

# Our Community Plan Submission Form

## Instructions

### Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

### By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178  
Our Community Plan  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch 8003

### By email

Please email your submission to:  
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz  
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

### On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at  
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>  
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

## Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one  I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR  I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission:  For yourself  On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to:  Full version  Page No.  Summary version  Page No.

Do you also want to respond to:  Development Contributions  Aquatic Facilities  Other

Contact Name Lesley Jenner

Organisation name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Lesley Jenner Date 8/4/06



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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

See list of major projects in the summary document

## Questions

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

I ask that you reconsider the plan to close the Spreydon library and maintain it in its present location with the existing services

② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

See attached details in support of my submission

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

For office use only

Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard:  Yes  No

## **Submission against the proposed closing of the Spreydon Library.**

I offer these comments in support of the present Spreydon Library.

**Location.** Barringtons is now a focus for the people of Cashmere, Somerfield, Spreydon, Hoon Hay and Westmorland. It provides parking, Supermarket shopping, Postal Services, Warehouse, Banking, Books and More, TAB, a pharmacy and nearby Medical Centre. This is a logical place for a library to be sited.

### **Disadvantages of closing**

#### **(a) to the elderly**

Demographers stress the growing proportion of elderly in the community. Their needs should have special consideration

- easy access to a library close to the shopping – with the addition of large print books, talking books, DVDs and tapes.
  
- transport and the cost of transport would be a major problem if the library were to close. For many older people public transport is not practical. A walk of two or three blocks to catch a bus is beyond their physical ability. If they are no longer driving, a library visit to Halswell or South Library would involve two taxi trips and an extra cost.
  
- neither is contact with the outside world always available to the elderly through the internet, many of whom do not own or use a computer and for whom a computer is no substitute for a book.

**(b) to young mothers** who would similarly be disadvantaged if the library were to close. Some do not have the use of a car during the daytime. A visit to the library, while shopping, is a recreational outing and educational for the children.

In the light of other expenditure planned by the Council, the cost of \$450 000 for the closing of the three suburban libraries is a relatively small saving for the loss of an excellent service currently meeting the needs of many of its citizens.

I ask that the Council reconsider the plan to close the Spreydon Library.



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