

Summary submission form

Instructions

You may send us your submission...

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.

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 the draft Our 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

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

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See list of major projects in the summary document

Questions

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

I live in Casebrook and use Bishopdale shops, centre and gym, and library. Positive features for me as a retired person are:- ease of access (my partner is not as mobile as me) good parking, ^{position for the} central library, community area where we can paint with John Evans on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. ^(Artist in the building) If we need to refer to other artist, beautiful books are easily obtained from the library together with information of events happening in the area.

② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number Pg 10

The G.M.C.A organises walking groups, from which other groups may form, other exercise e.g. Tai Chi, sitting exercises which help us all remain in better health, with better balance, hopefully skills to reduce falls as we age. A new facility is soon to open at Bishopdale which should help our community young and old.

Interest groups e.g. drawing & painting, sculpture, genealogy, proband etc are vital for busy people with limited free time. It allows us to meet a much wider part of our community even the books are well known

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

Pg 14 Thank you for maintaining the importance of green areas with native plantings which may in time encourage a greater variety of bird life. eg. Swamp area beside QUETT drive en route to QUETT sports recreation centre. Our forefathers are to be commending on making Hagley Park so large. The "lungs of our city". Thanks for non-native planting creating wonderful colour at spring and autumn.

Pg 18 Thank you for much clearer signs - overhead in some areas, better roadabout ruling.

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

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Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard: Yes No

Submission on the draft of the Community plan.

1) see page 10:- I live in Casebrook and use the Bishopdale shops, library, gym, and hall. My partner is less mobile than I and he works as a volunteer for the community police. I have joined the walking groups organised by the Y.M.C.A in the past and really benefited from the same. Now I attend John Evan's classes in art in the community hall, enjoying the facility with which we can access Art books from the Library. When I learned that the Library was under threat I felt compelled to write!

- a. Having the library so central in the complex is wonderful for young mothers and the elderly. I have seen tiny children enjoying book reading sessions!!! As artists we have benefited from the ease of access to the library. Elderly people with walking frames can enter this library easily and access their favourite subjects, maintaining the everyday but vitally important task of keeping in touch with what is going on. Often I have noticed buses from resthomes or elder care centres parked at the New World entrance to the mall. The library is a reliable source of free items such as your community plan, clubs one can join, and recreational activity we can avail ourselves of if we wish!
- b. One of my school teaching friends from the area has told me that Isleworth and Cotswald primary schools use the library during school time to learn how to access information. Breens intermediate uses the Library after school to find resources for their projects. Not all families can afford a computer, and schools don't allow the use of only computers for resource gathering. From a recent talk about primary and secondary education at our U.3.A, I learned "teachers are guides by the side not sages on the stage!!". For effective learning the important point seemed to be teaching our young how to access and analyse their information.

- c. Pensioners from the cottages around the Bishopdale complex and young families on single incomes or the benefit would find accessing the library if it were to move to Papanui really difficult, as they would have to walk to Harewood road to access the appropriate bus. You may think the walk may benefit them! Wrong, have you walked a block with 3 children under 5, carrying library books, and children's gear e.g nappies???? Try it sometime! I'm sure 80% would rather sit at home watching television.
 - d. We are on the cusp of better education for our children with enthusiastic hardworking teachers doing their best. Do we really want to make their job harder?
 - e. Community security page 10
 - Having the community police office manned enables us easy access to information about neighbourhood watch which will enable the community where I live to feel a little bit more secure. I realise it is up to us to make this effort but it is so much easier when we have easy access to our local policeman.
- 2) Page 7 Our Bishopdale shopping area supplies several features essential for us to lead a healthy life. a) walking groups. b) recreational opportunities e.g art, sculpture, gym .c)the library which is a great source of information d)the citizens advise bureau. e) tai chi which is being recognised as a good method of keeping people from having so many falls . f) café's where people can meet friends at places which are still within their budgets! For all of the above reasons I personally feel closing Bishopdale library would be a decidedly retrograde step, especially as I remember not very long ago writing to you on what I felt made a good community area to be part of. Is this to be available for only the new enclosed subdivisions?????
- 3) Page 14. I would however like to thank you for the care you have been taking in plantings along the outside of some of those areas e.g along the QUEEN road, en route to the

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QuE11 complex. There may soon be a return of some of our native birds which would be wonderful. The mixture of native and European trees gives our city a good reason to be known for its beauty, especially during Spring and Autumn.

- 4) Page 18 roads. Thank you for much clearer road signs. e.g. The Pa panui Rossall street intersection is much clearer with the overhead signs, and the roundabout ruling is also very helpful and encourages better movement around it.
- 5) Thank you for this opportunity to take part in these vital decisions.

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