

## Christchurch City Council

### SCHEDULE OF FURTHER SUBMISSIONS ON COMMUNITY AND WARD BOUNDARIES

SUBMISSION NO	NAME OF SUBMITTER
1	Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board
2	Shirley/Papanui Community Board
3	New Brighton Police
4	Canterbury Regional Council
5	Friends of the Park at 125-129 Packe Street
6	Bill Sykes and Peggy Kelly, 115 Packe Street
7	Frances Adank, 40 Hendon Street
8	St Albans Resident's Association
9	Aileen Edwards
10	Hazel Ashton, 40 Winton Street
11	Lynn LePrevost, 200 Edgeware Road
12	Pauline Cotter, 579 Madras Street
13	Sunbeam Kindergarten Committee, Cornwall Street
14	Tim Barnett, MP for Christchurch Central
15	Marie Tickle, 36 Dee Street
16	L F N Chapman, 236 Innes Road
17	E Hunter, 33 Dee Street
18	Jeffrey Holman, 173 Geraldine Street
19	Jeanette King, 173 Geraldine Street
20	John Osborne, Jennifer Leahy, Amelia Osborne and Jack Osborne, 41 Seven Street
21	Daphne Banks, 38 Mersey Street
22	South New Brighton Residents' Association
23	M R McGregor, 4 Torvill and Dean Lane
24	Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage
25	Merivale Precinct Society
26	Deans Avenue Precinct Society
27	Linwood Neighbourhood Committee
28	S M McNeill, 74 Knowles Street
29	Bexley Residents' Association
30	Shirley Residents' Group
31	Christchurch Residents' Association
32	Mt Pleasant Community Centre and Ratepayers' Association
33	Ouruhia Residents' Association
34	K M Turner, 204 Styx Mill Road

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**COMMUNITY AREAS AND WARDS WITHIN CHRISTCHURCH**  
**- SUBMISSION FROM FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD**

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board appreciates the opportunity to prepare this submission on the current proposal before the Council for the variation in Ward boundaries in the city.

Christchurch city has reasonably recently been awarded equal best city status by the Bertelsmann Foundation and, even more recently, has been widely acclaimed, by “Consumer”, as the best city in the country. It is therefore something of a surprise to find that the structure of the city is to be the subject of such major change. The Board has concern that this should be the case.

On page 22 part 1 of the Independent Commission’s report it has been stated *“that we see the prepared option as a refinement of the existing situation not a dramatic change”*. **The Board however, strongly disagrees with this statement** as the preferred proposal represents a “considerable” change which is not warranted in the light of the existing successful (and continually improving) administration of the city.

While the Board holds the above views very strongly it is also comforted by the fact that Residents’ Groups and other current Board contacts consider **that the present boundaries fairly reflect the “communities of interest” around the city.**

All Boards are currently involved in strengthening communities processes, which to a large extent really represent an enhancement of existing routines for working with and liaison with the community. The Board believes **that existing relationships with the community will be severely disrupted** because of the changes that would arise with any adoption of the “preferred proposal”.

The Board also believes that with the proposed change there will be an associated loss of continuity in Elected Members knowledge and understanding of their respective communities. Ten years on from the amalgamation process in 1989, Members are now in a much better position to understand the particular character of the community, and have built up an extensive knowledge of the infrastructure related to the community. Adoption of the preferred proposal would be likely to see the need for a completely new education and understanding of new communities.

As far as the means for defining new communities are concerned the Board contends that the use of main roads as boundaries between communities is not necessarily appropriate. Any need for extensive change could, rather, be related to major dividers such as railway corridors, main motorways and the city's rivers.

The Board also contends that the basis of the proposal defining major shopping areas as focal points for communities is flawed. In fact the **major shopping areas defined**, (ie Riccarton, The Palms, Northlands and Eastgate) **are seen more as being regional centres than separate community focal points.**

The Board now wishes to comment on issues affecting the existing Fendalton/Waimairi community as follows:-

**There is considerable concern with what the Board sees as current communities being split.** In particular the existing community surrounding Burnside High School is cut in half by the Memorial Avenue boundary, the existing communities of Merivale and Fendalton which have been well defined over many years are also disrupted by the proposed new boundaries, and what the Board sees as being an Airport "catchment" is also cut in half by the Memorial Avenue boundary.

With reference to the splitting of the existing Merivale community the Board would add further that it believes that **Merivale has no affinity whatsoever with the central city** and should not therefore be included in any new city precinct. The northern boundary of

the proposed central city “community” is based on Rugby Street and St Albans Street, which effectively separates the Merivale shopping area from its immediate catchment to the south. The Board provides this as another example where the boundaries are wrongly designed.

Equally any suggestion that Hornby and Waimairi, or Avonhead, would have equal communities of interest is strongly countered by the Board. Similarly the Board does not believe that there are mutual interests between Fendalton and Riccarton, which are two other “communities” joined in the preferred proposal.

While not wishing to comment in particular on other aspects of the preferred proposal, the Board believes that, at some stage, it could be appropriate to adopt the principle of a central city community, but this should not be until such time as the extent of inner city living is much further advanced (and the population in the central city is much larger). The idea of artificially expanding the central city area to encompass other precincts, and “grow” the population to a level suitable for defining a community is not supported.

One other aspect which the Board finds unusual about the proposal is the disruption that would occur to existing relationships with the New Zealand Police and other organisations in the city, these having reasonably recently been realigned to suit the existing structure of the Council.

In concluding its submission on the preferred proposal the Board wishes to reiterate its opening comment which questions the need for such substantial change when it seems that the administration of the city is soundly based and working well. The Board would also suggest that the change proposed does not in any way warrant the cost that would be necessary to implement this particular proposal.

Overall, therefore, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board recommends that **the status quo for Ward boundaries in Christchurch should be retained.**

**KEITH NUTTALL**

Chairman

On behalf of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board

9 August 1999

**SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD**

**COUNCIL WARD AND COMMUNITY BOARD BOUNDARIES  
Submission**

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board would like to make the following submission on the Council Ward and Community Board recommended boundaries.

The Community Board is of the view that the city's communities would be disadvantaged by the imposition of the proposed new ward boundaries.

One reason for this view is the high satisfaction level of Christchurch residents as evident from several different sources, eg the annual Customer Satisfaction Survey, the Consumer Report on Local Bodies, etc.

People are only just becoming used to working in ward areas and becoming familiar with the access points. The introduction of changes, at this stage, would lead to confusion and frustration.

**Communities of Interest**

Feedback from residents was very strongly against splitting the communities of interest.

Within the Shirley/Papanui area, one of the communities that would be separated with the introduction of the preferred option would be St Albans. The St Albans Residents' Association area is well covered by the circulation of the local newspaper STANN. There has been a series of issues affecting the area, which have been and are being worked through with the help of the Community Board and the Papanui Service Centre staff. Further proposed development in the area is pending. Under the preferred option, this area would be split three ways, the eastern part between Canon Street and Bealey Avenue becoming part of the Central City ward. Residents in this area identify with St Albans. They are also involved in the Packe Street Reserve, a local park established and 'adopted' by residents.

The rural areas of Kainga and Brooklands have traditionally identified with Belfast and Papanui. The preferred option would sever these ties and affect bus transport.

**Elected Members**

Major residential and commercial growth in the community warrants retaining the status quo as far as numbers of elected members are concerned. The population of Christchurch has increased more than 10% in the ten years since amalgamation of local authorities, but the number of elected people remains unchanged (furthermore, before amalgamation they were all councillors).



### **Ward Names**

Members preferred the use of geographical names – North, South etc – than those recommended. However, the suggestion was made that ‘Styx’ would be more appropriate than ‘Northcote’, particularly if Kainga remained part of the ward.

### **Central City Ward**

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board supports the concept of a central city ward, but not in the form presented in the Commissioners’ report. It was suggested that if a Central City Committee of the Council was expanded to include Board members, it would go a long way towards giving the area the special attention it warrants.

It was further suggested that this be reviewed in three years’ time, restricting the ward within the four Avenues.

### **Summary**

In conclusion, it is the wish of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board that the status quo remains.

**5 August 1999**



**POLICE**  
*Nga Pirihimana O Aotearoa*

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11 August 1999

Ward Boundary Changes  
Christchurch City Council  
Box 237  
CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Sirs

### **CHRISTCHURCH CITY WARD AND COMMUNITY BOARD BOUNDARIES**

I am the Area Manager for the New Brighton and North Canterbury Police area. My opinions are my own and do not reflect the official position of the New Zealand Police. However, I have been the ranking Police officer at New Brighton for the last six years and have gained some appreciation of issues in the eastern suburbs of Christchurch. I will restrict my submissions to addressing the impact of the proposed ward boundary changes just to the eastern suburbs of Christchurch.

The New Zealand Police are committed to maintaining a close relationship and partnership with the local communities and that includes the City Council, Community Boards and the elected representatives. Aligning Police administrative boundaries with local territorial boundaries is part of the partnership. The Police formally moved their administrative boundaries to match the ward boundaries on 1 December 1997. There was a considerable redistribution of resources and further significant change could have a destabilising effect. Any further change needs to be minimised wherever possible. For these reasons, the interests of the Police should be a factor in deciding the ward and Community Board boundaries.

A significant factor is the location of Police buildings. The Police have recently built substantial purpose-built Police Stations at Hornby, Papanui and New Brighton. Each of these stations represent a considerable capital investment in each of those communities. Moving or vacating the stations is not an option. It is also essential that each of the stations be placed strategically within each of their respective Police areas. Having a substantial Police Station on the edge of a Police area or even out of the area creates a nonsensical situation. The location of the suburban Police Stations should be a recognised feature to determine communities of interest. Similarly, schools and their respective catchment areas and the location of other essential services should be recognised.

The emphasis on shopping centres is overstated. Residents in Christchurch are highly mobile and the larger complex and centres draw shoppers from all over the city and the wider Canterbury province.

### **Safer Communities Together**

#### **NEW BRIGHTON POLICE STATION**

147 Seaview Road, New Brighton, Christchurch, P.O. Box 18-502.  
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The only consideration is that a shopping area and surrounding services, such as the Shirley shopping area, The Palms and Shirley Boys High School, Shirley Intermediate and Marian College are all within the same Police area and ward/community board area. Similarly, placing significant commercial centres on the edge of a boundary should also be avoided and a negative example is the proposal for the placement of the New Brighton commercial area close to the boundary with Pegasus and Ferrymead.

Within the eastern suburbs, there are several examples of communities of interest that should be linked. The residents of Aranui and Wainoni use the New Brighton shopping area. Likewise a large number of intermediate and secondary school students travel from the New Brighton area to either Linwood or Aranui High Schools as well as Shirley Boys and Avonside Girls High Schools. Similarly, residents of Avondale go to The Palms and schools on the northern side of the Avon River. It is logical that Aranui/Wainoni, New Brighton, Avondale, Avonside and the area around The Palms are all linked together. Using the Avon River as a boundary does cut across some of those communities of interest, particularly where there is a bridge connection.

Including Brooklands, Spencerville and the lower Styx area within Pegasus Ward is logical because many of the residents orient themselves towards The Palms and use Marshland Road to travel to the city for work. Notwithstanding that large numbers of residents also travel to Papanui, Belfast and Kaiapoi for services and education. Kaiapoi is the closest centre, but Belfast, Papanui and the Shirley shops are all roughly identical distance. The additional factor is the community of interest with New Brighton and Parklands area created by the beach and Burwood Plantation.

A separate ward for the central city is a positive move. The central city has issues unique to that area as well as a distinct community of interest that does not lend itself well to being linked with a community board away from the central city. The idea of a central city centre ward is strongly supported.

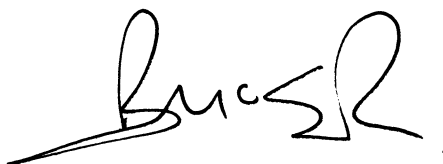
Conversely, at least one area or suburb should be separated from the Pegasus Ward. The proposed extension of the Pegasus Ward westwards into the St Albans area does not reflect logic and appears to have been made purely for political reasons. Most residents around the Springfield Road area align themselves with Papanui, or Merivale or the central city. St Albans has no real community of interest with Shirley or New Brighton/Pegasus area and linking St Albans with the eastern part of the city should be resisted. St Albans is a part of the corridor between the northern areas of the city and the central business district. St Albans must be linked with either of those areas.

If the population numbers have to be increased for Pegasus Ward then the population of Aranui/Wainoni and Avonside should be incorporated into Pegasus Ward rather than St Albans, notwithstanding the proposal to use the Avon River as a boundary.

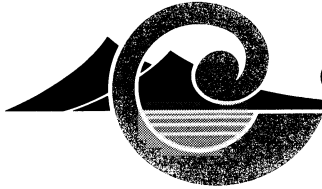
There are several areas where the proposed boundaries are an improvement on the present situation. Placing the boundaries between the Pegasus and Papanui Wards west of Marshland Road is a step in the right direction. The boundary between Papanui and Pegasus Wards should be placed halfway between New Brighton and Papanui. An ideal boundary would be Hills Road with the urban area and the edge of the residential area within the rural section. Likewise, using the Avon River and arterial streets is also a positive move, but it should be recognised that using such boundaries cuts across some particularly strong communities of interests. This situation should be avoided.

I am available for any further comment and discussion.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian McGurk', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Brian McGurk  
Inspector  
Area Manager



## CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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11 August 1999

Mr M K Robertson  
Council Secretary  
Christchurch City Council  
P O Box 237  
CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Max

### REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AREAS AND WARDS

Councillors have noted the report on Community Areas and Wards was received by your Council on 2 July 1999 and it resolved to make the report available for public consultation.

I have been asked to advise you that this Council reiterates the points made in its previous submissions. They are:

- Section 101L of the Local Government Act requires the Council to ensure *“that, so far as is practicable, constituency boundaries coincide with the boundaries of one or more territorial authority districts or the boundaries of wards”*.
- The Council favours four constituencies with two members each in Christchurch.
- Recognition of candidates is of prime importance for this Council and any arrangement of boundaries which would result in this recognition being lessened, would not be favoured.

Yours sincerely

P C Berry  
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

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**Submission from The Friends of the Park at 125-129 Packe Street Inc  
– Packe Street Park – requesting that the proposed Hagley/ Pegasus  
Ward boundary be relocated to Bealey Avenue from Canon Street.  
This is to support the good community development that is currently  
and naturally happening in the Packe Street Neighbourhood.**

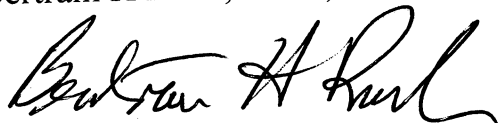
The Reserve in Packe Street is the first of its kind in the city. The land is owned by the City Council and gardened by the local residents. The gardening brings together people of very different backgrounds and helps integrate newcomers into the neighbourhood.

Members of “ The Friends” and park users come from at least as far South as the flats on the corner of Bealey Avenue and Packe Street. We feel that it would be very destructive to divide this community of interest into two wards just now.

In the past The Shirley/ Papanui Community Board and Service Centre have been very supportive of this project for example by helping us to do letterbox drops to our whole community to Bealey Avenue. We would not choose to have to negotiate with Councillors and staff of two wards.

We ask that the ward boundary be restored to Bealey Avenue.

Bertram H Rush, Chair, Friends or the Park at 125-129 Packe Street Inc.



557a Barbadoes Street  
St Albans  
Christchurch

6 August 1999

**Submission: Ward Boundary Changes.**

We are strongly opposed to the Hagley/ Pegasus boundary being drawn along Canon Street in St Albans AT THIS TIME.

This is mainly because it will place an active community of interest into two wards. The community of interest we refer to, are those of us who are neighbours of the "old Southpower Depot" which occupies the block from Packe to Madras Street and from Canon to Purchas Street. The Southpower Depot, we are told "will be the biggest piece of inner city redevelopment for some time". The noise, dust and traffic that this reconstruction must generate will, without doubt, affect the lives of people living and working in the blocks all around it. We base this opinion on the historical difficulties with noise, dust and glare from the old Depot itself – difficulties that have been experienced by the community for years. In the past we have been relatively lucky in that our problems relating to the site could be looked into by one entity – The Shirley/ Papanui Community Board in whose ward both the Depot and we, its neighbours, co-existed.

We presume that the Commission thought to bring the boundary north to Canon Street because in the Proposed City Plan this is where the L3 zoning ended. This rationale no longer applies, however, because as everybody now knows the L3 zoning has been extended to Edgeware Road through eight blocks from Geraldine Street to Caledonian Road.

We understand that the Commission sees it as desirable to endow Hagley Ward with a sizeable population. We would argue, however that it is not in the best interests of our community, to have the sliver between Bealey Avenue and Canon Street put in a separate ward from the rest of us in St Albans at this time. Rather, we hope that the mayor's dream comes true and that the inner city ward will grow more independently.

As a subsidiary issue:

Those of us who live in that part of St Albans recently rezoned to L3, while seeking a variation to the Plan to allow us to revert to L2, know that in the end some higher density and taller building is justified on some sites in our locality. We understand that there is a willingness in Council to resurrect our old Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. Thus it seems sensible that redevelopment in the immediate future between Bealey Avenue and Edgeware Road (that is, within that part of St Albans currently zoned L3) should be done within an overall concept plan. To have this locality divided between two wards at this time will make rehabilitation of this poor old battered suburb much more difficult.

We therefore urge Council to give due consideration to this submission and to readjust the Shirley boundary southwards again to Bealey Avenue. This will, for example allow the South side Purchas Street residents share with the North side Canon Street residents any common concerns about the huge redevelopment on their doorsteps. It would be in the Council's interest to have only one set of Councillors (i.e. one ward) involved in this project and supporting the existing residents it will, without doubt, affect.

WR (Bill) Sykes and ME (Peggy) Kelly, 115 Packe Street, St Albans, Christchurch 1.

*Bill Sykes*

*Peggy Kelly*

**SUBMISSION FORM**

Re: Proposed boundary change  
of wards covering St Albans.

Please note the concerns of St Albans  
Residents Assn (SARA) that the area from  
Springfield Rd across to Hills Rd  
and between Bealey Ave + Innes Rd  
is a community of interest that has  
suffered under the 20 year plus  
northern central ballot and represents  
an area called St Albans.

It should be covered by one ward at  
local body level not more than one.  
Edgware Rd runs from side to side and  
within these boundaries there are many  
small neighborhoods with interesting identities,  
all part of St Albans. We're not the inner city,  
we're not Richmond, Shirley or Merivale! or Maireha.

NB: This submission is made by me as a  
resident of St Albans for 20 years plus.

Your name: FRANCES ADANK

Your address: 40 HENDON ST  
ST ALBANS

Your signature: f.e Adank

6.8.99

Please post your reply to:  
WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch

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FAX 371-1786

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St Albans Residents Association (S.A.R.A.)  
St Albans Community Resource Centre  
1047 Colombo St, PO Box 21-102, St Albans  
Ph. 374-2465 (between 11 - 2 pm)

## Submission re: Ward Boundaries

The St Albans Residents Association feels that the new boundaries will be detrimental to St Albans in that this suburb will be divided into two wards. Using Canon St as the boundary will mean that people affected by the "Orion Development" will need to choose between the Inner City and Pegasus Wards.

Other St Albans people will have to work out which of two different lots of council officials to go and which of two lots of community board and council members will represent them. This will also mean that community representatives, such as those in the St Albans Residents Association (SARA) will have to attend two community board meetings, if they are to adequately represent the interests of St Albans people. It is currently a huge commitment for people to attend one community board meeting.

St Albans is an old suburb with a long history. For the past 25 out of 30 years, St Albans has had a motorway designation hanging over it. This was lifted five years ago. Since then St Albans has been working hard to rebuild its community spirit. It has had a community paper (STANN) for about 5 years, a community choir, a community garden in Packe Street, community help for computer work, a history group, a community art group, and close to a hundred separate community sports, leisure and church groups. To cut this suburb in two, this time horizontally rather than vertically would be another devastating blow to those who feel that St Albans has finally regained its identity.

The St Albans boundaries according to Stann and the St Albans Residents Association are west from Springfield Rd to Hills Rd in the east and south from Bealey Ave to Innes Rd in the north.

We prefer the Status Quo to be maintained. If, however this is impossible, we ask you to drop the lower ward boundary back to Bealey Avenue, so that part of the community can continue to identify with the northern parts of St Albans.

Yours faithfully



Douceline Wardle  
Community Facilitator (on behalf of S.A.R.A)



*ST ALBANS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION*  
(S.A.R.A.)

P.O. Box 21 102, St Albans, Christchurch.  
1047 Colombo Street, St Albans.  
Phone 374-2465 (11 – 2 pm)

8<sup>th</sup> August, 1999

Mr Ralph Ross  
President/ Chairman, Christchurch Residents Association  
1 B Spurway Place  
Christchurch 1

Dear Ralph Ross,

**re concern about ward change process**

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) is incensed that it was not included in the discussion about the proposed change to its ward boundary prior to the Commissioners report being written. It thinks it is essential that residents groups are included before major decisions are made, not after.

It was VERY DIFFICULT to obtain relevant information about the changes. For instance, it took three people three days of enquiries to elicit from officials where the proposed boundaries were. There were no clear maps and officials who should have known were either not available, or simply did not know.

Feeling is running high in St Albans as this decision comes on the heels of another drastic decision where there was no information available until it was too late. A large area of St Albans was rezoned without anyone, not even local council politicians and officials knowing about it.

SARA is currently working with the council to explore ways of mitigating the re-zoning decision. The proposed boundary change will fly in the face of all the many hours of voluntary work already done so far on a concept plan, a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, an enhancement project and work to mitigate the disruption caused by development on the South Power site.



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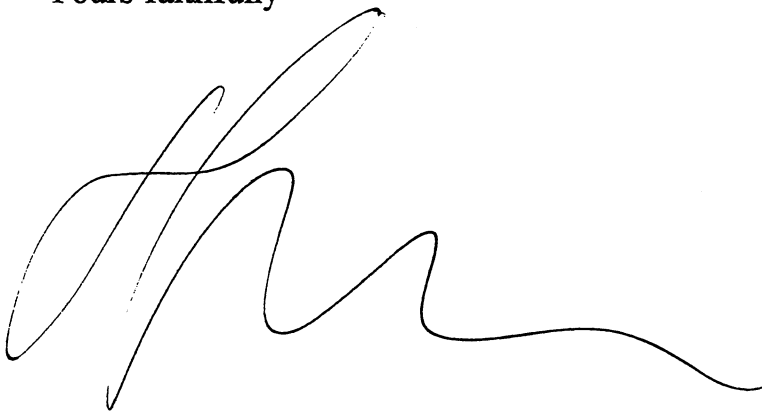
SARA is dismayed that a group, supposedly concerned about "communities of interest", would so savagely and cavalierly undermine an active residents association in such a fashion. St Albans is an old suburb with a long history. St Albans has a clear and vigorous community of interest, one which many have been working hard to build up in recent years. It has had a community paper (STANN) for about 5 years, a history group, a community choir, a community garden in Packe Street, community help for computer learning, a community art group, a university bus taking students to and from university and close to a hundred community sports, leisure and church groups.

Decision-makers keep saying they want community involvement, while in practice they seem to keep making decisions which undermine the work many are doing in the community. Decisions that negate the hard work of community volunteers threaten to destroy communities of interest.

We request that a formal letter be sent from the Christchurch Residents Association, requesting that ward boundaries be re-drawn in consultation with residents groups.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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Hazel Ashton  
(on behalf of SARA)

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10.8.99

1/16 Geo Road St  
St Albans  
Ch Ch. 1.

Dear Sir

I wish to be in St Albans  
Please leave me as I am -  
& have been for 50 years -  
even before I shifted to my  
present home.

Thank you so very  
much.

Sincerely

Oliver Edwards

Hazel Ashton

Telephone 03-366-6618  
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40 Winton Street  
St Albans, Christchurch

10<sup>th</sup> August, 1999

## ***Submission on proposed ward change***

*from* Hazel Ashton,  
(former Community Board Member and St Ablans community volunteer)

I want St Albans to remain intact as a distinct *community of interest*. I DO NOT want it to be split between ward boundaries as is currently proposed. Bealey Avenue, not Canon street, is the natural boundary for our suburb.

St Albans is an old established suburb. It has been that way for many years. St Albans has thrived as a *community* in spite of a thirty year old motor way designation cutting through the middle of the suburb and the resulting planning blight. St Albans employs its own *community* facilitators. It has its own *community* recourse centre.

It also has a well established and popular *community* paper (STANN), a *community* choir, a *community* garden in Packe Street, *community* assisted computer tuition, a history group focusing on the history of the *community*, a *community* art group, an after school programme OSCAR (the first in a now New Zealand-wide programme) and a university bus (also probably first) and close to a hundred separate *community* sports, leisure and church groups.

If St Albans is split into two council wards, it will mean this *St Albans community* will be represented by two different sets of community board and council members, and two different sets of council officials. This splitting up of a classic "community of interest" would have severe practical implications for the *community*. St Albans' *community* representatives, such as those in the St Albans Residents Association (SARA), would have to attend two different community board meetings if they were to adequately pull together and represent the interests of St Albans people. It is currently a huge commitment for people to attend one community board meeting.

If present circumstances are anything to go by, then streets and areas unlucky enough to be on the borders between two wards will be ignored and neglected. This is because one side of the street belongs to one ward, the other side to another, and it is very difficult to get elected representatives of different wards to co-operate.

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This is a huge factor for St Albans, especially at the current time. For instance, the large South Power site will be on the border. Issues regarding development, noise of construction, vibration etc will impact on the St Albans *community*. St Albans *community* volunteers have already been talking with council officials and representatives about this.

Also on the border is a large area recently rezoned from Living Zone 2 to Living Zone 3 - without anyone, including council officials and representatives knowing. St Albans *community* volunteers are currently working with the council to explore ways of mitigating this unfortunate re-zoning decision. For instance, already work has been done on a large and detailed concept plan, a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, and an water enhancement project on St Albans creek. The proposed boundary change will fly in the face of all the many hours of voluntary work already done so far. As a community volunteer myself, I can tell you that many in St Albans are feeling under siege at the moment with decision after decision impacting negatively on our suburb.

I do think the ward system could be improved. This would be better achieved by taking the concept of 'community of interest' seriously and making the wards fit around the "community of interests", not the other way around. Please take seriously the fact that St Albans clearly has a "*community of interest*", one chosen by the people of St Albans. St Albans people are sick of outsiders trying to manipulate its space to suit their own needs. I am also tired of being told that St Albans is too big. The people of St Albans have decided on the boundaries. Structures have evolved within this structure. We may not be doing everything perfectly, but community volunteers are doing their best to build community. Please don't undermine these efforts. Please demonstrate that you do take seriously the idea of splitting "*communities of interest*" by not adopting the Commissioner's proposal to split this suburb at Canon street.

One last note:- Many in St Albans are very concerned that more attempts were not made to inform residents about the proposed change, before major proposals were put forward. I am very interested in local body matters, yet I did not get the required information. We do have a community paper and details could have been put in there.

I did not get the *City Scene* paper. A St Albans' council official told me about the proposed ward change. When I did eventually get the information, it was very difficult to find out where the proposed ward boundaries were. Many of us are still not clear. I presume St Albans is split into two wards, with the dividing line at Canon Street?

End of submission

# SUBMISSION FORM

I am writing to object to St Albans being split into two separate sections

St Albans area is working extremely hard at present to bring the community, young, old, affluent, less privileged etc etc "together" and make all feel a part of the greater community. I have a pride in our surroundings - thus

such a move would be to the detriment of this. It makes any council/government <sup>proposals</sup> changes to our community more difficult to administer/respond to as we would no longer be one - but 2 separate areas.

- I definitely see this has having no benefit to a community working to build up a community spirit i.e. employment of a youth worker / setting up a community resource centre - promotion of community events happen-ings etc.

Your name: Dylan Le Prevost

Your address: 200 EDGEWARE ROAD  
St Albans

Your signature: 

Please post your reply to:  
**WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES**  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch

Telephone:  
MAX ROBERTSON 371-1553  
FAX 371-1786

8/8/99.

579 MADRAS ST  
ST. ALBANS

CHRISTCHURCH.1

3797195 ph/fax.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Regarding the suggested splitting up of ST ALBANS into two council wards, I feel that St Albans is evolving a very strong community spirit, nurtured by STANN, the residents association, and the new Resource centre. The locals show keen participation in events, programmes & issues, showing a strong community spirit. This is a commendable and Rare quality to find in any city, and therefore we should foster it. Splitting St Albans into two wards will definitely divide residents, and consequently weaken this wonderful collective spirit.

I think boundaries would best be placed from Springfield Rd to Hills Rd, and from Bealey Ave to Innes Rd.

Thanks for your time to consider the opinions of concerned Residents.

Best Regards, *Pauline* (PAULINE COTTER MRS)

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## SUBMISSION FORM

Re: The splitting of St Albans into 3 council wards

The irony here is surely that for the last several months the Kindergarten Centennial sub-committee has been celebrating the St Albans "community" because the Kindergarten is 100 yrs old this year.

St Albans is an old suburb with a long history & so it should remain.

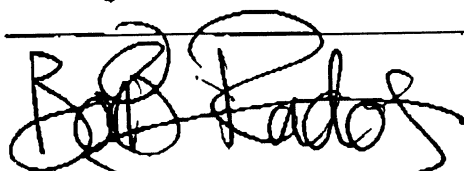
Perhaps the money to be spent on the unnecessary "splitting" could be channelled into furthering the many existing community groups & areas.

A telling point has to be that the Community board has employed community facilitators in the St. Albans resource centre - just recently - a sign of a "community of interest" don't you think ???

Your name: Sunbeam Kindergarten  
Committee

Your address: Cornwall St  
St. Albans

Your signature:



11 Aug 99.

Please post your reply to:  
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PO Box 237  
Christchurch

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5/437 Mandokai St.  
St. Albans. CHCH



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**MP FOR CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL**  
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**Submission on the report "Community areas and wards" proposing future boundary options**

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- 1 I regret that local MPs were not involved in the formal consultation process, meaning that an entire layer of governance was entirely omitted from the report.

**MY INTEREST IN THE LOCAL BODY BOUNDARIES**

- 2 When the Christchurch Central Electorate boundaries were redrawn in 1998, one of the key arguments put forward by this office and accepted by the Boundaries Commission was the need to have consistency between local and central government electorate boundaries.
- 3 The redrawn central government boundaries in Christchurch Central match closely the boundaries for the local wards, with the north of the electorate largely synonymous with the Shirley ward and the south of the electorate largely synonymous with Hagley. Both wards have a distinctive and different character.
- 4 With increasing integration between central and local government, pioneered in many ways by Christchurch City, the need for local body and central



government politicians to co-operate is growing. Examples include the changes to community policing boundaries to match them with Community Board boundaries and likely future partnerships in service delivery such as housing.

- 5 A significant proportion of casework coming to Electorate Offices is local body related. That involves liaison with staff based at service centres; the more wards contained in one Electorate, the more complex the work and the less likely it is that satisfying and productive liaison relationships will be created.
- 6 In the 1998 revision of electorate boundaries, my submissions put considerable stress on the need for local body boundaries to be synonymous with those of central government.

**COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST**

- 7 The proposed central city ward is not restricted to what is generally recognised as the central city area. Instead it includes parts of Merivale and Riccarton which are separated from the central city by the barriers of Hagley Park and Bealey Avenue. This will split these already existing communities.
- 8 The open space that forms Hagley Park should be seen as a significant boundary between communities of interest.
- 9 The proposed central city ward will be vulnerable to being sidelined by the dominance of suburban wards within the City. With the present structure, Hagley ward is attached to the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board that provides the ward with a link to one of the suburban wards. This enables the Hagley Ward to build up support on the Council and reduces the risk that inner city issues will be sidelined for the sake of the suburbs. Under the proposal, the inner city ward will be in a very vulnerable position.

- 10 The proposed boundary changes will split St Albans that presently has a lively community. This community has clear identifiers in the form of a vigorous residents group, a community centre and facilitator and a newspaper of five years standing. The continued and flourishing existence of the St Albans Neighbourhood News is in itself, a reflection of the strength of St Albans community identity. Under the proposal, this community will be split between three wards. As communities are dependent on a small core of committed people, to co-ordinate and run the activities and services which identify that community, this community will be placed under considerable strain as it is required to liase with three community boards.
  
- 11 The residents' group layer of local governance has evolved alongside the existing community board structure. This provides a system for the communication of local concerns into decision-making processes and as such should be seen as a fundamental unit of local governance. Because of this role, the boundaries of local residents groups should be considered as one of the key determinates of local government boundaries. Consideration of the manner in which communities of interest communicate with their local authority is fundamental to establishing sensible electoral boundaries.

**RELIEF SOUGHT**

To the extent that the existing boundaries match Christchurch Central electorate and residents' groups' boundaries that they be retained.

**I WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THIS SUBMISSION**

**SIGNED**



Timothy Andrew Barnett, MP

**DATE**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1999

36 Dec St.

St Albans

Ch. Ch.

12. 8. 99.

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Ward Boundary Changes.

Sir, I wish to register my opposition to boundary changes in St. Albans.

I realise mine is perhaps a pointless exercise, due to ignorance of proposed changes until date of submissions closing.

My awareness came through delivery of local free delivery publication "STANN" at 5 pm 11. 8. 99

Are ratepayers being deliberately kept uninformed of council changes until "fait accompli" met again

St Albans is well established and serves its residents as successfully as it has for many years. Please do not emulate the Govt. & repair things before they are broken.

We like St. Albans the way it is - at least geographically, I'd like it to remain that way.

Yours faithfully

Marie B. Tickle.

L.F.N.Chapman  
236 Innes Road  
Christchurch 1

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Ward Boundary Changes  
P.O.Box. 237  
Christchurch

Dear Sir or Madam,

The idea to split St. Albans into two Wards is a ridiculous decision to start with and to claim that we have no Community of Interest is also not correct.

I have lived in St. Albans all my 90 years life, 63 years at the above address, I should know.

Yours sincerely

L.F.N. Chapman

33 Dec St.  
St Albans ChCh  
3552463

Ward Boundary Changes.

I was surprised to read the article in our splendid ~~local~~ local "Stann" Neighbourhood news of the proposal to split St. Albans into yet another Council Ward.

This seems absurd - yet another Board with its unnecessary duplication + expense.

Our rates are far too high, we don't need more expense and confusion.

When I moved to St Albans a few years ago from River Road I was amazed at the community spirit here, + this has continued to increase. The local "Stann" gives us details of the local advantages such as a choir, garden, community hall, computer help, art, sports + leisure groups, shopping, Drs. Lawyers + plenty of services, Youth workers, Drop-in centre etc etc.

I suggest boundaries be extended to Bealey Ave, + that this idea of more burdens for ratepayers should be dismissed.

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs) E. Hunter.

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173 Geraldine Street  
Christchurch 8001

Ward Boundary Changes  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch

11 August 1999

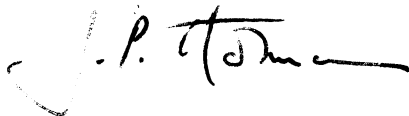
Dear Sir/Madam

I have lived in this area since returning from the UK in 1997, and find it a diverse, yet discrete community. St Albans has all the potential for a thriving inner city suburb, and has a wide range of community organisations, and its own "feel".

I was therefore most concerned to read of Council plans to split us into two wards, when there is certainly a "community of interest" here, the very thing said to be absent. The St Albans Residents Association definition seems right: Springfield to Hills Road, Bealey Avenue to Innes Road.

In the words of the wise, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it": people get tired of change for the sake of change, and if my inner London experience is any guide, we need all the community spirit we can find, now and in the future.

Best wishes,



Jeffrey Paparoa Holman

173 Geraldine Street,  
Christchurch 8001.

Ward Boundary Changes,  
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Christchurch.

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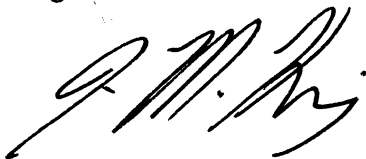
Tena koe,  
St Albans Ward

I have just read the latest issue of STANN and find to my astonishment that there are plans to split the suburb of St Albans over two wards. I have lived in three different streets in various parts of St Albans since 1980, nearly 20 years. One of the reasons I elected to come and live in St Albans was the fact that it seemed a definite community - marae, school, shopping centre.

My children have attended the Kohanga Reo at Rehua Marae, Sunbeam Kindergarten and St Albans School. I have been a member of the Library in the newly refurbished St Albans Community Resource Centre and my children have played in St Albans Park where my son currently plays soccer. I know many people over the whole suburb.

Like many other people I am very proud to be a resident of St Albans. It is definitely a community of interest, if not an interesting community. Those of us who walk the streets and are familiar with the area would be very sad if our community of interest was to be disregarded by the new ward divisions. I endorse the St Albans Residents Association definition of St Albans: Springfield to Hills Road, Bealey Ave to Innes Road.

Kind regards,



Jeanette King

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41 Severn Street  
St Albans

11 August 1999

re: **Submissions to Ward Boundary Changes**

Dear Council Committee

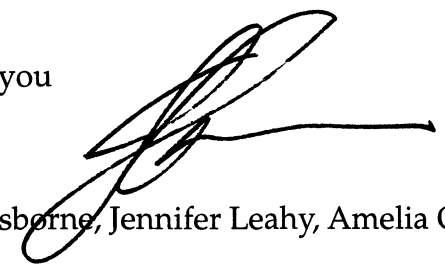
I have only tonight discovered, while reading the St Albans Neighbourhood News, your intentions to divide the St Albans area into two separate Wards. I understand the close-off date is the 11 of August but hope that you will be able to still consider my short note in the decision making process.

I am objecting to the splitting of St Albans into two council wards. As the spokesperson of our family I want to point out that St Albans has a unique community and I feel that it would not be served well by any division.

We as a family participate in local activities, belong to organisations and identify as being part of the St Albans neighbourhood. We feel we have a connection to this area and an ability to make a difference to the local area. This would be risked by splitting into different wards and undo a lot of community spirit.

This has been a very short note but, I hope it is able to convey from a family group in the neighbourhood our desire to remain in the St Albans Ward.

Thank you



John Osborne, Jennifer Leahy, Amelia Osborne and Jack Osborne



## Dividing St Albans

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How can you try to destroy St Albans again?

First the motorway designation dragging on for so many anxious years.

Second The high density housing proposed in the southern area - where were the notices to the local people - most people have letter boxes. How could it be that only when L.3 was cut and dried did people <sup>realise</sup> what had been decided. Empty spaces and the large number of empty commercial buildings within the 4 avenues could provide plenty of housing without ruining pleasant suburbs.

Now you have been high handed in deciding (no doubt without consultation, by non-residents of St Albans) that there is no, as you call it "community of interest" From where did you acquire that idea? Where has the Council's policy of consultation gone? Did you send out information to the citizens of St Albans, via special notices in letter boxes, putting forward your ideas

and asking for opinions and ideas in return? Most of us bought into St Albans many years ago because we were attracted to it then & at the moment still are.

St Albans is the area between Bealey Ave, & Innes Road (S9N) and Springfield & Hills roads and that's how it should stay.

Messing up what could have been an even better community area between Cranford and Trafalgar Streets by allowing the B.P. station & its franchises was another anti St Albans move.

The enclosed STANN (The St Albans Neighbourhood News) should prove to you that we are a community. Am reluctant to part with this valuable source of local news.

Sincerely  
Daphne A. Banks  
38 Mersey Street  
St Albans  
3 558 399

# STANN

## The St Albans Neighbourhood News

Send your contributions or adverts to PO Box 21-316 Chch. or Phone 355 4746 (Ads) Fax 355 4794 or 379-4184 (Phone/Fax)

### It's Happening for Youth!

A variety of new programmes for youth are starting up at the St Albans Community Resource Centre.

On Thursday afternoons, the centre is open 4-6pm for young people to drop by, play pool and cards, and hang out with their friends enjoying a cup of coffee. Soon to start will be some after school dance workshops covering a range of dance styles such as break dancing, Latin American, and jazz funk. During school holidays, a variety of cheap activities will be available both in the Resource Centre and away from town.

Kelly Hansen is the new Youth Worker here in St Albans. Her role is to develop and implement a youth strategy, facilitate activities for youth to develop networks, and to organise youth projects.

Kelly has an Honours degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management from Lincoln University and professional work experience in the recreation industry

as an outdoor instructor, white water rafting guide, and more recently as a Recreation Co-ordinator with the Christchurch City Council. She enjoys participating in many recreational activities, especially kayaking, and represents New Zealand in wildwater kayaking and canoe polo.

A host of activities are already available for youth in St Albans. Several youth groups offer a range of fun evening activities. Sports minded people can try their hand at karate, soccer, rugby, netball, squash, bowls, tennis, and croquet, all available locally. Rangers, brownies, scouts, and girl guide groups provide outdoor adventures and the chance to learn new skills. There's also ballet, yoga, singing, art, and computing groups and of course the Edgeware swimming pool in Summer.

Drop in to the Resource Centre to check out the programmes on offer or to find out more information about recreation activities and community groups in St Albans.

Let us know what YOU want to see happening and we'll do our best to make it happen.

Call in on Thursday afternoons or leave a message on Ph 374 2465.



Kelly Hansen - Youth Worker

### St Albans In Two Wards?

You heard about the change to L3 housing only when it was too late. Did you know that now there is another proposal about to go through that will affect St Albans?

St Albans will be split into two council wards. This will mean St Albans people will have to work out which of two different lots of council officials to go to and which of two lots of community board and council members will represent them. For instance, for the Orion site south of Canon St you would have to address the Inner City Ward, but if you had an issue such as the rezoning north of Canon St you would approach the Pegasus ward!

It has been decided to split St Albans into two wards because decision makers didn't think St Albans had, what they call a 'community of interest'. It is hard to understand how they would have come to this conclusion especially given that more recently our Community Board has employed "Community Facilitators" in a St Albans Community Resource Centre!"

St Albans is an old suburb with a long history. Ever since the motorway designation was lifted the community spirit has increased. This has been reflected by the development of a community paper (STANN), a community choir, a community garden in Packe Street, community help for computer work, a history group, a community art group, and close to a hundred separate community sports, leisure and church groups.

The St Albans boundaries according to Stann and the St Albans Residents Association are from Springfield to Hills Rd and from Bealey Ave to Innes Rd. If you agree that St Albans has a community of interest it is not too late. Write supporting the status quo or ask for the southern boundary to be extended to Bealey Ave. Submissions close on August 11th, but if you get it there by Friday they may still accept it. Please speak from your own experience. It will really make a difference if enough people write.

Send it to Ward Boundary Changes, PO Box 237, Chch.

### Community Forum

Tuesday 24 August at 5.30pm

Theme: What does St Albans want/need Regarding Community Events.

A chance to network while discussing St Albans issues.

We know this is a strange time, but we wish to attract both business people and community groups! Wine and snacks will be provided.

Organised by CCC Leisure Unit and S.A.R.A. St Albans Community Resource Centre, 1047 Colombo St. Ph 374 2465 for further info.

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South New Brighton Residents Assoc  
P O Box 18 747  
Christchurch  
27/07/99

Walter Friedel  
Community Secretary  
Shirley Service Centre  
36 Marshland Road  
Christchurch

Dear Walter

I would like to make submissions on behalf of the South New Brighton Residents Association on the proposed future options for Christchurch City community areas and ward boundaries

Firstly we note there have been radical changes to our boundaries. Why the Avon river is used as a boundary which changes our ward radically and therefore does nothing to create a ward that has any commonality defies logic. We have more in common with wards and residents groups over this side of town than someone in Hagley or Brooklands. Why Bexley is not included in our ward is a mystery. We have many common boundaries. The Avon river and the Estuary being good examples.

Secondly we wonder why the status quo cannot remain. It has only been ten years since the last changes. People are happy with what they have now. The reduction of two councillors from 24 to 22 is not worth these changes.

As the old saying goes if it ain't broke why try and fix it. Why change for the sake of change.

Yours Sincerely



Kevin Laredo  
Chairperson

## WARD BOUNDARIES.

### Central Ward

The rationale to create a Central Ward is compellingly argued for in the Commission's "Report on Future Options". However the boundaries drawn up for the proposed Hasley Ward extend well beyond the centre city into the suburbs of Linwood, Shirley, St. Albans and Merivale. The interests of residents outside the four avenues are likely to be outwards to suburban shopping areas, schools, sports clubs and community groups in wards adjacent to Hasley, rather than inwards to the specialised concerns of inner city dwellers. On the other hand residents within the four avenues could be expected to have a high level of interests in the functions and facilities of the city centre.

A sound case can be made to divide the proposed Hasley Ward into two sections to ensure that a group of elected personnel living within the four avenues could attend to the distinctive issues of transportation, apartment living, commercial development particular to the centre city. Both sections of the Hasley ward could elect a councillor and three community board members. While at present only a quarter (7000) of the residents in the proposed Hasley Community Board area live within the four avenues the number are likely to increase with the additional apartments being built. The higher proportional representation for residents in the "Inner city ward" is justified as these ward members would be considering key metropolitan projects and developments that affect all the citizens of Christchurch.

### Ward Names

Now that the boundaries of the Spreydon and Cashmere wards have been moved westward to include Halswell it is no longer appropriate ~~that~~ call the community area Heathcote. The Heathcote township has a regional identity and is not in the Heathcote ward. "South-West Christchurch" would be a more apt description and like Peasopas and Hasley is a generic title.

M. R. M. Greger

↳ Torville & Dean Lane  
Christchurch 8002

Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc.  
PO Box 26-023  
Christchurch 8001.

Mr Max Robertson .  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237.  
Christchurch 8001.

REVIEW OF BOUNDARIES OF WARDS AND COMMUNITIES ;  
CHRISTCHURCH CITY.

The Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc. wishes to make the following submission.

We draw your attention to number six of our original submission .

Should the boundaries of the communities and Community Boards be altered?

In our submission we stated that we would prefer to be in one ward , not two as at present. The Chairman of the Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc . Mr Graham Reddell was present at the review hearing and put our case quite clearly to the panel , and outlined the problems that we as a group had encountered in getting things done when it involved one particular ward in our area.

If the plan as presented is adopted we foresee more problems arising . Is the Community Board who is going to lose a ward to another Community Board going to continue to support that area .? We think not as we feel that where a residents group is split between two Boards it is the feeling that the other Board will look after them.

Has the time and efforts of the Residents Groups who put in submissions to the Review been to no avail ?

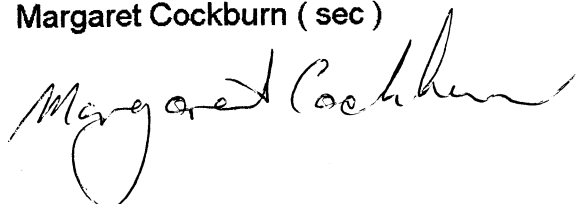
The first option put out was the favourable one for us .

We do not approve the option viii nor do we like the idea of the Shirley Ward being put into the Burwood Pegusus Board .

Have the Councillors not listened to the public or to what the residents groups have been saying to them over this review ?

We ask that the Council reconsider the options and take into account what the Public and Residents Groups have put to them before they make a decision on option viii .

For Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc.  
Margaret Cockburn ( sec )



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# Merivale Precinct Society

Incorporated under the Charitable Trust Act  
P.O. Box 36397, Merivale, CHRISTCHURCH

## WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Merivale Precinct Society vehemently objects to the Commissioners' preferred option known as "Option viii". Colloquially referred to as the "hub and spokes" option. In order to implement the aforesaid option, the suburb of Merivale will be effectively destroyed, as regards to local body representation, and as a consequence, disenfranchised. It seems that Merivale must be sacrificed so that a central ward may be created. No other suburb has been treated so indifferently as appears to be the case with Merivale and the recommendation from the Commissioners' report will not be tolerated. Residents have reacted with shock and disbelief to the possible boundary division cutting right through the heart of Merivale and wish it to be known that they are far from happy with this proposal!

Firstly, the Society would like to refer to Part 2. Community Areas and Wards. In particular pg.61, 8.8.1 Consultation. Council's policy on "Seeking Community Views" and the Local Government Commission's expressed desire that there should be thorough community consultation. It is noted that the Commissioners in this report state: "In the time available we have only been able to bring the background and detailed information, for this report, to a standard suitable to support our recommendations". It is an appalling state of affairs when a matter of major significance, concerning, one's voting rights, is rushed through the public arena with indecent haste. The Merivale Precinct Society was not invited to take part in initial discussions with the Independent Commission concerning impending changes to ward boundaries in Christchurch. In light of the preferred option recommended, one would have thought that the views of the Society, were of paramount importance.

Secondly, the Society would like to refer to Part 2. Community Areas and Wards. In particular pg 24, 5.1.1 [b] "communities of interest". Merivale is a unique area in the City of Christchurch. Over the years it has become a sought after area to reside in whether young or old. The high rates reflect the demand for land in the neighbourhood and as a result residents expect value for their money. The Merivale Community pivots around St. Mary's Church, St. Albans Uniting Parish, Merivale Mall, Village Gate and St. George's Hospital. Several prominent schools are also included. Merivale hums with character and charm. Boundary changes mean Merivale [north side of Rugby St] being linked up with Papanui and includes Northlands and Belfast rather than a large area of Fendalton as previously. With respect Merivale has much more in common with Fendalton than Papanui which is a lower socio - economic area with quite different concerns and interests. We dispute the Commissioners' findings that the Merivale Shopping Centre is of low importance and plays a minor role in terms of dominance within the City. Merivale Mall attracts shoppers city- wide for a quality shopping experience. The Society takes much pride in representing the concerns of the residents and commercial interests and liaising with the Fendalton /Waimairi Community Board. Splitting Merivale in two will weaken the suburb considerably. The Society will have to "collaborate" with two community boards instead of one. This is ridiculous. At present a

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board member of the Merivale Precinct Society attends the monthly meeting of the community board, not to mention any other meetings of interest that may be held in the interim. Trying to duplicate this procedure would be onerous to say the least and probably result in decisions that are at cross purposes to the general good.

Thirdly, the Society would refer to [c] "topographic features". The boundaries designated to Merivale are totally at odds with the Commissioners' ideals as regards arterial routes and open spaces. Merivale from the south side of Rugby St and St. Albans St is proposed to be incorporated into the central city. Reasons given are that this part of Merivale contributes significantly to the central city and its within easy walking distance to the central city. Both these claims are disputed. A large portion of the Merivale population are elderly and retired. Many have led very worthwhile lives in academic and professional areas as well as contributing considerably to the Community. Their walking is limited to the area or Hagley Park and their shopping and socialising is done in Merivale. The attraction to the area is more to do with easy access to shops, medical services, restaurants, cafes and churches. Merivale has nothing in common with the inner urban city. Indeed, Merivale residents in a central city ward, will be severely disadvantaged as one can guarantee the urban area will take precedence. Hagley Park is a natural physical boundary anyway. Bealey Ave is a major six lane arterial route which is another obvious boundary. The Merivale Precinct Society feels that major arterial roads should not be discounted when deciding boundaries. They are logical defined corridors that avoid confusion. Many residents have already chosen where they wish to live under the present voting system and have no desire to have arbitrary decisions forced upon them.

Fourthly, the Society would refer to Part 2, Community Areas and Wards. In particular pg 25, 5.1.2 [a]. There is absolutely no fairness with splitting Merivale down the middle. The end result is a watering down of voting power in a traditionally conservative area. Representation for Merivale, its concern for heritage, the environment and the elderly and disabled will take a backseat to other issues that bear no importance to residents in our neighbourhood. Rates are expensive in Merivale. How can it be considered fair to include areas where rates are much lower being combined with Merivale for voting purposes. Option viii is unacceptable and unworkable. The Society notes the Commissioners' comments that; "Many submissions argued that we had ignored or divided communities of interest. Overwhelmingly, the focus of these submissions was at the **micro-level** although a small number raised issues of socio-economic likeness. Very few submissions, however, recognised the ripple-effect of minor adjustments to boundaries and their potential for wider consequential impact." With respect these comments show an appalling lack of empathy with residents' concerns. Its all very well to draw boundaries and make arbitrary decisions apparently for the good of all, but sometimes one has to accept that exceptions need to be made where the public is overwhelmingly unhappy with controversial changes.

The Merivale Precinct Society wishes to applaud the current role of Community Boards within the Community. The rapport and goodwill that has been fostered has strengthened links between the Community and Council. It would be very helpful if they were given more delegation and powers. They are in touch with the local problems and can action solutions more rapidly. In particular, the relationship built up with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board is very important to the Society. Councillors and Community Board Representatives are very familiar with the area they represent, however, possible new boundary changes threaten to jeopardise the strong foundation laid. The Society wishes to comment on the



possible change of address of the current Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board if proposed boundary and ward changes go ahead. The present location is ideal. The Society would be most unhappy to travel outside its area because the site was not centrally located within the ward any longer.

Ward names should be left as they are. There is absolutely no good reason why they need to be changed. The Commissioners' say it will cause confusion if left as they are. The Society says, on the contrary, there will be confusion if they are changed.

The Merivale Precinct Society feels that this review is being approached much too hastily and with far too little time for proper public debate. Both the impending general election and the possible amalgamation of the Banks Peninsula District are big issues that need careful thought as well. It is inappropriate to force arbitrary decisions on the public when these are serious matters that need time to be reflected upon.

The Merivale Precinct Society strongly advocates the retention of the status quo which is working beautifully. The public are not lobbying for change and do not wish to have it forced upon them. At the very least Merivale must remain intact and be associated with Fendalton as both are communities with similar interests.

# Deans Avenue Precinct Society

Incorporated 1988

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## **Registered Office:**

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## **Submission to:**

Review of Community Board Boundaries of Wards and Communities and  
Council Elections: (Christchurch City)  
August 1999

The Deans Avenue Precinct Society is a residents group representing the residential area immediately to the west of Hagley Park. We are in our twelfth year. In our early years we dealt with the Riccarton Borough Council, and since local body amalgamation we have been active in lobbying the Christchurch City Council and the Riccarton Wigram Community Board on matters affecting the interests of residents of our area. Given the choice of the proposed scheme and the existing scheme we support the retention of the existing wards and their boundaries

We have made submissions to previous stages of this review. We are affected considerably by the proposed changes in that our area, now in the Riccarton, will be included in a central city ward. We have considered the proposals for some time now and come to the conclusion that we would be better represented by the status quo. While we may have some issues in common with parts of the proposed central city ward these do not in our opinion constitute a community of interest sufficient to justify our inclusion in a central city ward.

This submission has of three main themes, why we would be best remaining with the rest of Riccarton, why we believe our case reveals problems with the creation of a central city ward at present, and finally some comments on the proposed scheme in general although as a residents group the main focus of this submission is how the proposal affect us.

## **We are part of Riccarton:**

Historically and physically our area has been and is a part of Riccarton. Hagley Park is a major physical barrier to the east dividing us from the central city. While the railway line may be a convenient boundary to the west it has never in the past a barrier to us being a part of the Riccarton community.

There are issues that we have in common with some parts of the proposed central city ward such as the impact of high density redevelopment. However while we may have issues in common with these areas this does not seem to us to form a community of interest in the social sense. A community of interest we believe is more about social interactions that common issues. In our area there are at least 10 primary age school children that attend Ilam school. This is but one example of the social connections that our area has to Riccarton to the west and not the central City.

We accept that redevelopment has brought people into our area some of whom look to the central city for employment and entertainment but this is true for people from all over the city. Many of us would go for months at end without entering the central city as Riccarton can supply most of our needs.

Issues relating to L3 zoning and redevelopment are ones we have in common with the outer areas of the proposed central city zone but we cannot think of any other issues that bind us to the central city. We have taken an interest in Hagley park which has occasionally brought us into contact with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board but we regard that as one of the realities of living on a ward boundary rather than a reason to include us with the Hagley ward.

By far most of our interaction is with the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and many issues that extend beyond our boundaries are issues to the west and Riccarton where we feel our community of interest lies. Traffic would be one of the major issues where our interest firmly reside with the rest of Riccarton. We have been active in promoting the Blenheim Road/Moorhouse Avenue deviation and are keenly interested in traffic issues relating to Riccarton Road. We find it hard to think we could best be involved in these issues if we were part of a central city ward.

On balance our area is more closely connected to Riccarton than the central city and we should remain within a ward with Riccarton.

### **The Central City Ward:**

We are not completely against the concept of a central city ward, rather we think that it as idea before it's time. The need to include areas such as ours to give the proposed ward sufficient population to be viable indicates to us that the plan is flawed. Should present proposals to attract a residential population back to the central city come to fruition and more people come to live in the central city then the plan may be viable. If these plans do not work, and we would hardly see significant population increase in the central city before the next local body election, then our primary community interests will have been sacrificed for nothing. When there are clear signs that sufficient population is moving to the central city to justify a central ward without dragging in outlying areas to give the ward sufficient population to be viable then will be the time to create the ward. While the City Council may currently be promoting moving focus back to the central city there have recently been announcements of plans for a retail centre on the old Addington railway workshop site and proposals for a large mall near the airport.

One of our fears is that a central city ward focussed on the central city would have little focus for an appendage such as us. The justification for the central city ward is to focus on central city issues. It is our opinion that central city issues are different from the issues that our face area an those other areas in the outer ring of the proposed ward beyond the four avenues.

We do believe that the central city has it's own special problem and issues but disagree that a specific ward is the best way to approach these problem. The compromises in creating a central city ward to focus on cental city issues will disadvantage those of us included in the ward just to create sufficient population to make the ward politically viable. That the central ward needs more community board members per head of population than the rest of the city to make a viable committee indicates the problems of creating such a small ward.

**General Comments:**

We believe that the existing system is working well. The evidence for this is that there has been no significant criticism of the present system and there is no large call for change. We see no need for change when there are no clear benefits that cannot be accommodated within the present system.

It should be remembered that the purpose of local bodies is to serve their people. While some changes may have been claimed to be more efficient for some aspects of city administration it needs to be asked if this will serve the population of Christchurch and their representational needs better than the current system. We believe not.

The proposals are claimed to be a refinement of the existing scheme. This may be so in concept but in terms of actual boundaries very few remain unchanged and the change from a model with six spokes to five means many major boundary changes. Christchurch is a city with few physical boundaries to divide communities so suburbs merge into one another. In this context as we see changed boundaries near us we think the proposals are if anything worse than the current wards. Dividing us from Riccarton and using Fendalton Road as boundaries we see as worse than the status quo.

We think that the impacts of change cannot be ignored. At present elected representatives know the issues in their ward areas. There is some turnover of representatives at election but there is generally some continuity of community board members and councillors. A major change in boundaries will disrupt this and lead to less effective representation for maybe a term or two. While problem this will decrease with time we think that the disruption of a process of change should not be ignored.

We support the commissioners proposal to seek changes to the law so that a person elected to both a community board and a city council seat must relinquish one of these positions and that all councillors are members of their appropriate community board.

**Conclusions**

We believe that our area has strong historical and continuing links to Riccarton in terms of its community of interest and we should remain a part of a ward including Riccarton

The creation of a central city ward is at this stage premature without strong commercial signals that plans to revitalise the central city are realisable and population begins to return to the central city in significant numbers. We need to wait until issues relating major proposals for retail complexes outside the central city are resolved.

Creation of a central city ward is not without merit but is premature until a significant trend to increase the central cities population is a reality.

We submit that the status quo should remain until the issue of amalgamation with Banks Peninsula is resolved and that no central city ward be created until there is sufficient population in the central four avenues to justify it.

**LINWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE**

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9<sup>th</sup> August 1999

**Ward Boundary Changes**

Christchurch City Council  
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CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Sir/Madam

Linwood Neighbourhood Committee has previously expressed its concerns on these proposals in two earlier submissions to the Local Government Review Commissioners, and copies are enclosed for your information. We have also communicated our concerns to the Christchurch Residents Association (Inc) and also refer you to their submission on this review.

The group is most concerned by the timeframe allowed for the initial stages of this review. Adequate time has not been allowed for the proper dissemination of detailed information to the people on the ground. We did attempt to do submissions in the inadequate time allowed, but are of the opinion that sufficient time was not allowed for the commissioners to take them on board, and that is why we are enclosing copies. We think that it is essential for residents groups to be consulted before the process, not after.

We believe that there has not been enough time spent on accurately defining proposed wards and areas, and no detailed maps showing the proposed boundaries have been made available, eg showing the actual streets, parts of rivers, railway lines etc. A lot of money has been spent on providing maps which are of no real assistance. Available information to date has been confused and contradictory, even causing difficulties for council staff.

For example, in the revised report (June 1999) part 1, on page 9, para 16 it is stated that there will be very little disruption to residents groups in Christchurch, and that only 11 groups may be affected. But on continuing on to pages 15 -16 "Defining suitable community areas and boundaries " the final paragraph appears to contradict the aims of the previous statement.

We believe that the true communities of interest are represented by the boundaries of the existing residents groups, and that they should form the basis of the ward structure in Christchurch.

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The City went through a major upheaval ten years ago, and the existing Community Boards system has settled down and is working well. Residents are comfortable, in the main, with the existing ward boundaries, and are being served well by the Community Boards. They would be happy to accommodate a tweaked version of the present system.

We would also like to point out that it is not easy for residents' associations to ply between two community boards, bearing in mind that they consist of true volunteers who are passionately interested in their community, often at considerable personal cost to the members.

We strongly oppose the proposed boundary cutting through Linwood along Olliviers Road, as it is illogical, takes no account of the integrity of the area, and divides a true community of interest. The "spine" of the Linwood community of interest is Stanmore Road, and its eastern boundary is at Linwood Ave/Ensors Rd, and its western boundary at Fitzgerald Ave, the Avon River to the north and Ferry Road to the south. Linwood is an old established part of Christchurch, and has a community of interest with the existing inner city, Richmond and Charlestown, and similar older inner city suburbs. It has nothing in common with the proposed Mount Pleasant Ward. Eastgate Mall is not our community's focus. Stanmore Road and inwards to the city centre is.

It would appear that the commission took absolutely no heed of the fact that Linwood has a very active and long standing residents association which has been working very hard to improve the lot of Linwood. It is difficult enough for our group to foster and maintain community involvement, and liaise with our community board and city council, without having to fight to maintain our established community of interest.

The proposed Hagley ward/community board appears to be unbalanced, and we submit that the present arrangements be retained, including the existing committee structures relating to the inner city. The suggested Hagley boundaries include parts of too many diverse communities, leading to clashes of interest, eg Linwood has very little in common with Merivale. It appears to be chopping into a number of established communities of interest in order to scrape sufficient numbers together to justify a separate ward structure. The city centre deserves better.

Linwood Neighbourhood Committee submits that the existing community and ward structure should be retained, with some minor changes to existing boundaries to accommodate the true communities of interest ie the residents associations, which have been formed by the people on the ground. They are the ones truly capable of identifying these areas. We have been told so many times of the importance of community consultation, and we have devoted many many hours actively consulting and making submissions on a huge variety of issues over the years.

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The views of the community must be heeded in this exercise. We must be able to see that community consultation really does work, otherwise it will be seen as a cynical, cavalier political exercise to the detriment of Christchurch residents.

Yours faithfully



**C A GREENFIELD**  
Chairwoman  
Linwood Neighbourhood Committee

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# LINWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE

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16th April 1999

Max Robertson  
Christchurch City Council  
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CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Sir

**RE : REVIEW OF BOUNDARIES OF WARDS AND COMMUNITIES :  
CHRISTCHURCH CITY**

Linwood Neighbourhood Committee has discussed the key issues pertaining to this review and a summary of our results is listed below:-

1. We want to see 12 wards retained
2. The number of elected councillors should stay at 24.
3. The councillors should not be elected at large, retain election of 2 per ward.
4. The 6 communities and Community Boards should be retained.
5. Each Community Board should have all its elected councillors (4) on the Board
6. The Hagley Ferrymead Service Centre and Community Board facilities are well enough sited, and we presume that all the others in Christchurch are too, as we are not aware of any negative comments.
7. We feel that the Hagley ward boundary could be altered very slightly to the south to finish at the Railway Line, as the small area to the south of this has a greater community of interest with Heathcote/Spreydon. This could be compensated for by including a small portion presently in Burwood ward, into Hagley and tidying up the north east boundary.

The current structure of Christchurch City Council and the Community Boards should be maintained. The current system appears to be working well, and we are aware that Christchurch is the best run city in New Zealand. We do not wish to see our current democratic rights contravened in any way. The Community Board level is extremely accessible and we urge that all our elected councillors have seats as to exclude one isolates that councillor from the community interface. Our elected representatives already have heavy workloads, so its would be foolish to reduce their numbers, put increased pressure on a smaller number of people, and reduce the representation of the residents.

Please refer our views to the Local Government Commission

Yours faithfully

*Care Greenfield*

**C A GREENFIELD (MRS)**

*Chair, Linwood Neighbourhood Committee*



# LINWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE

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10th June 1999

Christchurch City Council  
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**ATTENTION : M K ROBERTSON**

Dear Sir

**RE : REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AREAS AND WARD BOUNDARIES**

We are unable to make a detailed submission on the commissioners' report at this stage, due to the timeframe allowed. We note that on both pages 3 and 22 of Part 1, reference has been made to very short timeframe allowed and the need to allow ample opportunity for the proposals to be considered by the Christchurch public. We strongly support this suggestion, as we can see no good reason to rush into any ill-considered changes. The Christchurch community is already being served by a robust and accessible local government system.

Our group wants to be kept up to date and informed about the results of this consultation procedure and to be included in any future consultations.

Based on current experience we support the retention of the number of community areas i.e. 6. At the present time we do not see the need for a separate central city community area. The residential population is still low in numbers, and likely to remain so for several years to come. We do not support the suggestion for the separate Hagley ward, the number are not there and it would make for an unbalanced arrangement for the rest of the City. We do support the revitalisation of our city centre and the concept of inner city living, but not through the suggestions made in this report.

We do not support the preferred option for our area. The preferred option does not present a logical boundary between Hagley and Ferrymead. It does not take the true community of interest into account. Linwood is one of the oldest and best defined suburbs of Christchurch, and its community of interest has always been from Fitzgerald Ave in the west to Linwood Ave/Ensors Road in the east, Ferry Road in the south and Linwood Ave/Avonside Drive in the north. Stanmore Road is still looked to as the true central focus of Linwood, not the so-called Eastgate Mall, (this is not in Linwood, anyway!). Our residents look to Stanmore Road and then to the central city for our community of interest. We have nothing in common with the proposed Ferrymead community or Lyttelton, should it be included. The residents to the east of England Street would be ill-served by this cursory division.

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Linwood is in good heart and well rooted in its area. We would look to the central city east, or the older parts of Woolston and Shirley as communities of interest, with shared history and living patterns.

We prefer that all community board areas should embrace similar numbers of residents, who should be represented by 2 councillors per ward, as at present. This may necessitate some minor boundary adjustments to even up population numbers.

The Community Boards are working well, and should be left as they are. The members' number should be kept at 6 per area, elected from the same wards as the councillors. We do not support the proposal to elect the Community Board members from smaller sub-communities.

The names for the preferred options are of little consequence at this stage. Those proposed are mainly harmless and feel neutral. They tend to be anglicised though, and when the time comes to reconsider local names we would like to see more relevant New Zealand (including Maori) ones taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully



**C A GREENFIELD**  
Chairwoman

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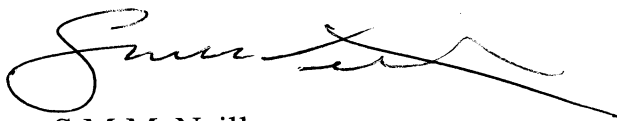
#### WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

Thank you for the opportunity to write regarding the proposed Ward boundary changes. I do not accept the need to change from the current Ward boundaries but realise there are reasons that it is deemed necessary.

My specific concerns are the area in the proposed Northcote Ward bounded by Grants Road, Papanui Road, Rutland Street, and St Albans Street. This area seems to be a "no man's land" as it does not fit comfortably with other boundaries nearby. The area does not link well with the north and should be placed with Wards to the east or west. The proposed southern boundary should be moved to Mays Road or preferably further north, to "square up" the proposed southern Northcote boundary.

I hope that the proposal is not yet "set in concrete" and that my submission will be considered favourably.

Yours Faithfully,



S M McNeill

**BEXLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC)**

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**SECRETARY**

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3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 1999

Dear Walter,

Re Community Areas + Wards

Unfortunately, none of our committee members were able to attend the meetings held last week. However, at our monthly meeting held last night, some very strong feelings were expressed and on behalf of the Association, I would like to share these with you.

1. Overwhelmingly, we wish to remain in the Pegasus Ward. We feel strong ties with New Brighton for shops, schools, etc.
2. Conversely, we have no links with Mount Pleasant, Sumner and Ferryhead.
3. Next year is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the years, a good rapport has been developed between the Burnwood Pegasus Community Board, the Shirley Service Centre and our Association and we would like this to continue.

Please pass on our wishes to the appropriate body for noting and actioning.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Knight  
President.

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MR STEPHEN PHILLIPS  
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CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL  
P. O. Box 237  
CHRISTCHURCH

DEAR STEPHEN

RE: REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AREAS WARD BOUNDARIES

THE SHIRLEY RESIDENTS GROUP STATED IN OUR WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

- ① THAT THE COUNCIL BE ELECTED ON A WARD BASIS
- ② TWENTY FOUR COUNCILLORS TWO FOR EACH WARD
- ③ TWELVE WARDS
- ④ SIX COMMUNITY BOARDS
- ⑤ COMMUNITY BOARDS MEMBERS EIGHT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND FOUR COUNCILLORS
- ⑥ BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY BOARDS MUST BE CHANGED TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES TOTALLY

① EXISTING SERVICE CENTRES SHOULD REMAIN TO SERVICE THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY ARE IN WHILE ADDITIONAL WILL BE PLACED WHERE NEEDED.

WE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS OUR CONCERNS THAT WARD BOUNDARIES NOT DIVIDE COMMUNITIES AS IS IN THE CASE OF SHIRLEY. WE BELIEVE THE ONLY REASON THAT THE WARD BOUNDARY WAS PLACED DOWN THE CENTRE OF MARSHLAND ROAD AND NOT DOWN THE SIDE OF THE GOLF COURSE IN GOLF LINKS ROAD WAS BECAUSE OF THE SHIRLEY SERVICE CENTRE. WE ENCLOSE A MAP OF THE AREA WITH ITS NATURAL BOUNDARY AT THE SHIRLEY GOLF COURSE. SHIRLEY IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. AND EAST OF MARSHLAND ROAD IS NOT PART OF BURWOOD. THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION. WITH IS NEW PROPOSAL FOR SHIRLEY WARD. HOWEVER WE MUST POINT OUT THAT WE OPPOSE THE COMMISSION'S PLAN FOR THE CHANGE OF WARD, AND WARD BOUNDARIES. BUT WE DEAL WITH THE SHIRLEY PROPOSE CHANGE FIRST. THE BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD WOULD THEN BECOME THE PEGASUS BOARD. FAILURE OF BOTH THE POLICIANS AND THE BOARD TO HONOR ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SHIRLEY THROUGH ITS ELECTED RESIDENTS GROUP, THE SHIRLEY / PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AND ITS OWN BOARD ONLY SEE FURTHER PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE CREATED BY OTHER RESIDENTS GROUP DIVIDED BY THIS NEW PROSAL. WE KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION HAS PLACED IN THE ACT TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST FROM BEING DIVIDED AT WILL BY POLICIANS THE

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REQUIREMENT THAT TO CHANGE WARD BOUNDARIES BOTH BOARDS MUST HAVE ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS AGREEMENT. WE NOTE THAT IN THE SYDELHAM CASE ONE COUNCILLOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BEING NOT RESPECTED. WE WISH TO ADVISE THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW SUCH BEHAVIOR OF OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL COUNCIL TO ACT AGAINST OUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN SUCH A WAY, WITHOUT THE PUBLIC OF CHRISTCHURCH BEING ADVISED THROUGH OUR LINK WITH THE CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. SHIRLEY NEEDS TO REMAIN PART OF THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD. WITH THIS BOUNDARY CHANGE

THE BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD SHOULD GO FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHIRLEY GOLF COURSE. THE SHIRLEY SERVICE CENTRE SHOULD REMAIN IN SHIRLEY AS A LINK TO PAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE AND TO CHANNEL ANY INQUIRIES TO BURWOOD PEGASUS AREA AS IT DOES AT THE PRESENT TIME WITH THOSE RELATED TO PAPANUI. THERE SHOULD BE A BURWOOD, PEGASUS, BOARDROOM AND SERVICE CENTRE AT NEW BRIGHTON THIS WOULD SEND THE MESSAGE THAT THE COUNCIL THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY BOARD ARE INTEREST IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORATION OF THE NEW BRIGHTON AS A VIBRANT HUB OF THE EASTERN SEASIDE BUSINESS AREA OF CHRISTCHURCH, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE PIER AND THE NEW COMPLEX AT THE FORSHORE.

WE REJECT MAKING THE CENTRE CITY ONLY ONE

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WARD. THE POPULATION OF RESIDENT ARE NOT THERE AT PRESENT AND NO ONE WARD SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN APPENDIX OF CHRISTCHURCH. THE CENTRE CITY SHOULD BE SEEN AS LINKED WITH ANOTHER AREAS OF THE CITY WHILE THE CITIES CENTRE IT SHOULD NOT BE SET APART.

WE ARE ONE CITY MADE UP WITH A GOOD GROUP OF DEFINABLE AREAS OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WHICH FOR THE MOST PART ARE BEING RECOGNIZED BY PRESENT WARD AND COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES. BUT WE ARE ADAMANT THAT SOME OF THE BOUNDARIES MUST BE CHANGED TO PROTECT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WHERE PRESENT WARD BOUNDARIES FAIL.

WE WISH TO UNDERLINE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE TWENTY - FOUR COUNCILLOR UNDER THE MAYOR SHOULD REMAIN. WE SEE THIS AS THE ONLY WAY TO FAIR REPRESENTATION AND THE WORK LOAD FOR EACH COUNCILLOR TO BE MAINTAINED. AS WE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FOUR COUNCILLOR ELECTED FROM THE TWO WARD ON THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY BOARDS WITH THE SAME BALANCE OF THOSE ELECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY. WE UNDERSTAND THE ACT REQUIRES EIGHT TO ALLOW THE FOUR COUNCILLORS TO BE ON EACH BOARD

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Ralph L. Ross

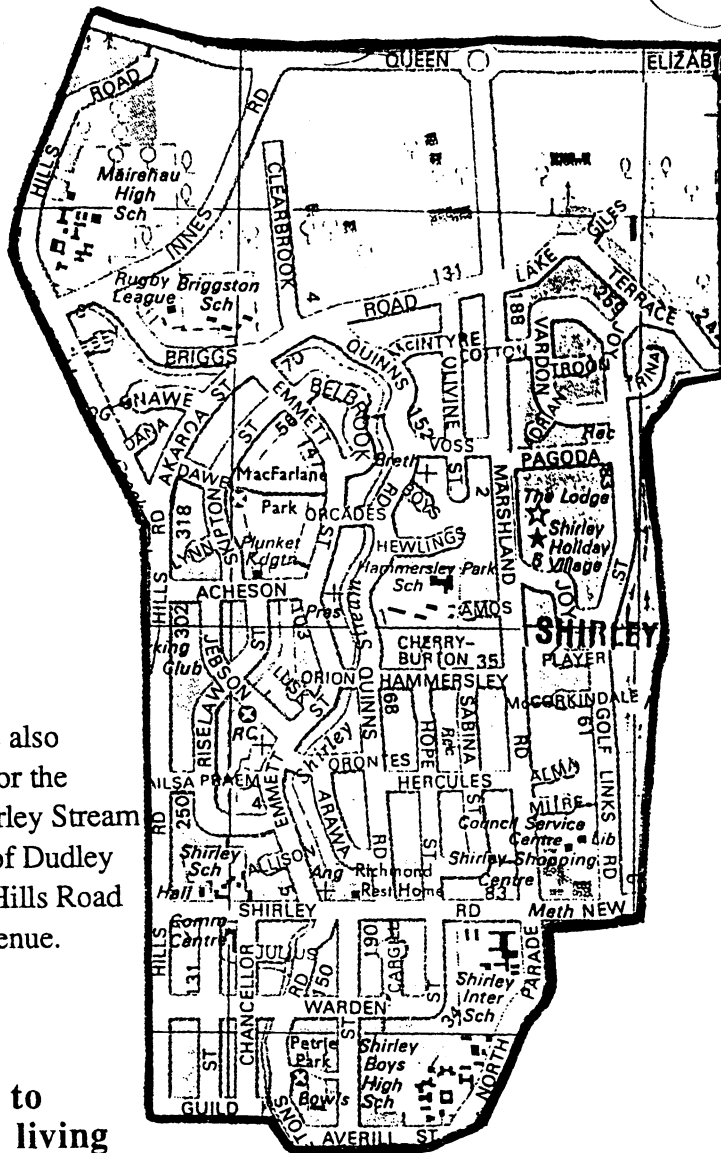
RALPH ROSS PRESIDENT CHAIR.

CC. TO. LARRY SUTHERLAND  
TIM BARNETT.



# SHIRLEY RESIDENTS GROUP

The boundaries of the area of the Shirley Residents Group are: from Queen Elizabeth II Drive; at the northwest edge of the Golf Course plantation, west to just west of Hills Road; down Hills Road to Guild Street, across to Stapletons Road and down to Averill Street, across Averill Street, up North Parade to New Brighton Road, north on both sides of Golf Links Road, Joy Street and Trina Place, and the Golf Course boundary; next to the plantation, to QEII Drive.



As illustrated by the map.

Schools in the area are:

Briggston Primary,  
Hammersley Park Primary,  
Mairehau High,  
Shirley Primary,  
Shirley Intermediate,  
Shirley Boys High School.

Preschools in the area are:  
MacFarlane Park Kindergarten,  
Shirley Playcentre.

The Group is also responsible for the whole of Shirley Stream and the part of Dudley Creek from Hills Road to Banks Avenue.

The Shirley Residents Group exists to promote the interests of the people living within these boundaries. This will be achieved by advocating with and for people, to ensure that all factors affecting residents are addressed by the relevant people/organisations. Priority is placed on ensuring that the group is visible, accessible, representative of the local community and is involved in ongoing liaison with wider Christchurch. Involvement by all is wanted, needed and expected.

**WE WANT IT TO HAPPEN FOR US - NOT TO US.**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD**

**7.30 PM  
2nd TUESDAY of EACH MONTH**

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11th June 1999

Christchurch City Council  
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**ATTENTION : M K ROBERTSON**

Dear Sir

**RE : REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AREAS AND WARD BOUNDARIES**

A meeting of the CRA was held on Monday 31st May. The Review of Community Areas and Ward Boundaries was brought to the attention of the meeting by the Chair, Ralph Ross. The members were horrified by the procedure of the Review to date, and are using this opportunity to make a brief submission on this matter.

The CRA is unable to make a detailed submission on the 'commissioners' report at this stage, due to the timeframe allowed. It is noted that on both pages 3 and 22 of Part 1, reference has been made to very short timeframe allowed and the need to allow ample opportunity for the proposals to be considered by the Christchurch public. We strongly support this suggestion, as we can see no good reason to rush into any ill-considered changes at the present.

We understand that the timeframe for this procedure was allocated by a Government committee, and we have relayed our concerns about this to our elected representative.

Based on current experience we strongly support the retention of the system in its current configuration. We support retention of the current arrangements, as the Community Boards are working well, and should be left as they are.

At the present time we do not see the need for a separate central city community area, and do not support the suggestion for the separate Hagley ward, the population numbers are not there to make it viable, and it would make for an unbalanced arrangement for the rest of the City.

We do not support Option V., as it does not recognise existing communities of interest. The existing residents associations represent recognised communities of interest. The preferred option will severely disrupt 13% of residents groups areas.

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Kindly note that the demand for this review and suggested changes has not come from Christchurch residents

The CRA wants to be kept up to date and informed about the results of this consultation procedure and to be included in any future consultations.

Yours sincerely

*Ralph Ross*  
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Chairman



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**CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC)**

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9<sup>th</sup> August 1999

Mr G Moore

The Mayor

Christchurch City Council

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CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Sir

**RE: REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AREAS AND WARD BOUNDARIES**

The CRA is dismayed by all of the procedures, the process and the timeframe allowed for the consideration and debate of these proposals.

The CRA has already objected to some of the process in a letter to Max Robertson, Christchurch City Council, in response to the original discussion documents (copy attached). Further to this letter a working party has subsequently looked at the whole issue and wishes to bring the following concerns to your attention.

The group is most concerned by the timeframe allowed for the initial stages of this review. Adequate time has not been allowed for the proper dissemination of detailed information to the people on the ground. We did attempt to do submissions in the inadequate time allowed, but are of the opinion that sufficient time was not allowed for the commissioners to take them on board.

We believe that there has not been enough time spent on accurately defining proposed wards and areas, and no detailed maps showing the proposed boundaries have been made available, eg showing the actual streets, parts of rivers, railway lines etc. Available information to date has been confused and contradictory.

For example, in the revised report (June 1999) part 1, on page 9, para 16 it is stated that there will be very little disruption to residents groups in Christchurch, and that only 11 groups may be affected. We contend that this figure is incorrect. But on continuing on to pages 15 -16 "Defining suitable community areas and boundaries" the final paragraph appears to contradict the aims of the statement on page 9, paragraph 16.

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The group disagrees with the statement on page 9, paragraph 12 and submits that the status quo should be retained in Christchurch, with some minor changes to the existing boundaries to accommodate the existing Residents Associations. These changes have been highlighted by the Shirley Residents' Assn, Richmond Cottage, Linwood Neighbourhood Committee, the Shirley-Papanui Community Board and the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board with a number of other submissions, as detailed in the hearings submissions report. There have also been a considerable number of other residents groups, including St Albans, Phillipstown and Engelfield, who have expressed their concerns to the CRA, about the proposed changes.

We believe that the true communities of interest are represented by the boundaries of the existing residents groups, and that they should form the basis of the ward structure in Christchurch. Residents are comfortable with the existing ward boundaries, and would be happy to accommodate a tweaked version of the present system.

We would also like to point out that it is not easy for residents' associations to ply between two community boards, bearing in mind that they are true volunteer groups, often at considerable personal cost to the members.

The group is of the opinion that it is not a good idea to reduce the number of councillors from 24 to 22. Fewer councillors will reduce representation and unduly increase their workloads.

We feel that information should be made available on the costs involved in changing the names of the wards, names of community boards. What will be the likely expenditure to our city council, in view of the fact that these costs will be passed on to us as ratepayers?

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Previously it had been stated to the local council that an independent commissioner would come back reflecting the views of the community. Therefore we wish to state that we see the review as a costly exercise which appears to have dubious benefits. We cannot assume that Banks Peninsular will be amalgamated with the city, as a justification for these potential disruptions. Christchurch now has a well functioning system in place, after having been through a huge upheaval in the last ten years. It is in need of only minor modifications to existing boundaries, which can be easily achieved by a local independent review.

We would only see it being successful carried out by the Christchurch City Council if the councillors were to truly consider the community without being driven by their own political agendas, which have been displayed by the actions of some councillors in the last review undertaken by the strategy and resources committee, prior to the last local government elections held in 1998.

We are also including a copy of a letter from the St Alban's Residents Assn., expressing their dismay at the lack of consultation and the unworkability of the proposed boundary changes. This is an example of the correspondence received by the C.R.A. on these issues. We are also including a copy of a circular put out by the St Alban's Residents Assn to their local community, which is pertinent to the contents of this letter.

This letter is to serve as a submission to the Christchurch City Council for the review on community areas and wards.

Yours faithfully

*Ralph B Ross*

**RALPH ROSS**  
Chairman  
Christchurch Residents Association (Inc)



- cc Mr Donald Reizbos, Chief Executive Officer, Local Govt. Commission
- Tim Barnett MP
- David Carter MP
- Larry Sutherland MP
- Mike Moore MP
- Jim Anderton MP
- Gerry Brownlee MP

**MT. PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION  
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**SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**RE WARD AND COMMUNITY BOARD BOUNDARY CHANGE  
PROPOSALS**

Following the attendance of two of our members at a meeting held by CCC to discuss the proposed changes, the Committee of this Association, bringing as it does, wide interests from the residents of Mt. Pleasant is of the view that the status quo should be maintained.

In making this statement, we risk being classified with those who "find it difficult to envisage change even when these are refinements and improvements on an existing situation." (1.4 of the report)

We note too, (in 1.11 Conclusions) that Councillors and Board Members are asked to discuss and consult with other agencies, residents and community groups so as to refine and secure wide support for the new arrangements.....

We believe that community of interest is **weakened** by the proposals of the Local Commissioners (in particular we have strong sympathy for those community organisations whose territory is split between two wards) and query the purpose of the consultation in view of the biased comment included in the report, which seems to indicate the decisions have already been made.

In summary, our strong belief is that the status quo should remain and in making this recommendation we are mindful of recently published opinion poll results where Christchurch City Council received "best performer status" under almost every category.

To put it in simple terms **If it ain't broke don't fix it.**



Bruce McKessar (President)

**OURUHIA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.**  
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11th August 1999,

Christchurch City Council  
Tuam Street  
**CHRISTCHURCH.**

Attention: S. Phillips

Dear Sir,

Re: Ward Changes

With reference to the above we wish to advise that we would like to maintain the Status Quo because we consider the present Community of interest should remain with perhaps only minor boundary changes.

Yours faithfully,  
**OURUHIA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.**



D.F. O'Neill  
Vice President.



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Re Christchurch City Boundary Changes.

I wish to make a submission on the proposed boundary changes re the Christchurch City and rural areas.

I am a resident in the Papanui ward which joins Shirley ward and we have always had very good service and satisfaction from our Community Board Members.

With the proposed changes that are being considered it would appear that there will be changes in Board Members and I would not like to see this happen.

I can appreciate there may be some advantages but until the proposed amalgamation with Banks Peninsula is sorted out I don't think any changes should be made to the existing wards at all.

We have recently read in the paper where we are due for another rate increase on our rates and to start altering boundaries in the City Community Areas and Wards does not appear to be a cost cutting exercise to me.

Yours Faithfully  
H. M. Turner.

H. M. TURNER.

**Avonside Girls High School focus group (9 girls, a range of ages). 3 August 1999.**

**Where does your family shop?**

Palms. Stanmore Rd New World. Town (Pak & Save etc)

**Where would you get a loaf of bread?**

Shell. New World. Various local dairies.

**Doctor?**

Marshlands Rd. Woodham Rd, Papanui. (Did I miss any? there's a Med Centre in N Avon Rd and one in Hills Rd.)

**Which park would you walk to?**

Petrie Park, Burwood Park. Avebury Park. Richmond Green. St Albans park.

Comments that they wouldn't go to Avebury Park in the dark. It's freaky. There have been child molesters there. Men in the bushes. Very dark at night. The whole street is very dark at night. Someone added that she wouldn't go to any park at night but someone else pointed out that some parks are worse than others at night.

**Which park by bus or car?**

Botanic Gardens. Hagley Park. Victoria Park. Thompsons Park

**Pools?**

St Albans. Centennial. "But it's too small now it has been rebuilt and doesn't have as many facilities. Pioneer – it was hard to find the entrance.

**PO?**

Palms.

**Hangout indoors?**

Palms. Home. Other malls for a change.

**How do staff treat you at the malls?**

In school uniform you're sus. At the Palms some are nice and some are not. I was trailed at Whitcoulls. They think you're shoplifting.

**Meet friends outdoors?**

Beach. Town

Get to the beach by bus. Easy.

**Feel safe walking in area by day?**

Yes.

**Safe walking at night?**

No. It's OK from the bus stop to home. I never go near Avebury Park at night.

**Have you met your Community Constable?**

Didn't know we had one. They don't make themselves known.

**Use any school grounds after hours?**

Sport. Pool (hire a key at SBHS). AGHS pool keys held by a resident in Cowlshaw St.

**Do you attend social events at local schools?**

Only if friends are involved in plays etc. Sometimes *have* to go.

**Do local schools have any evening classes? (SBHS has a community education programme every term)**

SBHS night school – I think it's for adults.

**Have there been any fun events in this part of town?**

No, they're usually in town or Brighton.

**Do you know of any youth workers locally?**

(Some discussion on what a youth worker was) No. St Stephens Emmett St has youth group. A church near me used to. No actual churches round here.

**Any hassles this part of town?**

None. It's near town and the beach.

**What are the good things?**

Lots of schools nearby. Got everything we need now we have the Palms.

**Libraries.**

The Shirley Library burnt down – the new one's no good. Have to go to town for assignments. Shirley Library has a nice atmosphere. The staff are really rude. I go to Linwood or Brighton.

**What would make this part of town better?**

Down River Rd there is State Housing. Also round Emmett St - some are being upgraded. Scruffy. Need to do something to Stanmore Rd – it's run down on both sides of New World, some of the houses are empty. The shops at the corner of North Avon and Stanmore are run down. Some are empty.

**What would make the parks more interesting for you?**

I go to the swings (various play equipment they enjoy was described. I have had lots of comments from young mothers about young people playing on the swings, which are meant for small children. You don't grow out of them at 10!)

The toilet bowls have gone at Avebury Park. The toilets are scary. They got trashed. I only go to take my dog. Would use basketball hoops if they were in parks. There is one at Shirley Community Centre – it is always being used.

**Barbecues in Parks?**

Have them at Spencers Park and the Groynes. I wouldn't have a BBQ at Burwood Park. (Generally not an idea they connected with)

**Would it work to have equipment to borrow?**

It would get stolen. It would be quite good – it would depend where it was located.

**If the CCC could do something what would it be?**

\*Turn Avebury House into an Arts Centre. (Girl lives opposite the House and I have spoken to her mother who is the Shirley Librarian). Nothing for arts and crafts this side of the city. Drama, dance, computer labs – many families don't have them at home.

\*Enlarge the Palms (discussion followed as to whether enlarging it would spoil it and make it like Riccarton Mall, The Palms a "nice size"). Need something new at Palms – shops that are not like the ones at Riccarton that sold things that weren't too expensive – about \$5. Need a movie theatre. The food courts are too small - sometimes when you buy food there's nowhere to sit.

**Do you use the river?**

When I was little I did. I go kayaking – use the bank to launch it. My father got the CCC to build a boat ramp. There used to be raft races on the river. If you did go boating you wouldn't want to get in the water – it's disgusting. It makes the dog stink! Can see junk in the water – old computer screens etc. The river round Porritt Park is disgusting.

**Is there enough green space?**

Yes – especially the river. At Swann's Rd the barriers were all broken and there was a burnt out car – there's still a mess there.

**How about traffic?**

On Saturday nights there are hoons. Young males hoon about in general. Younger siblings have to go out of their way to find safe places to cross.

**Where in Chch would you choose to live?**

Here. Marshlands or the country. Riccarton or Fendalton. Sumner/Mt Pleasant, Sumner or Papanui. Sumner or Merivale.

**Are there enough facilities at the beach?**

No. Only at N Beach and Brighton. There are a lot of surfers at S Beach but there are no facilities. (Use buses a lot to get there).

**What would improve the foreshore?**

( A lot of discussion about the Brighton Mall which would attract young people more than the pier) The mall is cold. It's so bad. Run down. Should fix up the mall – that will attract people not the pier.

**How about entertainment in Chch for young people?**

Awesome stuff in Auckland, need more here.

**How do you find out what's on?**

Word of mouth. Keep an eye out. (No one knew of "fax attack" although is currently on notice board in school foyer)

(Someone asked:) Why the Westpac Trust Centre wasn't used as it would make a good venue. (Lot of comment re nothing on in Chch) Bands don't come here.

**Can you afford to go to big band concerts in Chch?**

Yes – if they come I'll find the money – ask my grandmother or parents. We need more big name concerts.

**What affordable entertainment is there?**

Used to have stuff. Need more. (They reminisced about events they remembered

**Where do you go with friends?**

Their house. Used to go to town but there are too many young people now. There's nothing to do there but walk around. Shops are closed at 6 p.m. now.

I enjoyed the Smokefree Stage Challenge.

In town people shout at you from cars.

Young people – 15 year olds – need a place to go so they don't just wander about.

## Community of Interest

### INFORMATION FROM SHIRLEY INTERMEDIATE

- **Supermarket/grocery store identified as most often used by people living in Richmond:**  
Eastgate (1), The Palms Big Fresh (6), New World on Stanmore (2), Pak'n'Save Moorehouse Ave (1)
- **Location of family doctor:**  
Waltham (1), Moorhouse Ave (1), Shirley (3), Salisbury Street (1), Gayhurst Rd (1), North Avon Rd (1), Parklands (1), not sure (1)
- **Parks they are most likely to go to:**  
Burwood (4), Woodham (2), Richmond (2), St Pauls School (1), not sure (1)
- **If travelling by bus or car to park, these are the park they are most likely to go to:**  
Do not travel to parks (7), New Brighton (1), Hagley Park (1), Burwood (1)
- **Post office likely to be used in this locality:**  
Woodham Road (2), The Palms (4), North Avon (1), Eastgate (1), not sure (2)
- **Most popular 'hangout' place with friends (indoors):**  
The Palms (6), friends house (5), Eastgate (1), swimming pools (1)
- **Most popular 'hangout' place with friends (outdoors in winter):**  
Burwood park (2), skateboard park (1), home (1), St Pauls school (1), Brighton (1), Palms (2), movies (1), park playing rugby (1), not sure (2)
- **Most popular 'hangout' place with friends (outdoors in summer):**  
Beach (1), QEII (3), Brighton (1), Edgware pool (1), skateboard park (1), Burwood park (2), Woodham park (2), Cricket Pitch (1), not sure (2)
- **Response to people who feel comfortable walking around their neighbourhood by themselves during daylight hours:**  
YES (10)
- **Response to people who feel comfortable walking around their neighbourhood by themselves during the night hours:**  
YES (7), NO (3)
- **Response to those who have/have not met their local community police officer:**  
Yes they have met(2), no they have not met (8)
- **Responses to children who use local or other schools in the area, out of school hours:**  
YES (8), NO (2). What schools? Banks Ave (2), Shirley Intermediate (3), Mairehau primary (1), Richmond Primary (1), St Pauls (2). What for? Play basketball (1), play soccer (1), roller hockey (1), cricket (1), meet friend's (1), to hang out (1), ride my bike (1)

- **Responses to children who do/do not attend social events at local school out of school hours:**  
YES (3), NO (7). Which schools? St Pauls (1), Shirley intermediate (1), Richmond Primary (1), Shirley Primary (1). What events? Fairs (3),
- **Responses to children who do/do not attend educational programmes at local school out of school hours:**  
YES (0), NO (10)
- **Fun events held in their part of town:**  
YES (4), NO (6). What was it? Skatejam (2), Gala Day (1), St Pauls Fair (1). Where was it held? Skatejam at Eastgate and Northlands shopping malls, Gala Day at Richmond Green, St Pauls Fair at St Pauls School
- **Children who know of any Youth Workers in their part of town:**  
10 responded no
- **Clubs the children belong to and what part of town they are in:**  
Rangers, Avonside (1), Rugby and Cricket club for Shirley (1), Rugby League, Linwood (1), Burnham, Dancing (1), Rugby (1),