

## Oral Submission on Kelburn Botanic Gardens

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### **Weekend access to the Tree House is desirable**

Gardens popular at weekends and I have observed disappointed would-be visitors.  
Consider extending or reallocating staffing hours to include some weekend service.

### **Tournament car park at top of cable car is part of Bot Gardens and should returned to WCC administration with more reasonable fees**

\$3 per hour 24/7 is excessive, especially off peak.

Most expensive park and ride in Wellington

+ cable car = most expensive 1-zone public transport (unless using multi-trip card)

Disincentive to visit upper gardens + Carter, which needs patronage.

Day time: more modest fees + time limit = better solution:-

helps locals, visitors + Carter but still discourages varsity parking from taking over.

Night/weekend fees are counterproductive because

it is free to park on city streets (except 6-8 pm Friday);

free street parks become available at night a bit further from the cable car.

Hence very poor evening use - not worth cost of policing, so should be free;

Weekend fees = mean spirited to visitors to gardens (contrast other entrances).

### **The trial cycle access path seems very successful though signage could be improved**

Sign on left of Upland Road entrance path says all bikes must be wheeled.

Yet sign on right of entrance gives instructions for cycling (on the trial path).

The cycling instructions to follow the green line imply that

when the green line moves to the right side so should the cyclist.

Is this correct or is green line for route ID only? Instructions don't clarify.

I support the low speed limit and the call to watch for pedestrians,

and would like to see bells required also.

The existing trial continues, so seems successful, though shared path goes through a narrow turn in a high pedestrian traffic area near the cable car lookout.

This gives me confidence to nominate an additional path for a cycling trial.

### **Forest path from Glen Rd warrants pedestrian upgrade and cycling trial**

This path is wide and direct with gentle slope and attractive forest scenery so is already a popular commuter and stroller path for walkers. BUT:

Hard seal remains covered in chips ->uncomfortable to walk on.

Chips and uneven surface dangerous -> skidding or ankle strain.

Potentially ideal path for strollers and wheelchairs rendered unpleasant.

Chips should be swept off promptly and surface patched and -> asphalt asap.

Proposed trial pathway includes lower path alongside Glenmore Street to main gate, so it would connect Kelburn/Highbury cyclists w Glenmore + Kinross Sts while avoiding Glasgow St and the worst of Salamanca Rd.

Its steady gentle gradient free from passing cars = especially welcome uphill.

There are only two side-path entry sites on the left when cycling downward.

The first, very close to Glen Rd, could be notified by diagram signage.

The second site, where paths from Magpie Park and from Western entrance enter, just beyond the path to the duck pond, could be flanked by signs to SLOW or dismount for the few metres involved.

In final section, where path alongside Glenmore St continues to Main Gate, minor paths enter only on right, and pedestrians are highly visible, but extra care warnings could be added at tulip time.