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**2008 Draft Annual Plan Submission**  
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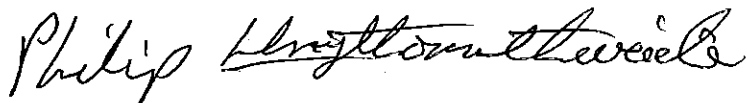
Dear Sir

Please find attached my submission on the 2008 Draft Annual Plan.

Please RECORD MY REQUEST TO BE HEARD.

Please also formally advise me in writing of the date and time of the meeting to present my submission(s).

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Haythornthwaite".

Philip Haythornthwaite

# Submission to the Christchurch City Council

with regard to the DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09

## STREETS AND TRANSPORT

### I WISH to be heard in support of this submission.

Submitter: Mr Philip Haythornthwaite  
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**Proposal:** THAT The Christchurch City Council introduce into the Streets and Transport Capital Works Programme and its Measurements and Achievements policies the following expenditure item with necessary funding provided entitled: **Removal Of Redundant Vehicular Kerb Cut Downs. (And guaranteed never to be deleted from any future Christchurch City Council Annual Plan on Human Rights grounds).**

### Reasons in support of the above proposal:

- A) The Christchurch City Council is allowing its *public footpaths* to become more and more unsafe as each day goes by. This is due to the Christchurch City Councils deliberate failure to remove from the public footpath in particular *redundant vehicular kerb cut downs*. The vehicular kerb cut down creates a serious obstacle for any disabled person, particularly the wheelchair user as the footpath traverse (cross) gradient is changed from 1:50 (2%) which is the safe footpath standard for a wheelchair to 1:12 (8.33%) which is normally used for the vehicular kerb cut down. A very serious problem is developing throughout Christchurch whereby due to conflicts created by the Christchurch City Councils own rules current staff from the City Streets Unit has told me that the City Streets Unit does not have to bother removing *redundant vehicular kerb cut downs* from public footpaths because of the rules made and approved by the Christchurch City Council in the past with regard to section sizes and therefore the number of vehicular kerb cut downs that the section is entitled to have do not have any clauses in them to require the compulsory removal of *redundant vehicular kerb cut downs* by either the property developer or the Christchurch City Council.
- a) The Christchurch City Council must make it a condition of any resource consent granted or building permit granted to any property developer or builder that *redundant vehicular kerb cut downs are removed* whether or not the property boundary size entitles you to have them. If they are redundant and no longer required or needed they must be removed before the property is allowed to be occupied or the business opened.
- b) The Christchurch City Council by failing to remove these *redundant vehicular kerb cut downs* is breaching the Human Rights Act 1993 and amendments. Section 21 makes it very clear that you may not discriminate against a person on the grounds of their disability. The Christchurch City Council by allowing the installation of *vehicular kerb cut downs* deliberately and knowingly made it more difficult for the disabled person to use the public footpath. The same applies in reverse, that when *vehicular kerb cut downs* are no longer required the Christchurch City Council must ensure that the public footpath is immediately restored to pedestrian standard with the traverse (cross) gradient at 1:50 (2%) so that the public footpath once again easier to use by all, but especially disabled people.

c) The Christchurch City Council like every other council when constructing a new footpath may charge anything up to 50% of the cost of the construction of the footpath upon the landowner. *"The amount so imposed shall be payable to the council and until paid shall be in every case a charge upon the land". ("Local Government Act 1974 section 331 (1)"*)

I) **Comment:** The Christchurch City Council has the right to make a charge upon the property owner for the construction of the public footpath in front of a persons property **OR** has already made the charge upon the persons property in the CCC's rating area and therefore should have the monies in the CCC's bank accounts at all times to construct, maintain or repair footpaths, pedestrian kerb cut downs or *vehicular kerb cut downs* and restore footpaths to pedestrian standards as defined in **NZS 4121:2001 Design for Access and Mobility - Buildings and Associated Facilities**, see Section 6, Footpaths, Ramps and Landings. It is not ethical for the CCC to take money from the ratepayer to construct and maintain footpaths and then not use it for its purpose or apply it to another use. That is a fraudulent use of the ratepayers monies. The Christchurch City Council Mayor and Councillors need to have enough integrity to make and approve rules that are tight enough to do the job properly and not to continuously milk monies from the ratepayer unjustifiably.

**B) CONCLUSION**

The re-instatement and repair of the public footpath system is urgent and the Christchurch City Council has to take on immediately the job of re-instating the footpaths such as at 32a New Brighton Road, 40 New Brighton Road, Warrington Street, St Albans Street and many others to ensure that our footpaths are restored to proper working order. I would challenge the Mayor or any City Councillor or Community Board Member to be strapped into a wheelchair available at the Shirley Library and come for a walk with me pushing the Wheelchair. Reality would sink in.



Philip Haythornthwaite

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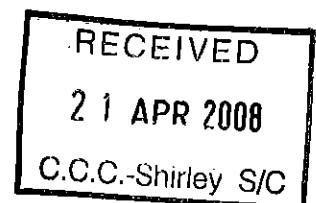
#### Reasons in support of the above proposal:

A) The Christchurch City Council has been undergrounding overhead electric supply services to improve the way Christchurch looks by removing untidy overhead wiring and the visual impact that this has on a persons view as well as being able to improve lighting quality. For some strange reason that is not understandable a row of *seven overhead supply power poles* have been left on New Brighton Road in the old overhead wiring supply style. It makes the whole area especially alongside the Avon River look a mess. It would be very nice to see this part of New Brighton Road completed and all Street lighting brought up to the same standard around it especially with the developments that are occurring off Brooker Avenue to the North of New Brighton Road.

#### B) CONCLUSION

The completion of this work would be very much appreciated as New Brighton Road is a major route for people visiting Christchurch City and the New Brighton Area. The drive to New Brighton would look a lot smarter, the job done would look very tidy and all equipment used to supply and fit the lights would be of the same standard and design. Thank you for considering this submission.

  
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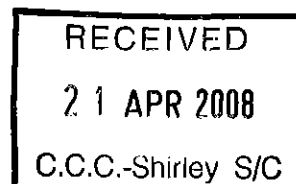
#### Reasons in support of the above proposal:

A) The Christchurch City Council has been undergrounding overhead electric supply services to improve the way Christchurch looks by removing untidy overhead wiring and the visual impact that this has on a persons view as well as being able to improve lighting quality. The moment you cross over the Junction at The Palms from Shirley Road into New Brighton Road the quality of the standard of work drops significantly on New Brighton Road especially between The Palms Mall and ANZAC Drive. The Christchurch City Council should upgrade this section of electrical supply by converting the overhead supply lines to underground supply as it would make New Brighton Road look far smarter past a major city mall in Christchurch. All street lighting on New Brighton Road should be brought up to the same standard that of underground supply and the eastern side of Christchurch should have the same attention paid to its asset improvements as is done for other areas of the City.

#### B) CONCLUSION

The completion of this work would be very much appreciated as New Brighton Road is a major route for people visiting Christchurch City and the New Brighton Area. The whole length of North Parade is on underground supply, the whole length of Warrington Street and Shirley Road is on underground supply, and completion of the work done would make this part of Shirley look very tidy and all equipment used to supply and fit the lights would be of the same standard and design. Thank you for considering this submission.

  
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3-45 pm