

Attn. Secretary,
Secretariat Unit,
L.T.C.C.P.
Christchurch City Council,
P.O. Box 237, ChCh.,
23 April 2006.

OPENING MANCHESTER ST PARKING BUILDING TRIAL PERIOD.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In earlier submissions to Ms Jane Parfitt and Karen Scott, I have been a voice of the local inner-city business community and advocated the opening of the Manchester St Parking Building at weekends, on par with the other inner-city parking-buildings. I see this as a logical adjunct to the current C.C.C.'s "Discover Yourself in the Inner City" campaign. There seems little point in trying to encourage shoppers into the inner city if they can't find a park. I have been pleased to see the steady increase in the weekend use of this parking building. I used it yesterday (Saturday 22 April at 1-30p.m.) and found the bottom two floors completely full. I drove up and found a park on the third floor, which was also half full. I suggest to you that it is time to show some resolution and replace the chalk blackboard in the downstairs foyer (which has been there since Dec, announcing this "trial period") with a firm announcement that the Christchurch City Council is indeed behind the rejuvenation of its inner-city; that the "trial period" has proved over-whelmingly successful, and that the weekend opening hours of the Manchester St Parking Building will forthwith remain as standard.

Yours faithfully,

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cc Ms Jane Parfitt, Ms Karen Scott.