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Christchurch City Council

Community Plan 2006 to 16 - Submission

Thank you for sending the 'Summary of the Draft of Our Community Plan 2006 to 16'. This is a well presented and important document for the future direction of the city.

The Canterbury Rugby Football Union is particularly interested in two facets of the plan:

1. Ensuring that there are sufficient sports fields to meet the needs of regional sports organisations, clubs and schools. We know that in some areas of the city the shortage of sports fields is limiting the number of teams that can play and train and as a result we simply can't grow the game e.g. Shirley BHS. In order for amateur sport to remain strong and for the city to achieve the desired recreation and leisure outcomes we would recommend that provision is made for the purchase of land in areas of the city where there is a shortages of parks.
2. The second area is our ability to host international and national rugby events and it is surprising that there has been no mention in the plan of the need to fund a substantial upgrade of the eastern side of Jade Stadium. Surely given the city's and our desire to host a World Cup quarter final in 2011 there would be provision for this upgrade. Clearly this upgrade is consistent with at least two of the outcomes identified in the plan:
 - Prosperity 'A prosperous city'
 - Recreation 'A city for recreation fun and creativity'

We would like the Christchurch City Council to clarify why the upgrade is not included in the Community Plan and would be happy to attend a hearing to present this submission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Gilkison'.

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(On behalf of the Canterbury Rugby Football Union)