

2007/08 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

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Date:	11/5/2007
Your Submission:	<p>Re: Consultation.</p> <p>I have noted Councillors reporting that the CCC public consultation process is wasteful.</p> <p>Indeed, while attending hearings I have noted that people are sometimes helped by a Councillor (sometimes Sally Buck) to do a request for service. With care it may be possible to sort out this prior to the expensive hearings.</p> <p>However I am concerned that the formation of `Shelf' companies by Council may be intended as a way to avoid hearing genuine concerns. I note, p.11, "These shelf companies have been established to enable CCHL to respond promptly should business opportunities arise."</p> <p>Environmental concerns e.g. loss of biodiversity, which cannot be easily dealt with by business opportunity protocol, could lose out.</p> <p>Also the question of removal and replacement versus nourishment of what we have already could be canvassed even less easily. I deal with that more in my submission to the Draft Annual Plan.</p> <p>I also express concern at the proposed sale of the endowment property. A public body like CCC should have more ability to deal with wider concerns than financial return. As I pointed out in my submission the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy hearing, Dr Colin Meurk points out how cities are very important biodiversity areas. That is unlike country areas where the dairy sprawl is occurring, wuith great loss of biodiversity. I hope the City can facililate building of biodiversity in Cairnbrae.</p> <p>Whereas our current financial economy may change if we do not save biodiversity that is permanent.</p>
Which principles and/or provisions of the Draft Amended Development Contributions Policy (DCP) do you support and why?	
Which principles and/or provisions of the Draft Amended DCP do you oppose and why?	

What exactly do you want the Council to do about the Draft Amended DCP?	
Any other remarks/comments:	

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Re: Repairs and Maintenance.

I believe clarification is needed between repairs and maintenance and removal and replacement.

from:

REPORT TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL BY THE COUNCIL HEARINGS PANEL (RAWHITI DOMAIN AND THOMSON PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN) COMPRISING COUNCILLOR GAIL SHERIFF (CHAIRPERSON), COUNCILLORS BARRY CORBETT AND PAT HARROW:

The Panel said in regard to request for More Tree Maintenance "The level of maintenance service provided and associated funding provision be checked as to its adequacy, in light of the comments received. (Clarification needed as to \$110,000 being for maintenance only and \$10.5m capital for tree replacement.)"

The Council page in the 'Christchurch Star' last Wednesday shows a picture of exposed macrocarpa tree roots in Rawhiti Domain, with the caption: "some of the domain's aging macrocarpas will need to be replaced"

My presentation at the Hearing had given:

"A view from the west end of the row. Agree with Target Pest about exposed roots. Our consultant says if the second tree had had its roots covered five years ago it would have had better chances.

So let's find some money for maintenance now, to reduce felling costs in the years ahead. Start to cover exposed roots. There are many examples in Rawhiti Park."

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

Our consultant was Matthew Palmer from Advanced Tree Services, who do contract work in Rawhiti Domain.

CCC Recreation Planner who looked after the consultation, Grant MacLeod, says maintenance of the replacement trees comes out of the replacement budget. But that does not look after the existing big trees. The City-wide maintenance budget does not seem to have achieved that so the City is paying more for removal now.

Response to change:

The remarkable improvement in the young macrocarpas with increased rainfall has continued. The arborist had claimed that the big trees were infecting the ones below, so should be felled. But extra rain in the last year has healed them. If global warming is occurring the warmer air may be able to hold more moisture, and more rain may continue. But if not more irrigation may be needed. To set the financial processes in concrete years in advance may be wasteful.

When I saw a City care worker using a hedge pruner to prune the new vegetation in the new New Brighton mall slow road, I pointed out it was leaving some leaves looking damaged. He said Council were always doing capital projects and not allowing enough for maintenance.

I believe we should nourish and maintain what we have, allowing it to show its great glory.

I also refer to this matter in the submission to the changes to the LTCCP