

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:
Summary Version of the LTCCP

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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>As a St Albans resident I am concerned at the proposal to close Edgware Pool. As a suburb, St Albans is finally undergoing a period of rejuvenation after several decades of decline due to the proposed northern motorway extension. This saw many family homes turned into rental housing, which in turn lead to a increasingly transient population and a loss of a sense of 'community'.</p> <p>Facilities such as the Edgware Pool are vital to allow residents to participate in recreation within their community, and this contributes to the rebuilding of a sense of St Albans as a "place", with its own facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p>Other facilities such as QEII and Centennial Pools are great, but they're not in "our place". Visiting them, for children and teenagers, means going with parents or a car or bus trip, involving (increasing!) cost, traffic and a loss of the sense of independence.</p> <p>I visited the Edgware Pool this past summer with my two young children, and it was packed with local teens, all having a great time, in a safe, low-cost, healthy environment. If this facility is taken from them, I wonder where they'll end up spending time and burning off energy next summer?</p> <p>I refer you to the sidebar comment on page 15 in the Draft Summary, from a teen commenting about the lack of places to 'hang out'. Edgware Pool does just that, and in addition, gives kids a chance to be active, something we're always trying to encourage!</p> <p>I'm sure the same can be said of teens in Woolston, Templeton and Belfast. I know these pools are old, and I know they need money spent on them, but in the big scheme of things, the saving is minimal, \$130, 000. I would like to see the Council spend money upgrading these pools, keeping them open and promoting them more in their immediate local community. I know from personal experience that a lot of young people flatting in the immediate Edgware/St Albans area, who come from other parts of Christchurch or NZ, don't even know there is a pool there to be used. Better signage, advertising in STANN, (the local community paper), and maybe on buses, would help increase patronage and reduce costs.</p> |

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

In closing, an area where I think the council could save money instead: end the Sister Cities schemes. Yes, it's nice to have, but in this age of internet and instant global communication, I don't think it's as necessary as it once was. We can all make connections with people on the other side of the world with a few strokes of a keyboard, much more easily than we could when these schemes were established. I feel apart from a few sculptures and exchanges for a chosen few, there is little general benefit to Christchurch residents.

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?