

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:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
Full Version of the LTCCP

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I also want to respond to: Development Contributions 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?) |
| | Emergency Management Communications and Facilities Vol 1 page 52: From time to time the emergency management personnel hold a exercises simulating an emergency situation. I suggest one such could be carried out with all 230 volt power switched off and no use of the normal telephone systems. During the exercise there could be a realistic evaluation of how well the present paper (facsimile) based reporting and support requesting procedures work for the Sector Posts when there is no mains power and no functioning normal telephone system. |
| | Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? Budget could be provided urgently for assessing the requirements for adequate messaging that suits the reporting and support requesting procedures between Sector Posts and Area Headquarters independent of mains power and normal telephone systems. Budgets could be provided subsequently to purchase equipment that is found to be necessary to provide adequate messaging between Sector Posts and Area Headquarters independent of mains power and normal telephone systems. Developers' Contributions Vol 1 page 287: With reference to the matter of Developers' Contributions I heartily agree that Developers should pay for all the infrastructure improvement that their development needs. I equally strongly disagree with the comment on Vol 1 page 287 that the level of contributions could not discourage development. If the development needs so much costly infrastructure provision that the costs are too high for the developer to be willing to pay it, the development could not proceed. If the contributions are justifiable and discourage development then so be it!! |

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

Urban Sprawl Vol 1 page 7:

With reference to urban sprawl mentioned by the Mayor on vol 1 page 7: Yes I am strongly against allowing urban sprawl. I am for "Smart Growth" see www.smartgrowthamerica.org/sghowto.html. I found very little, if anything, about plans to actually prevent urban sprawl. Apart from the Mayor's comment a search on the PDF file turned up no occurrences of "urban sprawl". I think it is high time we had urban boundaries set and reviewed periodically on the basis that they cannot be changed for at least ten years after the review.

Transport vol 1 various pages eg 154ff, 175ff, 197ff, 269, 294:

With reference to Transport, I found no occurrences of "light rail". We could be learning from Auckland's experience and certainly reserving corridors now for light rail and planning expenditure well within 10 years. The recent hike in oil prices now makes this imperative from an economic point of view, let alone from traffic congestion point of view.

Cuts to Services Vol 1 Page 86

The proposals to cut some community halls, libraries and City Scene issues, smacks of 'nit-picking'. \$20,000 saved by having fewer "City Scene" issues is less than the cost of one staff person not effectively utilised.

The proposal to close Spreydon Library breaks a commitment given when the South Library was mooted before it was built.

Real savings could be made in major areas of expenditure not minor ones. I see the proposed cuts as an example of the often observed phenomenon that committees tend to argue for hours over the expenditure of small sums but pass decisions about millions with hardly a comment.