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*Note: I do NOT wish to make a personal submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered.*

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I wish to write in support of the Council funding allocation towards the building of a Youth Facility in Papanui by Te Papanui Trust, as is recorded on page 97 in the 2006 Annual Draft Plan.

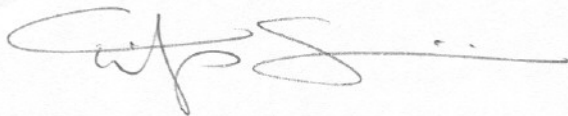
My name is Phil Shearing and I am the Senior Youth Leader at Northcity Church in Papanui, and also a trustee of Northgate Community Services Trust, which also operates in the Papanui area. In the last four years, I have been frequently involved with Te Papanui Trust on a wide range of youth initiatives, and have a great respect for the nature and vision of their organization.

Te Papanui Trust's proposed Youth Facility will provide a facility that will cater for a wide range of needs and activities that currently are not adequately provided for in the Papanui area due to the lack of appropriate facilities. Its presence will mean that there can be a greater focus on the actual needs of the young people in our area in a central location adjacent Papanui High School and Northlands Mall. The multi purpose design caters for a wide range of activities spanning areas of music and arts, sports and recreation, and also provides space for administrative needs and training.

The benefits that the facility will provide are clearly not just for Te Papanui Trust, but also to the other local youth agencies. The facility is a strong expression of the collaborative approach to the youth work in Papanui, and provides an effective place where many groups can take advantage of facilities and resources that are not normally available nor realistically obtainable. Not only does it benefit the existing local groups, but also provides a place of developing potential, in that more individuals and groups can organize and develop new programmes and initiatives with far greater ease and efficiency.

I strongly believe that the funding of this facility is of paramount importance to the Papanui area, and of great use to all the youth agencies in the area and the development and progression of their influence. It is therefore my suggestion that the funding is made available to this project in order that these benefits I have discussed are soon seen in actuality.

Yours faithfully

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**Phil Shearing**  
Seedcommunity Youth Ministries