

Beckenham News

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Pipe project update at BNA Biketober event, 24/10/22

End of year issue, 2022

In this newsletter:

- Best wishes for the holiday season
- Outline of pipe work timetable
- Council consultation on slow-speed zones: please tell the BNA what you think!

This issue of the newsletter is only distributed electronically to members. There will not be a letterbox drop. Feel free to forward this to others who may be interested.

No Christmas gathering, again

Best wishes for the holiday season. Once again this year, it has not been possible to hold the traditional early December market and sausage sizzle at Beckenham School. This was because of ongoing concerns about covid and organisational limitations. Perhaps in 2023...

Pipe replacement work: update

For much of 2022, there has been pipe repair and replacement work under way through the Beckenham area. Those in affected streets will have had leaflets about immediate work. Here we summarise information from the contractor, SEIPP Construction, about the background and future timetable into 2023.

The work is to replace an old water main which runs along the river from Eastern Terrace to Wilsons Road. The new pipe is being laid away from the riverbank because ground conditions are better there. The route is shown in the map to right.

Initial works in early 2022 were to move other smaller pipes to make space for the new large pipe. Now two crews are installing the large new pipe. The northern crew started at Wilsons Rd and are currently working in Croydon St, heading towards Southampton St, Tennyson St and into Norwood St. The southern crew started in Norwood St and are currently in Sandwich Rd, from where they will head south on Birdwood Ave and east into Malcolm Ave.

At the end of Malcolm Ave, the pipe needs to go under the river and into Palatine Reserve. This work started in early December. The footbridge will be closed until this work is finished and the site made safe, expected soon after Christmas depending on progress.



In early 2023, the northern pipe team will progress into Southampton St and on to join up in Norwood St where the southern team started. The southern team will proceed down to Malcolm Ave and along to the footbridge.

Once the pipe is across the river, there will be some work in Palatine Reserve to connect into the original pipe. This means Palatine Reserve will be closed for some months.

The BNA has a 2-page PDF on this project with a bit more detail which will be emailed to members and available on our web page (www.betterbeckenham.org.nz). You can see updates on the company's project website at www.voice.construction.

If you have any questions (or complaints), the BNA may be able to help. See our email address at the end of this newsletter.

Safer speeds consultation

The City Council are consulting about changes to speed limits on roads in residential areas, as part of a national plan by Waka Kotahi to improve safety around schools. The proposal covers many roads across south Christchurch, including much of Beckenham, St Martins, and Spreydon. **Here we summarise some key issues and ask for your feedback to guide a possible BNA submission.** You are also encouraged to submit your own comments directly, via the interactive map: www.ccc.govt.nz/transport/travel-safety-and-travel-updates/travel-safety/safe-speeds/

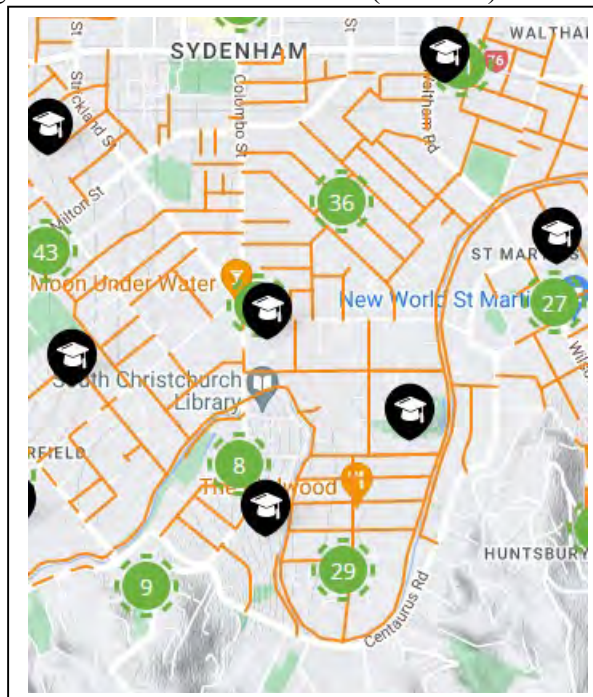
From feedback already sent to Council, the proposal has been modified. It now suggests that most residential streets in Beckenham and nearby will change to 30 km/h, but the “main” roads (Colombo St, Tennyson St, Strickland St, Selwyn St, Somerfield St, Centaurus Rd) will stay at 50 km/h. The map to right shows (in orange) streets proposed for 30 km/h.

The BNA committee was not sure what position we should take on this, **hence this newsletter to find out what our members think.** We list three broad possible responses:

(1) Support 30 km/h as proposed. In favour is the evidence of better safety and environmental outcomes (please read the attached PDF which lists the evidence). Against is that 30 km/h limit may seem very slow; however, the evidence is that the effects on travel times are smaller than first expected (see PDF).

(2) Support 30 km/h but including Hunter Tce, and also ask for intermediate-level streets (Tennyson, Selwyn, Strickland, and Somerfield) to be 30 km/h, leaving only the main roads (Colombo, Centaurus, Milton) as 50 km/h. The main benefit here would be to reduce confusion

from frequent speed limit changes and the number of signs required marking them. For example the current proposal has Selwyn St from south to north go 30, 50, 30 in school hours, 50, 30, 50 km/h, and it would need 19 sets of speed signs for all the side streets etc (see PDF).



Map of proposed 30 km/h speed limits (orange) from City Council interactive map

(3) Ask that the 30 km/h throughout should be 40 km/h throughout. However, this does not have such good safety outcomes around schools.

If you have time to read the PDF and then email me your views, the BNA could put in a group submission saying 25 members supported X and 12 members supported Y, or similar. Consultation has been extended until 3 January, so **please email us your views by 2 January** to dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz. And you are also encouraged to put in your own personal comments direct to the Council.

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You are encouraged to join the BNA! Get updates on activities, or come to committee meetings (held 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at South Library).

✂ 2022-2023 BNA membership

To check your membership status please email chair Dave Kelly (dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz) or treasurer Phil Grey (phil.grey@wam.co.nz).

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