

**SUBMISSION OF THE
RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD**

ON

THE DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S 2008/2009 ANNUAL PLAN

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board (the Board) makes the following submissions on the draft **2008/2009 Annual Plan**.

The Board would like to be heard in support of its submission.

1. **New Leisure Centre** - With the closure of Sockburn Pool, the Riccarton/Wigram area is not served by any substantial aquatic facility. The Long Term Council Community Plan has identified a new aquatic facility in the 2015/16 financial year for the south-west/ west area. The Board considers this timeframe to be unacceptable. The south-west and west areas of the City are showing significant long term growth in residential development, possibly more so than any other area within the City boundaries. The Board believes that there is a pressing need for a new facility **NOW** in the south west/west area or at the very least, a facility should be built much earlier than 20015/16.
2. **Trading Activities** - The Board wishes to acknowledge the positive benefits that ratepayers enjoy from the financial returns of Council trading companies.
3. **Halswell Sports Facilities** – The Board urge the Council to purchase land from the neighbouring developer of Halswell Domain. The Board believe that Halswell Domain should be the central area for sporting activities for Halswell. The lack of sporting facilities has been an ongoing issue for the area.
4. **Social Housing Partnerships** - The Board opposes the dramatic rent increase for Council tenants. The Board believe that the Council should have looked at other options before seeking rent increases at this level. The Board support the establishment of partnerships with central government and its agencies to build and provide social housing. The Board further encourages the Council to look at establishing partnerships with non-government organisations, such as Ngai Tahu, not-for-profit groups and charitable trusts to build local social housing complexes.
5. **Community Board Support** – The Board does not support the current lower level of staff support to elected members.
6. **Community Boards' Funding** – The Board requests that the Council consider that the Riccarton Wigram Ward is one of the fastest growing areas within the Christchurch City Council and the Board needs to be flexible to response to community needs..
7. **Integrated Transport Corridors** - The Board encourages the Council to put in measures to identify and protect transport corridors.
8. **Southern Motorway** - The Board congratulates the Council on the work completed so far in respect of the Southern Motorway and urges the Council to continue working with the appropriate roading agencies for destination from Springs Road to Templeton, as proposed in the Christchurch Rolleston and Environs Transportation Study.
9. **Rezoning of Special Purpose Awatea Zone** – The Board recognises the current work being undertaken in the rezoning of Awatea but request that the work be completed with urgency.
10. **Service Levels** – The Board encourages more robust monitoring of street cleaning contracts and greater enforcement of litter and graffiti removal.

11. **Strategic Land Purchases** - The Board is supportive of such purchases, particularly in the south-west area. The demand for parking in the Riccarton area cannot always be met by on-site facilities and the Council should look to parking sites from which people can then commute. The Board are supportive of surface water retention areas.
12. **Elected Member Representation** – The Board wishes to the Council to consider laptops and communication for elected members.
13. **Crime Prevention & Reduction** – The Board continues to be concerned at the levels of crime in local communities and encourages the Council to support the Police and authorities in promoting crime prevention. Crime ruins the sense of the community and this is an issue of social concern, which has to be taken seriously.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

For the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

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