

**SUBMISSION OF THE  
RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD**

**ON**

**DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006 TO  
2016**

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board (the Board) makes the following submissions on the draft Christchurch City Council *Our Community Plan Christchurch O-Tautahi 2006/16* ("LTCCP").

The Board would like to be heard in support of its submission.

The Board submits that:

***Comments on Major Projects:***

1. **New Leisure Centres (p.73):** The Board requests that the Council build a new aquatic leisure facility in the Riccarton/Wigram ward earlier than 2015, and provision should accordingly be made in the 2006-2016 LTCCP. In its submission on the draft Aquatic facilities Strategy, the Board noted its willingness to assist with identifying locations within the ward for such a facility, and potential sites have already been identified. Until such a facility is established, the Board requests that the Council keeps Sockburn Pool open.
2. **Halswell Library (p.74):** This project should be on the priority list for capital projects. The Board encourages the Council to bring forward the Halswell Library project - as soon as land is available, the library should be built. There is high population growth in Halswell and the surrounding area, with a consequent increased demand for a facility in the area to meet user needs.
3. **Christchurch Waste Treatment Plant and Biosolids Drying Facility (p.71):** The Board supports the expansion of the Christchurch Waste Treatment Plant and the proposal for a new Biosolids drying facility, as these are essential projects.
4. **Bus Exchange Project (p.71):** The Board encourages the Council to seek capital contributions from central government for the new Bus Exchange project.
5. **Tree Renewal (p.72):** The Board urges the Council to establish partnerships and work in conjunction with other organisations to help reduce the cost of tree renewal within the City.
6. **Strategic Land Purchases (p.72):** The Board is supportive of such purchases, particularly in the south-west area.
7. **Botanic Gardens Project (p.73):** The Board supports this project and requests that some funding also be allocated to the upgrade of the garden and grounds. The Botanic Gardens is unique and internationally recognised, and the facilities need to be improved to meet the demands of the 21st century.
8. **Transport & Streets Improvements (p.73):** The Board is supportive of these improvements, but questions whether \$187.3 million is sufficient to deliver works needed to cater for the growing city. The Council should continue to monitor the Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Strategy to ensure that it delivers an efficient service. The Board supports the early development of the Southern Motorway, and requests that the Council budget appropriately for associated works required, e.g. cycle lanes and access corridors.
9. **Water Re-Use (p.74):** The Board notes that this is not a priority project, but suggests that feasibility studies have already been undertaken. The Council should establish policies that would enable and encourage residents to re-use water for certain appropriate purposes (e.g. gardening), which would be a step in the conservation of the city's water supply.

**Comments on Activities and Services:**

10. **Mobile Library (p.86):** The Board does not support the proposed exit of the mobile library. Provision should be made in the LTCCP for its continued funding. The service is popular with elderly members of the community.
11. **Closure of Sockburn Pool and Recreation Centre (p.86):** The Board does not support closure of either, until a new aquatic facility is established in the south-west area.
12. **Closure of Templeton Pool (p.86):** This is not supported by the Board. Templeton residents would have to travel as far as Jellie Park if the Sockburn Pool is closed as well. Those residents have invested considerable time in past years to look after the pool, and they should still be able to enjoy it. The Council should look to other management options for this pool.
13. **Sub Agencies at Riccarton and Hornby (p.86):** The Board has previously given a commitment to the community that sub-agencies at Riccarton and Hornby would not be closed within the next few years.
14. **Areas Considered For Raising Fees (p.87):** The Board supports the three areas considered for raising fees; the increase of off-street parking charges by 10%, the raising of on-street parking charges and the 10% increase in cemetery charges.
15. **Council Housing (p.97):** The Board submits that housing should not be a community support service but a stand alone item. There should be no cost to the ratepayer for housing. Housing complexes provide social housing and a tenancy management service. This is a required service, and there should be no cost to the ratepayer for housing.
16. **Current Council Policy on Resurfacing of Vehicle Entranceways:** The Board requests the Council to review this policy, so that the Council maintains all vehicle entranceways (on flat land only) from the kerb to the boundary. The current policy is inequitable, particularly on streets where there is a footpath on one side only and the Council reseals the entranceways on that side and not the other.

**Other Comments/Suggestions**

17. **Current Council Policy on Development Contributions:** The Riccarton/Wigram ward has significant traffic and intensification of land use issues, and the Board submits that the current policy should be changed so that development contribution payments be allocated to local associated infrastructure projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Long Term Council Community Plan.

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