

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN PARISH,
PAPANUI.**

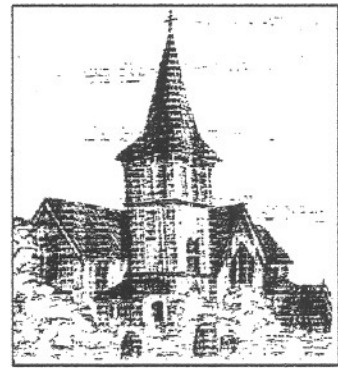
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**Submission to the Christchurch City Council
Re Annual Draft Plan, p. 97, re the Grant to help
Te Papanui Trust build a Youth Facility.**

We are writing this Submission in support of the proposed Council funding allocation of \$250,000 towards the building of a Youth Facility in Papanui. Our submission is on behalf of St Paul's Anglican Church, Papanui. Our parish has given the proposed Youth Facility Project enthusiastic endorsement, and has made available land at the back of our parish hall for the building to be sited. The Church Property Trustees of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch have agreed to this land being made available, while remaining in the possession of the Trustees, so that a building owned by Te Papanui Trust can be erected on the parish site.

We support the proposed Council funding allocation, because we see it the Youth Facility as an innovative and constructive solution to a long-standing Papanui community problem - namely, the lack of facilities for young people in this area. Te Papanui Trust's proposal seems to us an excellent one. It will offer properly planned and supervised programmes for youth, so that a wide variety of activities can be presented in the Facility building. With a kitchen, music recording studio, climbing wall, meeting rooms, a craft room, a hall (which is part of what the parish is making available), and office space, the Youth Facility will offer Papanui youth many options not only for recreation, but also for developing necessary life skills, including leadership opportunities. The vision behind Te Papanui Trust's initiative matches our parish vision to offer outreach that will benefit our local community. We are keen for our parish's central location, buildings, land, and historical environment to be more available to the people of Papanui and surrounding suburbs.

Our support for the funding allocation is also based on our confidence in Te Papanui Trust's ability to run such a Youth Facility. Through the Papanui Youth Development Trust, it has

already been running youth programmes for some time, and has the staff, leadership, experience and resources to run such an enterprise efficiently and imaginatively. Knowing also TPT's strong backing from the Papanui Baptist Church, we look forward to establishing an on-going partnership with them.

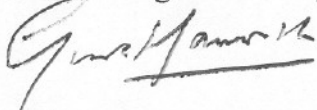
Our parish's support of and commitment to the Youth Facility project is expressed not just in these words. It is also expressed in our decision to make valuable land available to Te Papanui Trust, knowing that this will be a long-term arrangement, and one that is not designed to bring the parish any income. The benefits we foresee are not monetary ones, but ones of partnership between Church and community, that will enable young people to develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them personally, and that will also be of lasting value to the community.

We therefore urge the Council to proceed with its intention to give a funding allocation of \$250,000 towards the establishment of Te Papanui Trust's proposed Youth Facility.

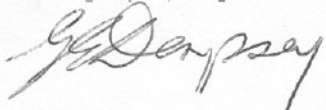
Yours sincerely

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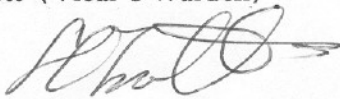
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PS. On behalf of St Paul's Anglican Parish we would like to speak to this submission before the Council.