

## **CHAMPION GREEN FACILITIES COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

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#### **SFC CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME - FACILITIES & SPORTS CIRCUIT**

##### **Introduction:**

- As users of the new Saxton Velodrome we would like to place on record our appreciation towards personnel, contractors and organisations who have worked well to bring to the public this fine facility. Already it is being well used by a variety of sporting codes, general public, schools and pre-school institutions.
- In particular we would like to thank Glen Thorn from TDC for his astute management to date and know that he will be involved in on-going developments in and around the velodrome in the future.
- The SFC's Capital Works Programme includes the development and support from both **NCC and TDC alongside community volunteer fundraisers**, to build the essential facilities required for the Champion Green/Saxton Velodrome sports code users, schools and general public.
- **The Community Fundraisers** already have substantial interest in supporting this project if it is to go ahead in 2019/20. It only needs the confirmation from SFC, NCC and TDC.
- **Currently there are no public facilities** designed to support the user groups and public utilising the Saxton Velodrome, Champion Green and proposed Sports Circuit.  
A tentatively planned site has been allocated for this.
- We would anticipate that the **Saxton Field Committee** would re-consider favourably the current Capital Works programme to bring forward the planning of the multi-user facility and circuit proposal as established by the **Champion Green Facilities Committee**.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR SFC CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME:**

##### **1. Champion Green Facilities build:**

That the building programme for the multi-usage facility now set down for development in the 2027/28 period be re-considered forward to its last year's proposed build placement of 2019/20.

- Favourable fundraising opportunities are now in place with costings for 2028 being at least double of the estimates of today.

##### **2. That the funding for the Champion Drive Link construction be re-considered:**

**The estimated Stage 1 (18/19) = \$960 000 and Stage 2(19/20) = \$96 700 totalling \$ 1.056 700** could be markedly reduced by developing construction of cul-de-sacs and existing carparks and leaving the area in front of the Saxton Velodrome landscaped for a suitably safe entrance for the velodrome and proposed facilities installation. This plan has already been presented to the Councils and SFC as designed by Alan Bartlett of Nelson Skating – *Construction Architect*.

The proposal to use the northern end approach road to the velodrome for skating and cycling criterium usage would be impractical.

The **skating/criterium circuit** as proposed could easily be constructed as per the plan we have set out at a minimal cost

##### **3. That the proposed Champion Link road will generate a new problem for road managers - that of entry on to the Richmond – Stoke road for right turning traffic.**

There will no doubt be much frustration by car users entering at this point in peak hours.

This will most probably require re-construction and possibly a new round-about. All of such associated costs will not be necessary if the link road is not built and much simpler landscaping construction developed.

**This is a more logical spend and certainly a means to re-draft the current budget and create savings.**