

AROUND THE MOUNTAINS CYCLE TRAIL

Consent and Concession Application Document

*SDC Further Information Request:
Response - 23 November 2011*



The information set out below is for inclusion into the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Consent and Concession Application Document at page 67.

This information was provided in response to further information request from the Southland District Council to amend the ‘Consent and Concession Application Document’ to incorporate Rule WAT.4 within the matters considered by Section ii ‘The Southland Council District Plan’.

WAT.4 – Structures and Buildings: It is intended to utilise and construct bridges, walkways, rock groynes on and adjacent to the Oreti and Mataura rivers. These structures being necessary to connect sections of the cycle trail where no other feasible form of crossing is practicable. As discussed above for MRA.1 and also covered in Section 2 of this report and the landscape and aquatic ecology reports these structures have been designed to be in keeping with the surrounds of where they are placed, so as not to impede on: the natural vista of the area, the value of the waterway, and the surrounding environment of the area. The proposed structures will have no impact on the safe and efficient passage of vessels. Since no wharf/jetty or other form of landing is planned there is no requirement to provide for the entry and exit of vessels using facilities. The location of structures have been placed to ensure public safety and in keeping with the surrounds of where they are placed. The current route **option A** locations provide alternative locations and designs to route **option B** lowering further the existing low impact of structures.

Addendum 2 to the landscape report (**Appendix 5**) considers the impact of the trail on other recreational users with benefits to recreational users and the general public seeking access to the waterways.