

Our Community Plan Submission Form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>

Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

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I note in the Community Plan sums of approximately \$20,000,000 to be spent on strategic purposes each year. I have heard that included in these sums is money to buy land in the Henderson Basin for stormwater purposes. Such land purchase will hopefully continue to help protect the Cashmere Stream and Heathcote River from major flooding by ensuring that the land continues to function as a ponding basin. Even more hopefully the land can be purchased and then modified by the City Council to in fact reduce the risk of major flooding downstream while at the same time provide flood mitigation to sufficiently mitigate the effects of all past and future upstream subdivisions.

Back in 2002 the owners and Christchurch City Council staff had meetings to determine how the land owners could develop their land and at the same time enhance the flood mitigation provided by flood ponding in the Henderson Basin. At this time all owners were prepared to gift land to the Christchurch City Council so as to enhance the local environment in exchange for rezoning the remainder of their land to medium density residential user. Some owners were prepared to gift approximately half their land to the City Council. Unfortunately the City Council staff terminated these discussions while they proceeded with Variation 48.

I note that the City Council is struggling to meet all needs without large rate rises, and is talking about saving a few hundred thousand dollars by closing libraries and pools, which has not been received well by the Community. It would appear that savings of tens of millions of dollars could be made by restarting and concluding the previous negotiations with the landowners of the Henderson Basin.

We look forward to an enhanced Henderson Basin, a much better environment and substantial savings to the ratepayers of Christchurch.