

# 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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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<b>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</b>
	<b>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</b>
	<p>The closure of community libraries and buses is very short sighted. They are always well used and provide a focal point for people living in the surrounding areas. We are told, in no uncertain terms, that reading to our children is the best start we can give them. If the libraries and buses cease, council is undermining all the advice professionals have given us. You may save a few dollars in the short term, but the long term consequences will be far reaching. Elderly folk in our community rely on the library bus as many of them no longer drive. By taking that away from them, you also take a bit more of their independence. I have seen the sense of camaraderie these people have when they meet at the bus to change their books. It lifts their spirit, and gives them a sense of belonging, much of which has already been eroded away by our fast pace of living. The librarians on these buses take special care of our older citizens, and you may not realise the importance of the job they do. There are children from Belfast School who use the bus. This may be their only contact with books outside the school system. The Redwood library is of easy walking distance to the pensioners' accommodation, the kindergarten, and community child care facility, all of whom use the library on a regular basis.</p> <p>I will support any councilor who makes a stand against the closures, and sees people instead of dollar signs - and represents the people.</p>
	<b>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</b>