

LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN,  
THE COUNCIL OFFICES,  
CHRISTCHURCH.

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DEAR SIR,

WITH RESPECT TO THE LONG TERM COMMUNITY PLAN I  
WISH TO OBJECT TO THE CLOSING OF THE LIBRARY'S AND THE  
MOBILE LIBRARY THAT WE USE.

I WROTE TO BOTH THE MAYOR AND TO COUNCILLOR  
BROUGHTON ON MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL

WHEN WE CONSIDER THE LEARNING THAT IS AVAILABLE  
IN THE LIBRARY'S, THE HELPFUL SPLENDID STAFF WHO  
READILY ASSIST US, AND THE GREAT EFFORT THAT THE  
PEOPLE AND ITS ELECTED COUNCILLORS HAVE PUT IN OVER  
THE YEARS TO CREATE THE LIBRARY'S, IT WOULD A DISASTER  
TO ALL OF US, AND OUR CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE TO  
CLOSE THEM.

AS MY WIFE AND I ARE IN OUR MID 80<sup>S</sup> AND HAVE  
USED THE MOBILE LIBRARY FOR NINE YEARS, TWICE A  
WEEK, WE LOOK UPON IT AS A "GOD SEND".

QUITE RIGHTLY THE COUNCIL HAS TO BE CAREFUL IN  
HOW IT MANAGES ITS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, BUT WE URGE  
YOU MOST STRONGLY TO LOOK AT THIS IN A CARING AND  
COMPASSIONATE MANNER FOR WE USES OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY.

WE WHO ARE OF ADVANCED YEARS ARE OFTEN NOTABLE  
FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO VISIT THE PERMANENT LIBRARY'S, AND  
THE MOBILE LIBRARY IS OUR LIFE LINE, AND PLEASE LET  
IT CONTINUE TO BE SO.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
JOHN W. HOWE,

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