

LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

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For yourself

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Your Submission:	Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?
	Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)
	Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?
	As a Bishopdale resident and frequent user of the Bishopdale Library's excellent facilities (nearly 5000 transactions over the past few years) I strongly oppose the proposed closing of community libraries. In the case of Bishopdale Library there are many schools and kindergartens within walking distance of the library. There are also a number of residential complexes for the elderly, some Council owned, in the vicinity too. These schools etc make good use of the resources provided by this valuable community facility. With the increasing emphasis on the conservation of energy resources and people exercising more, closing the Bishopdale Library will result in the greater use of private transport to access other libraries rather than walking to the library as many people do now. Bus services are not conveniently routed for accessing other libraries. Another significant factor is the impact closing the library will have on the viability of the businesses in Bishopdale Mall. This mall struggles to compete with the large malls eg Northlands, and if people are forced to go to other libraries then they will most likely shop in those areas too. Closing these community libraries can only be seen as a retrograde step and I strongly urge councillors to retain these essential services.