

- Māori as Tangata Whenua and [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#) as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- disabled people as experts on their own lives;
- the [Social Model of Disability](#) as the guiding principle for interpreting disability and impairment;
- the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) as the basis for disabled people's relationship with the State;
- the [New Zealand Disability Strategy](#) as Government agencies' guide on disability issues; and
- the [Enabling Good Lives Principles](#), [Whāia Te Ao Mārama: Māori Disability Action Plan](#), and [Faiva Ora: National Pasifika Disability Disability Plan](#) as avenues to disabled people gaining greater choice and control over their lives and supports.

### We drive systemic change through:

**Rangatiratanga / Leadership:** reflecting the collective voice of disabled people, locally, nationally and internationally.

**Pārongo me te tohutohu / Information and advice:** informing and advising on policies impacting on the lives of disabled people.

**Kōkiri / Advocacy:** supporting disabled people to have a voice, including a collective voice, in society.

**Aroturuki / Monitoring:** monitoring and giving feedback on existing laws, policies and practices about and relevant to disabled people.

## The Submission

DPA welcomes the opportunity to give feedback to the Christchurch City Council (CCC) on the Whakatā Templeton Cemetery development project.

**We support** the new cemetery development given that it has an inclusive focus in promoting greater accessibility for everyone, including disabled people, to a space which serves as the final resting place of many people.

We also support the establishment of a shared interfaith, multicultural ceremonial space that can be used for funeral or memorial services for all deceased people and their families/whānau and friends.

We are very pleased to see that it is planned to install an adequate number of accessible toilets throughout the new cemetery.

DPA commends the Christchurch City Council for the efforts it has made in consulting Māori and local communities on all aspects of planning around the new cemetery.

**DPA asks that Council** ensure that disabled people and disability organisations are key stakeholders in any further consultation on both this and any new cemeteries in the Christchurch City area.

While DPA is strongly supportive of this project, we do have a number of recommendations around to improve accessibility for disabled people.

### New cemetery accessibility improvements

**DPA asks that Council** build the new interfaith ceremonial space to universal design accessibility standards to ensure that everyone, including disabled people, can access it fully.



The ceremonial space should incorporate accessibility features such as suitable lighting, wide doorways, audio loops to support D/deaf and hard of hearing people using hearing aids, accessible toilets and single level entry, amongst other features.

**DPA asks that** Council use compact aggregate surfacing for all footpaths at the new cemetery. This will enabled disabled people, especially those using wheelchairs and mobility devices, a much smoother surface to mobilise on.

**DPA recommends** that seating of varying heights is installed throughout the cemetery/memorial park so that everyone, including disabled people, can easily get on and off seating.

**DPA asks** that the children's remembrance area be accessible to disabled people through ensuring that there is space for wheelchair and mobility aid users to mobilise and that adequate accessible seating be provided in this area.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Geetha

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Kopparapu

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text DharmaYodha NewZealand Inc

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

On behalf of the Christchurch Hindu Community, Dharmayodha Inc (DYNZ) thanked the Christchurch City Council (the Council) for the opportunity to provide comments on the initial plan for the Whakatā Templeton Cemetery. DYNZ had previously submitted the requirements of the Hindu community to the Council during the first phase of consultations. This submission is intended to complement those earlier requirements.

The Hindu Community in Christchurch is growing at a rapid rate and has some unique religious and cultural requirements that need to be fulfilled during the planning stage of this project. The requirements submitted earlier do not seem to have been taken into account in the current plan. Hence, Dharma Yodha NewZealand Inc., strongly urges the Council to give significant consideration to these matters and those mentioned later in this submission.

**Methodology**

Dharma Yodha NewZealand Inc., canvassed almost 15 Hindu community groups in Christchurch. This consisted of sending them an email with the proposed plan, followed by an online meeting, and finally asking these groups to submit their feedback in a pre-supplied format.

DYNZ received 6 written forms from different community groups of Hindus, and some groups provided oral feedback by phone and some one on one meetings. Few have preferred to write to you directly after the meeting to give you more info.

**Submission**

1. The allocated area for the Hindu community, as outlined in the current 100-year plan, appears insufficient to accommodate our projected population growth and the necessary provisions for both burial and cremation. This isn't a feasible or adjustable arrangement. Therefore, we respectfully request the Council to reconsider and revise the plan to adequately reflect these essential requirements..
2. The current plan (June 2025) shows provision for a covered shelter in the Hindu area. We had earlier submitted the following requirement:

"Must-have requirements:

1. A meeting/prayer hall (seating capacity between 200-250 people) with:
2. A foyer at the entrance with facilities for storing footwear
3. Audio and Video system
4. Chairs and lectern
5. Kitchen with cooking, cleaning, and serving facilities
6. 2-3 separate rooms for Vedic rituals for the immediate family members (at least 1 room that is uncarpeted)
7. Toilet, shower, and changing facilities"

This requirement is still valid and is very important. We have received overwhelming feedback regarding this from the community groups that we canvassed.

For example, the 10th and 13th-day rituals are very important and are time-bound, meaning they must be performed between the 10th and 13th day. This makes it unrealistic to share the "shared ceremonial space" as shown as #5 in the plan since this shared space may not be available on these specific dates, thus defeating the main purpose of this cemetery facility.

This facility is of paramount importance to the Hindu community. We kindly request the Council to acknowledge this and incorporate it thoughtfully into the redesign plan, following the review of this feedback.

3. In addition, there was another requirement, and this is not shown in the plan/drawing. However, we understand that the current plan is at a high level and hence may not show these details. Nevertheless, we would like to reiterate this requirement:

"Outdoor area (designed for calm and serenity) exclusively for the Hindu community with:

- o Area for planting trees in memory of the deceased loved one
- o Some shaded seating area for meditating"

4. We have also received feedback that the community prefers to have a crematorium on-site and would like to record this requirement.  
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission. Dharma Yodha NewZealand Inc., wishes to be heard in support of this submission.  
We look forward to working with the Council to bring this ambitious project to fruition to the mutual satisfaction of the Hindu Community and the Council.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Marco

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Duff

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Love everything about it and it looks like a lot of thought has gone into it , do love all the plantings though and looks like it will be a real peaceful site for those to come and visit their loved ones. Love that the cementary is located within the largest growing ward in Christchurch which means it is accesible to many.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text My only concern is bus services to Templeton and ECAN would have to have a more regular service and one that would take in the cementary

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Fiona

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Goldingham

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Looks to have been thought out

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text When I bought my property it was not something I was aware of and I am concerned that it may mean my property changes in value ie becomes worthless

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Traffic may increase and turn off into Jones onto Kirk is already challenging at times and may become more of an issue

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text David

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Gibb

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Not much.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I understand that we need Cemeteries but putting one right under the flight path to the Airport will be extremely frustrating to Funeral Directors who will find that any ceremonies will frequently be interrupted by the noise from planes going overhead. If we are sitting on our patio (near Roydon Drive) then any conversation has to wait two or three minutes until the planes have departed. One or two at a time "might" be acceptable but at some times during the day there can be 8-10 planes flying over all within a half hour timeframe.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Confer with the Funeral Directors and ask for their opinions instead of sneaking it in under guise of "Urgency"

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Mikayla

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Pupich

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like the different areas for everyone to be included

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I don't like how the child's area is next to Kirk road and along where all the houses on Roydon drive are I feel like this area needs a lot more privacy than that. Considering the main busy times for cemeteries are generally on big holidays where all the people will be home but also you will have a lot of families visiting their lost loved ones.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Entrance off Kirk road could cause disruptions around busy periods holidays ect as well as with the amount of trucks going down Kirk rd unsure that it's the best place for a entry

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Glenys and George

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Hewison

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like the layout and the planned landscaping.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text That it is so close to our little township. We seem to be earmarked for any development that everybody else doesn't want

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Robyn

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Smith

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

I don't like that a child's area is planned to be so close to our house on Kirk Road. It is such a sensitive area and so close to residential houses. I feel this should be further out away from any residential area.

I don't like a entrance on Kirk Road because it is a busy road already and it will increase traffic flow more on a road where there is a primary school. I also feel it will bring more traffic flow by our house which is something we feel uncomfortable with as we moved to Templeton to have a quiet area to raise our family. Even turning into our house can be dangerous as people start to speed up and sit right up the back of your vehicle when you go to turn up our driveway. The position of the entrance is going to be dangerous on a narrow part of Kirk Road.

I don't like that the cemetery is so large and that it will impact Templetons future. Once a cemetery is in nothing else will be able to be put there. It is a waste of good land that could help to grow the community for example a sports centre or high school are preferable.

The idea of drainage and the fact that decomposing bodies will be so close to our house brings an uncomfortable feeling. It makes us feel like we would not be comfortable residing in our home with it so close to us.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

Building so close to residential houses and the noise will not be sensitive to mourners. For example my boys play drums and guitar in the garage. They are loud and how insensitive would that be to people saying goodbye in a cemetery. However we were there first so why should we stop.

The noise of the planes going over. Imagine a farewell and a loud plane goes over. Not really ideal.

The future of Templeton by building such a large cemetery. It is a desired location for young families with Templeton Primary on Kirk Road. A large cemetery with an entrance on a Kirk Road would likely make it less desirable.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Felicity

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text O'Reilly

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text not applicable until I have answers on my questions below

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The current proposal for a children's burial plot close to Kirk Road , Roydon Drive houses I feel is very insensitive, these plots need to be placed away from the public roads , housing where families of the deceased loved ones can visit in peace.  
The proposal for a footpath to run directly behind housing on Roydon Drive is a bad idea , the housing area does not need foot traffic close to their properties.  
Why is drainage - Swale being proposed for this area along the Roydon Drive housing area. Those paddocks do not flood ,so why is the council proposing this idea ? Need more clarification and an exact answer as to why they have proposed this>

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text The council should consider the Templeton Community responses in their submissions and not dismiss them. Housing areas will be affected by this new cemetery so listen to your rate payers feedback.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Rie

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Natalenko

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text It will be a peaceful place to have in the neighbourhood. I can't see anything wrong with it, to be fair.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text It may increase traffic, but this could be solved with traffic lights at the junction of Kirk Rd and the highway.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Put traffic lights on the turn into Kirk Rd from the highway, and that would solve any traffic problems.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Hannah

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Wilson

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The design and layout look appropriate to suit all religions.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text This stops any future development for the growth of Templeton as Christchurch requires further housing in the years to come.  
The designated area would be best suited to the land adjacent to the small plot of housing North of Kirk Road & West of Waterloo road. Future housing wouldn't be feasible in this area due to the noise concerns of Ruapuna with the increased car events they are now hosting.  
  
A cemetery shouldn't be placed where it is currently planned for as a 'blockade' between the community & present quarry grounds, as it is more disrespectful to our passed ones with the grounds works adjacent too them.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Moving the sites that support growth for the Templeton neighbourhood

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Anu

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Madathil

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text  
i acknowledge and appreciate the effort the council has made to plan ahead for future burial needs in the region, especially considering Christchurch's growing and diverse population. The inclusion of sustainable design features, native landscaping, and provision for different cultural and religious practices reflects a thoughtful and inclusive approach to cemetery planning.  
I also value that the cemetery has been designed to be a peaceful and respectful space for remembrance, with attention to environmental impact and potential future needs.

However, while we understand and respect the need for such a facility, my concerns is regarding its proposed location near residential homes and a school.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text  
1. Inappropriate Location Near Homes and a School  
The proposed cemetery borders established residential neighbourhoods and is in close vicinity to a school. This raises emotional and psychological concerns, especially for children, who may be exposed daily to funeral activities and grieving ceremonies. Families chose this area for peace, safety, and its suitability for raising children—not to live next to an operational burial site.  
2. Impact on Mental Wellbeing and Community Identity  
Many residents are uncomfortable with the presence of a cemetery near their homes due to cultural, spiritual, and personal beliefs about death. The quiet discomfort this may bring to daily life undermines the social and emotional wellbeing of the community.  
3. Traffic and Safety Concerns  
Funeral traffic, including processions and large gatherings, may increase congestion—particularly dangerous during school drop-off and pick-up times. The added pressure on local roads raises safety concerns for pedestrians, children, and cyclists.  
4.3. Decline in Property Values  
The proximity to a cemetery often affects property desirability and market value. Residents who have invested in homes here may face financial disadvantages without prior warning or consultation.

In summary, i do not oppose the development of a cemetery in general—but we strongly oppose its location within such close proximity to homes and schools. A more suitable site—away from populated residential and educational zones—would allow the cemetery to serve its intended purpose without causing long-term discomfort or disruption to the community.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text  
1. Alternative Locations  
Council should explore alternative sites for the cemetery that are farther from residential zones and schools. There may be more appropriate rural or semi-rural land available that would avoid direct impacts on established communities while still meeting long-term burial needs.  
2. Comprehensive Impact Assessments  
Before finalising the proposal, Council should commission thorough environmental, social, and psychological impact assessments. This includes evaluating effects on stormwater, groundwater, and ecological integrity—as well as the emotional and mental health impacts on nearby residents and schoolchildren.  
In summary, i request Council to prioritise community wellbeing, children's learning environments, and responsible land use planning. I believe a more sensitive and inclusive approach can achieve the same outcome—without compromising the character and comfort of our neighbourhood.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Mark

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Kibblewhite

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Good first draft, nice overall plan.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The footpath that runs along the rear of all properties along Roydon Drive, Kirk Road and Lordship Place and is adjacent to the drainage drain that runs along existing fence line will allow all people using that foot path to see into these properties. The security of these properties will be compromised unless the council is prepared to erect full height fencing at councils cost to properties that ask for privacy and security.  
If this footpath is moved to follow new road it would mean persons using this foot path would be an acceptable distance from the rear of these properties and any person or persons seen traversing close to our rear boundary will be easily seen and any unsavory behavior like scoping out properties for possible unlawful actions can be reported.

Also the positioning of the child and young persons area (Area H ) should be moved further away from residential properties. Most funerals are emotive enough but child burials and commitments are more prone to extreme expressions of grief. The houses that boarder this planed rea will be exposed to these very private moments and many young children may be left traumatized if exposed to these outpouring of grief.  
Solution to move this proposed child and young persons area closer to the center of the development and also closer to a larger parking area.

Any access road should include a turning bay and also a vehicle width access turn in area for vehicles turning left off Kirk and Maddisons roads. Both roads have high volumes of traffic with man large heavy trucks using so these additions should facilitate safer access into the cemetery

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Giving a much clearer time frame commitment

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Sheila

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Nokes

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like the proposed plantings - I hope there will be a mixture of native and non- native species, especially ones which would attract native birds. It would be lovely to have tuis return to this area.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The proximity to housing on Roydon Drive and Kirk rd which have boundaries with the cemetery. I hope their views are not compromised.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Leeann

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Redman

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text If it goes ahead in Templeton and is landscaped beautifully it will be a peaceful space to walk around.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I don't believe there should be an entrance from Kirk Road. If that has to go ahead there should be a slip lane on the cemetery side, and a Flash Median strip in the centre.  
I think the footpath along back fence of the Roydon Drive properties is too close. I'm concerned about the drainage along this area too. Could Stage 2 be started first? The problem placement of the children's plots shouldn't be so close to housing.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text I feel this has been consulted on very last minute and that the community has been under pressure to understand and comment on it.



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Sonia

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Bell

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Intensive tree and shrub vegetation planned

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We are accustomed to being buried lying down and in the ground. Other countries bury people differently. Bas consideration been given to a burial wall such as in America.  
Bodies could be curried in a foetal position if people can be changed. Ashes could be stored above ground in a wall.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Water features for tranquility.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Kelly

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Lynch

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The only positive is the staff who were available for a chat last week.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

Key Concerns:

- 1. Property Value Loss**  
The direct impact on property values for those of us whose homes will border a cemetery has not been addressed. What compensation will the Council offer to residents whose investment and resale prospects will be significantly affected?
- 2. Inappropriate Proximity of Children's Burial Area**  
Positioning a children's burial section immediately beside homes where living children are being raised is extremely distressing and, frankly, inappropriate. The emotional and psychological impact of this cannot be overstated.
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The proposed swale along the boundary raises serious flood concerns. In the event of another major weather event, overflow or failure of this system could damage our properties and increase our insurance premiums. Who will compensate this? Will boundary residents also be forced to pay increased rates via a Stormwater Service Charge to fund this infrastructure?
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Kirk Road already experiences heavy traffic as a key thoroughfare to Yaldhurst, growing large commercial areas, and the Christchurch International Airport. The current proposal does not include a merge or turning lane into the cemetery, creating a significant traffic hazard. The irony of a fatal crash occurring next to a cemetery is not lost on residents, but the risk is real and unacceptable.
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The placement of a carpark directly against some homes on Maddisons Road will bring ongoing noise, light pollution, and loss of privacy for those families.
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With crime already increasing in the area, the lack of overnight oversight on cemetery grounds poses a risk. Who will monitor activity after hours? Will the Council provide security cameras for those homes along the boundary to prevent criminal targeting?
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Many residents purchased properties along this boundary for the open landscape. With this now being taken away, who is responsible for providing new fencing, screening, and maintenance?
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I personally removed trees from my section to allow more sunlight, especially in winter. The proposal to plant trees along the cemetery boundary will block light and compromise home safety. What height limits will apply to these trees, and who will be responsible for storm damage or debris clearance?
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The plan refers vaguely to shelter covers and other roofed areas, which could become unsightly and further erode the amenity of our properties. Boundary residents have the right to know the nature and design of these structures.
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The justification for building Stage One next to residential homes (rather than the less-sensitive Stage Two location) is based on proximity to the current quarry. This logic is flawed for several reasons:
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- A cemetery, unlike a home, does not need peace and quiet now. Its development could easily begin in the more remote Stage Two area.
- If noise is truly a concern for mourners, are the Council and developers also lobbying the Christchurch International Airport, NZDF/USAF (C17's and C130 Hercules), airlines (such as Emirates and Air New Zealand), or even Ruapuna Speedway — which operates most weekends with significant noise — to delay flights or events during funeral services?

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Requested Outcome  
In its current form, this development is being rushed forward without sufficient regard for the families and homes directly affected. I request that Christchurch City Council:

- Reject the use of Stage One (the section bordering Roydon Drive homes) as the initial phase of development.
- Begin development with Stage Two, away from residential housing.
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As a community, there also needs to be a full community consultation regarding any revised site design, and assurance that all environmental and planning regulations will be fully met — with transparency to those most impacted.

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## Submission: Opposition to Whakatā Templeton Cemetery Development

**To:** Christchurch City Council

**From:** Kelly Lynch

**Address:**

**Submission Regarding:** Whakatā Templeton Cemetery Proposal

**Date:** 06/07/2025

**Submission Type:** Individual

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### Introduction

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed development of the Whakatā Templeton Cemetery, particularly **Stage One**, which is set to run directly along the boundary of my property on Roydon Drive, Templeton.

I purchased my home less than a year ago, expecting the surrounding area to remain as open, semi-rural land. The proposal to place a cemetery — including a children's burial section — immediately adjacent to family homes is deeply unsettling for myself and many in the community.

Below are my reasons for opposing this development in its current form:

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### Key Concerns

#### 1. Property Value Loss

The direct impact on property values for those of us whose homes will border a cemetery has not been addressed. What compensation will the Council offer to residents whose investment and resale prospects will be significantly affected?

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I also request a full **community consultation** regarding any revised site design, and assurance that all environmental and planning regulations will be fully met — with transparency to those most impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

Sincerely,

**Kelly Lynch**

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Kirsten And Waaka

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Harris-Tatana

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We like the amount of trees and shrubs and gardens that have been planned

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We would like the whole cemetery planned to be moved to Phase 2, and the access off Dawsons Road. This is a far quieter road and also wider than Maddisons and in better repair. Dawson's road is and better linkage to a main road and the motorway. There is already a path along this road so the increase in traffic will ensure their safety vs Maddisons which is a dangerous road to bike or walk along and increase in traffic from the cemetery will result in less people being able to bike or walk here.

This area is less built up so there will be less impact on the residents of Templeton. The reason given by council for not opening Phase 2 was that the dust and noise from the quarry would interfere with funerals. I find this hard to believe as we have been assured there will be limited dust and noise from quarry by the council and the quarry when we undertook consultation before the consent was granted. It is disappointing that the council consider that this is a valid reason for not opening phase 2 first. As the affects on Templeton residents who will have cemetery as a border or increase in traffic on Maddisons and Kirk road.

If the original plan is going a head you need to move the maintenance and car park to area C as currently they butt up to our house. It is disappointing that the planners did not consider our needs and have placed these here. We would rather have A plots behind us. A car park and maintenance would bring an increase in noise potential lighting issues (if these have security lights) anti social behavior - the council were honest when they acknowledged that cemeteries are places where young people congregate and the car park would definitely be and appealing area to young youth and anti social behavior. Further more the planners failed to put buffer around our house to ensure we are not exposed to increased noise.

Speed will need to be reduced from Dawsons road to Kirk to 50 due to the increase in traffic and the need to calm the road. Currently there are many accidents along this stretch of road - particularly when people drive the bend too fast. The need to decrease the speed needs to occur well before any houses on Maddisons road to eliminate the noise from de acceleration or acceleration

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text I have had one notification of this cemetery - about 1-1.6 yrs ago and only found out about the proposal on facebook. You need to look into how you go about notifying people - espeicaly rate payers like us where the negative impact of the cemetery has direct impact. I would have preferred someone come and talk to us directly.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Stephen

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Talbot

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I appreciate the vision of creating a long-term resting place that reflects the diversity and cultural values of the community. The park-like setting, inclusion of natural burial zones, and efforts to integrate walking and cycling paths are thoughtful. I also welcome the name "Whakatā" gifted by Ngā Maata Waka, which beautifully honours the land's deeper meaning.

As a family living adjacent to the proposed site, I support the idea of respectful, purpose-built green space — especially if it can also serve as a peaceful, multi-use public amenity. Examples from places like Bunurong Memorial Park (VIC) and Kulangoor Cemetery (QLD) show that when designed well, cemeteries can provide much-needed reflection areas, passive recreation, and community engagement — such as cafés, play zones for families visiting loved ones, and heritage walks.

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Long Text While I value the intent of the cemetery, several aspects of the current proposal cause concern:

- **Loss of Amenity Value:** One of the reasons we purchased our property was the open views of the Southern Alps, which provide enormous physical, emotional, and mental well-being. These views are currently uninterrupted (see attached photos). The current plan risks compromising this with potential tree plantings, buildings, or shade structures along the boundary.  
Our family is already grieving the loss of the unobstructed view of the Southern Alps in the recreational space of the walkway and cycleway along Jones Road due to the development of bunding / embankment created for the Roydon Quarry. This has had a significant impact on our mental wellbeing.
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**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text To support the new cemetery key changes are needed to ensure it integrates respectfully with the neighbouring community and protects the wellbeing of current residents.  
Therefore, I suggest the following improvements to the stated plan:  
1. Re-phase development to begin with Phase 2 instead of Phase 1.  
This is essential, and would reduce the immediate impact on neighbouring homes and allow more time to resolve social, physical, transport and amenity concerns. Phase 1 places highest impact directly next to existing homes.  
  
2. Maintain visual amenity of the Alps.  
Ensure plantings along boundaries preserve key sightlines to the Southern Alps by using low-height or open-form planting, and positioning trees so views are framed, not blocked.  
  
3. Buffer zone and planting considerations:



- Minimum 7m landscaped buffer between all cemetery elements and residential fences
- Planting to be deciduous, not evergreen, to allow winter light
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- Move all buildings, sheds, or congregation spaces to a central location on site — not near homes
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### 3. Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?

**Somewhat.**

To support the new cemetery key changes are needed to ensure it integrates respectfully with the neighbouring community and protects the wellbeing of current residents.

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Yes, I suggest the following improvements:

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**Q3 Last Name**

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**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

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**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Regina

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Fasi

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I don't

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

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Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Look elsewhere that is easily accessible.



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Allan

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Meredith

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The idea of it being well landscaped and park like rather than just rows of burial plots. I like that there will be significant planting as a barrier between the cemetery and existing houses. It good to have the main entrance off Maddison's Rd and encouraging traffic away from the intersection of Kirk Rd and SH1

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Long Text I am concerned that this is another example of the CCC putting a less desirable community feature in Templeton area. It already has the prisons, the quarry was allowed to proceed against the community's wishes, will the biowaste facility be located in the vicinity? Will there be a crematorium facility at the cemetery? It is a really large area.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Don't know / Not sure

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text How about rather than just putting less desirable things in Templeton how about making some positive investment in the community. I see you have earmarked land for a sports field but that is not guaranteed. My daughter who lives in the area feels unsafe walking or exercising at night and during winter due to the lack of adequate lighting- how about upgrading that? There are issues with storm water drains blocking on Kirk Rd , how about fixing those properly. When was the last time the council has invested something significant to benefit the community or make it a nicer place to live. The sports ground /recreation facilities should be done at the same time not as a possibility down the track as i can see this getting forgotten. I understand that cemetery's need to go somewhere but the council also has responsibilities to keep making Templeton a great place to live so want to know what the council is going to do to look after the people who call it home.



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Nawal

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Hussein

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

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Long Text

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Re: Whakatā Templeton Cemetery

To whom it may concern,

This submission is in relation to the Muslim burial area labeled C, as per the new Templeton cemetery map. The suggestions in this submission have been inspired by improvements needed at the current Ruru cemetery Muslim burial area and will highlight significant cultural/religious sensitivities and considerations. The aim of this submission is to make the Christchurch City Council aware of culturally sensitive issues, in order to improve the designs of Muslim burial grounds in Ōtautahi Christchurch. This submission will give context and explanation of Islamic customs prior to listing the recommendations for the new Templeton Cemetery.

In the Islamic faith, Muslims view burial grounds as sacred, to be looked after and treated with respect. There are Islamic customs to follow during the preparation for the burial, the burial and funeral ceremony itself and later on, visiting the grave.

In relation to visiting the graves, Muslims are required to treat the burial area with respect. Though deceased and buried, Islamic perspective of death is that they are alive and in another realm. It is therefore customary to greet all of the deceased and say a prayer when approaching the graves. It is also vital to walk around the graves to show respect to the deceased. It is seen as a taboo to walk on graves or sit on them. The necessary upkeep of the graves is allowed such as mowing the lawn, however, walking on the graves is not recommended. This includes animals such as cattle and dogs, as they are not allowed to be on burial grounds in order to show respect to the deceased. The Muslim community in Christchurch is often surprised to see dogs being walked at the burial grounds at Ruru cemetery as it is seen as a taboo. Not only are there risks of burial area damage, dogs peeing and defecating on burial grounds is seen as very disrespectful. Of course birds also do that, but that is unavoidable and family members are left with the responsibility to clean up the graves, a task people from all faiths do when visiting their loved ones.

In relation to the burial, Muslims wash and purify the body of the deceased. The attendees of the funeral, also purify themselves by way of ablution(wudhu) in order to pray on the deceased prior to the burial. Janazah (funeral) prayer is done while in a state of purity. This includes washing hands, face, arms, feet and is a daily purification process Muslims perform in order to pray. The ablution station at the Ruru cemetery enables funeral attendees to make wudhu (ablution/purification) prior to the funeral prayer. This is really useful as not all funeral prayers occur at the mosque/Masjid. Some Janazah/funeral prayers take place at the grave prior to burial as burying promptly is also an Islamic Custom. It is a requirement to be in a state of purification or ablution/wudhu prior to any prayer. The Ablution station is an important asset as it will enable loved ones and funeral attendees, who may have not had the chance to perform wudhu, to be able to do so at the burial area and pay their last respects to the deceased.

With this in mind, it is also paramount to mention that dogs (specifically their saliva), are seen as impure and invalidate one's state of ablution when made contact with them. The general public is currently unaware of the purpose of the ablution station at the Ruru Cemetery, as it looks like a drinking fountain. People have been seen giving their dogs water from the ablution station, specifically, the foot washing tap at the bottom of the ablution station therefore contaminating the ablution space. This is a culturally sensitive issue, as dogs break one from being in a state of ablution, a process which requires extra steps to regain purity (washing the affected area with mud then water 7 times). Only then, can one make regular wudhu/ablution again to get prepared to be able to pray. Purity and cleanliness is important to Muslims as they need to be in a state of purity to pray. Due to this, Muslims do not own dogs as pets unless for farm work which is permitted. It is unsettling for cemetery visitors to see dogs walking on the graveyards. It may be best to restrict dogs all together from the entire Templeton cemetery so all of the deceased are respected. If that is not the general consensus or preference, then at least the Muslim burial area should be free from dogs. The last Ruru Cemetery Lawn Google review from a year ago, surprisingly shares this sentiment, as the person sounds upset about someone and their dog walking over the graves at the Ruru cemetery. I will quote the review here to give more context ; " A great resting place for my ancestors. To the boy I saw using the grave sites as his personal dog park may God have mercy on your soul, his blatant disregard of the dead proves honor and respect wasn't taught in this case. You and your dog are running over dead people and I hope they haunt you and your family's dreams until the end of days. Amen." It may be that this view/issue may not be isolated to Muslims and as such, if dogs' walking on graves also upsets other locals then changes should be considered to address this.

The design of the Muslim burial area of the Ruru Cemetery and Templeton Cemetery, appear to look alike as they are both located by the main road. There are no barriers or fences surrounding the Muslim burial area at Ruru. This means, the new cemetery will have similar issues of people walking (with or without their dogs) through the Muslim burial area to take a shortcut onto the main roads. This is not culturally sensitive, as we are required to respect the deceased of any faith and not walk on the graves.

With the above context in mind, the suggestions are as follows :

1. Ideally, it would be better if the entire Cemetery is Dog free, however if that is not possible, Muslim burial area C should be made a 'No dogs allowed' area, with clear sign posts to make the general public aware.
2. Fences/high hedges around the Burial area C to avoid park goers and dog walkers cutting through this burial area and walking on the graves. The design of Templeton Cemetery is similar to Ruru Cemetery and dog walkers will most likely still take short cuts through the Muslim burial area to enter or exit the cemetery onto the main road. Fences and sign posts will mitigate this issue and address the cultural sensitivities around people and dogs walking on burial grounds.
3. If Council allows dogs to be walked at the Cemetery, then adequate number of drinking fountains should be put in place around the entire Templeton cemetery grounds and should include dog bowls and dog drinking fountains. The ablution/wudhu station should be labeled and sign posted to say no dogs drinking from the station. The public are not aware it is for ablution/wudhu and the significance of the purity of the ablution station.

4. Outlined concrete boundaries of each grave to address the sensitive issue of people walking on the graves. Currently, we only have the headstone outlined with concrete and the rest of the grave is mainly grass. In Sydney Australia for example, they have concrete foot path at the foot of the graves for people to walk on to get to their loved ones and a very narrow cemented boundary between each grave, as well as general footpath between grave sections. This will help ensure the deceased are respected and not walked on. We would like to see a similar footpath design and outlined grave boundaries. This will address the sensitive issues of walking on the graves that may cause loved ones distress.
5. Lastly, a bench on either sides of the burial area would be beneficial. It can be exhausting standing or squatting over the grave for long periods of time. Benches might help grave visitors take a break and spend more time at the grave with their loved ones after a period of rest.

It will be greatly appreciated if Christchurch City Council considers and implements the suggestions addressed in this submission.

Ngā mihi nui,

(Muslim)Members of Multicultural Advisory Group, Christchurch City Council

Nawal Hussein, Zahra Hussaini and Jumayah Jones

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Janice

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Ford

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text i dont want a cemetery in templeton. I am against it. The council dump everything in templeton that gives them revenue yet they dont care about community needs. There is no dog park in templeton , the playgrounds havent been updated .they allready have the prisons. Mosque ,quarry and now to get them extra money that goes to areas like halswell,rolleston etc. I am fully against wit we already have trucks more traffic in templeton.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

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Short Text Janice

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Ford

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

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**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Anuschka

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Reich-Topp

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I am very happy with the plans. It sounds like much care & thought has been put into them. This is surely the best use for the buffer zone between quarry & templeton, and treats us to some serene green spaces.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Thank you for your work

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Paul

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text greene

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text the overall layout is nice but public toilets 20 meters from peoples back fence is asking for trouble when people start hanging round there at night, its all well to say they will be locked an the gates closed but we know that won't stop people hanging round and vandalizing the toilets ...some of us have low fences an will be looking straight at a toilet block

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I'm disgusted to see the proposed public toilets just off the entrance on kirk road are so close to houses on kirk road an roydon drive , given the nefarious activities that are known to occur in public toilets after dark they should be located further away from public housing especially given the right side of the drive backs on to farm land, as a council you already know how much damage you have to pay for fixing public toilets that are broken into after dark but to plan one on a dark country road behind houses where young children live does nothing to gain you support from the local community when you have so much land to use further away from the houses

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text move the toilet block further away from the houses that are left of the entrance an out them to the right of the entranceway by the farm land on kirk road



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Pamela

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Absolum

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I am very happy about the cemetery being placed where council has designated in Templeton

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text What I would like to know is what types of tree plantings and other plants to be used.  
Do we expect to see all Native plants or a mixture of both native and exotic plants/trees  
I would object to cabbage trees as they are messy  
Kowhai although beautiful are very messy  
Pittosporum grow thick and tall. As the late director of botany Dr Eric Godley said to me, Pittosporum are in forest or glades but not gardens

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text The draft plan that we received in our letterbox had no key to it. Some people do not have access to computers

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Anil

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Kaw

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text It is good that the council is thinking about catering to the burial needs of the residents in the future.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text We are opposed to the proposed cemetery being built near our residential area due to concerns about its impact on our community's emotional wellbeing, property values, and overall quality of life. For some residents, living beside a cemetery conflicts with deeply held beliefs and may create a sense of discomfort or unease in their daily lives. This proximity could impact the emotional wellbeing of families, especially children and the elderly, and affect how people engage with their homes and surroundings. Additionally, the proximity to such a facility could discourage future buyers, particularly families, from moving into the area. We strongly urge the council to consider alternative locations that are more culturally sensitive and respectful of the diverse values within our community.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Templeton is a developing suburb and hence will accomodate more residential population in future. The council should definitely consider moving the cemetery location far from residential areas and from Templeton.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Lily

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text M

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text That there is something nature going to be done

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text That Templeton is getting the cemetery when it could use something more 'lifelike' and some modernising. Templeton is often a place where I feel like it is dark and the parks aren't maintained as is, therefore are they going to create the rest of Templeton to be more inviting? And then maintain the cemetery grounds.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text The homes that are nearby to the proposed cemetery. I think the sporting grounds would be better off close to the houses, then the cemetery placed toward Dawsons road.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text B

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text A Martin

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Great to see larger cemetery

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text This is to far from christchurch and to close to templeton. The plan is larger than the housing area surrounding it

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Land closer to the city with better traffic management and not so close to little suburbs

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Ross

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Langford

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text That hopefully will be kept clean tidy and nice plantings. Would really like it to look nice and plenty of trees.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text No so much the cemetery. But have major concerns with traffic and road conditions. As the impact of semi trucks using Templeton has become a major issue the last couple years or so. The container port at Rolleston off Jones road causes Templeton major issues. Why can they not use the main south road. If this could be sorted the cemetery is no problem. If we could incorporate sports grounds that would be great.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Traffic. As I have already stated semi trucks are a major issue around Templeton. And consider the sports grounds to be incorporated into the plan.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Anita

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Kagaya

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like that they are building a new cemetery, and especially that there will be a buffer zone.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The location looks quite central Templeton, but I feel it should be more rural for future development of Christchurch City, and it may become quite busy with taller buildings.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text If there is a sports park being build next to it/nearby, then Council will need to consider youth movement and actions. Will this increase any vandalism or create "hang out" spots in cemeteries in inappropriate ways? How will the peace and tranquillity of the location be upkeep?

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Anita

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Kagaya

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I am filling in another form after having a closer look at the cemetery plans.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I think there needs to be more trees in a few layers between the private houses/properties and the boundaries of the cemetery.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text I would like to query why there are specific religion-centric sites, how specific are these and why is there a need to separate this? It's nice that these have been considered for the community, but what about Christian sites, Buddhist, or Baha'i sites? I just feel that if we specialise it too much, it's hard if there ends up not being enough space in the future for non-religious people or other religions, and also it does not create unity by creating separation. How do we know what religions will be like in 50 years in the area, for example?

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Irene

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Birdling

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I would have to say I don't like it at all.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I don't like it because it backs straight onto our property and will ruin our view and in my opinion devalue our home. Right now, our house (if we were to sell) is appealing to everyone, with a cemetery over the back fence it would no longer have the same appeal.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text I wish the council would consider moving it to where they propose to put a sports ground. I have 2 main reasons for this, 1: Having a sports ground so close to the quarry in my opinion is wrong, having kids run around playing sport and possibly breathing in quarry dust is not good health and safety. 2: The proposed sports area backs onto no one's property and would have less impact on everyone on the Roydon drive boundary. Therefore, if you were to swap the two areas over it would make much more sense. I'm not against the cemetery, I'm just against where you want to put it.



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Alison

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Haerewa

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I understand the need for a new cemetery for Christchurch

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I don't agree with the location it's far to close to existing homes and community  
It will clutter our space as it sprawls out over the next 100 years it may look pretty and park like at the beginning but  
ages and gets littered unkept and just sad  
I really don't want that for our lovely little bit of rural type living

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text As a community we put up with ever increasing issues  
Noise pollution from the overnight trains that seem to pass by more often  
The flight path planes in at midnight then again 6am  
Ruapuna fun but noisy at times  
The Waterloo business park that has spoilt our skyline with light pollution and traffic volume  
The fight we all put up and lost to the Fulton Hogan Quarry  
  
Just leave our area alone and find some nice bit of countryside that doesn't have the living living in it

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Catherine

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Boyd

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text This is a great example of future proofing - and that it can be built in two stages. I like the planting areas creating privacy and a calm environment.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text N/A

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text I hope that there will be plenty of green burial plots. I have attended a service in Hawkes Bay at one of these sites, and it was so comforting for the family involved to be able to farewell their loved one in a manner that reflected their life (chemical free).

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Les

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Memory

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like the space and the recognising of different societal requirements.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Thomas

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Summerfield

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The buffer zone between residents and the cemetery.  
The special locations for specific religions.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Currently there is no information as to what type of planting the bush will Be.  
It would. Be nice to Know that 90% of the plantings will Be native and great for the local Environment.  
And Purchased from a local nursery (Green linc)

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Updating the plan to include what lighting will be and a rough estimate of Plots Per Area

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Marilyn

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text McKinlay

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I agree that it is a good site for a new Christchurch city cemetery

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I strongly disagree with the use of Templeton in the Name. Some documents are using Whakata Christchurch . This should be the official name for this new Christchurch city cemetery.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Brown

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text James

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Only the design but not the Location

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text Its Closeness to Residential Housing and School. Its vicinity to the Airport being Rite under the Flight Path--Noise and Site of Low Flying Aircraft. Noise from Ruapuna Speedway and Track. Its contribution to Falling Property Prices And its Assumed perception of the Area. The noise from the new Quarry that has already been Forced on us by the Council. The Availability of Other less intrusive Sites Nearby.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Yes People who Live in the Area.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Rachell

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text McLeod

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I have recently reviewed the proposed cemetery and to be honest I'm not comfortable with it.  
> We live at so would back onto the cemetery. We have lived here for about 4.5 years, previously we lived in Burnside. I must say since moving here which we thought would be peaceful is anything but. The community itself seems to have a difficult time in the sense that it's ignored. Perhaps because we feel like both part of CCC and Selwyn, it's a bit lost. I've had to contact the council about maintaining local reserves as at times the lawns aren't even maintained. Also the roads are terrible. We have planes flying over, Maddisons Road is busier than ever before with often lots of

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice No

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Julie

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Nicholson

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I think the plan looks great. I'm liking the idea of the natural burial area, but could it not be bigger? There aren't many cemeteries in Christchurch that have an area for natural burials and they are becoming more & more popular.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text



**Q2 First Name**

Short Text adele

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text geradts

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like that gardens and trees will define areas and that there will be space for Burials. Areas will be designated for specific religions and cultural needs.  
Burial areas with specific design requirements, such as for infants, will be catered for.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I am concerned about the public transport access to the area and to the cemetery - public transport is already an issue for Templeton.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text In the long term, make sure that the cemetery is well-maintained and that records are easy to find for those buried there.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Laura

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Owen

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like that it's not a housing development. I like the ample green spaces with plenty of (hopefully native)planting. Plenty of different burial areas that will cater to diverse cultural needs.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I think the initial development should be happening on the Stage 2 land area so as not to impact the surrounding residents as much.

With the current plans I do not like that Zone H (the infant and child burial areas) are directly next to residential houses. These areas should be more central to allow for less disturbance to the surrounding houses. I have a 4 year old son myself and the thought of having children's burial services happening just outside my back fence would be very distressing for me, the rest of my family and many others in the vicinity - this concern was expressed by many people at the meeting on the 2nd July.

I also do not like that there are pedestrian pathways running directly towards my house and along the fenceline next to all the houses on Roydon Drive. These pose a threat to residents privacy and property security. The one that affects us the most is between Zone H and A. These pathways would be better placed closer to the internal roadways.

I am concerned about the security of my property after sunset and also any lighting that could cause excess light pollution in the area.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Eli

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text McKinlay-Rhodes

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I like the Whakatā Cemetery. I think that it is a cool idea. I like the representation of Te ao Māori with the Urupā graves and the natural and green graves allowing people to be buried in a planet-friendly way.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text One thing that I would like the Council to consider with the building of the cemetery is that there is an apple tree in the corner of the cemetery that grows very nice apples. It is in the corner that is by Kirk Rd, in the current position of the child remembrance area and secondary entrance (East corner). I would like for this apple tree to remain safe and unobstructed so that I can continue the family tradition of making everyone apple crumble in March/April. The apple tree is self-seeded, and it would be nice if it could continue to provide the community with fruit. As the tree is along the fence line, there is no reason why it needs to be removed — it can become part of the tree barrier.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Margaret

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Fiveash

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The plan looks like it has been well thought out but it maybe different on the ground when planting etc does happen.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The Traffic Report is based on out of date figures, using May 2021 traffic movement figures in 2025 is so old. There has been a huge increase in populations to the west & south of Templeton and changes in the way roads are used with this increase of population. Kirk Road for example, is a main usage for Heavy Traffic to the Quarries etc, but also a main route for traffic from the west to use the motorway into the city, via Kirk Rd, Main South Road, to Marshs Road. There is also more daily cycle traffic current travelling thru Templeton than used in the report.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text The increase of traffic thru Templeton than using the May 2021 report. The use of plantings etc that will be used, so not to block the views of the countryside and the mountains for residents that live on Roydon Drive currently have.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Scott

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Cousins

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text  
Accessible location from many areas.  
Good, well draining land, stable.  
Residents won't mind train/plane noise or quarries.  
Close to my property so I or my wife can visit easily when that time arrives.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text  
Would like the option to purchase and build private family mausoleum.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice  
Yes

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text  
Allowing private land owners to easily establish a family burial plot on their land.

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Mel

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Himin

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text There are a lot of greenery/shrubs  
Different types of burial areas to represent different cultures  
Walk ways

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I think the traffic requirements of the area need to be addressed properly before a cemetery is introduced. The comment in the Community Board meeting about 2/3 cars coming to a burial was ridiculous.

There needs to be some consideration given to the houses bordering the cemetery - the council should consider paying for fences if residents want them and increase buffer zones especially near the Maddisons Road houses.

That Phase 2 land is not being developed first as opposed to the current Phase 1 land.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text Why is "Phase 2" not being done first - this would allow the community and those bordering the cemetery to make plans for their future?

If the "potential" sports ground is actually not going to be in the picture - then remove it rather than it being a carrot being dangled that actually shouldn't be. You would be better to make a point of improving the domain playground sooner or something so the community can see some "give and take"

would you consider moving the toilets near Kirk Road away from the houses to ensure those living their aren't exposed to anti social behaviour that can often occur around toilet blocks

**Q2 First Name**

Short Text Jennifer

**Q3 Last Name**

Short Text Ross

**Q4 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q13 What do you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text The design for the park like nature.

**Q14 What don't you like about the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery and why?**

Long Text I think that the cemetery should be started where the current phase 2 is proposed. This starts it away from houses and locals can warm to the idea. It also gives those that border the proposed cemetery longer to contemplate if that's where they want to be and sell up if necessary. Not wanting to start next to the quarry is not a good reason - we all live next to it and were told it could go there as dust and noise shouldn't impact us. Citing dust and noise from the quarry (as we were told at the drop-in session was the reason it couldn't start in the phase 2 area) is a slap in the face to Templeton residents' who fought hard against the quarry for these very reasons.

Greater thought needs to be given to the planting buffers between houses and cemetery and the CCC should be paying for any property who borders the site to have a full fence put up if that's what they wish. It seems like a lot of thought has gone into making sure there are thick plantings between the road and gravesites to keep that quiet, but existing houses have a minimal buffer between maintenance areas and carparks.

Traffic is already a huge concern in Templeton and surrounding roads, with a death recently at an intersection near the proposed cemetery. Much greater thought needs to be given to this AND resolving the traffic issues and concerns that already exist in the area before funneling more traffic through this area - especially given the route from Main Sth down Kirk Rd goes past the school.

Templeton has had little positivity of late - a huge battle against the quarry left the community drained. We have contended with that, an organics plant, rumour of highly noisy go karts shifting to the area, prisons, Ruapuna. It seems the CCC very rarely have anything positive to give us. Mention of a sports ground sounds like it's far off and is not committed to and feels like a carrot being dangled that will probably never come to fruition. There is often reference to Templeton being at the end of the SHIT line (Sockburn, Hornby, Islington and Templeton). We seem to be the place that stuff gets dumped. The Templeton playground in the Domain is due for renewal and I would like to see the planning team for the cemetery working with the parks and rec division to give us a truly spectacular playground in our Domain (more than the few swings and a seesaw that has currently be indicated is on the schedule). PLEASE, we need something positive (for once!!!) for our little community.

**Q15 Overall, do you support the plan for Whakatā Templeton Cemetery?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q16 Is there anything else Council should consider?**

Long Text