

# 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

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Signature [Signature] Date 4.5.06

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My submission refers to page 86 of the full version – Services and Activities considered for reduction.

I was astounded to hear of the proposal to “rationalise” the Bishopdale, Redwood and Spreydon libraries. The future of the Bishopdale Library is of particular concern as this is my local library and has been a vital resource for myself and my children for many years.

In the Introduction written by Garry Moore, he refers to the city as a “series of villages”, and yet this proposal would rip the heart out of our village. The local facilities, including the well resourced and handy library, were one of the reasons we chose to make our home in this community - and why we have stayed in the area for the last two decades.

This proposal would be contrary to the following statements in the Plan;

- Our learning opportunities help us to participate in the community and the economy. Quality education is available for people of all ages. (Page 46)
- 1. Increase involvement in lifelong learning by providing resources and information through libraries and websites. (Page 49)
- 4. Help communities to meet their needs, by providing accessible and welcoming Public buildings, spaces and facilities. (Page 50)

The Bishopdale Library is within walking distance of 4 Primary schools, 2 Intermediate schools, their families and neighbors. There are also a considerable number of elderly and disabled people in our “village”. With the huge increases in petrol prices and the wish to reduce the number of vehicles on our roads, I fail to see how the Papanui Library could possibly be considered sufficient for our community when it is usually full up with the Papanui students and residents. Many of the users of the Bishopdale library at the moment would be unable to get to the Papanui one (assuming they could or want to drive there –have you tried driving/parking in that area recently!)

By the way, the April City Scene Page 5 states providing “14 libraries” with books etc. That’s an interesting number - Who decided that and when?

This proposal seriously undermines the facilities in our community and judging by the number of signatures on the recent petitions, many hundreds of residents do not want you to close our library.

The councilors need to listen to what ratepayers want, that is what you were voted onto the council to do. Enough monument building! What benefits the local residents more – their library or a Visitor Centre? I know which facilities my family will benefit from most and use!

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