

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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Submission on Draft Community Plan:

From O.R. Birss (details on attached form).

Please do not close the Bishopdale library. Go there any day and you will see pensioners, often with disabilities, picking up books or reading. You will see mothers with small children, and older children after school working on their projects.

This is an excellent community facility. Many users do not have their own motor transport, and would find it difficult to reach other libraries. Often this would require changing buses.

At a time when the city should be discouraging car use, it would be irritation of the council to make citizens travel several kilometres further to reach a library branch.

The staff are efficient and helpful, and with the Internet allowing books to be ordered by computer and delivered through the local library, Bishopdale forms a useful part of a network that distributes books efficiently and conveniently.

The Bishopdale library is the heart of a community centre, with policeman, civic facilities, supermarket and shops. Closing it would undoubtedly affect these.

When I go to the central library, it seems to be catering largely for out of towners – back packers and foreign language students temporarily in the city.

Don't forget about facilities for your core ratepayers.

If the city is basing this on savings, there must be far greater priorities. What about the grandiose new council head office to house growing central-city staff? What about finance to upgrade facilities in Banks Peninsula, a rural region imposed on city ratepayers without vote.

If Bishopdale library is closed, local body voters in its area will be reminded of this at the next council elections. It will surely be more economic to keep it open, than be forced to reopen it.