

**Submission to Ashburton District Council
on Long Term Plan re: location of second
Ashburton Bridge**

I wish to submit to the ADC Long Term Plan

I do wish to submit in person when the time is appropriate

My preferred option would be to build a new four lane bridge along West Street and turn the old existing bridge into a solely walkway/cycleway bridge. With the increase of cyclists (myself included) it is vital to keep cyclists and walkers well away from built up traffic. SAFETY is paramount for both cyclists and drivers!

I am opposed to the retailers (CBD and Netherby shops) being penalised through the Council's actions. Severance of a suburban area is very unwise.

Time is of the essence - get on and build this new bridge pronto. We want to encourage new residents to town and retailers and by the inaction means these new people will be discouraged from coming here.

Also: the Ashburton Cemetery:

The new development here is fantastic but the old cemetery tracks around the main gravestones need to be paved. The uneven areas here make it a huge hazard for the elderly in particular. Please consider also re-curbng and re-paving the footpath from Bremners Road to Bridge Street.

The work already completed here is very good.

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Signed

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