

# LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.

I am completing this submission:  
For yourself

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I also want to respond to:

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<b>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</b>
	<b>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</b>
	<p>I am extremely concerned at the Council's plans to close libraries or in any way reduce library services. The libraries of Christchurch are an essential part of local communities and as such must be preserved and strengthened. If any Councillor has visited a library recently, at any time of any day of the week, they will find it a hive of activity. Older people are borrowing large print books and talking books; children are listening to their parents or librarians read books or browsing through the shelves; students are researching their school homework topics; adults are finding information on any topic from home renovation to international cooking to car repairs. The huge amount of use that libraries receive must be considered in this debate - they are in fact hugely cost-effective operations.</p> <p>I challenge the Councillors to do their homework and find areas of non-essential spending to cut instead of library services. For example, the South Library in Colombo Street is going to receive a new art sculpture on the lawn which the council is paying for from its Art in Public Places Fund. I believe that the library users would far prefer to have a library service available than a sculpture on the grass. This is a non-essential expense which should be cut to free up funding for the essentials - libraries.</p>
	<b>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</b>