

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:	<p>submission</p> <p>I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered.</p> <p>I am completing this submission for myself</p> <p>My submission refers to: Full version, page 86</p> <p>Contact name E.Jo.Wynne Address 55 Crofton Road, Harewood, Christchurch Phone 359 2122 17th april 2006</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSURES I am against all library closures in Christchurch.</p> <p>Last year we moved house to one where we hope to spend the next twenty years - well into old age. One criteria when looking at where to live was that it would be walking distance to a library. Bishopdale with its library suited us well. We were not looking for a state of the art modern library with cafes etc. the proximity to where we live was the most important thing and as we get older this will become even more important:</p> <p>Fuel shortages and oil price hikes combined with a lower income and less mobility as we get older make having a library nearby extremely important.</p> <p>Having regularly taken our children and more recently grandchildren to the nearest library I believe it is not just older people who need local libraries it is the whole community. Parents with young children have limited time and are much more likely to go to the library if it is nearby.</p> <p>Although I have a strong personal interest in an ongoing future for the Bishopdale library this submission is against any library closure anywhere in Christchurch.</p> <p>The measly savings predicted do not warrant the detrimental outcome to so many people of library closures.</p> <p>Library closures fly in the face of the ideals expressed in the Draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-a place where people enjoy living (vision)-everybody is able to participate particularly those who are most vulnerable (community)-increase involvement in lifelong learning (strategic directions)- A broad range of learning opportunities is available in Christchurch (knowledge)