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SUBMISSION TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN

I request consideration of the following measures to improve outcomes for this city's built heritage.

- 1) The injection of at least \$500,000 per annum to the Council's existing capital fund to save threatened historic buildings.
- 2) The Council should re-establish a partnership approach to conserving heritage; it should not expect community-based trusts to repay capital funding needed to purchase threatened historic buildings, and to also raise funds to conserve them.
- 3) The future of any listed building within a proposed subdivision should be secured through reserve contributions, or allowing additional lots to compensate for loss of development opportunities, or covenants – **before consents are approved.**
- 4) Intensification proposed under the UDS will create additional pressure on heritage buildings and character areas. More resources urgently need to be made available to significantly improve the protection of the city's built heritage in the City Plan. Priority should be given to notifying proposed plan changes that the Council has been working on. (Notification of these plan changes was expected last year.) Changes should include a mechanism to protect the heritage character of the city's established suburbs while there is still some character left to protect. New heritage items should be able to be regularly added to the City Plan list.
- 5) Resources should be available so that the community is kept better informed about the Council's heritage initiatives and can be involved in meaningful consultation. Too often (eg the Sunnyside Administration Building and Kinsey House) the community and sometimes even neighbours have been excluded from the decision making process.

According to the Service Satisfaction Survey among residents June 2007, 89 per cent of those surveyed said it was very important or quite important that Christchurch's built heritage be retained for the future.

Quite apart from residents' wishes this Council has a statutory obligation to protect significant heritage and to work with the community to attain better outcomes. Members of the heritage community are keen to work with the Council to achieve that objective.

I WISH TO BE HEARD.

Jennie Hamilton