

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>In this submission to the Christchurch City Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), we would like to raise some points that can seem to contradict or may improve the proposition of moving towards a more "vital and sustainable future Christchurch" in the long-term (p. 6 - all page numbers mentioned in this submission refer to the LTCCP Draft Summary).</p> <p>. We are very disappointed that the Implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy is noted under "Discretionary projects considered, but not included in the Community Plan (p. 4)"; this is unacceptable. This Strategy should be included in "Essential Projects", and guidelines and auditing systems should be put in place to monitor its timely implementation. The council needs to recommit to the Biodiversity Strategy and adequately fund actions that have been identified as essential to the future of our biodiversity. The indigenous biodiversity of Canterbury has been reduced and suffered greatly over the last decades, and it is time to act now! What is left of the indigenous biodiversity should be protected (and restored) more actively.</p> <p>. Additionally, the \$17.2 million allocated to tree renewal in the city (p. 14) should be diversified from mainly planting northern hemisphere deciduous trees. We would like to request a larger proportion of indigenous trees to be planted. Large native trees are now grossly under-represented in Christchurch, however, they could line our main streets, rather than exotics. A wide range of native species should be considered for planting, including rare and threatened species from Canterbury and Banks Peninsula.</p> <p>. We have not found any specific mention of resource allocation to the maintenance and further development of the Christchurch Perimeter Walkway. This 120 km walking and cycling track concept that connects the major natural values of the city could provide unique recreational and tourist opportunities, and is in line with biodiversity and recreation strategies, and should be recognized and reactivated by the City Council.</p> <p>. The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy is only mentioned a few times in the LTCCP; however, such a strategy will be of great importance for moving towards a sustainable city in the long-term.</p>

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

. Although improving energy efficiency is mentioned (p. 7), there is little mention of the impact of peak oil and fuel prices on the transport patterns in the LTCCP. This long-term plan should include the promotion of far less dependence on motor vehicles and fossil fuels. It should be encouraged that people use bicycles and public transport around the city, rather than cars.

. We therefore strongly support proposed cycleway and pedestrian works. As proposed in the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Statement (MCTS) these need to be accelerated from their current rate of progress.

. Additionally, more low-speed zones should be implemented to increase road safety around schools and local streets. We would like to see the acceleration of "Living Streets" traffic management to local streets, including the introduction of 30 km/h zones.

. To increase the incentive to use public transport, the public transport costs should be reduced, bus priority corridors introduced. For the same reason, we support the increases to on- and off-street car parking charges.

. The Avon River Corridor should be developed, and potential off-road cycle ways (for example, following the railway lines) should be encouraged.

. The promotion of environmentally-sustainable business practices should be an important part of a "Prosperous Economy".

. We support the kerbside recycling as currently managed by the council, and would strongly support the addition of greenwaste composting bins for households, or greenwaste kerbside collecting, as it would greatly reduce the (still huge) refuse volumes.

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?