

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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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>I oppose the closure of the Sockburn Pool & Rec centre; Edgware, Waltham, Templeton & Belfast outdoor pools; & the closure of the small libraries & 'exit' of the mobile library service.</p> <p>These steps represent relatively small savings overall, & seem to me to be opposition to the Community outcomes intentions of Chch residents both as stated in the Community Outcomes doc & in submissions to the Greater Chch Urban Dvlpt Strategy (GCUDS), where residents identified a preference for human-scale local communities with strong unique identity, & local services to support those in the community. Closing smaller services in local communities disadvantages those already 'disadvantaged', such as those without transport or much discretionary income, such as the elderly & those with young children; & flies in the face of efforts to enable people to access healthy & recreation through walking & cycling to destinations for recreation & learning, as well as for the meeting, socialising & locally connecting that such local venues & services represent.</p> <p>I believe the upgrade of the Botanic Gardens visitor centre could be reviewed to accommodate these 'reduced savings'.</p> <p>Reduce Mayoral & Councillor salaries to return to these roles a greater emphasis on service to the community, versus the attitude of 'beneficence' towards fellow residents that we see now, at best.</p> <p>I believe the Strategic Vision of the CCC does not safely arise from the Community Outcomes, but reflects rather a 'money & market' model, with its choice to describe a 'boutique' city, 'first-world' 'lifestyle' & a 'place for visitors'. There is an over-emphasis on image & style of living at the expense of values for sustainable living with an eye to a 100 year plan. To quote from Sebastian Moffat: 'the biggest obstacles to an ideal urban development strategy and to turning the community's good ideas for the future into reality, are the systems, cultures, government etc that we have created. There is a need to address the way in which democracy & governance is handled by this Council, to ensure more than lip service is paid to the environmental and social bottom-lines.</p>

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

The elderly are not just passing on, but with their longer view (both back and to the future) than those still making their name and place and income in the present, they represent a very important perspective which I have seen discounted in the face of development pressure.

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

I believe the Council is flawed in its delivery of activities and services against the Community Outcomes, and the allocation of monies shows that the 'Community' development aspects are least well funded and have the least direction/ideas attached for ways to improve.

There does not seem to be a good consideration of the real environment,, beyond water supply, waste management and the air. No mention of the need to address the loss of the Green Belt, agricultural land, and the threats to the coastal areas. Again, from Mr Moffat: we need to 'identify (and preserve and develop), our ecosystems' - coastal, marine riparian, floodplain, catchment, stormwater, agrarian, etc etc, and 'design all and any new city growth to fit in to the interstitial spaces'. Yet we do not see this, but rather unsustainable development is allowed to threaten the coastline, and sprawling residential development, of instant unilateral 'communities', and with no requirement or provision for energy or waste selfsufficiency, has invaded the plains, whether floodplain, growing plain, or simply rural plain.

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

Out of time