

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE ADVOCACY TEAM – SECRETARIAT UNIT

5 May 2004

Christchurch City Council
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Attn: Julie Sadler

Dear Julie

Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2004-14 – Board Submission

At its meeting held on 4 May 2004, the Board resolved that the following comments form its submission to Council regarding the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2004-14:

1. Strickland Street Community Gardens – whilst acknowledging that this property will be subject to the Facility Assets Unit's surplus land review process, the Board strongly supports the retention of the property at 190 Strickland Street for use as community gardens, and this includes the house at 188 Strickland Street being retained for community purposes associated with the gardens.
2. The Board requests the Council to provide additional funding to ensure the continuation of the annual Festival of Flowers.
3. Grange Street – the Board wishes to congratulate the City Transport Unit on work undertaken in the area to date (Aynsley Terrace Living Streets project) and requests that the Unit bring this project forward to be included in the next five year plan (eg new year five).
4. Council to provide funding to develop a Civics Programme Pack (eg making Council information useful and more user-friendly) for use in schools.
5. In line with the Board's Outcome "To live in a clean, green, safe environment which defines the four seasons, the river and the Port Hills", the Council retain a balance of exotics and natives in Spreydon/Heathcote, and continue to plant willows, where appropriate, on the riverbanks.
6. E-governance, e-communication, e-technology – while there is a lot being done within the Council in this vein, there is no mention in the draft plan, including the Community Outcomes regarding this as an outcome. What is the Council's strategy in this regard and why is it not in the plan?
7. Under current delegations, there is a lack of consistency reflected in delegations to community boards to comment on the design of landscaping work (Waltham Pool landscaping is an example of what could have been done better).

8. Referring to enhancement work in Sydenham supported by the Board, the Board noted that there was no reference to enhancement programmes for main street shops (suburban shopping areas) throughout the city.
9. Urban renewal work needs to be more co-ordinated, so that a total "area" (including shopping areas) is upgraded rather than individual streets on a piecemeal basis.
10. The Board suggests that it is timely and appropriate for the Council to publicly debate whether access to the art gallery, museum, swimming pools, library services and facilities should be free, or a charge made; and to achieve some uniformity for local, domestic and international visitors.
11. The Board wishes to bring the Council's attention to the LTCCP document, which is difficult to follow and understand.
12. Community Board Project Fund allocations have been omitted from the document.

The Board has nominated its Chairperson, Phil Clearwater, to speak in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely

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**COMMUNITY SECRETARY
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD**

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