

Our Community Plan Submission Form

Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission:

By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freeport 178
Our Community Plan
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8003

By email

Please email your submission to:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My submission refers to: Full version Page No. Summary version Page No.

Do you also want to respond to: Development Contributions Aquatic Facilities Other

Contact Name Diivienne ENSOR.

Organisation name (if applicable) -

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Marshlands

Phone No. (day) 386-1237 Phone No. (evening) same.

Email (if applicable) _____

Signature DMensor. Date 1.5.06

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

See list of major projects in the summary document

Questions

- ① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number
- The rationalisation of Community libraries, specifically Redwood.
- The specific action would be for these libraries not to be closed.
- The projected savings of the suggested closures could easily be made by trimming back some budgeted cost on other projects.
- ② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number
- Eg 17.2 million on tree renewal.
- Our local library provides Community with a friendly safe environment for people of all ages and cultures. It gives us an opportunity to learn. It exercises our minds by informing and entertaining us.
- Our library is a cherished and dearly loved friend. It is our community's Tonga (treasure). To travel further afield to Papanui, Parklands or Shirley, is simply not possible for some
- ③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number
- members of our community due to age or their financial situation.

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Submission #:

Referred to:

Date referred:

Date required:

Heard: Yes No

You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.

April 25, 2006

02 MAY 2006

His Worship The Mayor Mr Moore,
The Christchurch City Council,
Civic Offices,
163/173 Tuam Street,
P.O.Box 237,
Christchurch

Dear Sir

I wish to register my opposition to the proposed closure of certain Libraries throughout Christchurch, the reason given is that the Council needs to save money and keep our rates down.

We shifted to the Marshlands area last year, the library nearest to me is the Redwood library, I have been impressed with this quaint little place and I am very happy to be able to use its facilities. Like all libraries it is extremely busy and is used by a diverse group of people, we have the toddlers and young mothers, the elderly, school children high school and primary, new migrant families, disabled people and the middle aged like me. It is an asset to our local community, a hub and safe haven, something to be proud of.

How sad for it to be closed when it is so valued and loved, it would be like the death of someone close to us and we would all be worse off for its loss. On Friday when I went there I noticed drawings outside done by the local school children in chalk on the pavement, they expressed how sad they felt about the libraries closure and added "Please save our Library". I urge the Councillors who support this closure proposal to please reconsider.

For many of this community to get in a car or a Bus to Papanui Shirley or Parklands it is simply not possible due to their financial situation or their age. I know personally what a hassle this can be, previously I lived in Fendalton within easy walking distance of the old library, when it was closed whilst we waited for the new one to open instead of being able to walk I had to transport myself at a cost further afield.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to close these Libraries.

The cost to keep them open seems very small compared to some of the proposed projects and the related costs in your Budget.

Sincerely yours,

Vivienne Ensor (Mrs)

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