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Greetings,

Spokes Canterbury, the local cycling advocacy group, are pleased to offer our feedback regarding the draft concept plan for QEII Park.

We have focused on key issues for cyclists:

- Adequate safe access to and from QEII Park for cyclists needs to be maintained, through the provision of safe crossing points on surrounding roads, suitable internal pathways and/or traffic calmed internal roads, and connections with nearby cycleways.

- Adequate and well-located bike parking at all facilities within the QEII block is required, including consideration of covered parking where possible, security provisions (e.g. cameras, cages), and suitable signage to direct cyclists to parking areas.

- We strongly support completing the recreational pathway circuit, which currently goes about halfway around this area, as soon as possible, e.g. links needed to new Frosts Rd pathway. It is important that this pathway is also constructed to adequate dimensions (we suggest at least 2.5m and preferably 3m+) and geometric standards, to avoid path user conflicts. Location of nearby lighting and plantings also needs to be properly considered for security reasons. Crossings of all internal roads should also give priority to path users, via the use of raised crossings and GIVE WAY signs.

- It is difficult to assess the traffic and parking demands/impacts of the proposed developments on this block; we would like to see detailed modelling of possible "big event day" scenarios undertaken to determine how traffic will be catered for. We also suggest that all major events (whether one-off or regular) should have sustainable travel plans developed to identify how to mitigate the effects of car traffic/parking on the area and to encourage alternative means of travel to the Park.

We trust that these issues will be taken into consideration when finalising the concept plan.

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