

26th April 2006

The Mayor, Christchurch City Council,
Mr. Gerry Moore,
Dear Sir,

27 APR 2006

I am writing to register my objections to the Council's plans to save money by the closure of three suburban libraries and the mobile library, in particular our Spreydon library.

Only three years ago we were invited to express our opinions over this library's closure before the new South one was built.

Spreydon was spared, due we thought to our strong objections. So many people would be unable to get to the South library from this area. For instance an elderly person no longer able to drive or young mothers without cars.

Spreydon is growing. There are always new homes being built here as old houses are demolished and frequently replaced with two or more on the same section. We need our library.

The local schools bring in groups of children, then there is story-time for mothers to bring pre-schoolers along. Older students are always busy on the computers after school.

The idea of closing Redwood and Bishopdale libraries is even harder to understand. These two areas are growing and expanding even more rapidly than Spreydon!

I also object very strongly indeed to the proposed expenditure of \$45,000 of ratepayers' money on a sculpture for the South library.

An expensive sculpture is quite unnecessary when saving money is the reason put forward for closing Spreydon, Redwood and Bishopdale libraries.

Yours faithfully,

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