



CHRISTCHURCH

ESTUARY

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Bexley Wetlands Trust Inc.
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Canterbury Rowing Assn Inc.
Canterbury Windsports Assn Inc.
Canterbury Yachting Assn Inc.
Christchurch Yacht Club Inc.
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Environment Canterbury
Ferrymead/Brookhaven
Residents Assn. Inc
Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board
Mt Pleasant Yacht Club Inc.
Mt Pleasant Community Centre &
Ratepayers Inc.
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Pleasant Point Yacht Club Inc.
Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society
Southshore Residents Assn Inc.
Sumner Residents Assn.Inc

SUBMISSION ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

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We wish to be heard in support of our submission. Please contact Mr. Les Batcheler to arrange hearing time.

Murray D. Sim
Chairman

Date

2007 Amendments to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006/16

Page 43 – 3.3.1 Cash as opposed to Land for Development Contributions for Reserves.

We strongly support Development Contributions of land rather than Cash in relation to developments around the Estuary margins and along both the Heathcote and Avon rivers for the following reasons listed on Page 44 of the above document

- the purchase or acquisition of land for district reserves in areas where there are existing or potential deficiencies in the provision of them;
- the purchase or acquisition of land for local reserves in areas where there are existing or potential deficiencies in the provision of them;
- the purchase or acquisition of land of ecological or conservation value where there is a need to protect such areas by way of public ownership;
- the purchase or acquisition of regional reserves including coastal areas, the plains, wetlands and the Port Hills, for the protection and conservation of natural, cultural and heritage landscapes, ecology and features and to contribute to the 'Garden City' image;
- a linkage, or potential linkage, along or to significant natural features, or between other areas of public open space and community facilities;
- protection or enhancement of significant mature trees, significant areas of indigenous vegetation, indigenous wildlife habitat, margins of waterways or other significant natural features;
- protection or enhancement of historic or cultural features of significance to the City's population;
- a usable area of open space for planting as visual relief from a built or highly developed environment.

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Development Contributions Policy Part 2

2. Where land offered by the developer is accepted by the Council as environmental compensation for development opportunities, generally in addition to, and not instead of, development contributions of cash and/or land for reserves. It is the Council's policy to apply the concept of 'environmental compensation' where land of high landscape or natural value is protected or made available for public use and/or significant public benefit will be gained from hazard mitigation measures which would substantially enhance amenity values, e.g. planting and wetland protection; and

3. Where a major infrastructure development project is being undertaken, e.g. some types of project carried out by Christchurch International Airport Limited or by Transit New Zealand. development for the same purpose; or

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We would like to see the Council's policy of Environmental Compensation applied in the present Ferrymead Bridge widening project, the proposed widening of McCormacks Bay Causeway and the strengthening of the rock wall along Humphreys Drive (with the possibility of encroachment on the Estuary margin). We consider that it is important that a mechanism be put in place to respect the Estuary as a whole and that for each reclamation an area of land is returned as water to the Estuary. As the Estuary Association comprises representatives from three Yacht Clubs, the Canterbury Rowing Association, Windsurfers & Kitesailers, we would

ask that the interests of watersports recreational users be protected. If small ad hoc reclamations without compensation become acceptable Council policy, the Estuary faces "death by a thousand cuts"

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Page 20 Capital Expenditure Summary

We are pleased to see the Budget for parks, Open Spaces & Waterways has been increased slightly. We look forward to this addressing our concerns expressed on the low priority in the LTCCP 2006/16 given to Estuary development projects. In particular we look forward to being consulted on the \$40,000 Green Edge Margin Reserves Project.

Page 21 Capital Works Programme – Waterways & Track Development – Wetlands Restoration

It is good to note that Bexley Wetlands, Charlesworth Wetlands and Jubilee Walkway have all been budgeted for in 2007/8 but we would like to know where Community requests for action on a walkway along RS309, Redcliffs is on the Council's active action list.

Page 22 Capital Works Programme – Ferry Road/Humphreys Drive Roundabout

The current draft plan for this project is out for Public Consultation. Due to its close proximity to the Humphreys Drive exit from Woolworths, the High Rise Building being erected and Ferrymead Bridge, the roading layout looks extremely complex and will quickly earn the title of "Spaghetti Junction". In the Consultation document no mention is made of the above projects which will greatly affect traffic flows using this roundabout. We mention this project in the Annual Plan as yet another example where piecemeal projects are considered in isolation rather than as part of an integrated management plan. We suggest that Council policy ensure a great deal more work be put into integrated planning for the long term benefit of our City.

Page 23 Ocean Outfall Pipeline

Our Estuary Association representatives were delighted to attend the recent Groundbreaking Ceremony to celebrate the beginning of Microtunnelling. It was even more gratifying to hear, from a representative of McConnell Dowell, that the Microtunnelling method came out cheaper than the "Dig and Lay" method in the final budget figures. To be environmentally friendly and fiscally prudent is a "win-win" situation.

We compliment the Council for establishing the Ocean Outfall Community Liaison Group. This is already providing a very prompt and cost effective method of resolving concerns on construction issues identified by affected residents.

Comments on Presentation, Format & Content of CCC Draft Annual Plan 2007/08

We do not find this Draft Plan very user-friendly. From informal comments from members of other Community groups, others share our view.

It would be helpful if projects were listed separately and geographically to enable submitters to readily locate Council activities that directly affect/interest them. This would save a lot of valuable Council staff time supplying additional requested information.

See below a copy of a page from the CCC Draft Annual 1999/00 which illustrates our point. We would appreciate comments on the feasibility of such a format in future, bearing in mind that the relevant information is already available to each Council Unit.

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORKS - FERRYMEAD WARD

Map Ref	Description	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
F68	Scarborough/Taylor's Mistake Walkway Walkways/Track Development <i>(Track development)</i>			3,000		
F92	Smith St restraints Neighbourhood Improvement Works	60,000				
F9	Station Rd (Flavell - Martindales / Est) Kerb and Channel renewals Sullivan Ave			1,020	101,400	
F11	(Ensors - Whittington / Bth) K&C renewals				4,794	316,200
F12	(Whittington - Richardson / Bth) K&C renewals					7,038
F48	Sumner Croquet Reserve New Reserves Development <i>(Develop new reserve)</i>		40,000			40,000
F55	Sumner/Scarborough Beach Park Foreshore Development Works <i>(Beach landscape and works)</i>	15,000				
F73	Sumner/Scarborough Esplanade - Toilet Buildings/Equipment Replacement <i>(Replace toilet)</i>				100,000	
F38	Sumnervale Reserve Development New Reserves Development <i>(Develop new reserve)</i>	35,000		20,000		
F56	Taylor's Mistake Beach Park Foreshore Development Works <i>(Beach landscape and works)</i>	30,000				
F20	Taylor's Mistake Rd (Improvements) New Construction/New K&C/Paths	153,000	153,000			
F6	Wakefield Ave (Stoke - Nayland / Est) Kerb and Channel renewals		1,530	102,000		
F13	Wildberry St (Manning - Hopkins / Bth) Kerb and Channel renewals				4,284	285,600
F69	Woolston Park Irrigation systems (new) <i>(Auto irrigation for sports fields)</i>		25,000			

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to make this Submission and look forward to continuing our co-operation with the Christchurch City Council, built up over the past 35 years, in the search for appropriate solutions to the issues we have raised.