

FORM521: SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT BY A PERSON ON WHOM NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SERVED

SECTION 96 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

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File: CRC194083

Closing Date: **5pm Monday 24 February 2020**

I/We have been limited notified for the consent applications listed below

Property Owned/Occupied:	Rail Corridor from Marshs Road to the Southern Motorway					
Full Name of submitter:	Christchurch – Little River Railtrail Trust					
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Contact Person:	Don Babe					

Name of applicant: **Waste Management NZ Limited**

Consent Application: **CRC194083**

1. ☐ I/We support the application ☐ I/We oppose the application ☒ I/We are neutral to the application (neither support or oppose)
2. The reasons for making my submission are: *(state in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons)*

Whilst we appreciate that waste processing is essential and new facilities will probably do a better job than outdated ones there is concern the odour will negatively impact the bike path immediately to the south of the proposed facility.

The bike trail from Christchurch to Little River has been a work in progress for 20 years with a number of holdups being worked through. The extension of the Southern Motorway was the last of these and we were looking forward to having it completed so the trail could finally be uninterrupted. The trail was an original great ride but the continuing delays lead to it being stripped of this status in 2016. It was planned that with the completion of the motorway we could once again be considered for inclusion in the NZ Cycle Trails as a great ride.

We are concerned that the waste processing facility will have a negative impact on the overall enjoyment of the

Trail. This has happened with the Mountains to the Sea trail that ends in Wanganui. The last kilometre or so passes downwind of a meat processing plant. The odour of the plant is the lingering memory of riders, not the beautiful scenery down the upper reaches of the Whanganui river.

The ride from Christchurch to Little River is about 50kms. The nature of the ride is that it is often the first off road cycling experience many riders will have so 50kms is a good distance. That may mean early starts for those anticipating a long day. More experienced riders may go there and back in a day so likewise start early. This does mean they could be passing the proposed facility when air is still and odours linger.

Our vision is to develop the bike trail into a tourist asset for the Christchurch region. The proposed facility can only make this more difficult so its impact needs to be mitigated as much as possible.

Hence the reason for our neutrality, the plant is required but it could have a negative impact on our facility.

3. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision:

(give details, including the general nature of any conditions sought. Please attach additional pages if required)

As we are neutral we do not have a recommendation for the decision to be made.

However if the decision is to allow the development to continue we ask that the beauty of the rail corridor should be of a standard similar to the section running from Marshs Road to Prebbleton in terms of physical appearance and tranquility.

This will involve extensive visual screening, whatever noise abatement is possible and odour restriction.

It is difficult to anticipate how a waste processing plant will be used for the length of the application period so hard to know what restrictions should be applied.

Obviously as a base line we would not like users of the trail exposed to any substances that could have a detrimental effect on their short term or long term health.

We would like a permanent contact at the facility management team that we could discuss certain events with so the operators are aware of the impact they are having.

This hearing is not about noise but we see that as a potential problem so encourage the operators to do all that is possible to keep noise to a minimum. This may include enclosing the tyre rendering plant and adding noise reduction methods.

4. ☒ I/we **do** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission*

(Note: this means you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing)

*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing ☐ Yes ☐ No

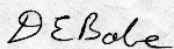
☐ I/we **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

(Note: this means you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)

5. ☐ I/we am a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I/we am/am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that a) adversely affects the environment; and b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Signature of submitter or
duly authorised agent on
behalf of submitter



Date; 24 February 2020

Notes to the submitter:

1. *The person making this submission must send a copy to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving Environment Canterbury*
2. *A list of all submissions received will be provided to the applicant*
3. *Privacy: Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission (excluding your contact details) will be included in papers that are available to the media and public which may include publication on the Council website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the notified resource consent process.*