

SUBMISSION TO: CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

FROM THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD

ON

**THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08 AND THE DRAFT 2007
AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP)**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board is appreciative of the opportunity to make a submission on these two important documents.

We acknowledge the time and effort that has been associated with the compilation of the plans and thank staff who provided presentations at seminars held to explain the plans.

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08

2. GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (pages 8 and 9)

The Board submits that with the year 2007 being a most important year for local government throughout New Zealand (I refer to the forthcoming local authority elections) details of roles, responsibilities and remuneration for elected members is worthy of inclusion in the Annual Plan, say before, or after, the introduction from the Mayor.

3. CITY DEVELOPMENT (page 26)

3.1 Heritage Protection

The Board would like additional funding made available in the Heritage protection vote for financial opportunities to respond to unforeseeable heritage issues that arise from time to time.

3.2 Measuring our Achievements

The Board submits that the measures and targets espoused throughout the document are hard to follow (e.g. page 26). It also recommends that a broader overview on the levels of service for our communities should be recorded so as to follow the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (page 29)

4.1 Communication Allowance

Under the heading of Elected Member Representation, the Board assumes that provision has been made for a communications allowance for all elected representatives. The Board asks the question, in light of the understanding that “all elected members have an equal role”.

4.2 Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision-making Process

The Board is unable to find reference to the contribution of Maori to the decision-making process. We would reiterate the submission made on the 2006-16 Long Term Community City Plan.

The Board urges the Council to give this important matter due prominence in the next draft Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

5. RECREATION AND LEISURE (page 32)

5.1 New Leisure Centres

The Board supports the need for new leisure centres within every Ward. The Board forwards a copy of its submission made on the Aquatic Facilities Plan and this is attached as Appendix A.

The Board reiterates submissions made in previous years regarding the construction of an aquatic/leisure facility in its area of jurisdiction.

6. REGULATORY SERVICES (page 34)

6.1 Maintaining and Reviewing the City Plan

The Board considers that if the budget allocation for progressing the City Plan be increased to reflect for progress the number of projects requiring consideration.

7. STREETS AND TRANSPORT

7.1 Off Street Parking

The Board is disappointed at the necessity to increase parking charges for visitors to the Christchurch Hospital, and would ask that if such charges are to be implemented, they be countered with a more flexible approach to enforcement.

The Board submits that genuine cases of people being delayed at the hospital should not be penalised for parking “over the limit”. Letters of verification from the hospital in respect of visitors to the hospital should be accepted by Council staff administrating the responses to tickets. Genuine cases should be acknowledged by the Council.

8. UNDERGROUNDING – CHARLESTON CLUSTER

8.1 The Board commends the Council for the undergrounding in the Charleston Cluster and asks that further undergrounding be included in the next Long Term Council Community Plan (2009/2019).

2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2016

1. STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR JADE STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT

The Board is impressed and supportive of the redevelopment, in particular the way consultation has been carried out with the Board, local interest groups and residents alike and the partnership developed with VBase.

It asks if the amount of government funding is enough, and also asks if funding will be provided by the New Zealand Rugby Union and the Canterbury Rugby Union.

2. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board recommends that the Council implement a local levy or development contribution to maintain heritage protection on buildings within the city.

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ON

DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL AQUATIC FACILITIES PLAN

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board (the Board) makes the following submissions on the draft Christchurch City Council Aquatic Facilities Plan.

The Board acknowledges the valuable contribution of information to this submission of the Aquatics Facilities Working Party. This is a group made up of key community leaders in the Hagley/Ferrymead area.

The Board would like to be heard in support of its submission and will be represented by Bob Todd, Chairperson, Yani Johanson, Deputy Chairperson and Richard Wisnesky, Community Development Worker, Linwood Resource Centre.

The Board submits that:

1. In November 2003, the Board, commissioned a Hagley/Ferrymead preliminary site investigation study that identified an Aquatic/Leisure facility in this area as a top priority for the area. The Board remains convinced that this area of Christchurch, is the most deserving to be the first site for an Aquatic/Leisure facility.
2. The Board, by way of comment, would like to draw your attention to the inadequate presentation of information in the draft plan. For example, key data is unable to be read on maps, making information inaccessible to anyone who is a non-internet user. The Board would also like to express its concern on the radii used. At a seminar earlier in the year a 3k citywide radius was requested and this has not been used except for QEII. Traditionally the Council has always used 4k radiuses. What is the rationale for changing the radius?
3. The Board acknowledges that the draft Aquatic Facilities Plan is currently only out for feedback from identified key stakeholder groups but the Board considers that the time frame of 21 November 2005 to 31 December 2005 for submissions is insufficient when key stakeholders are occupied and engaged with Christmas and end of year commitments.
4. The Board would like to express its serious concern over the placement of an Aquatic facility in the Papanui area and the impact that this facility will have on the Jellie Park redevelopment. The placement of a pool within 4 km of an anchor facility (Jellie Park) defies logic, when areas such as the southeast and west have a more obvious and palpable need. The Board is concerned that significant investment is being made in Jellie Park and an additional facility, positioned so close to this existing facility, could compromise public usage of Jellie Park.

5. The Board considers that there has been a long history of a lack of investment in major facilities in the Hagley/Ferrymead area. Unlike other areas of the city, the Hagley/Ferrymead area has no “Aurora Centre” or YMCA facilities. The Hagley/Ferrymead area is in need of major investment in infrastructure to provide for and meet the recreational and social needs of members of this community. The Leisure, Parks and Waterways Study (Global Leisure, 2003) highlighted the need for a YMCA type of facility in this area. The Board urges the Council to implement an Aquatic/Leisure Facility in this area to meet the current and future needs of this diverse community.
6. The Board considers that Aquagym should not be included when looking at provision of facilities in the Hagley/Ferrymead area. Aquagym is more expensive, primarily a training pool and does not provide any recreational usage ruling it out as a leisure facility in this area. Aquagym, in the future, could be looked at for partnership opportunities for future development but at present does not meet the needs of our community.
7. An Aquatic/Leisure Facility in the Hagley/Ferrymead area has the support of all local schools. The Hagley/Ferrymead area has a high proportion of low decile schools, which have pools in poor condition or have already been closed down. The Christchurch City Social trends 2003 states “areas of the city with high deprivation include the Central City, Riccarton, Wigram and Hornby to the West, Linwood and Bromley to the East and Sydenham and Addington to the South. This highlights that both Hornby (with the closure of Sockburn) and Linwood are most deserving of a facility in their area. The Board remains convinced that the demographics contained within its preliminary site investigation report are correct i.e. the Hagley/Ferrymead area has the largest percentage of older persons and has the least mobile population. Our young people are some of the most deprived in the city. Why is the Council planning for predicted population increase ahead of providing for where need exists today. Our community cannot afford to wait until 2020-26.
8. The Board understands that the Council is reluctant to place a facility in the Hagley Ferrymead area because of fears that in doing so it will affect the usage of QEII, Aquagym and Centennial. We do not accept that this risk is valid. QEII is a destination pool for our area and as such our residents would continue to use it in this way as all residents do across the city. Centennial is already over capacity and Aquagym does not provide anything other than training.
9. The Board does not believe that land opportunities and property development for Papanui High School should be driving this plan and we question the urgency of a decision being made by the Council on such a facility. The Board would like to highlight that the Hagley/Ferrymead area has equal opportunity, as in the Papanui case, to provide partnership and land opportunities and we have had expressions of interest from Aquagym, Eastgate Mall, Linwood College, Linwood Rugby League Club to form partnerships which would provide a facility in an accessible location. The Board also considers that there would be extremely high usage of such a facility due to the intensification of housing and residents living in Phillipstown, Woolston, Bromley, Linwood, Ferrymead, Sumner and with amalgamation Lyttelton and peninsula residents. Why should we be catering for Waimakiriri residents with location of another aquatic facility in the northern corridor when we should be looking after our own ratepayers.

10. The Board considers that in general Council facilities are generally more affordable than private providers. Why should people who live in the lowest socio-economic area of the city have to pay higher prices and access private facilities when it is the role of Local Government to provide such facilities.
11. Transport is a further major issue for people living in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward. It takes 45 – 60 minutes using public transport to get to QEII, Waltham or Centennial whereas people in Papanui can access public transport that takes them direct to Jellie Park from Northlands in 10 minutes. The Board have lobbied Environment Canterbury consistently over the past four years but have been unsuccessful in achieving any improvements to the service. The cost of \$2.50 is prohibitive in many cases but it is the time taken for the journey, which renders the current proposal an inadequate solution for our community.
12. The Board would like to recommend a particular focus on currently available land bounding Bromley East and Oxidation Ponds. This land is of limited commercial use and as a result, Bromley East faces an isolated future with no local focus. The Board would like to suggest that comprehensive analysis be conducted to not only the recreational impact of a facility in the area, but also the long-term social gains for an immensely under-resourced and under-serviced area with a significantly high level of deprivation.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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