

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:
Full Version of the LTCCP

Page Number:
62, 65, 73, 74

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>City Mall renovation - P73</p> <p>Before any decision is taken to undertake work I believe Council should obtain a report to identify the need for this work i.e is it necessary, why do a renovation. Clearly the City Mall is never going to compete with the suburban Malls, but it must identify what role it can play in drawing people to the City Centre and providing an enjoyable focus point. In other words what can the City Mall offer that the Malls cannot? The City Mall needs to differentiate itself from the Malls not compete with them. Only then is it worth looking at what needs to be achieved to deliver a vibrant but safe central city.</p> <p>I believe investing in a Central City Revitalisation Project is essential and should be linked to the above work with the City Mall. How this is funded is explained below (3).</p> <p>Water re-use P74</p> <p>I believe a feasibility study into using grey water is important and should be considered as part of the Council's role to ensure natural resources are used in a sustainable way. The cost of this work is minor, but the benefits could be substantial. It should, therefore, be included in the LTCCP Capital Projects and funded as stated in (3) below.</p> <p>Walkway Development p74</p> <p>This is important for peoples' health and recreation, especially those with mobility problems. Yet the cost is small and therefore it should be included in the capital projects. How this is funded is explained in (3) below.</p> <p>Halswell Library P74</p> <p>Halswell is a growing community and their needs are growing. This library does not meet the community needs and Council should include this capital project in the LTCCP. How this should be funded is stated below (3).</p> <p>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</p>

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

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

Funding the above capital projects.

It is proposed to increase rates (p65) by a large amount over the next 5 years, but considerable less in the last 5 years of the LTCCP. Why not spread the substantial increases in the first 5 years over 10 years and therefore reduce the impact on ratepayers affordability?

In addition the Council could increase borrowing and still remain well below their financial ratios (p62) to meet the costs of financing the proposed capital projects both in the LTCCP and as outlined in this submission.

Therefore ratepayers in the future are paying for the benefits of these services, rather than current ratepayers paying a disproportionment of the costs.

In summary, the Council should adopt the additional capital projects and fund them from additional borrowing. Council should also adopt a flat rate increase over ten years not loading it just in the first five years, with any shortfall in funding coming from extra borrowing.

I hope Council will consider and adopt these proposals.