RESOURCE CONSENT SUBMISSIONS

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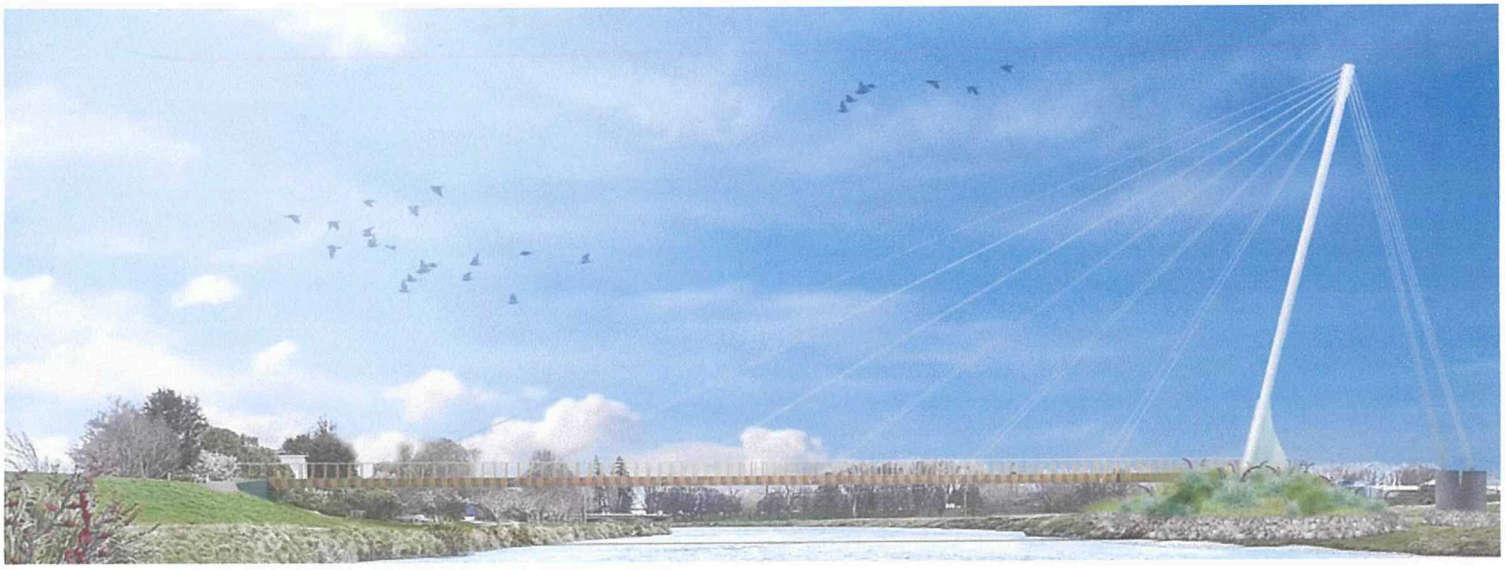
Resource Consent: LU 2020/012

Name of Applicant: Gore District Council

Proposal: To construct a bridge across the Mataura River

Any enquiries regarding the processing of this resource consent can be made to the Consultant Planner, Keith Hovell, telephone 021 778477, or via email keith@hovell.co.nz.

Note: The applicant has also applied to Environment Southland for resource consents in respect of the above proposal. Further information is available from the Environment Southland web site www.es.govt.nz or by contacting Lacey Bragg at Environment Southland, phone 0800 768845 or email Lacey.Bragg@es.govt.nz.



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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Building of the new bridge, Mataura River

Q8. **My submission is**

I support the build of the new bridge across the Mataura river, as described in the supporting documents. I believe it will enhance the general outlook of the are and promote more use of the reserve area. It will also provide safer transport for walkers and cyclists across the river. I think the bridge is a beautiful design and it will soon become an attraction for both residents and visitors.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Approve the construction of the bridge as described in the supporting documents.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

I do not support the granting of a Resource Consent as applied for by the Gore District Council (GDC) for the construction of a bridge to cross the Mataura River on the Mataura River, River Street and River Terrace Reserves at the junction of Huron Street, Church Street and River Terrace, Gore. a) Aesthetically, I believe, the design to be a blight on the environment to a far greater degree than that of the two consultants employed by the GDC to prepare a landscape and Visual Impact report. Though of a 'unique and special design' as requested by GDC in its tender document, the concept does not fit into the Rural Character of its proposed location. It may very well sit appropriately in the waterfront of Auckland, Wellington and even perhaps Christchurch and Dunedin but it has no aesthetic value for the proposed site. b)(i) The visual panorama looking upstream on the Mataura River from any point from the Road bridge crossing the Mataura is currently that of wide-open flood plains, hills, trees, and snow topped mountains. This visual environment would be grossly maligned by the construction of the proposed bridge. ii) GDC report also states that 'mast, handrails and deck will breach the skyline at its proposed building site'. Where currently the skyline is broken only as nature intended, by mountains, and is a vista of natural beauty the proposed bride would break and defile this landscape. c)(i) Any lighting providing safety or ease of us for the bridge or its associated shared pathway would add to the lighting pollution already created by the Gore township. Properties close to the bridge will undoubtedly have their home environments impacted on by this additional lighting, especially that on the mast and bridge deck. (ii) GDC has also failed in its requirements to provide a lighting plan for the bridge and associated shared pathways with the designer claiming 'lighting is outside of current scope' and that 'routing electrical services and installing lighting columns through the existing flood plain would be extremely challenging (likely to cause issue with our resource consent). The designer went onto say if lighting is deemed to be needed in the future, lighting other than bridge lighting could be installed if/when needed. My belief is that lighting is required for the bridge and associated shared pathways at the time of construction. It was stated in this same report by a Safety Engineer that a 'bridge of this significance should have lighting to promote safety and use when dark'. d)The potential for noise pollution in the environment is a distinct possibility, and probability, from the highly tensioned wire supports for the proposed bridge. It is my belief that it is inevitable that these wires will 'sing' in the wind. The level, tone, pitch, and overall resonance could likely be quite horrific and intrusive. e) It is my belief that the proposed construction does not provide an inclusive environment for use by all community members. There is no allowance in the submitted application for use by blind or sight impaired persons. Nor is there consideration given in submitted plans for gradients on approaches to the bridge to be suitable for wheelchair users. Little has been offered to assist younger, novice or older cyclist, persons with pushchairs or similar or children on scoot bikes to negotiate the approaches to the bridge. An allowable recommended gradient of 6.5% is exceeded by the proposed plan to be 8% over 70metres. Councils response is to suggest using two, 9% 34m long gradients with a 2000m rest space between. I feel this does make the proposed environment fully inclusive for all community members.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I seek the following decision from Council, a)because of the reasons detailed and b) the fact that many aspects of the Councils Design Plan have not yet been finalised and c) that the Council have failed to meet the requirements of their Resource Application to consult with directly affected parties and d) to provide a written report of this consultation and e) to obtain written consent from directly affected parties for the proposed project that the Council decline the application for a Resource Consent applied for by GDC and that the GDC be asked to fully investigate all environmental aspects of their proposed bridge, provide all reports and documentation as required for the Resource Consent application and to provide details of alternative means and locations for provide piping resources to link East Gore with Jacobstown and Hilbre Avenue reservoir

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Building bridge across Mataura River.

Q8. **My submission is**

We oppose the application.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

See attached file

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	

Resource Consent: LU2020/012

Name of Applicant: Gore District Council

Location of site: Mataura River, River Street and River Terrace Road Reserve.

We Oppose this proposal:

I David Bone and Carmel Bone of 30 Huron Street Gore, Oppose the application from Gore District Council to construct the bridge for the following reasons.

1. **Landscape and Visual Impact**

   The proposed Cable Stay bridge across the Mataura River will have a major impact on the natural landscape and views of the Hokonui Hills and Waimea Plains, due to the sheer size and height of the structure. We have lived at our present address for 32 years and have seen the popularity and the property values rise in this area of East Gore, thanks mainly to the magnificent views along our stretch of the Mataura River. Every day we look out our windows onto this view and admire it and the way it can change depending on conditions. To build this structure, which has no relationship with the surrounding area and makes no attempt to blend in with the natural landscape seems to be going against the trend of conserving and enhancing what nature has already provided, in this case an outstanding view appreciated not only by us but by tourists and visitors as well.

2. **Erosion and Flooding**

   Over the considerable length of time that we have lived at our address we have seen ever increasing numbers of floods occur. Every time there is a flood, and there have been 3 significant events in the last 2 years, an increasing amount of erosion is taking place on the western bank of the river. As this is the location of the proposed foundation for the bridge we are concerned about erosion of this structure. During a flood because of the size of the foundation the water would have to flow around this plinth which would then impact the access points to the bridge on the western side of the river and may impact directly the safety of the bridge. During the last flood in February 2020, a large part of East Gore was evacuated due to uncertainty over the safety of the flood bank surely mounting a bridge and drilling a pipeline on and through this structure will impact its strength to withstand future flooding events.

3. **Noise Pollution**

   At this time we have seen no evidence of any assessments of the noise pollution that the cables poles and bridge itself may create. We live in a high wind zone and it stands to reason that there will be noise created from the bridge's wire cables and possibly from the pole as well. There will also be significant noise from the construction of the bridge which could impact residents who are shift workers and need to sleep during the day. This bridge is very close to a residential area especially on the East Gore side of the river.

4. **Light Pollution**

The Gore District Council has, at this time, not provided any details on the lighting plan for the bridge. This could have a significant impact, not only on the natural environment, but also on the residents that will be impacted by the bridge. As the bridge is going to be open all the time day and night it would seem from a safety point of view that substantial lighting not only on the bridge but at both access points would be needed. One of the great things about living here is being able to look outside into the night sky and see the stars. How much impact will this lighting have?

5. **Safety**

At the moment there is no plan in place in regard to access and egress points for the bridge. We have significant safety concerns about this as it is one of the most important parts of the project and an integral reason as to why the bridge is being built. We feel that this should be included in the planning application as the bridge is being touted as a safer way to get from East Gore to West Gore but no safety issues have been addressed. We have grave concerns for the public safety as the bridge delivers them on to a vast flood plain which we have seen inundated in flood water three times in the past two years. How will the bridge be isolated during flooding and who's responsibility will this be and what sort of flash flooding warning system will the bridge have? The access from Huron Street onto the bridge will be on a blind corner that pedestrians and cyclists will have to cross, and at this time there is only a footpath on one side of Huron Street so access is limited. On the other side of the bridge where it exits onto Surrey Street there are no cycle lanes and the street ends on Hokonui Drive which is State Highway 94 and an extremely busy road. We think that how you get on and off the bridge is just as important as the bridge itself and should be included in the planning process. These access points will also impact on the environment and the views depending on how they are designed as the bridge is not a stand alone feature but has to work with all aspects of the proposed plan.

6. **Lack of Consultation**

The Gore District Council has been looking at ways to update the Gore water supply for a number of years and has been developing the proposed bridge option for the last 2 years at least. We as property owners have only just been made aware of the plan and by the time it was presented to us it was put forward in such a way that it made it seem it was a "done deal". We feel that we and our property are going to be significantly impacted by the proposed bridge. Two residents had a meeting with a council representative on the same day as the first and only public meeting was held in the East Gore Church Hall, but when asked why we were not approached to be at that meeting a council representative said it was just an informal get together and they had looked at the map and decided that we were not affected. We feel that the Gore District Council has not fulfilled its obligations in consulting with us or the rate payers in the Gore District. No options were presented to us and it feels like they have made up their minds and our opinions do not matter.

The Alternatives to the Bridge

The Gore District Council has a responsibility to make sure we all have safe drinking water and we totally understand the need to upgrade the system for the good of all. Our objection is that in

building this bridge it may provide the means to get water pipes to and from the East Gore Water Treatment Station but the on going impact on the rate payer will be significant. The size and visual impact of this structure on the natural landscape will be huge and it is not in keeping at all with the vistas that we enjoy. So many people comment on the stunning views we have it would almost be a crime to build that bridge that will be seen by so many.

We would like to see the Gore District Council investigate the alternative proposal of boring or entrenching the water pipes across the Mataura River at Maitland Street as this is in a direct line with the treatment station and closer to the source of our water at the Jacobstown Well.

The NZTA funding could be used for enhancing cycle tracks and making the Gore District traffic bridge over the Mataura River safer for pedestrians and cyclists. It could also be used to create inclusive tracks for not just cyclists and walkers but for those who are physically disabled as well. We would like to thank you for the opportunity to voice our objections to the proposed bridge.

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

the proposed new bridge crossing the Mataura river just north of the existing Gore bridge

Q8. **My submission is**

I fully support the building of this bridge as it will help link the families of East Gore with all the schools, health facilities, and Heritage Centre. At this stage East Gore is being isolated by the fact that pedestrians and cyclists have great difficulty in A, Making safe exits from the Gore bridge and B, Safely crossing State Highway 1. I also support the building of this new bridge as it will help link up our family friendly trails that we are building through the likes of Walnut Grove and Hamilton Park with our other urban trails in West Gore

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The design and placement of the bridge

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose this application. The design of this bridge is not sympathetic to this district - the height of the single cantilever arm is far from attractive and not in keeping with the style of the existing bridges nearby. Also, the footing at the Surrey St side appears to be in the centre of the flood plain - considering how close we were in the recent floods of the bank becoming overwhelmed, I feel it would be tempting fate to put a structure of that size in the middle of it, due to the turbulence this will create downstream, putting our community at risk of damage to the floodbank.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

It was stated in the initial press release, that another, more traditional design had also been put forward. To this date, the community has not seen this. The position of the bridge is also in my mind questionable - if the bridge was less ostentatious design, and placed in the wider (and therefore slower moving) area of the river upstream, say off Maitland Street, it would cause less interference with flood flows, and also require a much shorter pipeline. This could quite easily be connected to the existing track that follows around the Pioneer Park, which as already very well used by the general public.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

GO RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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I ~~am~~/am not *(delete one)* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991. (*See also the "Note to Trade Competitors" on the following page)*)

Only trade competitors are required to answer the following:

I am/am not *(delete one)* 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.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Water reticulation reservoir to well

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

Oppose the bridge
Unnecessary Expense
Would ruin the environmental natural river view, up river we have now.

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

I **do** / ~~do not~~ *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will** / ~~will not~~ *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: I Butel

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 14/9/2020

Making Submissions: Submissions may be in writing or electronic and must be received by the Gore District Council no later than **5:00pm 16 September 2020**, by post to NZFreepost Authority 213, Gore District Council, P O Box 8, Gore 9740; delivered to the Gore District Council, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore; or by email to lets.talk@goredc.govt.nz (add Gore Bridge Consent Submission in subject line).

You must also serve a copy of your submission on Gore District Council (the applicant), whose address for service is C/- Claire Perkins, Landpro Limited, PO Box 302, Cromwell 9342 or by email to claire@landpro.co.nz, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Note to trade competitors: If you are a trade competitor your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Striking Out Submissions: Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Council is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

If you have any questions about the application please contact Nigel Bryce, Council's Consultant Planner, on 022 047 8500 or email nigelb@4sight.co.nz. Please direct any queries regarding the processing of the consent to the Council's Consultant Planner, Keith Hovell, phone 021 778 477 or email keith@hovell.co.nz.

Regional Council Consent: The proposal subject to this application also requires resource consent from Environment Southland. A separate form prepared by Environment Southland should be used for that purpose. Further information is available on the Environment Southland website www.es.govt.nz or by contacting Consents Officer Jade McRae, phone 0800 768845 or email service@es.govt.nz.

Gore District Council

3 Waters

Gore Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

SUBMISSION I Butel

To whom it may concern

From 1949 until 2011 I lived in East Gore before moving to Kitchener Street. Have witnessed many floods and patrolled the flood banks for a few.

Fishing has been an enjoyable pastime enabling me to witness riverbed and bank changes over the years. The focus is for 3Waters to pipe water from reservoir to well in 2 parallel pipes in an economical and efficient manner. Simply that.. ..

Bridges. Bikes and pedestrian tracks. All other hidden agendas aside, taken out of the equation, are not a necessity in this discussion.

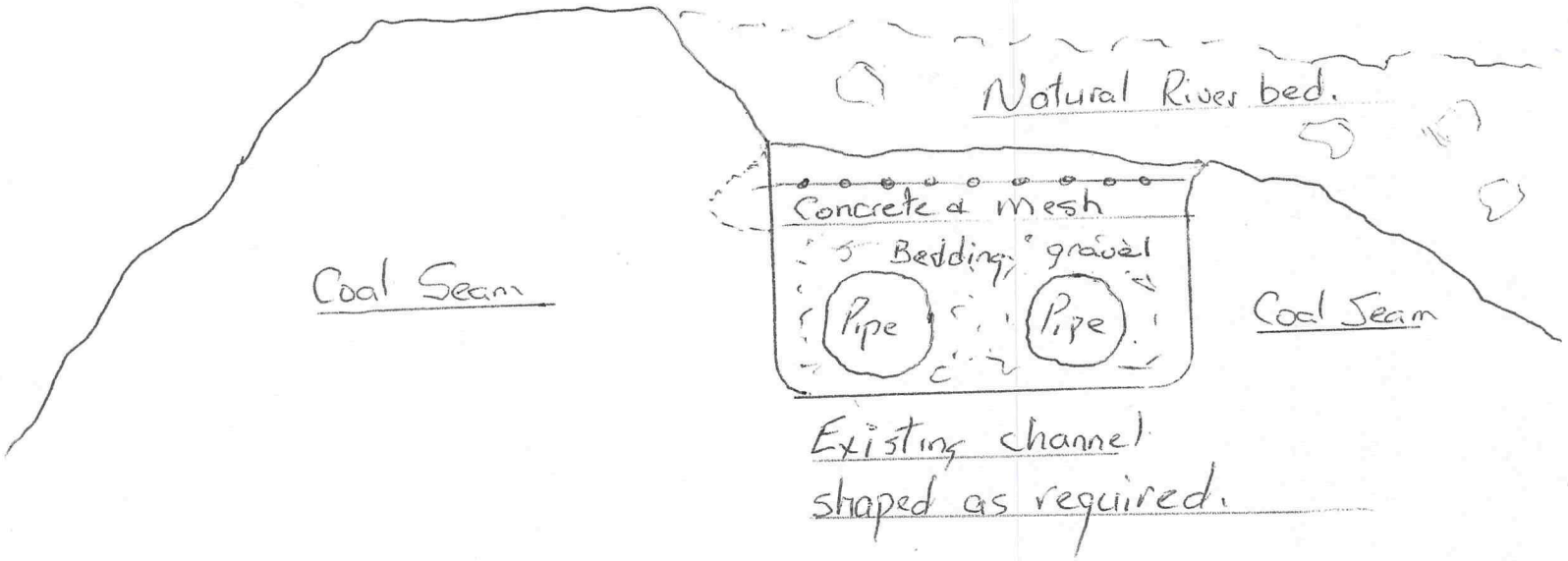
The obvious route is option 3.. No bridge.. No boring under the river to the well.. No bikes or footpaths. No future maintenance. Only an easement required .

Approximately 50 years ago Frank Townsend ran a gravel crushing business at the end of Maitland Street untill the supply of gravel from the river ran out. He left there and moved to below which was the new main Gore bridge at that time .Maitland Street was left as a deep slow moving section of water and the existing coal seam. Coal was not preferred to mix with concrete gravel. With the arrival of the seasonal floods, the flowing gravel eventually filled up the depths, back to the height of the coal seam. There fortunately at the back of this seam is a ready formed channel which I am sure could be of assistance to modify in shallow river conditions. A channel to deepen or widen to lay 2 pipes in a bedding of gravel before placing concrete with mesh within for strength, on top.. This coal seam has never moved in the 70 years I have swum behind or fished off. It is not about to move in the near future, that I am sure. Could I be reckless and say that a local contractor could efficiently carry off this project, leaving considerable savings in the council pot for the ratepayer.

I have to mention that our Main bridge is more than adequate for purpose and has served residents on both sides of the river well. Another bridge is not required and I can only see danger and maintenance if it was to be built. Not to mention the various opinions on the up river view from the main bridge.

Submission

River Flow Mataura River

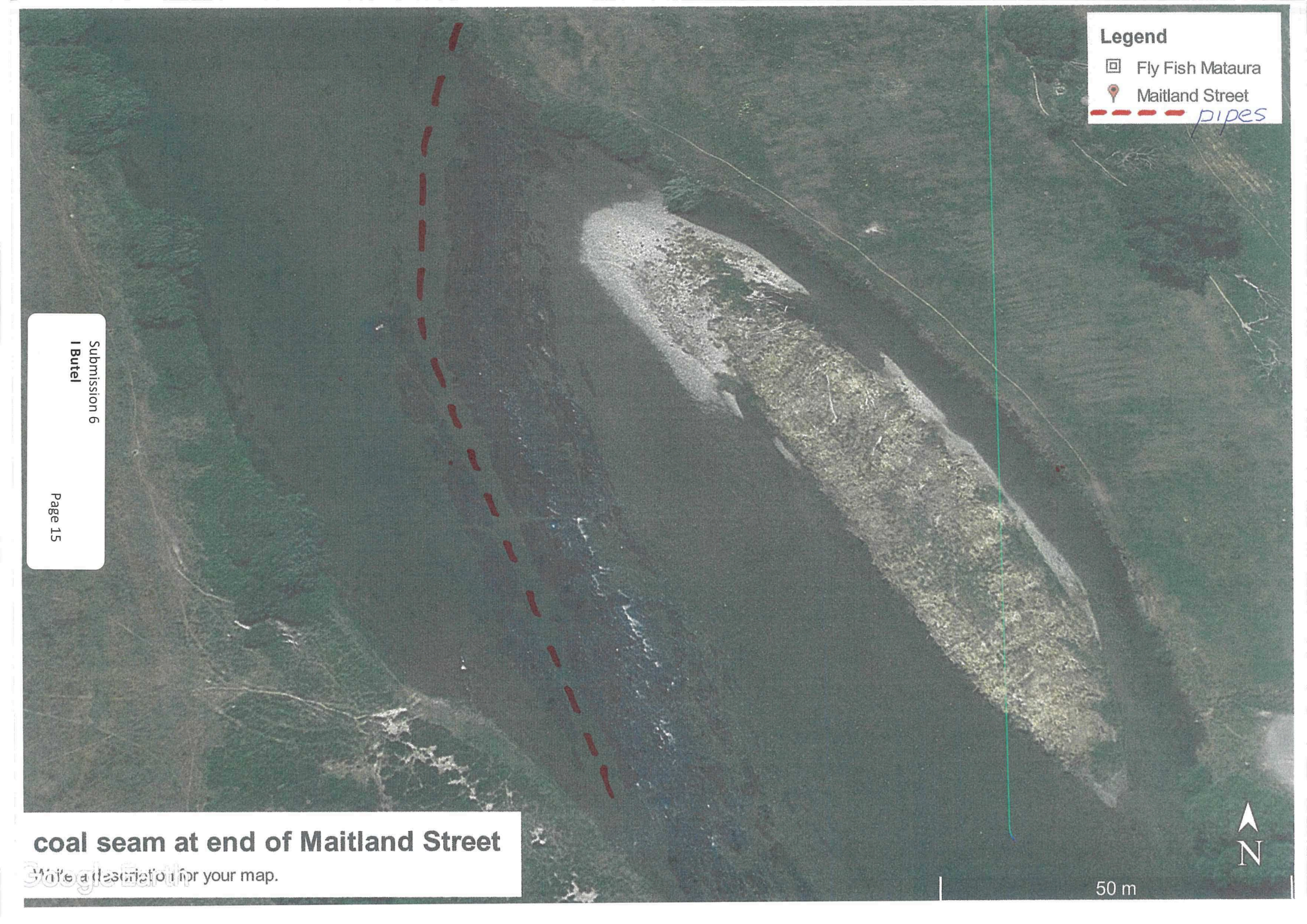


sketch of section of coal seam No Scale

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Need for safe pedestrian and cyclist river crossing.

Q8. **My submission is**

We support the application for the new cycling/pedestrian bridge over the Mataura River. We have lived on both sides of the river with young family and have always had concerns about safety using the existing bridge. The volume and noise of vehicle traffic is intimidating and is a discouraging factor in crossing on foot or bike. The current path is also narrow and requires care when bi-directional traffic is using it. Despite the barrier between the path and the road the proximity of vehicles of all sizes leaves you with a feeling of exposure. We think a separate bridge of purpose-built design, adequate width, and of appropriate pedestrian/cyclist arterial utility would be a marvellous improvement to our town.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

To go ahead with the bridge proposal as per it's resource consent application.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Bridge walkway- I support this.

Q8. **My submission is**

I am in favour of this bridge as we have a fabulous river which should be a place for all people from Gore to be proud of and a place where visitors can appreciate. Currently you can only view the river from the noisy and shaky vehicle bridge, it isn't a calming space to be on, or by walking through the pitted holes, uneven ground, and long grass to get to the river side. A walking bridge would allow many more people to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of our river. Did you know on a peaceful evening in summer there are fish everywhere? Recently we visited Gisborne where the river has become a main feature of the town for locals and visitors with a smooth winding pathway alongside it. It was used at all times of the day by all demographics of people on foot, scooters, biking, and roller skating...it would be great to also have a path like this from town to the new water bridge and looping around into town via the arts precinct. Along this or indeed ON the bridge would be great places to include information about our fabulous town and it's history. How do our young people live Gore's specialness? This is a perfect way of doing it...let the bridge become a focal point so that everyone engages with our river! And just to add to the dream- please can we have a cafe on one side that gets lunchtime sun so that when we cycle by the river in the weekends we can stop and enjoy the vista with great coffee and food made with local produce!

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Please go ahead and build the bridge.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Water pipes being combined with the bridge building

Q8. **My submission is**

I write this submission in favor of the bridge being built. We as citizens of Gore have been complaining about the lack of progress of water infrastructure for some years and I see this as a positive action to help in sorting the water issues, and water treatment issues out. I congratulate the council for securing finance outside of the Gore District Council coffers and would write in favor of the bridge going ahead to make use of the money that is given from central government agencies. I also think as a citizen of East Gore that this will be helpful for connecting both sides of town, particularly as we have a number of children coming across town to the East Gore school. This bridge will provide a safer pass to get to East Gore from North/Central Gore.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Please build it.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

GO RE RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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I [redacted]/**am not** *(delete one)* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991. (*See also the "Note to Trade Competitors" on the following page*))

Only trade competitors are required to answer the following:

I am/am not *(delete one)* 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.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

All of the application

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

Please see attached

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

We seek that the application be declined.

I **do** / ~~do not~~ *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will** / ~~will not~~ *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: _____

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 16.09.20

Making Submissions: Submissions may be in writing or electronic and must be received by the Gore District Council no later than **5:00pm 16 September 2020**, by post to NZFreepost Authority 213, Gore District Council, P O Box 8, Gore 9740; delivered to the Gore District Council, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore; or by email to lets.talk@goredc.govt.nz (add Gore Bridge Consent Submission in subject line).

You must also serve a copy of your submission on Gore District Council (the applicant), whose address for service is C/- Claire Perkins, Landpro Limited, PO Box 302, Cromwell 9342 or by email to claire@landpro.co.nz, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Note to trade competitors: If you are a trade competitor your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Striking Out Submissions: Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Council is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

If you have any questions about the application please contact Nigel Bryce, Council's Consultant Planner, on 022 047 8500 or email nigelb@4sight.co.nz. Please direct any queries regarding the processing of the consent to the Council's Consultant Planner, Keith Hovell, phone 021 778 477 or email keith@hovell.co.nz.

Regional Council Consent: The proposal subject to this application also requires resource consent from Environment Southland. A separate form prepared by Environment Southland should be used for that purpose. Further information is available on the Environment Southland website www.es.govt.nz or by contacting Consents Officer Jade McRae, phone 0800 768845 or email service@es.govt.nz.

To: The Chief Executives
Gore District Council and Environment Southland

16 September 2020

Application to Environment Southland and the Gore District Council for the Proposed Longford Bridge.

Application Location: The Intersection between Church and Huron Street on the East Bank and Surrey Street on the West Bank

This is a submission on an application for resource consent from **Gore District Council** (LU2020/012 and Environment Southland APP-20202268) to construct a footbridge for the purposes of cycle and pedestrian transport and conveyance of municipal water supply with associated earthworks and landscaping. The proposed development is commonly referred to as the Longford Bridge and Pathway.

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We are directly affected by the proposed activity. We are not a trade competitor of the applicant for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**).

We **oppose** the application in its entirety.

1. General Concerns

(a) Need for the bridge

From our reading of the consent documentation, there is no inherent need for the bridge in this location and an argument has been crafted around the bridge (as a mechanism to carry infrastructure) rather than a merits-based assessment. There has been a failure to adequately consider the actual and potential effects of the proposal; the effects on us and our property are significant.

Those resource consents sought in relation to the proposed bridge are sought in isolation to the wider Longford Shared Path. The location of the wider shared pathway network has not been identified and therefore has not been assessed in terms of connectivity, appropriateness, and safety for its intended users. Subsequently, this casts doubt on the appropriateness of the proposed bridge location which terminates in an industrial zone frequented by heavy vehicles with poor visibility at both the entry and exit points.

(b) Alternatives

The consideration of alternatives is tokenism at best and the full extent of the activity has not been considered.

The present proposal represents only part of a larger pedestrian and cycling network that has not been evaluated and will likely result in significant adverse effects that may deem the bridge undesirable and therefore disused by the targeted user groups.

The assessment of alternatives provided in the application is not exhaustive and lacks appropriate detail as to why some locations, bridge design or water conveyance options were discounted.

(c) Consultation

The Ministry for the Environment have produced a document *"An everyday guide: Consultation for resource consent applicants"*. Within the document it states the following:

> *Consultation principles*
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> *A number of principles that help define the meaning of good consultation have emerged from case law under the RMA:*
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> - ***Early** – consult as soon as possible when the details of your proposal are less 'set in concrete' and you have more flexibility to make changes to address issues raised by interested and affected persons.*
> - ***Transparent** – be open about what you want to achieve, what scope you may have to change certain aspects of your proposal, and why there might be elements that you may not be able to change.*
> - ***Open mind** – keep your views open to people's responses and to the benefits that might arise from consultation.*
> - ***Two-way process** – consultation is intended as an exchange of information and requires both you and those consulted to put forward their points of view, and to listen to and consider other perspectives.*
> - ***Not a means to an end** – while consultation is not an open-ended, never-ending process, it should not be seen merely as an item on a list of things to do that should be crossed off as soon as possible.*
> - ***Ongoing** – it may be that consultation, or at least ongoing communication, will continue after your application has been lodged or even after a decision has been made.*
> - ***Agreement not necessary** – consultation does not mean that all parties have to agree to a proposal, although it is expected that all parties will make a genuine effort. While agreement may not be reached on all issues, points of difference will become clearer or more specific.*

Clause 6(1) (f) of Schedule 4 of the Act requires the identification of, and any consultation with, persons affected by the activity.

There were no attempts at consultation until two years after the project was approved for advancement by the Gore District Council. The application states that work is to commence in September 2020 and the action taken to date clearly indicates that the applicant has treated this process as a box-ticking exercise, a *fait accompli*.

On 12 June 2020 a letter was placed in the mailboxes of residents in selected streets in East Gore (a copy of the letter is attached. (Attachment "A") inviting them to a meeting at the East Gore Church Hall on Monday 15 June 2020. Effectively the residents of Huron Street and surrounding streets had only three days' notice of this meeting. Nowhere in the letter did it mention a bridge, it talked about the water issue which all local residents, including ourselves, would like to see addressed. Two affected parties were met with separately earlier in the day of 15 June 2020 (us and a neighbour). We were not consulted with but merely shown a brochure of what the new bridge would look like. The brochure never mentioned the words "Proposed" new bridge or "Consultation" at any point leading many people to believe it was too late to have any input in the process.

The application document was only made available to the immediate neighbours at the time of resource consent lodgement, and even then, the Gore District Council would not directly release this document while they argued for the application to be processed without public notification.

The application incorrectly records what (little) consultation has been undertaken with directly affected parties. No attempt has been made to seek written approval from affected parties or to discuss the proposal in any meaningful way.

We have tried to consult ourselves but after an initial delay with arranging a meeting with Landpro we tried to coordinate another meeting but were told we needed to wait until the Resource Consent

application had been lodged (a copy of the email from Landpro is attached, Attachment "B") and then they would meet with us. Consultation after an application has been lodged is tokenism and generally pointless.

2. Landscape, Visual and Amenity Effects

(a) Effects on an Outstanding Natural Landscape and Feature

The landscape assessment has downplayed the significance of the landscape in which the application site is located and gives in adequate consideration to the fact that it is within an Outstanding Natural Landscape (**ONL**) and the Mataura River and its margins are an Outstanding Natural Feature (**ONF**).

On a wider scale, the proposed bridge is completely discordant with the ONL of the Waimea Plains and Hokonui Hills. Views from our property to these landscape features are obstructed and significantly impacted.

No consideration has been given in the landscape assessment provided with the application to the objectives and policies in the Gore District Plan. It also neglects to assess the effects of lighting on landscape and visual amenity, and those impacts from our property and the surrounds.

Where the landscape assessment considers View Point 3 (at the corner of River Terrace and Huron Street), we agree with the following conclusions of that report:

- the character of outlook at this location for residences is predominantly rural, including Croydon Bush which flanks the Hokonui Hills.
- the bridge will be "highly visible".
- the bridge will "breach the skyline at this location where the forms of the landscape are currently dominated by a more naturalistic pattern".
- "the scale of the bridge structure when viewed from this point ensures that it is the dominant feature in the landscape".

The application landscape assessment concludes that the adverse effect of the bridge from this view point is rated in their own assessment as "high"; this is defined in the seven point scale adopted in the report as a "major change to the character of key attributes of the receiving environment and/or visual context within which it is seen; and or a major effect on the perceived amenity derived from it".

The visibility of the bridge is illustrated below as taken from Figure 13 the report.

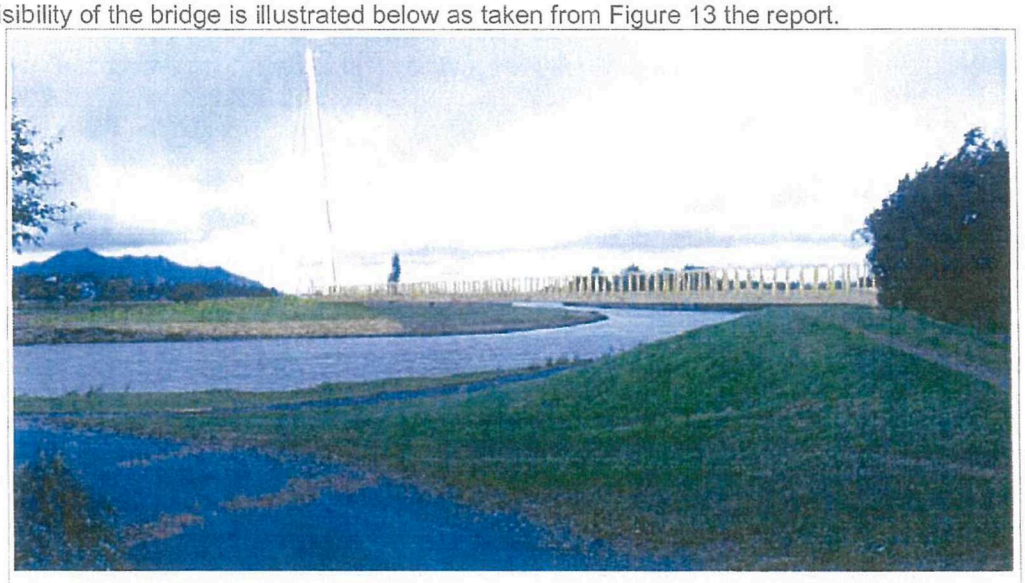


Figure 13: Viewpoint 3 - The viewpoint from the corner of River Terrace and Huron Street post development

The figure below is an image taken from inside of our house looking towards the bridge location.



(b) Visual effects on 36 Huron Street

The view over the Mataura River, up the Waimea Plains and on to the Mountains is a special view. That is the reason we purchased the property and built a house on it designed to take this view in and to enjoy it every day. The significance of this decision is very important because we did not purchase and build in the so called "best" area of Gore. Where we chose to build and live is the property we consider with the best water view in Gore as it takes in the river, Waimea Plains and the Mountains. There are no buildings or lights of any consequence in the view.

Any bridge at the location of Option 1 or 2 is completely out of character with that landscape and would obviously violate the ONL as recognised in the Gore District Plan.

The existence of any bridge at Option 1 or 2 will have a very high visual impact on 36 Huron Street. To that extent we disagree with the Visual Assessment Report which recorded the visual impact as merely "high". A bridge will obliterate our view of the River, Walnut Grove, the Waimea Plains and the Mountains. It will in effect devastate our view and the very reason for us living at 36 Huron Street. Therefore, a bridge at Option 1 or 2 will have an adverse effect on us, and the significance of the adverse effect is very significant.

In addition, the construction of a bank access way to enable access to the bridge on the western side of the bridge will also be of significant adverse effect. This is because it will need to rise at approximately 9 degrees to reach a height of 4.5m – 5m high to meet the western end of the bridge and meet access requirements. Of necessity then, there will have to be a long bank which gets progressively higher.

This rising access way will essentially form a "wall" when viewed from River Terrace looking up-stream of the Mataura River. This will become part of the skyline from River Terrace and will block the view of the Waimea Plains from River Terrace. This is another area which has not been addressed in the Visual Impact Report, and this aspect also needs to be addressed due to the adverse visual impact on all people using River Terrace. We also consider this to be an adverse effect of great significance.

In addition the access way will obviously be viewed from 36 Huron Street, and it will interfere with the views of the Waimea Plains and the Mountains from numerous parts of our property. We also challenge the veracity of the visual sketches contained in that report as not being representative of

the proposed bridge. Those sketches minimalise the bulk and scale of the proposed bridge, and do not address the impact on the view from our property and the river terrace.

The bridge and the access way will create a visual barrier which prevents us viewing the Waimea Plains and the Mountains from 36 Huron Street, as well as from River Terrace and other properties on Huron Street.

The tower will cast a shadow on our property, particularly in winter.

Clearly the Visual Impact Assessment Report is deficient in respect to the perspectives from our property and surrounds.

(c) Effects on amenity values

The bridge will detract from the amenity value of the area and from our property. The bulk and scale of the access way and the bridge will dominate the location, and it will interfere with the ONF and wider ONL. There will be obvious adverse visual effects on the property owners close to the bridge, but also those property owners all over East Gore, and those parts of Gore west and east of Hokonui Drive, North Gore, and those entering Gore from the direction of Mandeville.

The people who enjoy walking alongside the River and taking in the view whilst eating their lunch, having a cuppa will no longer be able to enjoy the view because the bridge and access way will obstruct such a view, and cast a shadow over parts of that area. Fisherman will also be affected because the access on the western bank will be more difficult and there is the possibility that more people will be around which will detract from the fishing experience.

I fly fish at this point in the river; the scale and bulk of the access way and the bridge will destroy the fishing amenity value for me.

It is our view that a bridge will not be regularly used by pedestrians and or cyclists and therefore will not add to the amenity value of the area. Young children that cycle in this area are usually brought to it by their parents in vehicles and in fact don't cycle very far. On the other hand, "serious cyclists" would find a bridge only 650m from another bridge to be too short a distance to be of any great benefit to them. It is also my submission that very few children bike to school these days as they are either delivered by car or bussed across town. Therefore the number of people who will use the bridge often will be relatively few, and because of this, the amenity value of the area of the bridge in the context of cyclists and pedestrians will not be of significant benefit.

In addition to the above there is no evidence that there is an existing need for pedestrians or cyclists to use the bridge. There is no existing need for a link such as a link between different parts of a university, or workers or employees using the bridge as part of a commercial fitness operation. In other words there are no access problems which need to be "fixed" which could be alleviated by a new bridge. Therefore we strongly disagree with the application when it states that tourists, families and children will up take the link.

Our property is directly adjacent to the bridge and approach paths. Lighting will have a significant impact on night time amenity.

The Stantec report titled 'Longford Shared Path – Single Stage Business Case' describes the following lighting requirements to be incorporated into the bridge and path design:

> *"Lighting incorporated into the handrails of the main span, approach span and rams and streetlighting on the approach paths."* [54]

There is no current lighting plan for this bridge, yet from a safety aspect the 39 metres high pole would need to be lit for aviation flight paths, and for the safety of cyclists the pathways would need to be lit at night.

There is no artificial light emanating from the farmland and the introduction of any new artificial light associated with the bridge and/or the walkway amounts to an adverse effect, and its significance is such that light pollution will be introduced into the ONF.

Similarly, noise sources have not been detailed or assessed, inclusive of noise associated with wind in the cables, noise associated with people using the bridge and noise associated with water conveyance including the use of any pumps. There will also be a substantial loss of privacy due to increased pedestrian and cycle traffic. All of these matters will result in a significant loss of residential amenity that has not been given appropriate consideration in the application.

The proposal by GDC, if the project does proceed, to have machinery operating from 7.00am until 10.00pm at night is unacceptable in a residential area. The application states that noise will not exceed 55 decibels during the construction period, there is no report from an Acoustic Specialist to support this position. A lawnmower produces approximately 75 decibels. We consider it farcical the applicant thinks that heavy machinery and pile driving will be quieter than a lawn mower. There is also no traffic and construction management plan.

The sheer scale and dimensions of the bridge mean that we will lose all privacy in our home

(d) Statutory Considerations

The resource management context for outstanding natural landscapes is outlined in Part 2 of the Act as a matter of national importance. All persons exercising functions and powers under it shall recognise and provide for: (a) the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development; and (b) the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

Furthermore, the proposal has not given appropriate regard to those matters outlined under Section 7 of the Act which are as follows:

(b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources
(c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values
(f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment
(g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources

Section 6 (a) and (b) are implemented through Objective LNF.1 and Policy LNF.4 of the Southland Regional Policy Statement (**RPS**). Policy LNF.4 is replicated below:

"Local authorities shall protect outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use and development by having regard to the following:

(a) whether the adverse effects of inappropriate activities on outstanding natural features and landscapes are avoided;
(b) the extent to which the outstanding natural feature or landscape would be modified or damaged including duration, frequency, magnitude or scale of any effect;
(c) the irreversibility of adverse effects on outstanding natural features or landscape values;
(d) the resilience of the outstanding natural feature or landscape to change;
(e) opportunities to remedy or mitigate previous adverse effects on the outstanding natural feature or landscape;
(f) whether the activity will lead to cumulative adverse effects on the outstanding natural feature or landscape;
(g) the relationship of the landscape to the surrounding environment."

The surrounding landscape is highly sensitive to change with the present proposal introducing a significant and irreversible change to the immediate and wider landscape such that it is repugnant with the above policy.

Objective 2.2.3 and its associated policies of the Gore District Plan give effect to the objective and policy of the RPS referred to above. Notably, Chapter 2 of the GDP identifies the Mataura River as an ONF and the Hokonui Hills to the north-west as an ONL.

The proposal does not protect either ONF and ONL.

Policy 2.2.4 [2] outlines the need to avoid the erection of structures that project beyond the ridgelines of the Hokonui Hills when observed from areas, sites or land other than that which the structure is being built on. Policy 2.2.4 [3] similarly requires the need to avoid activities that could compromise the visual values of the Hokonui Hills.

The need to preserve the natural character of the margins of the Mataura River is recognised in Objective 2.4.3 [1]. The Longford Shared Path – Single Stage Business Case prepared by Stantec identifies that "280m of 3m wide hard surfaced shared path, across the west of the river, crossing the flood plain on the line of the existing Surrey Street and Richmond Street paper roads." [54] is required. (we understand that Avon Street is still a consideration for the pathways, but this is another matter of uncertainty about the application).Whilst this has not been included in the Application, it is indicative of the level of built form that may be required to establish the Longford Shared Path and the potential impacts on the degree of naturalness of the Mataura River margins which has not been assessed.

Chapter 3 of the GDP relates to land use. Objective 3.3 [1] outlines the need to maintain and enhance the amenity values of the various localities within the District. Objective 3.3 [2] is more specific, seeking to ensure that the effects of land use activities do not adversely affect the quality of the environment and are "...compatible with the characteristics and amenity values of each locality." Given the scale and design of the bridge, being the largest structure within the township, if erected, the bridge will be vastly inconsistent with the character and scale of built form within Gore and is incompatible with the rural and natural landscape in which it will be seen. It therefore stands that the proposal is contrary to these objectives. By virtue of being contrary to Objectives 3.3 [1] and 3.3 [2], the proposal cannot achieve Policy 3.4 [2].

The Gore District Council and Southland Regional Council both have a statutory obligation under Part 2 of the Act to recognise and protect this landscape from inappropriate use and development. As demonstrated in the quotes above, there has been no attempt to minimise the significant adverse visual effects of the proposed bridge, and conversely the application further states:

> *"The proposed bridge is a cable-stay design and will be the longest and tallest structure of this type in New Zealand at 39m high and 90m long."*

The design of the bridge is such that it is making some sort of statement in visual excess. There has been no attempt to mitigate the unacceptable adverse visual effects. The application offers landscape plantings at each end of the aberration and that the structure will be painted in (unspecified) visually recessive colours or that it will be patterned. These mitigation methods are mere tokenism and will not camouflage or minimise a visually dominant structure located within an ONF. Structurally there is no need for such a grandiose design, keeping in mind it is a pipe bridge with a cycleway on top.

The sheer scale of the abutments, the cable pylon and the bridge are an insult to the natural visual beauty and open feel of the area. There is no operational need for a bridge of this size and scale when a smaller, less expensive alternative can be built at Maitland Street or pipes can be laid under the bed of the river.

The Landscape Assessment states in Section 4.1

> *The landscape effects associated with the proposed bridge and associated peripheral structures in their current form are significant and will be difficult to avoid, remedy or mitigate.*

3. Hazards and Safety

(a) Flood risk

The building of an abutment on the West Bank of the Mataura River creates an obstruction on a floodplain. This abutment will also affect the direction of the flow of floodwaters.

The increased potential for inundation by flooding due to work on the East flood bank for the construction of water pipes or any part of the bridge structure will create instability and weakness in the flood bank, potentially leading to a breach when the river is in flood.

Increased levels of gravel on the base of the riverbed north of the proposed bridge have increased the height and speed of the water at this point below the bend in the river. Because it is the narrowest part of the river, the velocity and higher level of water through this area during flooding has increased significantly, leading to concerns by locals of a higher risk of the bank breaching (it was noted by a local resident that the flood bank was "shuddering" in the February floods).

Irrespective of the proposed height of the new bridge, branches of trees coming down the river during floods could get ensnared in the cables of the bridge or the bridge itself.(Attachments "C","D" and "E" showing the river in flood during the February event).

The application shows that the bridge would be below the flood waters of a similar event to February 2020. The structure represents a hazard that is a significant risk to property and life.

(b) Erosion and Soil Loss

Since the February 2020 floods, erosion along the riverbanks near the proposed site of the bridge have been significant. The banks are no longer safe to walk along as they are collapsing more and more each week (Attachments "F" and "G").

There have been a significant number of large floods over the last 50 to 60 years which have resulted in the farmland at Option 1 and 2 being inundated with flood water. This means that the bridge western accessway and support system will be subjected to fast moving flood water which will erode the support around the accessway and bridge support structure. It is impossible to state categorically whether the accessway and the bridge support structure would survive in such a flood event.

This is particularly important on the west bank because the access way and bridge support structure is right beside the western bank of the River. As the ground upon which the access way is to be built is essentially sediment, there is every likelihood that the erosion will continue, and the access way will then be placed in jeopardy. Should this happen, mostly likely in a large flood event, the failure could affect the flood waters and cause complications for the flood water moving past, and also imperil the bridge support structure. The only way to so protect the access way and the bridge support structure in these circumstances is to build protective structures down to the bedrock. This will of course by very expensive, and will have significant adverse visual effects; this is a likely consequence of this proposal that has not been considered.

On the eastern side of the River, the river bank potentially will also be "eaten" into, and ultimately will put the pipes dug into the flood bank at risk, if not the floodbanks themselves.

In addition the eastern flood banks are not of substantial construction, and in large floods have become very sodden. Fears of the flood banks collapse have been raised, and explosives have been placed on the flood bank just above the Option 1 and 2 site – (say 100m) from the bridge site to blow up the flood bank to prevent "down town" Gore from being flooded.

Such "blowing" of the flood bank is always a possibility, and if such an event did occur, then the bridge support structure in the eastern flood bank could be placed at risk. The explosion to breach

the flood bank (which will be a sodden flood bank) may well jeopardise the bridge, and the bridge may fail.

The Mataura River is an Alluvial River. It is well known that such rivers scour their beds. They are continually changing their position and shape as a consequence of the water forces generated in the river. The erosion indicated in photo # shows what we submit is lateral erosion of the western bank of the River, next to where the western access way will be located. This is the River changing its course and is putting the access way at risk. Any "protection" constructed to protect the access way will be subject to scouring by the River so to place the access way at risk of failure or subsidence undermining. Sufficient scouring will also put the bridge support structure at risk, and will remain a continuous issue.

A failure of the bridge support structure is a serious issue for us because we believe that in the event of a failure of the bridge it is possible for the wire cable stays to damage our property or indeed any person on our property.

The structures supporting the bridge on both the west and east side of the River on the floodplain are subject to potential failure which cannot be adequately remedied or engineered, and constitute a risk that should not be advanced.

In addition to the potential for the flood waters to weaken and possibly destroy the accessway, bridge support structure and the flood banks, the accessway and bridge support structure on the west bank could act as a collection point of flood debris such as logs which could grow bigger. Given that the "river flood channel" narrows significantly at this point, and the speed of the flood waters speed up, there is the potential for this debris raft to break away from the accessway and bridge support system and career downstream and into the SH1 Bridge and or Railway Bridge. There would be no time/distance to allow such a raft to break up. Such an event could seriously weaken those bridges, and potentially destroy them. This is not desirable and such a catastrophic outcome is best avoided by not placing a man-made obstruction in the river flood plain which could create such a risk. Indeed the Resource Management Act requires local authorities to avoid risk and err on the side of caution and we consider the application should be declined upon the abovementioned grounds.

The assessment of effects does not consider any potential effects of the bridge becoming destabilised or destroyed in the event of a flood on downstream properties and infrastructure. Whilst unlikely, such an assessment is required under the Act as the meaning of effect is inclusive of any potential effects of low probability which have a high potential impact[1]. If the bridge becomes unsecure and detaches either partially of fully, it may have a significant impact on people, property and infrastructure.

Section 1.1 of the Application describes the total mast height as 39m whilst the proposed mitigation outlined in Section 5.13 seeks to authorise a mast height no greater than 40m. The Riley report labelled *'Geotechnical and Hydraulic Inputs Longford Shared Path, Gore'* have cited the mast height as being only 32m [p2]. The inconsistencies in understanding of what is being applied for casts doubt on the validity of assessments provided to date.

A bridge here constitutes an inappropriate hazard in a floodplain which should be avoided.

(c) Safety

The perception by New Zealand Transport Agency (**NZTA**) is that "the barrier to increased cycling in areas is that people are genuinely concerned about their safety". NZTA funded 55% of this project on the basis of "End to End Journeys" (in fact we believe it was a condition in their approval of funding that children and the disabled would be able to access the schools and CBD by safer means than travelling across the SH1 Bridge). The application fails to address the "End to End Journeys" and therefore fails to address accessway, approach ramp and the crossing of State Highway 94 and the heavy truck bypass.

As Gore District Council does not address pathways in this application, we have a bridge leading to nowhere. Nevertheless access onto the bridge from Huron Street/Church Street has a major issue

[1] Section 3(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

with visibility, (Attachment "H" showing a recent accident at the access point to the bridge) and in summer the increase in farm vehicles and milk trucks travelling over the floodbanks to Woolwich Street or
along Huron Street wouldn't be conducive to small children or the disabled crossing the road to the bridge at these points.

The Gore District Council do not address the exit of the pathways as the children would still have to cross SH94 (which is the busy tourist route to Queenstown) and if they came out onto Surrey Street then SH94 they would be in the path of the fire station and the end of the truck bypass. If they choose an alternate route and the cycleway carries on under State Highway 1, these same children have to exit out onto the very same truck bypass that NZTA said was too dangerous to promote increased cycling for the young and disabled in the first place.

The inclines leading up to either side of the bridge are shown to be very steep but putting fences up to stop people cycling off the side of the slope means the fences cause another impediment to the flow of the river in times of flooding.

(d) Bird strike and aviation risk

The cable stay bridge is in direct line with the natural flight path of birds travelling down the Mataura River. Wires are reported to be especially lethal when they cross above rivers. In particular the most damage is done at night when the cable wires are not visible, but as GDC have not submitted a lighting plan we are unable to determine their intentions in regard to lighting. Wetland birds such as waders often migrate or travel at night and using the shine of rivers is one of their methods of navigation. Collisions with black-billed gulls and South Island pied oystercatchers would be of particular concern because of their declining status and their significant breeding populations in Southland.

It is also unknown what risk the structure presents to aviation and whether there needs to be additional lighting as a result of the height of the structure.

4. Cultural Significance

(a) Failure to consult or consider cultural values

As a direct descendent of Kāti Māmoe and Waitaha and whose ancestors were seasonal travellers in the Murihiku region, the submitter gains a sense of identity and belonging to the area and a connection to the environment through the natural uninterrupted views from their property of the Hokonui Hills, Mataura River and the Waimea Plains.

If we had been approached as affected parties at the start of this process back in June 2018 the Gore District Council would have been made aware of the submitter's cultural connections to this area.

There is no Cultural Impact Assessment associated with the application. Perversely the application states:

> *Following consultation between the Council and Hokonui Rūnanga on this proposal, a cultural impact assessment (CIA) will be prepared to confirm the above assessment. The CIA will be made available upon completion.*

The application presumptuously assumes the CIA will confirm the assessment made in the application. Gore District Council do not have the right to speak for the Tangata Whenua. The Hokonui Rūnanga is perfectly capable of forming its own opinions.

The lack of a Cultural Impact Assessment is a major omission in the application and as such the application is incomplete and fundamentally flawed. There has been no cultural foundation to inform the proposal.

As a token form of collaboration, the Applicant has offered the Hokonui Rūnanga the opportunity to pick a colour scheme and design pattern for the bridge. The approach taken to date is far from the collaborative decision making process required as a result of the Mataura River being a recognised Statutory Acknowledgement Area, disregards the Council's responsibilities under Sections 6 and 8 of the Act and is contrary to the objectives and policies of the relevant regional and district plans. Additionally, the opportunity to select a colour scheme and pattern on a structure that is considered entirely inappropriate in the first instance, does not recognise in any way the relationship of Tangata Whenua with the Matuara River and the values held therein.

The Mataura River is a statutory acknowledgment area with the appropriate rūnanga being Hokonui. As a direct descendent of Kati Mamoe and Waitaha, the submitter has significant concerns about the effect of the proposal on known cultural and archaeological sites and any potentially unknown archaeological sites that may be uncovered as part of the bridge construction process. If such sites are uncovered during construction, no opportunity to relocate the bridge will be available if consent is granted.

The bridge will likely also have significant impacts on the cultural values of the Mataura River and Hokonui Hills as held by Hokonui Runanga the full depth of which will only be known via a cultural impact assessment.

(b) Statutory Considerations

Section 6 of the Act requires that the following matters of national importance are recognised and provided for, inclusive of:

(e) the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga; and
(g) the protection of protected customary rights:

The proposal has not given appropriate regard to those matters outlined under Section 7 of the Act which are as follows:

(a) kaitiakitanga
(aa) the ethic of stewardship
(b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources
(c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values
(f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment
(g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources

The Applicant considers the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti ō Waitangi have been taken into account, but this is clearly not the case given the lack of consultation to date and inadequate assessment of cultural values. The Mataura River is a Statutory Acknowledgment Area and both the Regional and District Council must uphold their obligations under Section 8 and consequently Te Tiriti ō Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi.

Objectives TW.3 and TW.4 of the RPS require that Tangata Whenua spiritual values, customary resources and sites of cultural significance are recognised and provided for in relation to Decision making. The cultural and spiritual significance of the Mataura River is recoginsed in the planning framework through its status as a Statutory Acknowledgement Area. The River is a well known source of mahika kai for Tangata Whenua. There are also known sites of archaeological and cultural significance within 50m of the Application site. This is scarcely acknowledged in the application with few details as to how these values will continue to be provided for as a result of the development. The absence of any consultation with local Runaka prior to lodging the application is evidence that the Application has not had appropriate regard for Tangata Whenua as required by these Objectives.

5. Heritage Effects

The submitter also has significant concerns about the effect of the proposal on known cultural and archaeological sites (Heritage NZ are currently researching the age of this site) and any potentially

unknown archaeological sites that may be uncovered as part of the bridge construction process. If such sites are uncovered during construction, no opportunity to relocate the bridge will be available if consent is granted.

This is of direct importance under section 6 (f) – the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.

6. Traffic and Parking

No consideration has been given to the wider effects of the activity in terms of traffic and parking effects.

There will be an increased need for parking in the area, which will have a direct effect on visibility for cyclists and pedestrians accessing the bridge as well as causing parking issues for the local residents.

7. Use of Reserve Land

Rule 4.2.2 of the Gore District Plan has not sought to be been triggered in relation to the use of reserve land for the purposes of the bridge; the bridge will partially occupy Part Block XXVI Town of Gore. In its current form, the application cannot satisfy this rule as no management plan has been prepared in relation to the bridge and therefore approval under the Reserves Act cannot be obtained from the Minister.

The proposal is likely to be inconsistent with the Reserves Management Act 1977.

8. Concluding Comments

The effects of the proposal are significant. Through the intent of the bridge design, the effects cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated and no effect has been made to do so.

The proposal is at odds and repugnant to the objectives and policies of the District and Regional Plans, and the Southland Regional Policy Statement.

The proposal conflicts with Part 2 of the Act, in particular section 6, 7 and 8. The proposal cannot meet the purpose of the Act under section 5 and does not represent sustainable management.

9. Other

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

We wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

We have served a copy of our submission on the Applicant.

We seek that the application is **declined.**

Signed:

Attachment "A"

RURAL CITY LIVING

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12 June 2020

Gore Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Dear Resident

The Gore District Council is about to embark on a major project to upgrade its water treatment plant, in Wentworth Street.

I would like to invite you to a presentation about the project on Monday 15 June, at 5.30pm, in the East Gore Arts Centre.

This multi-faceted project involves centralizing water treatment for Gore at the East Gore treatment plant. This will involve the installation of a membrane filtration system and laying a new pipeline across the Mataura River.

When the project is finished, the Council will be able to ensure Gore residents have access to a quality water supply, which meets New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

Councillors and staff will be available on Monday evening to talk about the project and aspects that may have a direct or indirect effect on you and your property.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Many thanks

Tracy Hicks JP
Gore District Mayor

3 WATERS SERVICES

Attachment "B"

A B Gray

From:	Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz>
Sent:	Wednesday, 16 September 2020 10:34 a.m.
To:	admin@abgraylaw.co.nz
Subject:	Fwd: RE: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent byt Gore District Council

Emails to Claire re meetings for printing

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject:RE: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent byt Gore District Council
Date: Fri, 14 Aug 2020 04:10:00 +0000
From: Claire Perkins <Claire@landpro.co.nz>
To: Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz>, Hashem Ramezan-zadeh <HRamezan-zadeh@goredc.govt.nz>, Brett Giddens <brett@townplanning.co.nz>

Hi Lynn,

Apologies for the delayed reply. At this stage I will be unable to meet with you next week, however, there should be an opportunity to discuss the proposal with you more fully after notification, which should be occurring soon.

Regards,
Claire

Claire Perkins
Senior Planner / Team Leader
027 445 6897

-----Original Message-----
From: Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz> Sent: Monday, 10 August 2020 10:15 PM
To: Claire Perkins <Claire@landpro.co.nz>; Hashem Ramezan-zadeh <HRamezan-zadeh@goredc.govt.nz>; Brett Giddens <brett@townplanning.co.nz>
Subject: Re: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent byt Gore District Council

Hi Claire,

Not withstanding Hashems response (which is another example of the total lack of consultation undertaken to date by GDC in regard to this
process) we are happy to meet with you on Monday but if possible 12.00pm would be more suitable

Kind regards

Lynn Gray

On 10/08/2020 2:35 pm, Claire Perkins wrote:

Hi Lynn

Yes I'd be happy to meet with you (and others) next week. Ideally around 11.30am on Monday 17th or Thursday 20th would suit if that works at your end?

We wouldn't be looking to present information to you but rather be there to listen to your thoughts and concerns, having now been able to read the application document and supporting reports, and help to clarify your understanding of the proposed bridge design and construction methods if necessary.

Please let me know if either of those days/times would work.

Regards.,
Claire

Claire Perkins
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From: Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, 10 August 2020 1:37 PM
To: Claire Perkins <Claire@landpro.co.nz>
Subject: Re: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent byt Gore District Council

HI Claire

Sorry it took so long to get back you. We have a formed a Society, "The Waimea Plains Landscape Protection Society Inc" and we are happy (along with other members) to meet with you to hear how you can be of help to us.

Will you be in Gore in the near future so we can set up a time and meeting place?

Kind regards

Lynn Gray

On 22/07/2020 11:52 am, Claire Perkins wrote:

> Thank you Lynn. Look forward to hearing from you to discuss further.
>
> Regards,
> Claire
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> Claire Perkins
> Senior Planner / Team Leader
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz>
> Sent: Wednesday, 22 July 2020 9:36 AM
> To: Claire Perkins <Claire@landpro.co.nz>
> Subject: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent byt Gore District Council

Hi Claire

Thank you for your email dated 20 July 2020. We are awaiting a response from our Planning Consultant and once he has advised us on what needs to be done we will be back in contact.

Kind regards

Lynn and David Gray

A B Gray

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 10:37 a.m.
To: admin@abgraylaw.co.nz
Subject: Fwd: RE: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent by Gore District Council

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Subject:RE: Longford Bridge - Resource Consent by Gore District Council
Date: Mon, 10 Aug 2020 04:40:48 +0000
From: Hashem Ramezan-zadeh <HRamezan-zadeh@goredc.govt.nz>
To: Claire Perkins <Claire@landpro.co.nz>, Lynn Gray <lynn@lynngrayinteriors.co.nz>

Hi Claire and Lynn.

Thanks for your attempts to organise a meeting. I think it is very late for such meeting which we could have before lodging the application.
Now, we have to stick to the resource consenting process. We definitely will have the opportunity to clarify any matter which needs discussion and clarification during the process.

Regards,
Hashem

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Sent: Monday, 10 August 2020 2:36 PM

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Submission 10
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Drill hole marks
Erosion
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Submission 10
D & L Gray

"H"

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The design of the bridge

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose the proposed bridge design due to the following 3 reasons: (a) I believe the bridge height will create excessive noise in high winds which will be heard by near-by residents. (b) I don't think the design of the bridge is in keeping with anything Gore currently has, a more traditional style/looking bridge would be more in keeping with our town. (c) I think it is unfair on residents who have bought river side properties to now have this obstructing their view of the Hokonui's and Waimea Plains region.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I urge the council to re-think the design of the bridge and to further explore costs involved with running the water-pipe under the river.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q4.	**Phone Number**	0272912159
Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The new bridge will provide far better Safety for cyclists and pedestrians crossing over the Mataura River than the existing road bridge.

Q8. **My submission is**

I support the New Gore Bridge across the Mataura River. It will provide greater Safety for cyclists and pedestrians that need to cross over the river. The new bridge will be able to remove the cyclists out of the mix of cars and large trucks that use the bridge. I have had several close calls with cars and trucks over the years crossing the existing bridge. Some vehicles get so close to you, its not funny, cutting you off, not seeing you, while approaching, crossing or exiting the bridge. Even with my Hi Vis gear and flashing lights on my bikes (which I have on Day and Night) Specificaly on the West end of the bridge with the round about and Heavy traffic by passes, is the most Dangerous area. Thank You

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I hope the council is able to build this new bridge for the safety of all Gore residents that use the existing bridge. Especially the school kids that use it during the week at high use times.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

15th September 2020

Gore District Council

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To whom it may concern

RE: Hokonui Mountain Bike Club Gore Bridge Resource Consent Application Submission

The Hokonui Mountain Bike Club wish to submit on the application lodged by Council to create the Longford Pathway. Please find our submission in the necessary Form 13 format attached.

Please contact the undersigned if further clarification is required.

Kind regards

Hamish Weir

H.M.C. Sectary
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Submission from Hokonui Mountain Bike Club in respect of New Gore Bridge Resource Consent Application

Addressee for Submission

Gore District Council (Consent Authority)

Submitter

The Hokonui Mountain Bike Club (HMBC)

Our club is a collective body of cycling enthusiasts who are actively engaged in advocacy and trail development in the Gore District. Members partake in a variety of cycling disciplines as summarised below:

- Cross Country
- Road
- Gravel Road
- Downhill / Enduro
- Freestyle Street

Referenced Application

This is a submission on application LU 2020/012 lodged by Gore District Council for a Resource Consent to create the Longford Pathway, including a bridge over the Mataura River in Gore

Declaration

Trade Competition

HMBC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Part of Application Submitted on

Section 5.2 – Positive Effects

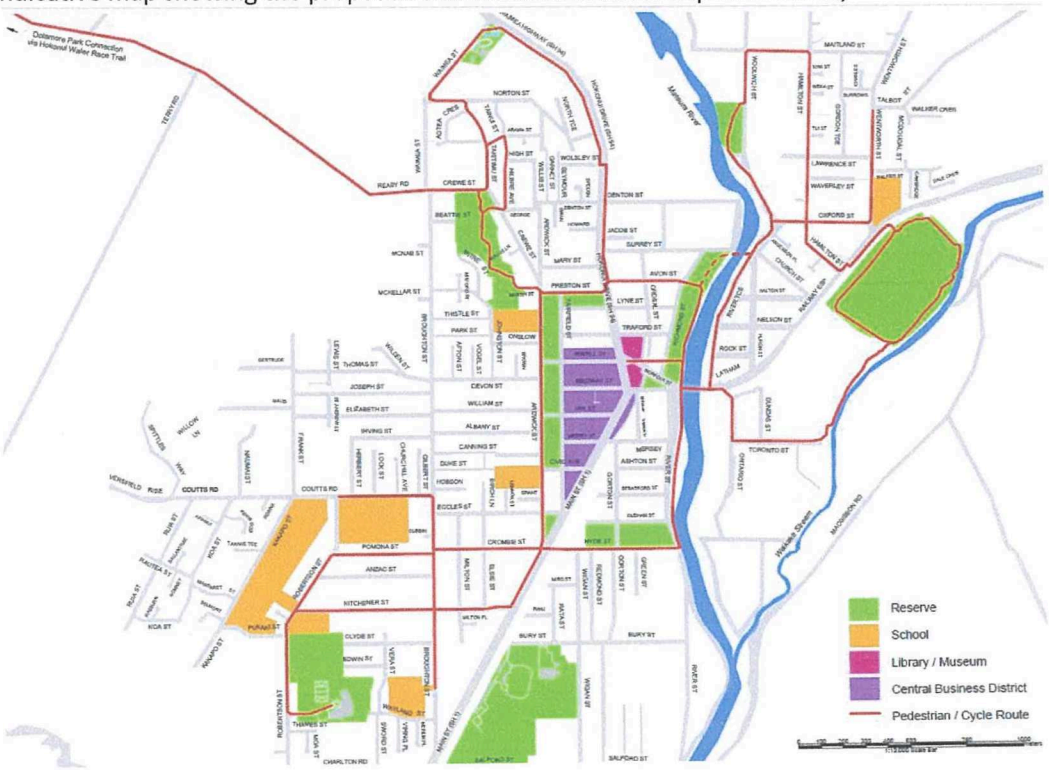
We seek to expand on the positive effects on cycling, briefly referred to by the applicant.

Submission

HMBC **support** Gore District Council's proposal to install a shared pathway connecting East and West Gore via a new bridge over the Mataura River.

Background

- A core member of our Club had a vision in 2015 of creating an 'Around Town' trail network to allow families to safely engage in recreational pursuits. Over the last 5 years parts of the trail have been installed by his voluntary efforts earning him a community award. The trail network is designed to connect to key areas within the township including:
  - → Hamilton Park Gum tree trails & BMX track
  - → Walnut Grove trail
  - → Gore Multisport Complex
  - → Reaby Road connection track to the Hokonui Water Race Trail
  - → Mataura River Corridor
  - → Schools
  - → Arts & Heritage Precinct
- An indicative map showing the proposed trail network in red is depicted below;



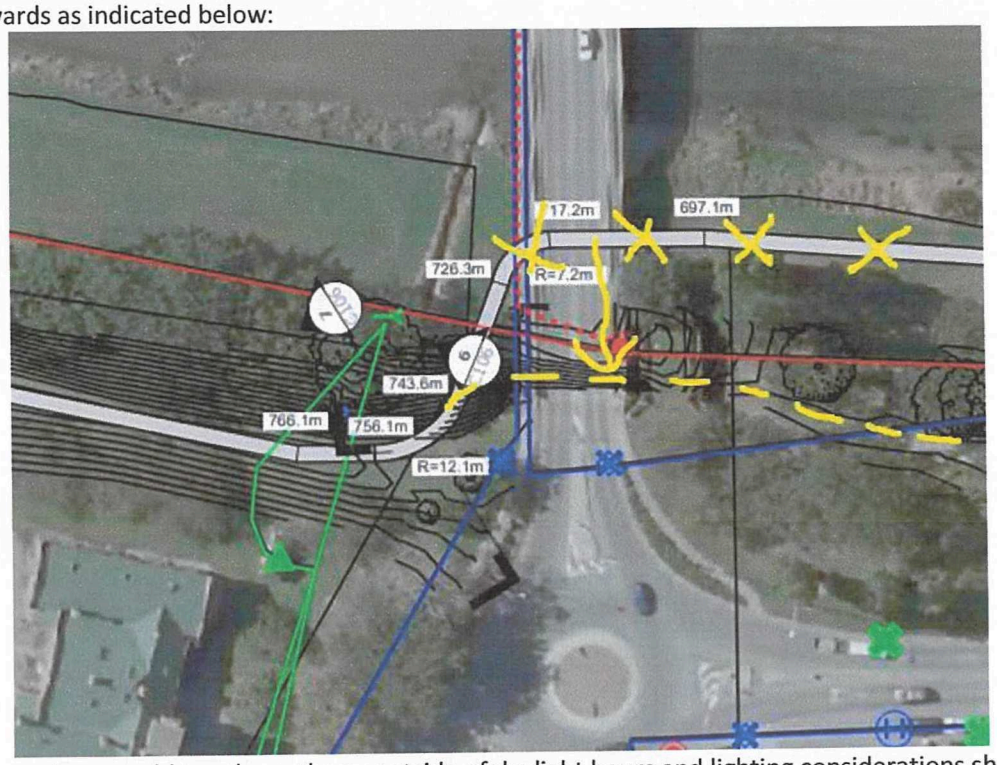
- The proposed new bridge connection is identified as a dashed red line on the map.
- There has been much discussion within the club around safety of accessing the Mataura River State highway One bridge. These concerns were confirmed when a member of the wider group was struck by a motorist exiting the bridge onto River Street heading southwards. She was forced off her bike and had her rear wheel bent, fortunately escaping without any serious injuries. In our opinion the bridge approaches, low guard rails, lack of visibility and vehicle speed associated with the current bridge are unsafe for cycle access.
- There is perception within the community that the bridge is unsafe for use by cyclists.

Basis for Support of application

- The Longford pathway will form a core component of the desired Around Town network as a primary east/west connection. Providing safe space for the community to engage in physical recreation
- Safety concerns associated with the existing road bridge will be avoided by using the new alternative river crossing.
- Provision of pedestrian access for school students residing in East Gore to the Towns Intermediate and Secondary Schools located in the west.
- Creation of a bridge to bridge loop for pedestrians.
- The bridge could become a focal point for raising the profile of cycling in the District and add intrigue to the pathway for visitors to the township.
- The pathway will encourage the community to be more physically active.

Additional Considerations for Pathway Design

- The Bridge component of the pathway will avoid the hazards associated with the road bridge but still not achieve our desired 'safe' access to Hamilton Park. Connection from the eastern abutment of the proposed bridge to Hamilton Park should be considered by this application. There is a desire within our club community to see this connection achieved including a crossing to the State Highway and railway line.
- Traffic calming devices should be deployed on Huron Street to reduce vehicle speed and improve safety near the access to the bridge.
- Sheet C103 of the Longford Shared Pathway design drawings shows the passage of the pathway under the Road bridge. The pathway is shown too close to the river channel and should be shifted westwards as indicated below:



- Club members would use the pathway outside of daylight hours and lighting considerations should be made for safe usage.
- Seating should be provided at focal points along the pathway as rest stops.

Decision Sought

The Hokonui Mountain Bike request that the application is **approved** but have no specific conditions to request.

Right to be heard

The Hokonui Mountain Bike request the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Delegation of functions, powers, and duties to independent commissioners

We understand that the applicant has already delegated this authority.

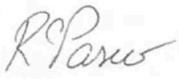
Authorisation & contact details for service

I am the current HMBC Secretary and have been authorised to prepare this submission on the club's behalf.



Hamish Weir

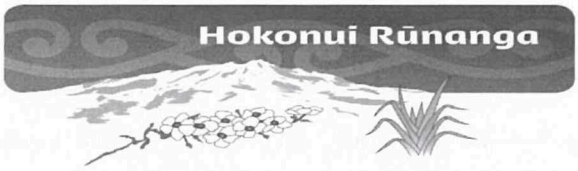
I am the current HMBC President and have reviewed the content of this submission



Richard Pasco

Please send all correspondence via email to hammie_nz@yahoo.com

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Form 13

Submission on a publicly notified application concerning resource consent Environment Southland (App 20202268) and Gore District Council (LU 2020/012) under section 96, Resource Management Act 1991

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Attention:	Genevieve Doube
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This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council for the proposed Longford Bridge across the Mataura River. The application is for a resource consent to construct a new bridge to convey water and provide a cycle and pedestrian route.

The consent seeks approval to construct a cable-stay bridge across the Mataura River. The proposed location is near the intersection of Church and Huron streets, on the east bank in East Gore, and Surrey Street on the west bank. The bridge will be 90 metres long, 3 metres wide and 39 metres at its highest point.

The application is for resource consents as follows –

Gore District Council:

- Landuse consent for bridge construction (construction period)
  - Construction of bridge
  - Storage of fuel
  - Associated building materials
  - Earthworks
- Landuse consent for bridge construction (permanent activity)
  - Activities not permitted in Rural Zone
  - Activities in the margins of the Mataura River
  - Daylight admission of the mast of the bridge
  - Location of the western end of the bridge
  - Mast height of the bridge
  - Height and ground coverage of the bridge as utility support structure

Environment Southland:

- Vehicle and machinery operations in a stream bed (construction period only)
- Construction of a bridge
- Erosion control structures

The specific parts of the application that the Hokonui submission relates to are:
Hokonui's submission relates to the effects of the construction of the bridge and the ongoing use of the bridge on cultural effects.

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Background

Hokonui Rūnanga represent the rangatira and are kaitiaki of all natural resources within our takiwā (area). This includes the area to which the application relates. The Mataura River has Statutory Acknowledgement under the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act. A Statutory Acknowledgement is an acknowledgement by the Crown of a statement of Ngāi Tahu's particular cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association with specified areas, in this case, the Mataura River.

Given the scale of the project and the significance of the Mataura River to Hokonui, and having regard to obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi, we consider that the proposed bridge has an impact on Hokonui.

Under the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991, decision makers must recognise and provide for the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga and have particular regard to kaitiakitanga. Furthermore, there is a duty to avoid, remedy or mitigate actual and potential adverse effects on the environment. Hokonui considers there to be a potential adverse effect from the proposed activity on the cultural values of the river and that their role as kaitiaki has not been upheld.

Furthermore, as per Section 8 of the Resource Management Act 1991, decision makers shall take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. It is extremely disappointing that the applicant only made cursory contact with Hokonui prior to lodgment of the consent which did not allow the Rūnanga to work with them as a project partner. Doing so would have upheld the mana of Hokonui and taken into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Hokonui have prepared this submission with the aim to voice/address our concerns but, we consider the ability to have meaningful input is compromised by the presumptuous actions of Council.

In particular, Hokonui believes that the principle of partnership has not been upheld by the applicant given a Cultural Impact Assessment from Hokonui was only been sought once the resource consent was lodged. As such, it appears to be superficial engagement in order to tick a box instead of being meaningful engagement.

Ongoing and meaningful consultation with Hokonui during the Business Case options development and assessment would have better informed the selection process and set up the project to have good engagement for its duration.

The submission of Hokonui is:

Hokonui oppose the application by Gore District Council for the following reasons:

1. The inadequate process that has been used to consult and engage with Hokonui and;

2. The actual and potential adverse effects on the cultural values of Hokonui from the construction of the bridge including the following:

- the potential impacts of the bridge and associated works on the known archaeological site which is approximately 20 metres downstream of the proposed bridge on the true left bank
- the ecological impacts of the bridge structure on the flight paths of avian taonga species

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- the visual impact of the bridge on the Mataura River given the river is identified as an area of Statutory Acknowledgement and an Outstanding Natural Features (ONF) in the Gore District Plan
- Safety of whanau members and the public in general using the bridge and associated cycle path, particularly around Huron Street

None of these matters are addressed in any significant detail in the application.

We appreciate the corrections to the amended AEE referencing Hokonui. However, the application is also in Te Ao Marama Inc (TAMI) rohe and as such, the application needs to refer to both parties.

Hokonui seeks the following decision from the consent authority:

Hokonui seeks that the application is declined or that the matters raised by Hokonui are addressed in a meaningful way that satisfies their concerns.

Hokonui wishes to be heard in support of their submission.

Hokonui are not a trade competitor of the applicant for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Nāku noa, nā

Genevieve Doube
Consultant Planner

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

I support the application of a new bridge spanning the Mataura River. My reasons are- much safer option for walkers and cyclists than our present bridge, will be quieter and they'll be no fuel fumes. No need to cross a rather busy dangerous road and the pathway will be even and not dangerously uneven as on the present bridge. Water can be safely transported across the river. In time we will all see it as a good decision for Gore. Looks spectacular and I can't wait to walk to town and back on such a well designed bridge. (And also will encourage me to bike as well.)

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

That the plan will be how the original outcome will be. Just for walkers and bikers only.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Erin Howes
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Q4.	**Phone Number**	0272080262
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Q8. **My submission is**

Conceptually I support the bridge and its primary function to improve the water supply issues of Gore. I also like that it connects the cycle trial from North Gore to East Gore. But its in the wrong place and its dramatic design is just way over the top. I would like to see the bridge further down crossing at Maitland Street extended. Where it is proposed to be built will interrupt the beautiful views of our river of some of the East Gore residence. Please dont build it where it is propsed and dial back the design.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I seek for the council to amend the proposed position of the where the bridge is to be built to Maitland Street extended and that the design is dialled back.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
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To: Gore District Council

P O Box 8

Gore 8740

15 September 2020

Application to the Gore District Council for the Proposed Longford Bridge

Location: The Intersection between Church and Huron Street on the East Bank and Surrey Street on the West Bank: Resource Consent Number: LU 2020/012

Desmond Henry James Horrell

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I am not a trade competitor.

Proposed Activity and Location: The Longford Bridge and Pathway LU 2020/012

I wish to oppose the application for the proposed Longford Bridge, on the following grounds: I am the owner of 41 Huron Street Gore which is also the prominent house shown in the bridge proposal by the Gore District council.

Visual Effects on 41 Huron Street, East Gore

Having farmed in and around Riversdale and Otamita for over 50 years. The decision of moving from the farming sector to the urban sector was not taken lightly, coming upon 41 Huron Street and seeing the rural outlook I was comfortable in making the move to Gore. It was a quieter part of town which would help me adjust from rural life to town life. 41 Huron street had a direct view of the Hokonui Hills and the Mataura River which flowed through my family farm where I grew up. The two story view from my house gives me my rural outlook and offers me satisfaction along with all the comforts of retirement. In the evenings I often sit out on the veranda to watch the sun setting behind the Hokonui Hills, a breath taking sight in itself which has no obstructions to the view. I definitely oppose the bridge as the proposed Bridge will obstruct my view and this was the main reason for purchasing 41 Huron street.

Lack of Consultation

Post Covid 19 lock down the new proposed bridge was brought to my attention by someone whose contract bid to build the bridge was successful. They showed me a proposal plan of the walk bridge that was in direct view of my property. I was deeply disappointed that I had not been consulted or approached by the council and was taken back when I was shown these documents. The first contact I had from council was by phone on the 19th of June 2020.

When the flyer was finally distributed I was very disappointed to see my house was in direct line of the proposed Bridge I would have thought that the council would have consulted me as I would be affected because my house was in a prominent position, this was adding to my concerns and frustrations.

After seeing the bridge on the flyer it has created a number of concerns for myself.

Concerns

1. The bridge would obscure my view of the Hokonui Hills and the natural flow of the Mataura River. Both were part of the main reasons for buying 41 Huron Street.
2. The 39 metre support pole for the bridge will destroy my natural view of the Hokonui Hills.
3. With the bridge crossing over the frontage of 41 Huron Street I have grave safety concerns for pedestrians and noise coming from large vehicles having to brake earlier to minimise hitting pedestrians who may be crossing, should a crossing point be put there on an already dangerous road and corner, I have been nearly hit myself while out walking on Huron street.
4. It has been said that the proposed Bridge is to be a tourist attraction in Gore with it being the biggest of its kind in New Zealand. My concern is for drivers being distracted while driving over the main Bridge which may result in accidents.
5. I have concerns that lighting around the bridge will affect my lounge and bedroom which are both situated at the front of my house. The visual impact of my evening view of the sun setting behind the Hokonui Hills. I assume that the 39 meter pole will need to be lit up for aviation safety for rescue services, flood monitor aircraft and scenic flight plane rides.
6. I have concerns around the wires supporting the bridge. The high winds could cause vibration noise from the cable wires. This will be of a major concern during the strong winds especially during the NW winds which will carry the sound directly to my house.
7. My concern with having the bridge where it is proposed to go will act like a partial stop bank diverting pressure from the main flow of the river over to the eastern bank if this bursts it has the possibility to flood the entire CBD of Gore and may result in the loss of Life.

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I do wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I have served a copy of my submission on the applicant. Yes

I seek that the application is declined.

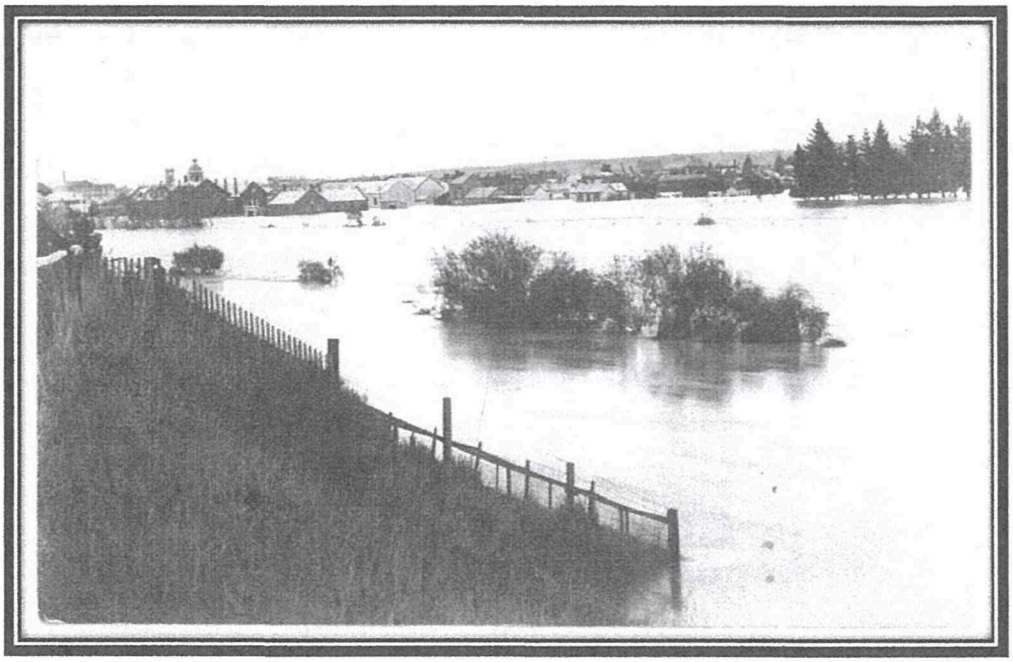
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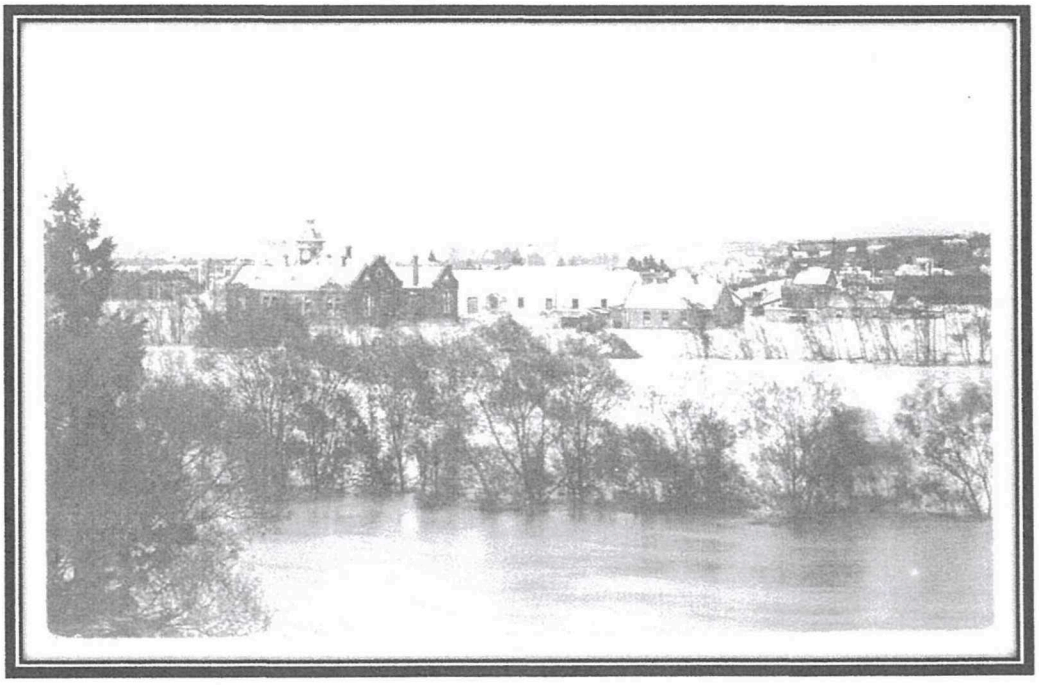
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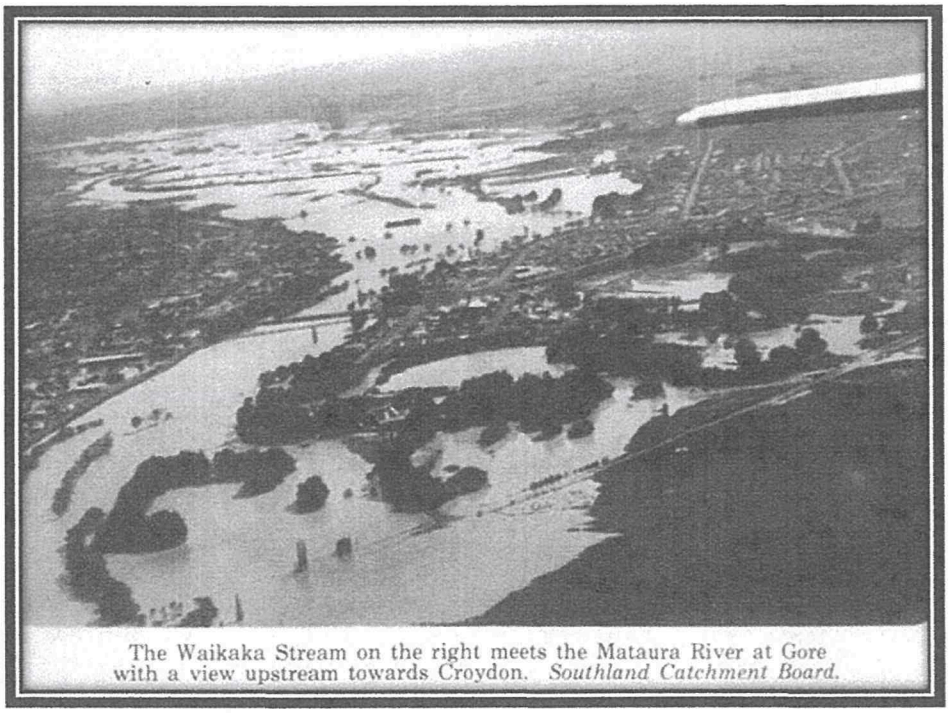
1913 Floods







1978 Floods



The Waikaka Stream on the right meets the Mataura River at Gore with a view upstream towards Croydon. *Southland Catchment Board.*

History of floods in Southland, the worst recorded in 1984

Staff reporter14:33, Feb 05 2020

The state of emergency that was put in place during the flood was lifted on February 27.

Evacuations in Gore, Mataura and Wyndham became almost routine between 1968 and 1980.

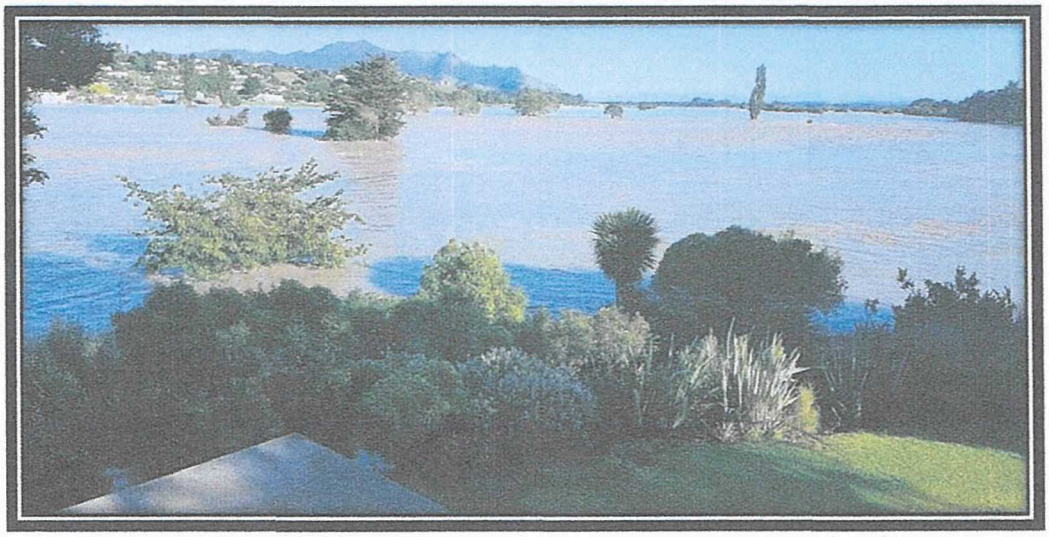
In March 1987 heavy rainfall led to widespread flooding and a state of emergency was declared over the whole of Southland region except Bluff.

Southland also flooded in 1978 and 1913

On March 29, 1913, Gore was inundated by a flooded Mataura River.

Flooding in Southland was widespread and of record height, and at least three people were drowned.

2020 Floods



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Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

GO RE DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Building a walkway + bridge over the Mataura River

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

Please go ahead and build a bridge suitable for walking + cycling. This would be a great asset for Gore + would encourage more people to come to the river and appreciate Gore's unique and beautiful situation.

This will reduce car traffic to the riverbank and encourage cycling overall throughout the town as well as providing walkways to encourage tourists.

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

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I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

Please approve the bridge for cyclists and pedestrians over the Matura River from Survey Street.

I ~~do~~ **do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I ~~will~~ **/ will not** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: RJ Hunter

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 14. Sep 2020

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose the bridge as the design does not fit our landscape, and there are more important financial issues that our rates to go towards

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Peter Kemp
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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Proposed construction of bridge to carry water pipes across Mataura River.

Q8. **My submission is**

Opposing the need for an additional bridge over the river. The river and its natural beauty are one of Gores greatest assets attracting people from around the world to its world renowned fishing and on that basis should be preserved without unnecessary additional visual obstructions when there are good viable alternatives that preserve the beauty of the countryside around Gore. The existing road bridge provides sufficient pedestrian and cycle access for the towns needs which are separated from the traffic by railings. The water pipes do need to get from East Gore to the town as did the water pipes for the Mataura Valley Milk plant when that was built. At that time no insurmountable problems were seen in tunnelling the pipes under the river which to the best of my knowledge was completed without major problems and in an environmentally friendly way. That should therefore provide all the knowledge necessary to enable the process to be repeated, without damaging the river banks and the exceptional scenery in the area. Whilst I totally object to the construction of the proposed bridge if the decision is to proceed in some form then I object to the intrusive nature of providing a bridge 39 metres tall as a much lower construction would be less obtrusive and do less damage to the scenery in the area. The bridge would presumably have to have lighting which would go against the Gore DC efforts to reduce the night light of Gore which was the intention when so much of the lighting of Gore was changed in recent years. I do understand that, because of the vagaries of funding criteria in source of loans, certain options, such as utilising the existing bridge to carry the pipes is not seen as viable, however getting the right result for the long term benefit of Gore should be the sole criteria. I have asked many acquaintances their views on the bridge construction and failed to find any support for the bridge option. Gore residents are not known for being demonstrative and a simple shrug of the shoulders and "She'll be right" covers most situations. However the fact that over 1000 local residents signed an online petition against the bridge should demonstrate to the GDC that Public feeling is not with the Council on this matter. I do however appreciate only a small number will actually go to the bother of formally objecting. Under the Local Government Acts the job of a local Council is to serve the needs of its Community and perhaps the Council needs to look to its conscience to see whether the bridge that I have heard referred to as "The Hicks/Parry Memorial Bridge To Nowhere" is actually required when there are viable alternatives that will not spoil the countryside.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Decline the construction of the bridge in favour of tunnelling the pipes under the river. If the decision is for a bridge then make a condition that the maximum height of bridge construction should be no more than 5 metres.

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12. **Upload Files**	not answered

Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Peter Kempthorne
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Q4.	**Phone Number**	030286651
Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

New Bridge and water treatment plants

Q8. **My submission is**

Oppose New Bridge and Oppose having only one water treatment plant. Council needs to separate treatment plants to spread risks of single point failures to water supply. As a Energy and Chemical plant engineer, 3rd Marine engineer and rate payer in the Gore District and was employed as maintenance engineer for the water department of the Gore council , I have an understanding of Gore's three water systems. The New Bridge is fundamentally flawed in the following ways. Placement in river floodplain. Size. Height. Sail area to prevailing southerly wind. Water tower at Hilbre Ave needs removed and new reservoir built. Start removing asbestos covered from old reservoir, start removing asbestos and cast iron supply pipes with new smaller sized Treatment plant at Hilbre Ave.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

New Treatment plants at Hilbre Ave and East Gore. Fix the existing network of old infrastructures. New Hilbre Ave reservoir and start replacing asbestos and cast pipes.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
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GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL CITY LIVING

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My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

I support the submission. The proposed bridge would be a wonderful addition to the town as both a practical and recreational asset. It would provide walkways and cycle ways that is both safe and further opens up access to our beautiful river and surrounds.

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

Please support this submission for walkers and cyclist across the Matarua River.

I **do / do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will / ~~will not~~** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: L. LeBer

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Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 14TH September 2020

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RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

I am NOT against a footbridge across the Mataura River and decided to support it, so I sat in my conservatory for a couple of hours each day looking down across the flood plain and river, with an image of the bridge before me and trying to find the reasons for support . I even checked the river currants and banks and the land where the pole would be during rises in the river.

In the end the reasons against mounted up with only one in support, and that was it looked pretty on paper. This led me to the conclusion the District Council lacked due diligence in applying for permission to build the bridge and associated works, without careful consideration of the effects on the river and floodplain.

If the bridge is built in the position shown it could set an unwanted precedence that would could lead to other earthworks or edifices in vital flood plains.

Therefore I do not support the footbridge in this location and my submissions against are attached.

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

1 Rejection of the project and all associated works within the flood plain as shown.

2 Substitute with alternatives as suggested in my submission

I do

I ~~do / do not~~ *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I ~~will~~ / **will not** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: E Mac Manus

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
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Date: September 6th 2020

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-PROPOSED GORE FOOT BRIDGE

I Hereby oppose the Resource Consent LU2020/012 on the following grounds

VISUAL IMPACT

After the disastrous 1913 flood the side of the rccky hill for the full length of River Terrace was cut away to increase the width of the flood way, with the material salvaged to build the flood banks.

My residence built on the old quarry is only 35 meters from the river bank. The view from my deck is a spectacular fully unobstructed view of the river and farmed food plains. The panoramic view extends in an arc of 110 degrees from the Gore highway one bridge in the south, to in the west the North Gore hill with the Hokonui Hills background, then to the far away snow capped Garvie Mountains in the North West and the continuous row of mountains to the Old Man Range above Roxburgh, The final view is of Mount Wendon and the East Gore Hills north east of the reservoir.

Now the view is to be visually impaired by a huge pole supporting an elevated cable bridge several meters above the river and less than 200 meters from my house, and right in the flood plain.

When the Environment Council announced its principle of removing the attractive willows and poplars to keep the flood plain clear, my late wife and I objected, but hindsight proved they made the right decision except for the increased erosion of the banks where they also removed the tree stumps. Their policy was definitely NO OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE FLOOD PLAIN so why has the policy changed?
In addition to the bridge and cable pole a huge rock bound mound as high as a two storey house is to be constructed to allow gradual assent and descent from the bridge.

The huge size of the mound with its long length, width and height is of a greater volume than all the willows and poplars removed to keep the flood plain clear, which is the COMPLETE OPPOSITE of the Environment Council policy.

The 39 Meter high Cable pole and the huge mound is to be situated on land which is the first to flood. Land made up of light river gravel topped with silt and grass on the inside radius of the long 75 degree directional change in the river known as `The Bend`.
Serious scouring round the proposed rock bound mound is a real possibility for carving a second river channel, then it would be a bridge to nowhere.

The proposed high cable pole will also be directly in the Ambulance helicopter flight plan by pilots that use the river for reference in times of fog or mist in an emergency.

The other exit and entrance to the footbridge on the east side is from the flood bank, with the pathway entrances to the flood bank coming off blind bends with side roads where there has been serious traffic failures in the past.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS `THE DECISION TO ALLOW THE BRIDGE MUST FAIL`

FURTHER REASONS ARE

ONE- It is in the wrong position with poor entrance and exits at both ends and will only be used by the young and fit, with no provision for the elderly or those on wheelchairs or mobility scooters, nor provision for mothers with prams and no parking facilities.

TWO -- The associated works within the boundaries of the flood banks include the bridge terminal with its ramp and the footpath to Surrey Street, that needs protection from stock with a fence across the flood flow and subject to foliage and flotsam damage in time of floods

THREE – It is a round about and very expensive indirect way to the reservoir for the water mains.

FOUR – We have all seen on Television at some time Cable bridges carrying main roads failing in high winds. These bridges like the proposal, also passed engineering fail safe specifications. But THEY FAILED, so what's so special about this one that it could be safe when the others failed?

The proposed bridge at 3 metres wide and 90 metres length, hung by a single cable high above the river, is expected to stand the predominant south west gales and the equinoctial north westerlies in the late spring, without damage to the bridge or water mains.

Having witnessed on many occasions the peculiarities of the gales off the Mataura river below me with the sudden up drafts in high winds, I believe it would take a very brave person to use the foot bridge on those occasions. Heavy pot plants, chairs and tables on my deck have been thrown around like ten pins, and cushions have blown over the roof to Halton Street above in the north westerly gales, caused by the sudden up draught when the winds bounce back after hitting the flood bank.

We have all seen or heard of shelter belts that have lifted right out of the ground by similar updraughts.

If permission is given for the bridge I foresee at some time it will fail, perhaps not in my short lifetime left but WHO WILL TAKE THE BLAME FOR FAILURE?

FOR ALL THE ABOVE REASONS THE FINAL DECISION TO ALLOW THE BRIDGE MUST SURELY FAIL

ALTERNATIVES

ONE--- A considerably less costly proposal is an under river water mains crossing situated at a suitable point from above The Bend to Maitland Street where the old Long Ford crossing was before the first Gore bridge was built. The river bottom has a mainly rock and coal base in this area that is well exposed during dry periods when one can wade the river in places. It would be quite practicable with an excavator to bury and concrete the water mains around this section of the river.

To compare the Waikaka river with the Mataura with its rock and lignite base shows complete and utter ignorance of our river by the Consultants.

TWO--- IF A FOOT BRIDGE IS PREFERRED then it should be at Maitland Street which terminates right at the river. I give the following reasons--

A It is still well within the Gore urban area and with a well prepared application should get the appropriate N.Z.T.A. funding for the Cycle way Bridge.

B It blends in perfectly with the background and is not right in the face of residents to spoil their rural view, and there are no near flood banks to cause up drafts during high winds.

C It is the shortest and most direct route from the Jacobs town well to the East Gore reservoir with a saving in millions of dollars in total water main costs.

D The huge rock bound mounds needed at each end for entry and exit will not be such a problem because of the wider flood plain.

E There is plenty of room for parking which means the bridge can be used by people of all ages including those with mobility scooters.

A THIRD ALTERNATIVE is a Spectacular cable footbridge without the water mains, off either of the high Halton or Rock Streets with entrance off the existing road, with a gentle slope to terminate below at or near the old high school ground in Richmond Street. With a ready made parking area at each end.
The East Gore Power supply could be carried on the bridge with the elimination of the overhead wires and the power poles in the flood plain. A distinct bonus to the environment that would tick all the boxes and be a real shortcut for the cyclists and walkers even in flood times.

FINALLY -- I believe THE HEARING SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED ALTERNATIVES to avoid costly applications to the Environment Council with possibly further hearings.

I DO want to be heard at the hearing!

Ernest MacManus September 8th 2020

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GORE 9710

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Note-- Copies to Gore District Council, Claire Perkins at Landpro Ltd., and Environment Southland.

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

safety, lighting ,privacy, view, noise

Q8. **My submission is**

I am against the building of the cable stay bridge across the Mataura River for the following reasons 1 Where the bridge is to be built is on a blind corner of Huron street and it is very difficult to see if anything is coming up Huron st heading south. You have to be able to hear any traffic coming as it is impossible to see. Coming out of Church Street onto Huron Street turning right is also blind and you cannot see anything coming down the road or off river terrace. In the past week I have seen children playing on the top of the floodbank on their bikes. This is what the council wishes to happen when the new bridge is completed. What i saw was the children then riding their bikes down the floodbanks directly onto Huron Street and across into Church Street. This will be very easy to do coming directly off the bridge. This is an accident or possibily a fatality waiting to happen. As their is no safety plan in with the application this is a very real concern for me 2 I also object on the grounds that my privacy will be compromised. I live on the corner of Huron and Church and as such my home is below the level of the floodbank. Anyone walking or cycling along the bridge can see directly into my section and my home. As a ratepayer this is not acceptable to me. 3 Lighting will also be an issue for me as the whole of the bridge will be in sight of my home and any lighting attached to the bridge will impact. As their is no lighting plan in the consent documents for the bridge i can only asssume how bright they will be. 4 The noise coming from the bridge will also impact on my daily living. The area is relatively quiet apart from traffic noise which is one of the reasons i chose to live where I do. Heavy Machinery working early mornings and possibly late into the night is unacceptably. This will cause stress in myself and my animals. The contant noise will also affect the dogs in the area and constant barking will also add stress. 5 The bridge itself I feel is not right for Gore. It belongs in a city crossing a wider stretch of water. It will be in my direct line of sight from all parts of my section and i find the 39mtr pole i would be constantly looking at very offensive. The view over the river to the Hokonui hills is very pleasing and will be blocked off with what i am calling a monstrosity

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I wish the council to rethink the style and position of the bridge if in fact there needs to be one. A smaller bridge built further upriver near the walnut grove would be better as it gives a better walk or cycle into town and it is not impacting directly with residents.

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12. **Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

I support this project of getting the bridge across the Mataura River. So that we can get East and West side better access and a safe pathway for people to move about. And enjoy our great asset of the Mataura river.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The whole plan to construct the cable stay bridge in that position including all connections to and from the 'Bridge' that connect it to Jacobstown Wells and East Gore Water Treatment Plant that could adversely affect existing river banks and surrounding areas in future Flood events along with it being an unnatural and out of place eyesore to those living in the area.

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose this application on several fronts. 1: First off the expense and waste of materials and labor involved in laying the Pipeline, 5150 meters that was initially proposed by the GDC / 3 Waters team and used as a costing basis by them until very recently before the Pipeline work was sent out for Tender, (at this point it jumped out to 6100 meters). It looks like wiser heads prevailed and decided using an old (300 mm vs 350 mm?) smaller diameter existing ~ 950 meter section of pipe from Coopers Wells would not be a great cost saving idea after all. The initial requirement is/was to move raw water from Jacobstown to East Gore and back as treated water, now it seems to be all about a bridge. 2: The Pipeline Trench from Jacobstown Wells to 'Bridge would have to traverse approx 1.1 km of west Floodplain which has many seams of rock under it that run on an approximate west/east vector. The Rock in these seams varies from soft to hard often with layers of compressed clay and water running between them. In using an excavator to dig the 'Trench' for the pipeline its very likely this rock material will be disturbed. In the hill of East Gore & beyond to McNab and Pukerau areas there are many small springs, when you take a drive around that East Gore Hill the highest points are at north end of Hamilton stand east of Old Dairy Factory at Whiterigg, so it stands to reason that much of the water source for those springs travels from a much higher source to the west and very likely thru the Floodplain under discussion here. To possibly disturb any water flow thru the rock seams by digging the trench in that manner is foolhardy. 3: The intention to dig a 'Trench' along the western base of the Floodbank between Woolwich & Huron/Church st intersection is reckless, I've always been told by those that know, that interference of any type with the integrity of the Flood banks in any shape or form is a 'No Go Zone'. To do so on the 'Wet' side opens the door to so many possibilities and is simply a risk not worth taking. The pipe when laid in the trench will likely be laid in a soft bedding material and the fill on top of that cannot be compacted beyond a certain point without risking partial collapse of the pipework. I lived in Oxford st in close proximity during the floods of late 70s & 80s (you know, the 50 year floods that seem to occur every 10 years or so now), I stood on top @ the Woolwich st end and felt the vibration, Vowed at the time I would not live by that river for much longer! I was also surprised when I visited some current residents that very little information had been given as to the extent of the GDC plans. 4: The raised 'Mound' that would provide the anchor points and access ramp for the 'Bridge', while not in the 'River' at normal levels will cause different water flow patterns once flood river levels spread up onto the floodplain, this will increase river bank erosion over a greater distance than what is experienced currently. The large anchor 'posts' will also add to the change of water currents etc in that point which is effectively where the river narrows to travel downstream to the current Gore Bridge. It is also unclear from data of bridge & pipes info as to how much Floodbank excavation will be required at the south end to accommodate the pipes and bend elements that would be required to join the pipeline system together. 5: During the lead up to these hearings I was using the GDC/FB page to try and get solid info in regard to the project, the 5150 meter distance for the pipeline threw me a curve ball and it was not until later with a lengthy answer from someone at GDC/3waters that the missing 950 meters of pipe was divulged, it all became much clearer a couple of hours later when reading the Tender notice showed the longer 6100 meter distance. Costings will be increased by that and if the pipe sizes at the Jacobstown- Hillbre Avenue end have similar pipe diameter size differences that have not been accounted for to date. 6: Future proofing, Nowhere in this whole submission is there any evidence of future proofing, with a project of this scale it would be commonsense to have it , particularly in reference to the pipeline, current estimates as to its life seem to be inconsistent.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I want the GDC / 3 Waters team to revisit the option 3 Direct route, not with the $4m structure to carry the pipeline they used in that option originally, but instead use a Trench cut/dug thru the River Bed at the west end of Maitland st. I realise that Environment South prefer not to see structures placed in the river bed that can catch/trap debris etc during high river level periods, but the plan I envisage would be installed below the river bed level and have no part exposed to the river stream. Im thinking a concrete beam , made on or near the site in a jig that forms the exterior made from Long Run Iron that would form a 'U' shape channel approx 1.5 m wide by ~ 1m deep.. Two 6 meter long ribbed plastic drain/culvert pipes large enough in dia for the 350 mm pipeline to pass thru would be cast into the beam plus the two smaller versions if reqd. The concrete beam would be slightly shorter than the Culvert type pipes to allow them to be joined and aligned and once in place concrete poured into each joint space to lock the whole system into the rock in bottom and sides of the trench. The whole assy could be placed in a manner that allowed access from either end for pipeline replacement in the future without revisiting the whole river crossing exercise. Total distance of riverbed/concrete sections would be just under 100 meters requiring around 16-17 concrete sections. I did some 'back of an envelope numbers' , a lot less than the previous 'structure' $4m if approached sensibly and could be done with mainly local labor input.

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12. **Upload Files**	not answered

The Chief Executive
Environment Southland
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SUBMISSION FORM

Submission on a Notified Application for a Resource Consent

I: F Sally McIntyre
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Wish to OPPOSE

Name: Gore District Council

And/or Organisation

Application Number: APP-20202268 Location: The intersection between Church and Huron Streets on the east bank and Surrey Street on the west bank

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My reasons for my submission are:

There is no way I am able to support this complex project. Gore District Council thinks it has endless resources and regretfully for ratepayers, has abandoned the KISS principle. Most systems work best if they are kept simple. Simplicity should be the "key goal" in design. The complexity of this project is why this project must be stopped.

The planners of this project have not taken into account the people who would be affected by this development. They just assumed no one would be offended by these ambitious ideas.

It has been said to me it is no use submitting this will go ahead because taxpayer money is being put in. That is not a "free" good as the money is coming from our taxes. I object to my taxes going on what is an unnecessary spend

As this project is in the Gore residential area the cost would come out of Gore residential ratepayer pockets. How does Council justify this expenditure when the average wage for Gore residents is $29,440 (*Source Statistics 2018)*? With a forecasted declining population and an increase in elderly residents, rates affordability will be a huge problem.

Council needs to go back to the drawing board to what is needed. That is - getting the Jacobstown water to the East Gore Water Treatment Plant and back to Jacobstown after filtration, in a cost effective way.

With the unknown consequences of the Covid -19 plandemic I expect council to show leadership and caution and abandon this needless project. Bring back the KISS principle and work with local people

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I wish the Council to make the following decision (*Give precise details, including the nature of any conditions sought)*

I wish the Council NOT to grant consents to Gore District Council for this unnecessary project

Gore District Council's proposal does not promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the Gore community. This project totally disregards a sustainable approach to development and does not meet the needs of present generations and risks the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

I see no good reason to have a separate bridge for cyclists and walkers. The district population in 1986 was 14,050 and has declined to 12,400 a loss of 1,550 people. Note that there are 3,100 less children in the 0-14 year bracket. Projected statistics for the next 20 years are for a steady decline overall of 700 people. But 65 years and over the expected increases are for an extra 1250 elderly people.

I believe there could be unnecessary risk to the flood banks. When the next flood happens, (and it will), residents will suffer much stress knowing the flood banks could be compromised. The world is already witnessing prolonged major floods. It would be imprudent for Council to grant consent and allow disturbance to the flood banks.

Visually this structure does not blend into the rural scenery. It would be out of place in an urban / rural setting. I do not relish looking out my window at what I consider would be an eyesore on the landscape.

I, am not a trade competitor of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991)

I, am directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

I, do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I, do not wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I have served a copy of my submission on the applicant. YES

Signed: F S McIntyre **Date 16/09/2020**

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

New bridge over the river

Q8. **My submission is**

I support having the Bridge across the river for people who get out there walking and biking ,would be great to have.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The Location and Design of the Bridge

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose this application. The design of this bridge is not conducive with the local environment. The height of the structure being a single cantilever arm is excessive to say the least when we compare it with the existing bridge. The location of the bridge does not add to the walking tracks located in that area,

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I want the new bridge to be located at Maitland Street. It makes sense to build the new bridge were it best serves the community. Maitland Street is the best location because not only is it a shorter distance for the water pipe, it also is a location less susceptible to flood flow. A pedestrian bridge needs to be located where it creates a positive walkway for the public, therefore by locating the bridge at Maitland Street it would create a loop from town to the bridge and back again.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Resourse Consent LU2020/012

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

Name of Submitter: Keith and Joy Mockford

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Gore 9710

Email Address:

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~~I am~~/**am not** *(delete one)* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991. (*See also the "Note to Trade Competitors" on the following page)*)

Only trade competitors are required to answer the following:

I am/~~am not~~ *(delete one)* 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.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Landscape Consultation, Safety, Flood Hazard.

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

Against the building of the bridge
The residents here in East Gore enjoy the semi country views with the river playing an intergral part. This bridge will compromise this enjoyment to a huge degree with visual, noise, and light pollution and a loss of privacy and enjoyment of life. This bridge will destroy the landscape and contribute nothing to the wider Gore community.

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

The word "consult" means 1/ to seek information or advice from 2/ confer. At no time did this take place. We certainly attended a short notice get together but this was definitely not a consultation, but a time to be given a decision that had to go through a process. There were no minutes taken therefore there was no due process followed. The wider Gore community was never notified until after this meeting, and while it didn't affect them specifically they should have been given an option as they will be the ones paying the ongoing rates on the money borrowed.

Flood Hazard

The floods on the Mataura river are reasonably frequent. In 2020 we had one very large flood and a smaller one shortly after. These floods will contribute to massive ongoing maintainance and damage to the environment. The floodbanks at the present shudder with the swift flow of the floods and it will be only a matter of time and massive damage will occur. This corner of the river has the swiftest flow in high volumes. The future weather outlook bodes ill for increasing weather bombs.

Safety

We feel that the safety aspects of Huron St / Church st corner have not been addressed, as the huge volume of traffic especially from Spring until May is made up of trucks, milktankers, tractors, Agricultural Machinery and Contractors as well as cars and cyclists, some of which speed fast around that corner. This entry to the bridge will be very dangerous.

Nature and Handicapped

The design of the bridge is not conasive to the flight path of birds which are a feature of our landscape. There seems to be very little consideration given to handicapped people or folks with prams and little ones. When gradients are talked about the look good on paper, but sit in a wheelchair and they pose a different and difficult problem

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

The enormous bridge is not at all necessary. We know that the water pipes need to cross the Mataura River and we suggest that it would be better located further up the river so that it would be closer to Jacobstown. We realise that this would be more costly but the Government have given approx 10-2 million dollars to go towards the cost The plan should be do it once and do it right!

~~I do~~ / **do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will / will not** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: K J Mockford

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 31-08-20 K.K Mockford

Making Submissions: Submissions may be in writing or electronic and must be received by the Gore District Council no later than **5:00pm 16 September 2020**, by post to NZFreepost Authority 213, Gore District Council, P O Box 8, Gore 9740; delivered to the Gore District Council, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore; or by email to lets.talk@goredc.govt.nz (add Gore Bridge Consent Submission in subject line).

* You must also serve a copy of your submission on Gore District Council (the applicant), whose address for service is C/- Claire Perkins, Landpro Limited, PO Box 302, Cromwell 9342 or by email to claire@landpro.co.nz, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Note to trade competitors: If you are a trade competitor your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Striking Out Submissions: Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Council is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

If you have any questions about the application please contact Nigel Bryce, Council's Consultant Planner, on 022 047 8500 or email nigelb@4sight.co.nz. Please direct any queries regarding the processing of the consent to the Council's Consultant Planner, Keith Hovell, phone 021 778 477 or email keith@hovell.co.nz.

Regional Council Consent: The proposal subject to this application also requires resource consent from Environment Southland. A separate form prepared by Environment Southland should be used for that purpose. Further information is available on the Environment Southland website www.es.govt.nz or by contacting Consents Officer Jade McRae, phone 0800 768845 or email service@es.govt.nz.

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Visual and amenity value

Q8. **My submission is**

I oppose the proposed bridge – the design and location being completely contrary with the natural landscape of the Waimea Plains and the Hokonui Hills. I believe that the bridge is completely out of character with that of the landscape and will violate the special view that visitors and locals alike, enjoy on arrival in Gore, when looking up the Mataura River valley. We have a lot of overseas visitors who enjoy walking and fishing on this river frontage, and I would hate to see this outstanding natural view taken away with an inappropriate structure. I would like to see the council find a solution to the Gore water problem within one of the other options of pipelines in a less obtrusive location, preferably below ground.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

I seek that the application is declined.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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To: The Chief Executive

Gore District Council

P O Box 8

Gore 9740

15 September 2020

Application to Environment Southland and the Gore District Council and for the Proposed Longford Bridge ,LU2020-012.

Location: The Intersection between Church and Huron Street on the East Bank and Surrey Street on the West Bank

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I am directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition. I am not a trade competitor of the applicant for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Name of Person Applying for Consent: Gore District Council

Proposed Activity and Location: The Longford Bridge and Pathway APP LU2020-012

I **oppose** the application on the following grounds:

1. Flood Risk

- The building of an abutment on the West Bank of the Mataura River creates an obstruction on a floodplain. This abutment will also affect the direction of the flow of floodwaters.

- The increased potential for inundation by flooding due to work on the East flood bank for the construction of water pipes or any part of the Bridge structure will create instability and weakness in the flood bank, potentially leading to a breach when the river is in flood.

- Increased levels of gravel on the base of the riverbed north of the proposed bridge have increased the height and speed of the water at this point below the bend in the river. Because it is the narrowest part of the river, the velocity and higher level of water through this area during flooding has increased significantly, leading to concerns by locals of a higher risk of the bank breaching. (It was noted by a local resident that the flood bank was "shuddering" in the February floods); (and see erosion – Point 9).

- Irrespective of the proposed height of the new bridge, branches of trees coming down the river during floods could get ensnared in the cables of the bridge or the bridge itself.

Further to this there has been no public consultation or notification on the connecting infrastructure required to connect the bridge to the roading system across the flood plain and the roading structure on the western side of the river.

As a farmer and property owner on the Waikaka river I have experienced the damage to fencing and roading upon periods of flood inundation. During those inundation periods I have witnessed extensive levels of flooding on the Western side of the Mataura River of the proposed bridge construction.

I have contacted Representatives and Councillors on the GDC and no one has supplied any information on either the proposed infrastructure to connect the bridge to the roading system or the risk and mitigation procedure around flood inundation.

GDC has provided no notification on the capital cost required for connecting infrastructure of tracking, fencing and illumination nor the risk and mitigation for frequent flood inundation

Action: I request that prior to any decision being made a full disclosure is made of the required infrastructure to connect the cycle pathway and walkway to the current roading system, including full capitalisation required for construction, and the risk profile from flood inundation.

2. Light Pollution

- There is no current lighting plan for this bridge, yet from a safety aspect the 39 metres high pole would need to be lit for aviation flight paths, and for the safety of cyclists the pathways would need to be lit at night. Or does the Gore District Council plan on locking the bridge at dusk each night.

- There is no artificial light emanating from the farmland and the introduction of any new artificial light associated with the bridge and/or the walkway amounts to an adverse effect, and its significance is such that light pollution will be introduced into the "Outstanding Natural Feature" (This Outstanding Natural Feature needs to be contrasted with an "ordinary" new street upon which street lighting is permitted under the District Plan).

- No provision has been presented for the lighting required on the connecting pathway between the proposed bridge and the connecting road system. Under current Health and Safety requirements illumination will be required along the full connecting pathway unless the Bridge and Cycle/Walking Path is to be fully closed after the hours of darkness.

- **Action: I request a lighting plan which includes the effects on affected parties.**

3. Cultural Significance

Through my own dialogue with The Hokonui Rūnanga, consultation from GDC has only been since the public notification of the proposed Bridge. This oversight is insulting and is a direct breach of the RMA rules and associated Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

I am of Nga Tahu descent and this particular area of the Mataura river holds particular significance. The confluence of the Mataura and Waikaka rivers was where in 1836 the Ngati Tama raiding party led by Te Puoho camped on the night before capturing the Nga Tahu settlement at Tuturau. As a sixteen year old my great great grandmother Patahi was one of the two Nga Tahu women captured.

No effort has been made by the GDC to understand and preserve the rich history associated with this significant event, nor the natural environment so important to many Nga Tahu descendents.

There is no Cultural Impact Assessment associated with the application. Perversely the application states:

> *Following consultation between the Council and Hokonui Rūnanga on this proposal, a cultural impact assessment (CIA) will be prepared to confirm the above assessment. The CIA will be made available upon completion.*

The application presumptuously assumes the CIA will confirm the assessment made in the application. The application has taken no regard to the Cultural Impact Assessment - because at the time of lodgement it was not available. This is a major omission in the application and as such the application is incomplete and fundamentally flawed.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I seek that the application is **declined.**

Signed: DG Morrison

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

All of it

Q8. **My submission is**

I am against the building of the bridge based on the lack of community consultation, the ascetics of the design being completely out of character/nature for the area, the risk and cost of maintainece to the inferstructure leading to the bridge posed by flooding

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

They hold fire and go back to the drawing board and come up with a less obtrusive properly thought out solution through the proper engagement of community

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Diane and Barry Perkins
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Q4.	**Phone Number**	0276173529
Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The Visual effects, other options that we don't believe have been fully costed or explained to ratepayers and the likely " surprises " [to us] of these costs.

Q8. **My submission is**

We wish to record our opposition to the proposed cable bridge over the Mataura River. This monstrosity does not belong in Gore, it would look more at home in Las Vegas or if being a little kinder maybe the Auckland waterfront.The visual impact of this bridge in the proposed place is nothing more than an absolute disgrace. The view up the Waimea Valley and over to the Hokonui Hills from anywhere near the proposed site is natural and outstanding and to have this huge edifice stuck in the middle of such scenic surroundings is appalling. Of major concerns are that the Government is giving Environment Southland monies to raise the stop bank levels of a number of Southland rivers, including the Mataura. Presumably the bridge will have to be raised to the new stop bank level on the true right side. We have not been told what this will do to the cost. The track on the true right bank from the bridge to the stop bank has to be of concern. Every time there is a large flood we are likely to see track damage as has happened to the track on the true left bank from opposite Church Street to Walnut Grove in the February flood. Who is paying for flood damage and continued maintenance? The poor ratepayers again !! The track maintenance on the Waikaka walkway is a glaring example of council moving slowly to repair public tracks, still not repaired after February's flood despite large numbers of people using Hamilton Park every day. Also of concern is the information from the council that one of the reasons for not using the current road bridge is for the safety of cyclists. We have lived in Gore for 19 years, done some cycling and a lot of walking, never once hearing of anyone injured or killed while crossing the road after coming off the bridge.There are pathways on both sides of the bridge so in most cases the only crossing of the road is on the town side of the bridge where visibility is good and traffic is in a 50 km zone with a round about to slow traffic further. The estimated growth in the number of cyclists is also of concern. It sounds like the spin that South District Council staff put on the numbers using their Round the Mountain bike trail. We all know how that ended...14 million dollars and still climbing , including 1 million dollars for legal fees. A pipeline under the river must be the best option to preserve the natural vista. It seems that council is so determined to go ahead with their bridge plans that we are not going to be given a costing for this option which will be using much less piping as a result of being in a more direct line. Ratepayers have not been told what the estimated cost to drill would be, or if there were significant differences in the geotechnical report that the council got compared to the report for Mataura Valley Milk. If a new bridge HAS to go ahead it should be placed further upstream from the Church Street site. It will not be such a blot on the landscape as the current favoured plan is.There is already in place a walking/cycling track through Walnut Grove out to Maitland Street. The river at that site is wider, with an island in the middle and a slower flow as compared to the Church Street area which is the narrowest part of the river with a much faster flow. A slower flow will be very useful in times of flood. We have been told by council that Transit will not help fund a bridge at the Maitland Street site...why not? If that is the case then council need to be taking a stronger approach with Transit. It would still be a walking/cycling track and would link with the existing track on the true left bank. We have also not been told if any modelling has been done to check on likely problems with wind on such a high and exposed bridge. There are at times very strong North Westerly winds coming directly down the Waimea Valley. We know this because we often walk this area. This must put any structure like is planned under immense strain. A bridge like the Millenium Bridge over the Thames in London would be a much more fitting design rather than the outlandish proposal that Gore's council have come up with.This is Southland not Las Vegas.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Put the water pipe under the river. If this is absolutely not possible then move the bridge site further upstream

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12. **Upload Files**	not answered

Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Steve Petterson
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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

All of the application

Q8. **My submission is**

I fully support the council's application to construct a new bridge across the Mataura river.This application is well thought out and planned as it gets the water pipes across the river and creates a brilliant new asset for our Gore community.The water quality upgrade for our district is an absolute necessity and must happen.The design of the new bridge is stunning and just adds something special to our already beautiful town.Government funding is available so the GDC cannot miss this opportunity.Thank you.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

To build the new bridge as soon as possible

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

GORE RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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I ~~am~~/am not *(delete one)* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991. (*See also the "Note to Trade Competitors" on the following page)*)

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(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

All of application

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

Please see attached

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

We seek that the application is declined.

I **do / do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will / ~~will not~~** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: _____
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 11-09-2020

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- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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To: Gore District Council

P O Box 8

Gore 8740

11 September 2020

Application to the Gore District Council for the Proposed Longford Bridge

Location: The Intersection between Church and Huron Street on the East Bank and Surrey Street on the West Bank: Resource Consent Number: LU 2020/012

Bruce and Margaret Thomson

30 Halton Street,

Gore 9710

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We are not a trade competitor.

Proposed Activity and Location: The Longford Bridge and Pathway LU 2020/012

We wish to **oppose** the application on the following grounds:

1. **Beautiful views down the River**

   We have beautiful views of Mataura River and Waimea Plains and we don't want this bridge spoiling those views. We would like to keep the landscape the way that it is. We request that photographs

be taken from various angles on our property to fully assess the visual impact of the bridge and the mast. We believe the mast projects beyond the ridgeline of the Hokonui Hills which is a direct breach of the Gore District Plan.

The mention in the survey report of perhaps painting the high cable support to hide it, indicates to us he has not thought through the future outcome of his suggestion. It would be bad enough as it was.

2. Safety

- After serving with the NZ Police as a Constable in Gore for over 17 years, safety is of major concern for both my wife and I in regard to this application. Access onto the bridge from Huron Street/Church Street is a major issue with poor visibility and speed related incidents on Huron Street. There have been numerous incidents involving cars losing control near the Church Street/ Woolwich Street area.
- There will be an increased need for parking in the area, which will have a direct effect on visibility for cyclists and pedestrians accessing the bridge.
- As yet Gore District Council have not disclosed the exit point of the pathways but I understand the children will be expected to cross over State Highway 94 or a Heavy traffic bypass in an Industrial area.
- We request that prior to any decision being made a Safety Impact Report be undertaken for the entry and exit points of the Cycleway/Walkway

3. Flooding risk on and near the proposed cycle/walkway bridge over the Mataura River will increase due to:

The building of an embankment on the West Bank of the Mataura River creates an obstruction on a floodplain. This embankment will affect the direction of the flow of floodwaters.

There is increased potential for inundation of flooding due to work on the East flood bank for the construction of water pipes or any part of the Bridge structure creating instability and weakness in the flood bank, potentially leading to a breach when the river is in flood.

The proposed height of the new bridge does not address the effect of branches of trees coming down the river and converging at the embankment on the West side on the floodplain.

I also have witnessed flood waters penetrating the East Gore flood bank during the high floods of 1968 just south of the East Gore hall. The situation was only saved by two people up to their necks in water on the river side trampling down sand bags. Old Civil Defence notes from that flood will probably show this. It also indicates that the flood bank may be of suspect stability.

4. Bird Strike.

The cable stay bridge is in direct line with the Natural Flight Path of Birds travelling down the Mataura River. Wires are reported to be especially lethal when they cross above rivers. In particular the most damage is done at night when the cable wires are not visible, but as Gore District Council have not submitted a lighting plan with this application we are unable to determine their intentions in regard to lighting.

Wetland birds such as waders often migrate or travel at night and using the shine of rivers is one of their methods of navigation. Collisions with black-billed gulls and South Island pied oystercatchers would be of particular concern because of their declining status and their significant breeding populations in Southland.

We request that prior to any decision being made a "Bird Strike Risk Assessment" for the Proposed Cable Stay Bridge be undertaken by a suitably qualified Ecologist.

5. Light and Noise Pollution

There will be increased wind noise by Nor Westers on the cables of the bridge, and increased noise from the water pumps

The proposal by GDC, if the project does proceed, to have machinery operating from 7.00am until 10.00pm at night is unacceptable in a residential area.

Because of our location we are blessed with a quiet and peaceful area. The proposed bridge will undoubtable bring periods of disquiet and disturbing times to the locality through young people congregating and necessary lighting of the structure. The people of Gore can well do without adding to problems they already have. .

- There is no current lighting plan for this bridge, yet from a safety aspect the 39 metres high pole would need to be lit for aviation flight paths and for the safety of cyclists the pathways would need to be lit at night.
- We request a lighting plan which includes the effects on affected parties.

6. Safety Issues with the Wind

Because of our location overlooking the river we experience very frequent strong and dangerous winds that travel either up or down the Mataura River. A bridge in this location will be highly dangerous to anybody trying to walk or cycle across it during these winds and we believe there will be a tragedy in the future with somebody chancing it.

7. Lack of Consultation

On 15 June a letter was placed in the mail boxes of residents in selected streets in East Gore inviting them to a meeting at the East Gore Church Hall. Nowhere in the letter did it mention a bridge.

Due to ill health and such short notice we were unable to attend this meeting.
The full application document was only made available to the immediate neighbours at the time of resource consent lodgement.

In the application it states that discussion with neighbours was undertaken yet we are unaware of any discussions held in regard to this and no contact was made via phone asking us as Affected Parties to meet with Gore District Council.

We would like to know if a survey has been undertaken of residents in Gore to assess how many cyclists and pedestrian will actually use this bridge. If this assessment/survey has not been undertaken we would like the Gore District Council to consult with the wider Gore Community and provide such a report.

8. Ongoing Maintenance Costs to the ratepayer

The ongoing maintenance with pipe joins, painting of the bridge, rebuilding of the abutment after each flood and the increased pumping costs will add to an already burgeoning ratepayers rates.

The people of Gore can well do without adding to the problems they already have. The bridge appears to us to be just an excuse to get money from Government to help the cost of laying a water pipe across the river. In our opinion the pipe should be buried underground in the river bed.

9. Increased Crime rate

- Because of our location we are blessed with a quiet and peaceful area. The proposed bridge will undoubtable bring periods of disquiet and disturbing times to the locality through young people congregating and necessary lighting of the structure.

We seek that the application is **declined.**

We **do not** wish to be heard in support of our submission.

We wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

Would you consider submitting a joint case? YES

B.M Thomson: 

M A Thomson: 

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

Fully support the bridge proposal will be a great asset for the town moving forward relating to outdoor lesisure biking and walking/running will be a great link up route to hamilton park tracks from western side of river

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

#16

Submission on notified resource consent application by

Gore District Council

Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL — RURAL CITY LIVING

To the Gore District Council

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Name of Submitter: Lyall H VARLOW

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Phone Number: 2084795

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The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Top of the pole.

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

I am neither for or against.
All I want to know, is there
a light for navigation at the
top of the pole if it is required, & a
pipe to carry wire if required. & long
lasting LEDs etc. Thats all. Not a scene

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

I **do / do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I **will / will not** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: _____

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 7.8.2020.

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Form 13

Submission on a Notified Application for Resource Consent

To: **Gore District Council and Southland Regional Council**

Name of Submitter: **Waimea Plains Landscape Preservation Society Incorporated (50043481)**

Introduction:

1. This is a submission made on behalf of the Waimea Plains Landscape Preservation Society Incorporated ("**Submitter**" or "**Society**") on an application for resource consent made by Gore District Council ("**GDC**") that has been jointly notified by the GDC (as territorial authority) and the Southland Regional Council ("**ES**") (as regional authority). The applications are referenced LU 2020/012 and APP-20202268, respectively.

2. The application seeks approval for the construction of a bridge across the Mataura River for the purposes of cycle and pedestrian transport and conveyance of municipal water supply, with associated earthworks and landscaping. The location of the development is at the junction of Church Street and River Terrace to the east and at the junction of Richmond and Avon Streets to the west.

3. The Waimea Plains Landscape Preservation Society Incorporated consist of a number of members who are residents, landowners and persons with interest in the application. The purposes of the Society are to:

    (a) Pursue and protect the landscape values generally and in particular within the vicinity of the Waimea Plains/Mataura River and the River Terraces and address matters arising as a consequence of the Resource Management Act 1991 and all matters incidental hereto; and

    (b) Do anything necessary or helpful to the above purposes.

4. The Submitter is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act.

5. The Submitter is directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that adversely affects the environment.

6. The Submitter **opposes** the application of the GDC in its entirety.

7. The reasons for making this submission are:

Overview

- The Society has a number of members who are residents, landowners and persons with interests in the application.

- The opposition of the application aligns with the Society's purpose to pursue and protect the landscape values generally and in particular within the vicinity of the Waimea Plains/Mataura River and the River Terraces and address matters arising as a consequence of the Resource Management Act 1991 and all matters incidental hereto. It is the Society's position that the application will have significant effects on the said landscape values.

- The Society considers the effects of the proposal are significant and cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated. There is no inherent need for the structure itself and particularly in the location proposed. There is nothing unique or exceptional about the proposal that would justify the significant extent of adverse effect and impact on an ONL and ONF.

Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features

- The application site is located within an Outstanding Natural Landscape (**ONL**) and the Mataura River is an Outstanding Natural Feature (**ONF**). Views of the proposed bridge structure and its appendices will adversely impact views to the wider ONL of the Waimea Plains and Hokonui Hills from a wide range of vantage points.

- There has been no effort made in the design of the proposal to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on the landscape. To the contrary, the proposal represents an intentionally dominant statement-structure, being described in the application as:

  > *"The proposed bridge is a cable-stay design and will be the longest and tallest structure of this type in New Zealand at 39m high and 90m long."*

- The structure will breach the skyline from most places in the surrounding area due to its height. It will be the dominant feature in this outstanding landscape and irreversibly remove the naturalness of the Mataura River at this location. This location is sensitive to change through the past modification of the banks of the river to a point where cumulative adverse effects will arise.

- The inability for these significant effects to be avoided, remedied or mitigated is acknowledged at 4.1 of the landscape assessment that accompanies the application:

  > *"The landscape effects associated with the proposed bridge and associated peripheral structures in their current form are significant and will be difficult to avoid, remedy or mitigate."*

- The application represents and inappropriate use and development and will not protect the ONL and ONF, being at direct odds with Section 6 of the RMA (Matters of National Importance), specifically:

> *(a) the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development; and*
>
> *(b) the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.*

Amenity Values

- The proposal will have significant adverse effects on the amenity values, including on residents, visitors and river users. These effects extend to the construction, use and presence of the bridge structure, including the effects on the enjoyment of this stretch of the river for anglers and other recreation users. These adverse effects include those on visual amenity, privacy, dominance, lighting, noise, traffic, and safety.

- The proposal is at direct odds with Section 7 of the RMA (Other Matters), specifically:

> *(b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources:*
> *(c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values:*
> *(d) intrinsic values of ecosystems:*
> *(f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment:*
> *(g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources:*
> *(h) the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon:*

Water Quality

- The Mataura River is protected by the Water Conservation (Mataura River) Order (1997) (**WCO**). The WCO contains numerous provisions in relation to water quality, temperature and the protection of ecological values including fisheries. An assessment of effects of sufficient detail has not been provided in the application in relation to the values and environmental standards to be achieved as outlined in the Order.

Hazards & Safety

- The establishment of a structure in this location will significant exacerbate hazard risk, including flood hazard, erosion and safety. The Mataura River is prone to flooding and placing a structure in this location, of this size and scale, is reckless and could lead to a significant damage to property.

- Given the high likelihood of risk, the merits of the proposal needs to be questioned and the consideration of alternatives revisited.

- Section 6 (h) of the RMA requires the management of significant risks from natural hazards as a matter of national importance. This has not been recognised and provided for in the application.

Cultural & Heritage Values

- The application is deficient in terms of the assessment of cultural values and the statutory acknowledgement status of the Mataura River has been overlooked in practice.

- Members of the Society include descendants of Kāti Māmoe and Waitaha and whose ancestors were seasonal travellers in the Murihiku region. A sense of identity and belonging is gained to the area and a connection to the environment through the natural views to the Hokonui Hills, Mataura River and the Waimea Plains.

- There has been no cultural impact assessment undertaken and no proper evaluation of those pertinent matters under sections 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

- Section 6 of the RMA requires that the following matters of national importance are recognised and provided for, inclusive of:

  (e) the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga;
  (f) the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development;
  (g) the protection of protected customary rights.

- The proposal has not given appropriate regard to those matters outlined under Section 7 of the RMA which are as follows:

  (a) kaitiakitanga
  (aa) the ethic of stewardship
  (b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources
  (c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values
  (f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment
  (g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources

- The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti ō Waitangi have not been taken into account as directed under section 8 of the RMA. The Mataura River is a Statutory Acknowledgment Area and both the Regional and District Council must uphold their obligations under Section 8 and consequently Te Tiriti ō Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi.

Statutory Considerations

- The purpose of the administration of district plans is to assist territorial authorities to carry out their functions in order to achieve the purpose of the RMA (section 72 of the RMA). Conversely, the purpose of the administration of regional plans is to assist a regional council to carry out any of its functions in order to achieve the purpose of the RMA [section 63 (1)]. Granting of consent would not achieve the purpose of the RMA and is at odds with the functions of the respective consenting authorities.

- The purpose of the Act is set out under section 5 (1) "to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources".

- Section 5 (2) sets out that **sustainable management** means managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while:

  (a) sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
  (b) safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
  (c) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

- The application is at odds with and repugnant to the relevant objectives and policies of the Southland Regional Policy Statement, and the district and regional plans.

- The application cannot meet the purpose of the RMA and does not result in sustainable management.

8. The Submitter seeks that consent is **refused**.

9. The Submitter wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

10. The Submitter wishes to be included in any pre hearing meeting that may be held for this application.



16 September 2020

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission)

(date of submission)

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Q1.	**Name of Submitter**	Gary and Wendy Weir
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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

The construction of a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron Streets, East Gore and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

Q8. **My submission is**

We oppose this submission I Gary Weir and Wendy Weir of 32 Huron St, Gore, Oppose the application from GDC to construct the bridge for the following reasons; 1. Landscape and Visual Impact. Because of the height and sheer bulk of the structure, we feel it does not fit into the natural landscape and impacts on our view of the stunning Waimea Plains, Hokonui Hills and Mataura River, the main reason we bought and spent a lot of money on our home. This structure does not naturally fit into the rural setting and outstanding natural features of our community that are appreciated by locals and visitors alike. No consultation was carried out with us before the public meeting to discuss the impact the structure would have on our property and natural surrounding area. We are angry that no representative came to our property which is hugely impacted by this proposal to discuss the visual effects and probable devaluing of our property. 2. Noise Effects We are majorly concerned that there have been no investigations into the possible effects of wind noise from the pole, bridge and cables. We know from living close to the river how strong the wind blows down the river. There are numerous case studies to prove that there can be ongoing problems with noise from cable stayed bridges in varying weather conditions. We also have concerns about the noise and disruption during construction. If the structure is built we are also concerned about noise from increased pedestrian traffic in the area. We are concerned about possibility that water pumps could be installed to push water across the bridge up to the water treatment station which would add to the noise pollution aspect. 3. Light Pollution There is not a current lighting plan for this bridge and we fear that the amount of lights needed and the need for an aviation beacon will severely impact our night-time view. We are also concerned at the amount of lights that would be needed on a walk/bike track on both ends of the bridge. 4. Safety Bike / Walk Tracks: We feel this is an integral aspect of the bridge and yet there is no plan in place. This should be part of the application as it is an important aspect of the bridge design and the reason it is being built. 55% funding was given by NZTA to provide safer access from East to West Gore but there is no plan how pedestrians will safely enter and exit from Huron Street, which has a high crash rate nor on the West side where they have to cross a heavy traffic bypass or enter SH1. Discussions with NZTA indicate that the proposed site was the only option given to them for funding. 5. Bird Strike We regularly observe many varieties of birds travelling up and down the Mataura River and are concerned on the impact the cables and the stay will have on their welfare. It could prove lethal to bird life, especially at night. 6. Flooding / Erosion This is a major concern as we have lived

at our current address for three years and have seen three floods, the latest in February where water was stop bank to stop bank. There is no report to show what the effect flood waters will be when the structure is in place. The Western embankment to be built has earthworks volume of 1168m3, with a height of approximately 5860mm which must impact the river flow when in flood. This will cause even more erosion on the river bank and soil loss. We are concerned about the condition of walk ways / bike tracks leading on and off the bridge during floods and the ongoing costs of repairs and replacement as these will be significant and ongoing. We are concerned that the placement of the water pipes along the base of the eastern flood bank will have an adverse effect on the flood banks integrity as they are quite vulnerable during high water flows. 7. Car Parking We have concerns about cars parking on River Terrace and Huron St, and blocking access for home owners. 8. Lack of Consultation We are disappointed at the lack of consultation from the Gore District Council during this process. It took two years before the GDC consulted with us by which stage we believe it was too late to have any input as the decision was already made as to what they wanted. Two affected parties were met with earlier in the day before the meeting at the East Gore Church Hall was held. We were not consulted but given a brochure of what the new bridge would look like – we do not consider this appropriate consultation! No one has been to our property to show us what the impact with be, and we are directly affected! We believe this is grounds enough to reject the application from the Gore District council and a proper consultation process undertaken. The Consideration of Alternatives We understand the GDC has to address the water issues in Gore but we would like them to do it in a long term cost effective way that is less disruptive on the beautiful natural landscape of Gore. We see many people, locals and tourists enjoying fishing and walking along the river, enjoying the gorgeous views – they do not want to see a huge structure looking so out of place! We propose the GDC bore or entrench the water pipes across the Mataura River at the Maitland Street site. This site is in direct line with the water treatment plants and closer to the Jacobstown wells. Once these are built there are no further costs to the ratepayer, not like the ongoing costs of the bridge and walkways. Money from the NZTA could be used to address safety issues with access on and off the existing bridge. Money also needs to be spent on suitable safe bike tracks as the current ones that we do have are totally unusable. These were done by volunteers and completed with unsuitable materials which are now in poor condition and unsafe to bike on. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our opposition to this project. Gary & Wendy Weir

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

We wish this application to be rejected and for the council to go back and look at alternatives that do not impact our natural landscape and are cost efficient long term.

Q10. **I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11. **If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12. **Upload Files**	not answered

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Q5.	**Declaration about being a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act?**	I am not a trade competitor
Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not related to trade competition or the effect of trade competition

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

Positive effects

Q8. **My submission is**

I support the application. Gore needs improved pedestrian & cycle connectivity for safety & to encourage physical recreation. The bridge and Longford pathway are a critical element of the 'around town network' that is proposed to achieve this. The bridge will have positive effects for the community of Gore.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

Granting of the resource consent to enable the bridges construction.

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

the bridge not fitting in with the rural landscape

Q8. **My submission is**

oppose

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

don't go ahead with the bridge

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	Yes
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	I would not consider presenting a joint case
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Q6.	**If you are a trade competitor, please answer the following**	not answered

Q7. **The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:**

not answered

Q8. **My submission is**

I wish simply to express my support for the proposed bridge. I cannot comment on the technical aspects of the design or its cost. But I think it would be a great asset to the community. Whenever I cycle across the highway bridge, I always find it somewhat unnerving when heavy trucks etc. pass me, there being no shoulder on the bridge. The proposed new bridge would make it a lot safer for cyclists to cross the river. Furthermore I think the design of the proposed bridge is most attractive, reminding me of similar (larger) ridges I have seen in Germany.

Q9. **I seek the following decision from the Council**

not answered

Q10.	**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**	No
Q11.	**If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing?**	not answered
Q12.	**Upload Files**	not answered

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Submission on notified resource consent application by

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Sections 95A and 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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To the Gore District Council

This is a submission on an application from Gore District Council to construct a bridge across the Mataura River from near the intersection between Church and Huron streets, East Gore, and Surrey Street, together with associated works within the adjoining margins of the Mataura River.

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I ~~am~~/am not *(delete one)* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991. (*See also the "Note to Trade Competitors" on the following page)*)

Only trade competitors are required to answer the following:

I am/am not *(delete one)* 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.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: *(give details)*

Quality and quantity of water supply

My submission is: *(Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral on the application and your reasons)*

I support the GDC to construct a bridge across the Mataura river as stated above.

4 reasons are:

- Essential for the quality and quantity of drinking water for all Gore households, meeting NZ drinking water standards.
- Lessen the need for water restrictions.
- NZTA contribution reduces cost to rate payers.
- Design futuristic and will become a tourist attraction
- Postive step for the cycle and walking trail in Gore.

(Attach a separate sheet if required)

I seek the following decision from the Council: *(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

That the brige goes ahead to ensure the quantity and quality of our water supply.

I ~~do~~/ **do not** *(delete one)* wish to be heard in support of my submission.

If others make a similar submission, I ~~will~~/ **will not** *(delete one)* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of Submitter: M A Young.

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
Signing of electronic submissions not required.

Date: 14-09-2020

Making Submissions: Submissions may be in writing or electronic and must be received by the Gore District Council no later than **5:00pm 16 September 2020**, by post to NZFreepost Authority 213, Gore District Council, P O Box 8, Gore 9740; delivered to the Gore District Council, 10C Ardwick Street, Gore; or by email to lets.talk@goredc.govt.nz (add Gore Bridge Consent Submission in subject line).

You must also serve a copy of your submission on Gore District Council (the applicant), whose address for service is C/- Claire Perkins, Landpro Limited, PO Box 302, Cromwell 9342 or by email to claire@landpro.co.nz, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Council.

Note to trade competitors: If you are a trade competitor your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Striking Out Submissions: Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Council is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

If you have any questions about the application please contact Nigel Bryce, Council's Consultant Planner, on 022 047 8500 or email nigelb@4sight.co.nz. Please direct any queries regarding the processing of the consent to the Council's Consultant Planner, Keith Hovell, phone 021 778 477 or email keith@hovell.co.nz.

Regional Council Consent: The proposal subject to this application also requires resource consent from Environment Southland. A separate form prepared by Environment Southland should be used for that purpose. Further information is available on the Environment Southland website www.es.govt.nz or by contacting Consents Officer Jade McRae, phone 0800 768845 or email service@es.govt.nz.