

Summary of written submissions responding to Council’s 23 February 2016 “Intention to declare’ resolution.

Objection

Reasons	Comment/Response
Residents shouldn’t have to fund public road sealing.	Cl 163 of LGAct states that Council may declare a special charge for repaying debt associated with any function which will be of special benefit to the persons required to pay the charge. Council’s Special Charge Scheme Policy states that Council may implement a Special Charge process where it can be demonstrated that properties will receive a special benefit from necessary infrastructure works.
According to “Growing Winchelsea” traffic volumes will increase	Council’s strategic planner advises that the Growing Winchelsea Plan doesn’t propose any change to lots sizes in Beal or Trebeck Courts, or any land use changes that would increase traffic on Beal & Trebeck.
Apportionment is inequitable. Properties at the entrance to Trebeck Court shouldn’t have to contribute as much as those at the far end. Some properties are paying more per lineal metre than others.	Apportionment has been assessed using both “access” and “amenity” as a benefit. Properties at the far end do receive a greater access benefit, however properties at the entry receive improved amenity because of reduced dust. The Scheme could have apportioned the benefits incrementally as the distance increases and the dust reduces (a more complex representation) but the outcome is the same.
The Scheme will cause financial hardship	The quarterly repayment over 10 years, including interest, for a charge of \$5,116 is estimated to be approximately \$165. Council’s Rates Assistance Policy details the framework and circumstances under which payment of property rates and charges can be postponed.

Supporting submission

Comments	Response
Supportive of the Scheme and project.	Noted
Are any speed reduction measures include in the scope of works?	Current 50 kmph speed limit is considered appropriate – no traffic calming works proposed. Beal & Trebeck Intersection will be realigned to give right of way to the larger traffic volume on Trebeck Court.