

2008/09 Annual Plan Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:	<p>150 Marine Pde New Brighton Christchurch 8083</p> <p>21 April 2008</p> <p>email bsandle@snap.net.nz <mailto:bsandle@snap.net.nz></p> <p>Submission of Brian Robert SANDLE to the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2008.</p> <p>I am awaiting some data on the budget for Parks capital and operating expenditure.</p> <p>website hopefully http://homepages.snap.net.nz/~bsandle/ccc_2008_draft_annual_plan <http://homepages.snap.net.nz/%7Ebsandle/ccc_2008_draft_annual_plan> if I need to show any further information too late to get to Council Website.</p> <p>I note the front cover of the Draft 2008 Amendments to the LTCCP has people walking through trees on the border of Hagley Park. But Parks are scarcely mentioned in that Draft Amendments Plan. My submission to a previous draft annual plan asked for more maintenance care for large trees. I pointed out that many large pines on that border have exposed roots. That is still the case.</p> <p>Those trees are at risk of root damage and losing sap, therefore earlier death, or requiring of expensive branch removal.</p> <p>Council is pushing for increased housing density which surely must mean a need for recreation space parks. The Draft Plan allows for extra money to be spent on roading but not for maintenance of parks. Increased housing density means less opportunity for making things - recreation at home. In Holland bird watching takes over. Some of that recreation. Let us try to keep our big pines trees maintained. In at least one of those today on the north east border of Hagley Park I saw pigeons, with dropping at the foot of the tree. Let us hope we can regain some birds, and keep the tall tree habitat they like.</p>

Development contributions for parks have been moved from a valuation base to one per household.

This is reducing the budget available, and I wonder why it is not applied to other facilities, cutting them, too. The philosophy of dense city living is to reduce private car use.

I hope to be heard in person about these matters.