

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

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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Libraries: Proposal to consider the closing three libraries, Redwood, Bishopdale and Spreydon.

I disagree with this proposal.

The suggestion that these three Libraries should be closed because new Libraries have been opened in Parklands, Upper Riccarton and Beckenham defies logic. Surely as the city expands, additional libraries need to be opened to service these areas. When my wife and I moved to Bishopdale in 1969, the Bishopdale Shopping Centre where the Library is located was almost at the edge of the urban housing in the North/North-west. In the last 10 to 15 years, there have been major housing developments, where previously there were orchards or market gardens. There is still land being farmed but into the future surely more land will be subdivided and houses built, creating additional use of the Bishopdale Library.

The Papanui Library has, I believe, issues of parking and access, with Papanui Road being very slow, not only at peak times. Bishopdale Library has a large car parking area and it is easily accessible from all directions.

The proposal to consider the closing of Libraries also seems to contradict the Community Outcome, "A City of Lifelong Learning". With retirement not too far away, I anticipate that I will be using Libraries more frequently than I do at the moment.

Savings: It is suggested that ongoing savings could be made by;

- ceasing the narrowing of the street entrances
- adopting a "do it once, do it right approach" to work. I have lost count of the number of times the footpaths/curbs at the corner of Greers and Harewood Roads and Highsted Road by the Service Station have been dug up and redone.
- arranging an audit of the council activities to ensure that ratepayers are not funding activities which are the responsibility of Central Government.

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City Development: To strengthen the city centre

My suggestion as a first priority is to resolve the problems with traffic movement. Having worked in the central city for 43 years, there now seems to be a problem with access. There have been closing of streets to create a mall, changes which reduced the numbers of on-street parks (e.g. Colombo Street, Oxford Terrace strip, Worcester Street). Manchester Street is frequently in grid lock and cannot seem to flow. The Lichfield Street parking building seems to be poorly sited – cars queue to enter and also have difficulty exiting onto the one way street system. Perhaps parking buildings need to be located near the four avenues and shuttle buses provided to move people around the central city area.

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Streets and Transport

Cycleways: Initially I thought that the provision of cycleways on the streets was a good initiative and would add to the safety of cyclists.

I have changed my view after being knocked off my bicycle in Victoria Street by a jogger running out between two parked cars. I fell to the roadway and with my bicycle skidded under the rear of a 4WD, hitting my head (helmet) on the tow bar. I injured my right shoulder in this incident. This is the most serious accident I have been involved in during my 52 years of cycling daily to school/work.

A recent phenomenon, with the increase in the numbers of motor cycles and scooters on the roads is the use by these riders of the on-road cycle lanes. It was interesting to read in the newspaper recently that the number of these riders injured has increased because they have been knocked off their motor cycles/scooters by cars, while using the cycle lanes to overtake vehicles on the left hand side.

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Road Maintenance: To me there seems to be something fundamentally wrong with roads such as Manchester Street and Papanui Road. Smaller roads seem to be recoated with stone chips, as was the case from long ago. With the road carpet, it seems to be the practice to rip up the seal to a depth of perhaps 100 to 150mm, then lay new carpet. There have been instances of this in both Manchester Street and Papanui Road over the last 12 months. I understand that a new layer cannot be laid on to of the existing, as the road would be higher and higher. My concern is the way the roads crack. In Papanui Road around the Paparoa Street area there are cracks in the road, some 35/40mm wide with grass growing in them. Some of the vehicles using these streets are obviously much heavier than of, say, 20 years ago. This raises the question as to whether the foundations are adequate for the weight of the heavier vehicles.

To minimize the cost of road maintenance, perhaps there needs to be an appraisal as to the suitability of the road foundation and also the use of the road carpet as a surface which provides an acceptable length of service before it needs to be resurfaced.