

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

I am completing this submission:
On behalf of a group or organisation

Number of people you represent:
Waltham Community

My submission refers to:
Summary Version of the LTCCP

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I also want to respond to: Other

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Your Submission:	Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?
	Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)
	<p>WOOSH is a community-run not for profit OSCAR (out of school care and recreation) programme for primary school aged children based in Waltham but serving the Waltham, Sydenham and Opawa communities.</p> <p>We strongly believe that funding to the community sector should be maintained at it's current level as this is the bare minimum that allows our group to remain financially viable. We are aware that our position is shared by other OSCAR programmes.</p> <p>Although we now receive monies from MSD (Ministry of Social Development) this does not allow us to provide quality care and recreation opportunities to some children in our community who fall outside the "user pays" ethos of the level-playing field economy. Whereas the money we have received from the Christchurch City Council has allowed us to run for many years, an extremely successful sponsorship scheme targetting "at risk" children.</p> <p>This has contributed to a safer, stronger healthier community where children are encouraged to feel a sense of belonging and responsibility.</p>
	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?
	<p>We would also like to oppose the withdrawal of the mobile library bus as this is a service regularly used by our programme. We have also encouraged children attending WOOSH to join the library and use it each week. If this service goes we know some of those children will not have the opportunity to visit other libraries.</p>