

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:

Freepost 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 *(attached)*

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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- see attached sheet

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

Questions

See list of major projects in the summary document

1 Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

2 Do you have any comments on groups of activities (the activities and services that Council provides)? page number

3 Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

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

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Submission #:	<input type="text"/>
Referred to:	<input type="text"/>
Date referred:	<input type="text"/>
Date required:	<input type="text"/>
Heard:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Submission on Draft Community Plan:

From J.N. Birss (details on form to which this sheet is attached).

Closing the Bishopdale library would be an inconvenience to hundreds of readers within a few kilometres of this popular facility. Please leave it open.

Many people in the immediate vicinity of the library, such as pensioners and families with small children, do not have transport to get to other library branches. People with physical disability often find it hard to change buses, and small children should not have to travel on their own, changing buses, to reach a library.

With petrol prices soaring, it behoves the City Council to maintain facilities which reduce the need of citizens with cars to travel to take advantage of its services.

The Bishopdale library caters for children as well as adults. It's tidy, clean, and well stocked. It does an excellent job of obtaining books from other city libraries and the stock store when requested. The staff are informed, helpful, warm, and polite. They deserve better than to have their careers and income put under a cloud by the murmurings of possible closure.


If the council closes Bishopdale library, a useful civic facility will be lost.

If it is imperative to save money on libraries why not instead close the central city library on Sundays, an expensive day to operate on. For years, readers were happy with a library open at the weekend only on Saturday mornings.

Similarly why not trim weekend hours at New Brighton, where to the casual visitor the stock seems to contain largely Mills and Boon and similar frothy entertainment, which surely fails to meet the original noble aims of public libraries.

Why not end subscription to Sky TV, which doesn't fit with the literacy goals of libraries. Also in the central library, the council might look at the extensive seating facilities and computer terminals provided. Much of this seems to be used chiefly by foreign students. They come from language schools which don't provide study facilities or libraries. The facilities therefore comprise a subsidy from ratepayers to these schools.

I am not advocating these cuts, but if library spending must be saved these should be on the table, too. Over all, I would prefer to see curtailed overseas trips for councillors, mayor, and staff and ending some of the city's welfare and other activities that are traditionally the field of central government or charities.

 3 May 2006