

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Personal submission. I do not wish to present my submission at the hearing and ask that this written submission be considered.

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p. 7 Health. Cannot argue with the community outcome, and it is the council's responsibility to maintain the services which provide a healthy environment, but is it the council's responsibility to ensure that "We have access to affordable health services that meet our needs" ? Surely that is Central Government's.

p. 7 Knowledge: "Everybody receives a good basic education". What role does the City Council have in that? As above, that is Central Government's.

p. 8 While basic education may not be the Council's job, a role in continuing education could be, and therefore it is inconsistent for the council to propose closing some of the suburban libraries; I object strongly to the proposals to close Redwood, Spreydon and Bishopdale libraries and the withdrawal of the mobile library service. This will disadvantage a lot of suburban residents in these districts (especially mothers with children, and elderly residents).

p.18. Transport: New bus exchange (Cost \$59.5m) is needed but could/should not the limitations (site, size, behavior problems) of the present one have been foreseen when it was being planned? The council must ensure that adequate planning is done this time to avoid the roading problems and bus parking problems that arose after the building of the current exchange.

I cant find reference in the summary version I have, but Council planners should foresee the effects of allowing housing developments on transport requirements and develop adequate roading at the same time that the developments go ahead. This obviously has not happened with the continuing growth in the north of the city with Northwood, Belfast, and now Pegasus producing increased traffic into the city. It is a pity that the Northern arterial motorway through St Albans planned in the 1970s was abandoned!

p. 8 City Scene – reduce the number of issues from 10 to 4, i.e. quarterly. If reduction by 1 saves \$22,000, that would save \$132,000. While it does provide some information, most of what is in it is also, or could be incorporated in the local newspapers, and the issues seem to be mainly a PR exercise which quickly goes into the recycling chain.