

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
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I also want to respond to: Aquatic Facilities

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>I fully support a new pool in the north of the city and especially the proposal of a partnership with Papanui High School.</p> <p>For my family and myself this would be a wonderful location as my children could even independently access this facility in a number of ways, i.e. walking, biking or bus. I have recently completed several triathlon events which have made excellent use of Council Pools and there seems to be a huge increase in competitors, especially women, competing in this type of event. To have a pool close by to train in would be wonderful. This location has good access via bus services. I understand there has previously been a wonderful partnership between Northlands Mall and Papanui High School for operational support in the form of the air conditioning from the mall as a method of heating the current school pool at Papanui High. Hopefully a similar arrangement could continue which would be an excellent use of resources.</p> <p>The Council's own Recreation and Leisure question of "What do we want? - Healthy and active lifestyles" is one of the key reasons for my support of this proposal. A pool facility promotes exactly that, a healthy and active lifestyle. With the gradual withdrawal of school pools (50 school swimming pools having been closed within the city over the past 25 years, 42 in the past decade), due to water-quality compliance, health and safety costs, etc a community pool has become more essential now than ever before. The recent closure of the Papanui Pool and the suggestion of closure of Edgware and Belfast increases the need for a facility of this nature in the Papanui area. The reference to the private Styx Mill pool lowering the need for Council provision in this area I would totally disagree with as you must live in the Styx Mill Country Club to be able to use this facility so therefore only includes a very small proportion of the community.</p> <p>A facility that promotes "swim education" with a lane pool for fitness would certainly be a major asset to the community and a very healthy focus for a very wide sector of this community.</p>

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

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?

I would also like to make a comment on "Services and activities' reductions proposed - Rationalise community libraries (closing Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon) Saving up to \$450,000."

I would be totally against this happening and would hope the educational and recreational benefits will outway any thought of closure. The proposal that it would save up to \$450,000 seems so insignificant in the scheme of things, especially for example compared to the proposed bus exchange at \$59.5 million!!!