

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

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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?)
	<p>I oppose the closure of any of the public libraries in Christchurch, in particular the examples mentioned in the Draft Plan of Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon libraries. I live near the Bishopdale library and go there regularly. The library is a vital part of our community and is used by all age groups. I think it is especially important for older people, the disabled and parents with young children that libraries are easily accessible and close to local shops. If the Bishopdale library were closed then some people would be unable to get to Papanui by bus or on foot and those with cars would add to the already congested traffic on Langdons Rd.</p> <p>I also think that it is unwise, at a time when there is general public concern about levels of educational attainment in schools, that local goverment close a service which promotes learning for all ages. Without easily accessible libraries, some children will not have access to books for recreation and learning. The culture of reading and learning will be diminished. The value of libraries, unlike their costs, is not easily measured and it would be shame if for this reason, their value was considered less than their cost. I would argue that the value to the community in terms of giving all ages and stages of people a quiet, safe, positive, interesting, friendly and educational place to hang out is enormous. Please don't take away our libraries.</p>
	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?