

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:
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I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission: **Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?**

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

I am extremely concerned about the possible closure of libraries, especially Redwood. My family have grown up in the area over the past 28 years and have been weekly visitors to the library. As a grandparent, I would be most upset if when my grandchildren are ready to use the library, they were deprived of the same opportunities to improve their knowledge & literacy due short sighted budgeting having closed our local library, effectively preventing them from developing a real love of reading.

I am also the parent of a Deafblind young man who often walks to the Redwood library, to meet friends who help him to access information, or to ask (using communication cards) the librarians (who all know him well) to help him find books or information that he is wanting to learn more about, that he can bring home for his communicators to read to him. Redwood library is the only library he can access independently as he is unable to catch buses from "multi bus" bus stops. Deafblindness is already a very isolating disability, please don't make it more so.

For my son & his guide dog, Redwood library is a recognised safe place - the only one on the western side of the main north rd that he can use.

It provides him with a back up for getting to the shops over the road. If the vibrating pads on the traffic lights are not working, it means by using a communication card, he can ask at the library for someone to help him over the road & the Post shop staff help him back. Without that he & his guide dog may often find their 30 minute walk to the library & shops is in vain because they can't cross the road & they must then trek 30 minutes home again without being able to post mail or buy the things they needed.

A new library in Upper Riccarton although great for them, just doesn't cut it for Bishopdale or Redwood people with limited mobility.

Your Submission (Cont'd):	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?
	I am sure that there are other areas eg trees (I'm sure even our guide dog wouldn't miss the odd tree or 2) or scultures that could be reduced to compensate for the cost of libraries, or maybe an extra \$5/household in rates would be enough to cover the savings you propose to find by closing the Libraries.