

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:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:
2

My submission refers to:
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I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:	<p>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.</p> <p>City Development. Encourage development and use of the inner city by supporting business initiatives that may require 'unique responses' eg extending cafe's into public areas, free parking etc. Be creative. Research shows that a city that works well relates to its centre.</p> <p>Community Support. Retain and extend funding of community projects. Healthy communities are participating communities. They often need some financial assistance to achieve their goals. Retain council housing as it provides a good level of housing for those who are least able to afford it. The support of the council welfare officers provides good oversight. Explore the option of reinstating blocks of units for older people who feel particularly vulnerable. It is recognised that there is a section of older people in the community who need to live in a more supported & protected environment.</p> <p>Democracy & Governance. Increase the number of councillors. We have lost a breadth of expertise and experience we formally had. Conflicts of interest need to be more widely publicised.</p> <p>Economic Development. Support business with funding where appropriate and don't compete (eg food market, floral show and business conference) Work co-operatively. Seek out and support exciting initiatives that will grow our community, provide jobs and build pride.</p> <p>Parks, Open Space and Waterways. Run off from farms into water ways need to be more actively monitored. Lake Ellesmere is an important asset to many people. Its health needs to be restored. We would like the Council to work with Selwyn District Council and ECAN to ensure that feeder waterways are healthy.</p>

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

Recreation and Leisure. There is a great lag in understanding what is happening in the growth of the sport of surfing. Because it tends to be an individual pursuit it is poorly researched. The uptake of the sport is staggering. Already there is competition for scarce resources. It is one of the few sports where all compete for the same resources in the same place at the same time. This means learners and women are competing with 18 year old hotties! There needs to be more in Canterbury for those who could excel at the sport. We have a number of potential champions in our midst eg Daisy Thomas. This could be achieved by fast tracking the reef at New Brighton and if successful, developing others. Considerable funding is provided to other more organised team sports whether by community grants, provision of facilities, or voluntary donation. We have to get our heads around the idea that surfing is a different type of pursuit and needs to be looked at in a different way. Is CCC willing to be proactive?

Streets and Transport. Expand the already successful public transport system. Expand the network of cycle ways. The community is receptive to cycling as demonstrated by increase in those participating in fun events such as 'weetbix kids tryathlon', women's triathlons etc. Increase funding to graffiti clean up gangs. The perception of untidiness leads to a sense of danger. Provide incentives for young people to put their creative energies into legitimate art etc(see also Cultural and Learning services) ie support activities that lead to this outcome.

Water Supply. We want to be able to drink untreated Canterbury water. We are concerned about the huge amount of irrigation that is taking place on the Canterbury plains, which we feel, will diminish the amount in the aquifers and ultimately compromise its quality. The water in the aquifers belongs just as much to the people of Christchurch as it does to the farmers. Many farmers are also concerned about the issue. Joint initiatives are needed. We would like the Council to be actively engaged with Regional Councils and ECAN in this regard. Should little success be forthcoming we could support the intervention of Government in this matter.

Finally, well done Christchurch City Council on a number of points. You've helped create a lovely city that in the most; we can proudly say we belong to. Don't let's loose the benefits we've achieved. Christchurch the city where people matter!

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?