

Summary submission form

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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.

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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.

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You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at:

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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 the draft Our 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

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Submission by Canterbury Tennis Incorporated to the Christchurch City Council Draft Community Plan

- **Canterbury Tennis would ask for speaking rights to this submission.**

Canterbury Tennis would respectfully ask Councillors to take the following two points into consideration with regards to the long term planning of future sports facilities in Christchurch.

1. When planning is in place for the shifting of the Netball courts away from their current site in Hagley Park, consideration should be given to making the new facility into Tennis courts for the summer months.
2. When considering sports or community facilities in the Central/Eastern parts of the City, consideration should be given to the possibility of locating them at Wilding Park.

Explanation

1. Netball/Tennis Courts

The growth over recent years of Junior Inter-club Tennis team numbers is an embarrassment (albeit a pleasant one) to Canterbury Tennis and is creating some major problems in finding enough courts for matches to be played. Canterbury Tennis currently has around 800 Junior Inter-club teams, the same as Auckland, Wellington and North Harbour COMBINED.

To ensure team entries from clubs are not declined additional byes are worked into the draws, however this has a very negative impact on most grades. The extra bye is in addition to a normal bye and should a team strike a wet weekend and then their two byes, they may not play for a month at times during the season. Canterbury Tennis and our clubs believe this is unacceptable for children's sport. Currently all available club and school courts are used for Inter-club and sadly the condition of some of the school courts are sub-standard.

A Netball court is almost the same size as a Tennis court and many school/community facilities around the country are multi-purpose Netball and Tennis. The two sets of lines, while not ideal, appear to have only a minimal effect on the lower grades of the two sports. For Netball courts to also be used as Tennis courts they would need to be fenced at the back of the court. This means the courts need to be constructed in rows.

Canterbury Tennis would not want to impact the dual line concept on Netball's main courts but the benefits to the sport of having 16-20 additional Tennis courts during the summer would be significant.

2. The use of Wilding Park for other sports/community facilities

Canterbury Tennis Incorporated owns the facilities and the ten acres of land at Wilding Park. There are currently 39 tennis courts and the necessary changing facilities, toilets, meeting rooms, lounges and administration facilities.

Canterbury Tennis currently has the infrastructure in place to operate from approximately 15 hours each day, seven days a week and believes the current infrastructure could easily cope with additional activities. Any proposal would be considered, however the thinking was along the lines of squash courts, gymnasiums or even community meeting rooms/halls etc.

Councillors will be aware that the cost of maintaining a large sports facility is significant and any additional facilities on the park will allow the current infrastructure costs to be amortised over more activities. It is unique in New Zealand for a regional sports organisation to own its own facilities. Canterbury Tennis sees Wilding Park as part of the City's sports infrastructure and as such believes it would be acting as a good citizen to allow the Park to be used for other activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.