

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

I am completing this submission:
On behalf of a group or organisation

Number of people you represent:
3

My submission refers to:
Summary Version of the LTCCP

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I also want to respond to: Aquatic Facilities

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>Page 8: Closing Libraries - definitely NOT.</p> <p>Wiyhfraewing Mobile Library - definitely NOT.</p> <p>Closing any of the pools at Sockburn, Edgeware, Belfast Templeton or Woolston. Definitely NOT.</p> <p>Libraries and Pools are equally important. Libraries for all age groups; pools, in particular for learning to swim, especially when every summer there is constant advice on being a proficient swimmer.</p> <p>Th council should not close ANY of these facilities, the reason being that they service many people, often in poorer areas, where the costs of reaching alternatives would be prohibitive. This is particularly so in view of rising fuel costs. Also, not all people have vehicles and bus services would be long and expensive to use.</p> <p>Instead the council should cancel the proposed 2 "leisure centres" (what are they?) and use that \$12million to upgrade existing venues.</p> <p>The planned \$11 million "upgrade" for one site, namely Jellie Park, is obscene in the face of the above closure intentions.</p> <p>Inner City upgrades: our city has ceased to be a centre for local people; it is too difficult to get around, limited by one-way streets, expensive parking, too many closed off areas. It is 2 YEARS since we last went into town! Who is the city for? Residents or tourists?</p> <p>Bus Interchange. This facility was a mistake in the first place. The Square has always been the correct centre and dividing the city by closing off the Square was the first huge mistake. If the intention is to revive the city, then open it up to traffic, make it easy and inexpensive to get from place to place. Further closures will kill it completely.</p>

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Council should cease any involvement or financial support in those areas that can be provided by specific businesses and/or cultural groups: that is garden shows, music and movie shows, entertainment generally. Recently we received a free "ticket" to the early evening showing of the Willie Wonka movie, that was available in cinemas.

The Council should NOT be involving itself in those areas where there are commercial enterprises doing much the same thing. It is NOT what we pay our rates for!

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

Council should "stick to its knitting." It exists to provide those services for which the individual householder cannot reasonable manage (not in any order of importance), that is: Water, Sewerage, Rubbish collection (not everyone can get to a dump), Street lighting, Footpaths and roading - though not those ridiculous narrowings and fancy pavings at the entrance to numerous streets - and those areas that remain the traditional preserve of councils generally.