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: Full Version of the LTCCP	**Page Number:** 8

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 object very strongly to the proposed closure of some suburban libraries, in particular Bishopdale. Libraries are a major community resource that the council should provide. We want to encourage the love of books and therefore learning in our children, and want them to feel comfortable and familiar in a library environment. Bishopdale Library is a lovely suburban library with great friendly staff. It is always busy every time I am there. It is very convenient as it is so close to supermarkets, shops, preschools and schools. I use this library frequently for my young children - borrowing books, music CDs and tapes, talking CDs and tapes, DVDs and videos, CD-ROMs. We regularly attend the story time for preschoolers, which is well attended. The library is a quiet oasis. It is a convenient walk for me, and many other parents with young children. If it was closed, we would need to drive and therefore would not use any library as often. I fail to see how opening new libraries at Parklands, South Christchurch and Riccarton justify closing our library (or Redwood). These new ones are a long drive from us. The council wishes to encourage residents to walk, bike etc rather than always driving - therefore community facilities need to be close enough to do so. Thank you for considering my submission - please do not close our libraries!
	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?