

**ORDINARY MEETING
OF
COMMUNITY HEARINGS PANEL
AGENDA**

Time: 9:30am
Date: Thursday, 24 March 2022
Venue: Virtual Meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Foster (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Foon
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Paul
Councillor Young

Have your say!

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AREA OF FOCUS

The Community Hearings Panel is responsible for receiving submissions from the public on the Trading and Events in Public Places Policy, Verandahs Bylaw, Mountain Bike Tracks Mount Victoria, Economic Wellbeing Strategy and Heritage Strategy.

Quorum: 4 members

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the meeting with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the meeting.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana,	Draw on the supreme sacredness
te wairua	To clear, to free the heart, the body
I te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 will be put to the Community Hearings Panel for confirmation.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Community Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and

2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting. The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Community Hearings Panel.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Community Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Community Hearings Panel for further discussion.

1.6 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 31.2 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Requests for public participation can be sent by email to public.participation@wcc.govt.nz, by post to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, or by phone at 04 803 8334, giving the requester's name, phone number and the issue to be raised.

2. General Business

NEW MOUNT VIC MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Kōrero taunaki

Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report to the Community Hearings Panel asks that panel members recognise the speakers who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail consultation.

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

- Sustainable, natural eco city
- People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- Dynamic and sustainable economy

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

On 15 December 2021, Council established the Community Hearings Panel with delegation to hear oral submissions on Mountain Bike Tracks Mount Victoria.

Financial considerations

- Nil Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Unbudgeted \$X

2. There are no financial considerations in relation to holding this hearing.

Risk

- Low Medium High Extreme

3. Due to the omicron community outbreak, the decision was made to hold this meeting virtually via Zoom.

Author	Leteicha Lowry, Democracy Advisor
Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Taunakitanga

Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

That the Community Hearings Panel:

1. Receive the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for their submissions.

Takenga mai

Background

3. Wellington City Council consulted the community on the proposed New Mount Vic Mountain Bike Trail from 25 January to 25 February 2022.
4. Trails Wellington will be funding the construction of this trail if approved.

Kōrerorero

Discussion

5. A document comprising all of the speakers' submissions will be provided to panel members and published on the wellington.govt.nz website.
6. The list of speakers and the page number of their submissions will be provided to panel members by Monday 21 March 2022.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei

Next actions

7. This trail proposal will go to the meeting of the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on Thursday 5 May 2022 for a decision. The full submission document will be published alongside that meeting's agenda.

Attachments

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Living Streets Aotearoa submission on proposed new Mt Victoria Mountain Bike Trail

Trails Wellington is proposing a new mountain bike trail along the eastern side of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. Living Streets Aotearoa (LSA) is the national walking and pedestrian advocacy organisation; this submission is from the Wellington branch.

Overall comments

Living Streets Aotearoa does not support the construction of this trail, as its construction would be contrary to the principles of the [Wellington Town Belt Act 2016](#), specifically (1)(b)(ii)-(iv).

In particular, its construction would cause damage to the healthy native ecosystem on the eastern side of the ridge, directly contrary to principle (1)(b)(iii) of the Act. The unauthorised steep downhill plunges from the proposed trail which are likely to follow in the wake of its construction (based on experience from the western side of the ridge) would cause further ecological damage, including damage to the ecosystem's ability to moderate water runoff in storms.

In our view, in regard to Principle (1)(b)(v), there is already more than adequate provision for mountainbike (MTB) users on the slopes of Matairangi - Mount Victoria. Approving further such provision would entrench the restriction on the rights of other users, and the negative effects on the ecosystem, which have increased sharply in recent years due to the proliferation of MTB tracks, especially bike priority trails.

Further, the construction of such a trail as a bike priority trail rather than a shared use path would represent a further exclusion of walkers and runners from the shared enjoyment of the Town Belt envisaged under the Act, and diminish the accessibility to all envisaged under (1)(b)(iv).

In general, LSA considers that, on both sides of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge:

- Due both to authorised and unauthorised construction of MTB trails, there has been a shift away from the original purpose of making all tracks accessible to walkers and runners, to an increasing number of bike priority tracks which walkers and runners are discouraged from using.
- In our view, all existing trails on public land, except steep downhill trails, should be made shared-use, allowing a wider group of Wellington residents and ratepayers to benefit.
- The number of steep downhill trails should be strictly limited, and unauthorised downhill trails should be closed, due to their effect on the ecosystem.

Should Wellington City Council nevertheless decide to permit the construction of this trail, then we submit that:

a) due to its gradient and its placement, it should be a shared use track rather than a bike priority trail.

- b) the intersections of this track with existing tracks used by walkers and runners must be designed so that the risk to pedestrians from mountain bikes is minimised.
- c) MTB organisations should be responsible, and held accountable, for better education of MTB users about the risk they pose to pedestrians and to vegetation (especially natural and planted native vegetation), and for monitoring the behaviour of MTB users.

Addressing these points in further detail:

a) Designation of track

Like many existing walking and shared use tracks on the western side of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge, the proposed new trail broadly follows the contour of the ridge for most of its length, descending at 4-5 degrees. Therefore, it would not constitute a steep downhill trail, and in our view it should be designated as a shared use path.

b) Intersections

This proposed track crosses a number of main and secondary walking and shared use tracks. As mountainbikes travel at speed, and often in groups, there is a significant risk of MTBs crashing into pedestrians at these intersections. This actual and perceived risk of injury discourages some pedestrians, especially older pedestrians and those with disabilities, from using the walking and shared-use track network.

Therefore, at all such intersections, Wellington City Council should use fencing and other design measures to ensure that MTB users must slow and only cross at one, clearly signalled point. Likewise, walkers and runners must be clearly notified of such crossings.

c) User behaviour and training

While design can help to mitigate the risk of accidents caused by MTB users speeding through crossings, MTB users also need to modify their behaviour to reduce the risk to pedestrians. Our members' experience of encountering MTB users on the western slopes of the Matairangi - Mount Victoria ridge is that, while some are careful to slow at intersections and in general behave considerately towards pedestrians, others cross at full speed and expect pedestrians to jump out of their way.

Therefore, we believe the onus is on the members of Trails Wellington and other MTB groups to educate their members on appropriate behaviour when encountering pedestrians, and for the Council to be prepared to take enforcement action against MTB users who persistently endanger pedestrians.

From: Ellen Blake <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 8:16 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>; Info at WCC <Info.atWCC@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission on proposal for a new Mt Victoria mountainbike track

Kia ora

This is my personal submission on the proposal for a new mountainbike track on Mt Victoria.

1 The Open Spaces Plan principle is that "track will be shared use by walkers and cyclists wherever this is appropriate. Tracks will be open for biking unless otherwise stated." The proposed track will be closed to walkers, the opposite of the intention set out in the Open Spaces Plan. The proposal does not meet this principle and should be rejected on that ground alone.

2 The Open Space Plan states "all tracks will have minimal environmental impact." The proposal will cut into an otherwise regenerated bush area with no tracks through it. This area was planted in the 1990s by Forest and Bird. The proposal should be rejected on this ground.

3 Other principles in the Open Space Plan relate to user conflict particularly in regard to speed of bikes. Clearly there are very many conflicts on Mt Victoria tracks related to inappropriate speed and conflicting uses. This proposed new track will not address any of those, instead it will cement in place the precedence now given to mountain-biking in our parks and the lack of support for on-foot activities. In effect MTB-priority tracks are MTB-only as the track design is generally poor for walking. A full review of use of the Mt Victoria reserve with a view to a fair allocation of space

and tracks to those people on-foot is required before any more MTB priority tracks are created.

I would expect that any review would include proposals for walk-only tracks along the most popular routes such as the Southern Walkway, Lookout Walk and Summit Walkway.

4 The Mt Victoria Masterplan 2015 was a plan developed with a high degree of community involvement. There was a presumption in the Masterplan that there would be no new tracks on Mt Victoria because there were so many already. The Mt Vic Masterplan retains existing tracks for variety. The Mt Vic Masterplan continues the principle of shared use tracks.

This part of the Hataitai side of Mt Victoria / Matairangi has no (few) tracks, is steep and was assumed would be left as is. It has significant bush regeneration occurring.

5 Walking and running are the predominant recreations on Mt Victoria and are enjoyed by a wide range of people. Any further development in this intensely used park should further support on-foot activity.

Proposals should at least follow existing plans and policy; this one does not. If a change in policy is proposed as in this MTB track proposal then the policy and plans should be reviewed and no further development occurs until public consultation and decisions have been made.

I am part of a group undertaking all aspects of bush regeneration on Mt Victoria. I have seen the conflict and damage caused by MTB use. WCC has allocated two entire parks in Wellington for MTB and this is where development for MTB use should occur, not in an area such as Mount Victoria where other uses/users predominate.

Ngaa mihi
Ellen Blake
Mt Victoria

J Chris Horne



25 February 2022

Mayor Andy Foster
All Wellington City Councillors
Barbara McKerrow, Chief Executive, WCC

Kia ora koutou Mayor Foster, city councillors and chief executive.

SUBMISSION

Proposed construction of a track on the east side of Mt Victoria / Matairangi

The Act

Wellington's Town Belt is protected by the *WELLINGTON TOWN BELT ACT 2016*.

My position

I oppose the proposal to construct the track.

Hearings

I wish to speak in support of this submission at any hearing before councillors.

Reason for my opposition

Matairangi / Mt Victoria is already a maze of tracks, some built by previous councils and many built without authority by mountain bikers. The result has been and continues to be, devastation of the natural landform and the vegetation it supports - native and adventive / introduced.

I note that:

1. the west side of Matairangi / Mt Victoria has been badly damaged by mountain-bikers' unauthorised track-building work including "plunges", "drops" and vegetation clearance;
2. it would be wrong for similar damage to be repeated on the east side of Matairangi;
3. elements in the mountain-biking community build unauthorised tracks in the city's Town Belt and reserves, sometimes working at night to reduce the chances of detection;
4. elements in the mountain-biking community routinely fail to give way to walkers and runners on tracks in the city's reserves;
5. Wellington City Council's decision that all tracks are "shared tracks" has been at the expense of the feeling of safety and security of walkers and runners since it was implemented.

Historical background

In 1996, Simon Kennett, mountain-biking advocate and I, a walker and amateur botanist, were contracted by WCC to walk all the tracks on Matairangi to decide which tracks should be available for "shared use" by walkers, runners and mountain bikers. After walking all ca. 30 tracks, we recommended to WCC a single loop consisting of the Hataitai - Te Aro Track and one other. WCC ignored our recommendation. Walkers, runners and the environment have been the losers ever since.

Recommendation

I recommend that Wellington City Councillors vote decisively to oppose construction of the proposed track on the east side of Matairangi. This would help to:

- preserve the natural landform and soils
- preserve the vegetation communities on the natural landform and soils
- preserve the invertebrate and avian fauna which the natural landform and soils support.

Yours sincerely
Chris Horne

From: Gareth Delux <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 4:49 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Mountain bike trail feedback

Please note we would like to present an oral submission.

On Fri, 25 Feb 2022 at 16:40, Gareth Delux <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello, we are writing in regard to the proposal of the new mountain bike track on the Hataitai side of Mt Victoria.

The trail is proposed by *trails Wellington*.

As nearby residents we consider the entrance to the track to be too close to the nearby housing and have concerns regarding disruption to the area,

Our main concern is noise coming from track users

The terrain of the area where the trail start point is proposed has a natural shaped horseshoe type terrain which is very sheltered and quiet.

We live very near the proposed entrance site and this will undoubtedly increase the noise pollution heard from our home.

We chose to live in this location as we value peace and quiet. We also work shifts and often sleep during day hours, including weekends.

The proposed entry to the track will also dissect a preexisting walk access track which has been in use for approximately 10 years.

We also feel that there will be light pollution when cyclists use the trail for night rides.

We feel the bush environment between the houses and the road on the ridge on upper Hapua St ought not to be dissected by the proposed track.

We urge the entry point to start closer to hospital jumps area as this entry point at this point the terrain opens up to less of a horseshoe shape and already has a busy road between the houses and bush and both the elevation of the track and lateral distance is significantly further from the houses than the upper Hapua St area and as such is less likely to cause visual and noise disturbance.

We are also concerned of the notification being given as a leaflet drop and feel that both homeowners and residents of the area should be notified and any negative implications of the proposed track pointed out.

We believe the tracks current proposed entry is too invasive on the upper residents of Hapua

Gareth Delux

St and request the entrance to the track is moved approximately 200 meters south

Please see attached diagram which has outlined the preexisting walking track (in green) Trails Wellington proposed track (in red) and the preferred entrance (in blue) at or from any point south of blue line.

Please feel free to contact me if you have trouble opening the attached diagram

Kind Regards

Gareth

From: Anthony Edmonds - [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, 5 February 2022 4:28 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: New Matairangi (Mount Victoria) Bike Trail

I am a resident of Wellington city and use Matairangi extensively for recreational purposes. This includes running, walking with my family and two dogs, and mountain biking.

I absolutely support the proposed new trail on the eastern side of Matairangi (Mount Victoria).

There are a number of factors underpinning my support and desire to see this trail built, including:

- There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short “Saddle Jumps” section of trail that Trails Wellington recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.
- This will be the ideal Wellington trail for WORD to teach children to mountain bike on. When my children did the WORD program in this area they complained that the trails were either too technical and steep, or simply four-wheel drive type tracks. The proposed trail addresses this, and will be popular with these children. It will also be popular with less experience women and men mountain bikers.
- Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community. I strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington’s trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. I think that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds. I am aware that Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and building the Matairangi Trail Building Group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.
- The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington’s eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.

- The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers.
- Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area, I think that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.
- Thanks to the support of Trails Wellington, the trail is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, yet provides a fantastic recreational asset for everyone to use and enjoy.
- I am aware that as part of this proposal Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. I understand that this is consistent with the Matairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.
- As an owner of multiple businesses in Wellington, I am acutely aware of the importance of things like our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality of this proposed trail helps to address this.

One enhancement that Wellington City Council might want to consider is to widen the proposed trail so it can be used by disabled riders. I believe that there are disabled people in Wellington who would ride this type and style of trail if it was available. Disabled mountain biking is a growing activity in NZ and globally. This link provides an insight into this:

<https://www.adaptmtb.nz/whatwedo> This would increase the cost of the trail, so would require additional funding from Wellington City Council.

I would welcome presenting to the Councillors during the oral submission process.

Thanks and regards

Anthony Edmonds

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

E: [Redacted]

M: [Redacted]

P: [Redacted]

From: Info Trails Wellington <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 6 February 2022 2:12 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: New Matairangi (Mount Victoria) Bike Trail

This submission is being made by Trails Wellington.

Trails Wellington is a volunteer based charity, which is a coalition of passionate locals focused on creating epic trails in and around Wellington. Our coalition partners include Makara Peak Supporters, Wellington Mountain Bike Club, Brooklyn Trail Builders, Matairangi Trail Builders, WORD and Revolve. We have over 2,500 members and have invested approximately \$500,000 into the creation and maintenance of trails in and around Wellington over the last 12 months. This includes enhancing a number of existing trails on Matairangi.

Trails Wellington supports this proposal. The factors underpinning our support include:

- Trails Wellington's members and supporters are providing the funding for this trail meaning that it is being built at no cost to Wellington ratepayers, while providing a fantastic recreational asset for everyone in Wellington to use and enjoy.
- There are no grade 3 flow style trails in Wellington (of any significant length). There is huge demand for this type of trail as demonstrated by the popularity of the short "Saddle Jumps" section of trail that we recently upgraded on Matairangi. People want these style of tracks (which are available elsewhere in NZ), and this proposal addresses this.
- This will be the ideal trail for groups like WORD (children riding) and Revolve (Womens' riding) to teach people to mountain bike on.
- Trails Wellington has a big focus on fostering and supporting the Matairangi Trail Building group which will help maintain this area, including the proposed new trail.
- The trail is easy to access, especially for the people who live in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and central Wellington. Having recreational assets like this is critically important in terms of the liveability of Wellington as a city, especially as our population increases and intensifies.
- The Haitaitai side of Matairangi does not have a lot of trails on it. This, coupled with the trail being professionally designed and built (with input from the Council), means that there will be little/no conflict with other user groups like walkers.

- Because the trail will be professionally built, and hold strong appeal for mountain bikers who ride in this area. We envisage that there will be less people riding on the trails on the city side of Matakairangi. This reflects that they will gravitate towards this fantastic new trail.
- Trails Wellington are working with Wellington City Council to enhance the trail network on the city side of Matakairangi. This will improve this area for all trail uses including walkers, runners, and cyclists. This work is consistent with the Matakairangi master plan which the Council previously published. This is a further positive.
- We highlight the importance of our trail network in terms of attracting people to live and work in Wellington. We are quickly falling behind other cities that are putting a lot of effort into developing and enhancing their trail networks. The quality and style of this proposed trail helps to address this.
- Recreational activities like mountain biking are hugely important for the health and wellbeing of our community.
- We strongly believe that when people get out on Wellington's trails they become more interested in helping protect and enhance the environment. Great examples of this include the trapping and planting that has been done in trail areas like Waimapihi (by the Brooklyn Trail Builders) and Makara Peak. Trails Wellington thinks that the development of this trail will encourage people to be more active in enhancing and protecting this area through planting, as well as trapping pests, and removing weeds.

Trails Wellington welcomes presenting to the Councillors during the oral submission process.

From: Jill Ford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 February 2022 8:27 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: New trail mt vic

Thanks, i guess there isn't more detail at this stage, so I have tried to work out proposed route from my knowledge, walking / MTB there 3-4 x a week. My observation from walking and MTB on Mt Vic for over 30 years is that while I regularly see females walking and running I often don't see another female MTB. But lots of males !!!

Yet if you go to Rotorua which has more variety of tracks you see far more females.

While Revolve have done a fantastic job encouraging females, as do the WORD programmes, the majority of females have a greater sense of self preservation than males so are not as attracted to black and dark blue trails as males!!!

Feedback;

1. There are already a lot of black / dark blue routes on Mt Vic,
2. When I ran the Wild Wgtn MTB Relay we used funds raised to help pay for the zig zag track up from the velodrome to the road and also the track from base of Mt Alfred to the soccer pitch. Both are well used by people commuting by MTB, and kids - as are light blue intermediate tracks. They also link to some of the main tracks and more of this type of track is needed to encourage more newbies, women, families and those who want to just enjoy the natural environment, get some exercise or commute, rather than get an adrenaline high - which is well catered for already on Mt Vic.
3. Currently apart from the two tracks I had funded, there are just the green / 4WD type tracks that have been there for over 30years!! The rest are more 'demanding'. Personally i like Hippys and in an ideal word would love for a couple of the dark blue tracks to be slightly less technical so they are more accessible to a wider range of riders.
4. Finally I would recommend finishing the track at the skills area, it would be safer than ending at a SH and also easier for people to get back up to the road and back onto the other tracks. Give shuttle cock some TLC and improve it so people wanting a more technical ride to finish can go down there.

Yes I would be happy to present to council.

Jill Ford

- Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua. Care for the earth, care for people, go forward.

- [REDACTED]

Jill Ford

- B Sc Hons, MBA, Fellow Chartered Marketer FCIM UK, Certificate of Fundraising – FINZ

On Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 11:51 AM BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Jill,

Here is a link to the engagement page that has a map of the route - <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/mt-vic-trail>

Please let us know any feedback that you have and the exact route, if the proposal is approved, the exact route will take into account the feedback of this consultation.

The plan would be for the track to be a bike priority Grade 3 intermediate flow trail suitable for both intermediate and higher grade riders.

Warm regards,

Ella Hardy

From: Jill Ford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 11:16 am
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: New trail mt vic

Hi

I mtb and walk on mt vic every week.

I saw the boards but still can't work out exactly where it goes.

Please supply a more detailed map.

Also will it be level of eg Hippys or more difficult. As it needs to be accessible to a wide range of mtbikers rather than the hard core which tend to be represented by the Trail Trust.

[REDACTED]

From: Suzi Hume [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2022 1:18 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: proposed Mountain bike track eastern side of Matairangi

Kia ora,

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you for all your amazing work, as a regular walker on Matairangi I appreciate all the recreation your tracks have provided for all ages and it is especially great seeing so many young utilising some of the recently developed tracks. These tracks are not near any residences and generally work well with walkers.

This proposed track will be a disruption to my residence which is on the pedestrian access of upper Hapua St. I urge you to please start the track South of the pedestrian component of Hapua St, as the track will be close to our houses, bring increased noise and alter the peaceful environment of our location. If the residents of Hapua St that have Hapua St road on their Western side are happy for the track to proceed this may be because they have a buffer of the road and more bush to separate their residence from the track's activity. But if they are not happy with the track to proceed in their location, I am in support of them.

I appreciate that I am late getting this submission in but I do feel the consultation process was inadequate and I expect you will include my submission.

I request to do an oral submission please.

Ngā mihi,

Suzi Hume

From: Dan Webster [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 1:00 pm
To: BUS: Trails Engagement <trailsengagement@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Pyramid scheme trail

Kia ora team,

I would like to provide a submission on the proposed new Mt Victoria mtb trail.

I support the development of this trail for a number of reasons.

1. It will greatly benefit the health and overall wellbeing of Wellingtonians. Mountain biking is a good for health and fitness, and is suitable for all ages. More trails means more people riding and fitter and healthier people.

2. The trail network needs this type of trail. Mt Vic is a great central location but mainly has rougher grade 4 trails. A grade 3 jumps trail would be hugely popular and fill a big gap in the network, providing progression to the nearby Mystic Portal jumps track. While mystic portal is a great track, it requires riders to practice on smaller jumps. The hospital jumps are testament to the popularity of grade 3/4 jumps.

3. Domestic tourism
Wellington had an opportunity a couple of years back to be a popular domestic MTB tourism location, but unfortunately we didn't take the opportunities that other regions such as Nelson, Rotorua, Alexandra and Christchurch did in expanding their networks. Wellington lacks the hugely popular and famous trails other areas have - for example firbal and te rere in Nelson, McNearly Gnarly in Queenstown, Split Enz and other in Rotorua or lord of the possums in CHCH. This solution won't be a silver bullet, but alongside other trail development, Wellington could attract the cashed up travelling riders who currently go between rotorua, queenstown and nelson.

4. encouraging engagement with the outdoors
Mountain biking is an amazing gateway to understanding more about pest control, native species, and our biodiversity. It's hard to get the next generation into these topics in a meaningful way, but mountainbiking, rather than damaging the environment, contributes a lot to our biodiversity - see waimapipi/polhill trail builders, Makara peak supporters and waiu hill.

5. Quality of build
My understanding is that an established trail building firm will be hired by the club to undertake the work. This is recommended, as they have experience in mitigating environmental issues and building a sustainable and hardy trail that riders love.

Dan Webster

I would be happy to speak to this.

thanks

Daniel