

The following is the submission made by the Normandale Residents' Association on Hutt City Council's draft Community Plan 2006-2017.

Roading

1. The **Substandard Roading** allocation is affirmed as a high priority for residents of Normandale and in particular the proposed upgrade of the middle portion of Normandale Road. It is a pity that the lack of funding of this budget will see this project not completed this year as it is the 50th anniversary of Normandale joining the City and one of the key reasons for this happening was to achieve an upgrading of roading in Normandale. This particular portion of Normandale Road featured at that time and will again this year as part of the jubilee celebrations. All those involved being acutely aware that nothing has changed.
2. **Traffic separation road islands** – It is the belief of this Association that three of these are needed to keep vehicular traffic in their correct lanes when cornering. They need to be positioned at
 - Corner of Normandale Road and Bridge Street
 - Corner of Normandale Road and Miromiro Road
 - Corner of Normandale Road and Poto Road.
3. **Untidy Entrance to Normandale – Normandale Road** - Over the years this Association has asked for some money to be spent on this stretch of road from the over bridge to the intersection with Miromiro Road. Although some money was budgeted for environmental improvements some years ago the officers concerned redirected the budget and spent it on the entrance of Harbourview. However, what little effort was made (mowing) is progressively covering a smaller and smaller section of the southern berm with the entrance getting progressively untidy. It would be appreciated if some attention could be given to at least tidying the entranceway prior to our Jubilee and some budgetary provision made for upgrading it.

Just around the corner in Normandale Road itself the historic horse trough is overgrown and needs some tidy up work to be done.

We would see preventative maintenance of Council's core assets as having a high priority over new capital initiatives and developments.

Jubilee

We request \$1 per head (same as granted Eastbourne) for our Jubilee celebrations. This would amount to **\$2200**. These celebrations will take place on the first Sunday in October of this year.

(need to check this with Rosemary)

Weeds

Grant needs to input into this.

Environment

We consider the protection and maintenance of our bush reserves as being a fundamental part of the our city's urban structure and a key contributor to it being able to meet carbon emission targets.

Further to this we would recommend that the Council establish a Street Trees Programme where it would make available suitable trees for planting on berms when such planting is undertaken by community groups.

Youth and Recreation

1. We note the extensive use being made of the half court at Maungaraki. It is important that facilities such as this get replicated along the western hills. Identification of suitable sites should be a planning priority in the coming year.
2. We support the inclusion of the Manor Park playground into this year's budget. No where else in the city residents have to travel approximately 6km to get to their nearest playground.
3. We support the provision of a Mountain bike facility in Wainuiomata.
4. We support provision being made to continue the walking and cycling strategies.
5. We support the provision being made for walkers and cyclists over Wainuiomata Hill.

Hutt River

We would encourage the development of better recreational opportunities along the river and view with dismay suggestions that the riverbank be used for more car parking. It was our understanding the concept of the river as a regional park would look long term at removing some of the asphalt car parking and we would not like to see the that policy and a key asset of the city compromised. Any development in the CBD needs to be sympathetic to the river; this includes not allowing tall buildings to fringe our riverbanks.