

# **SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD**

## **ANNUAL SUBMISSION**

The Board appreciates the opportunity to present a submission to the Council's draft Our Community Plan for 2006-16 and wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

### **1. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME**

#### **1.1 FUNDING FOR NEW FOOTPATHS**

The Board is disappointed that Council as a strategic priority has not put aside any funding for new footpaths. This Council has a safe city strategy and it is very important that our streets have footpaths on both sides of the road for accessibility and safety for both pedestrians, people with disabilities and our growing elderly population. In the Shirley Papanui community ward Cranford street footpath, Greers/Harewood/Langdons roads have high needs in terms of safety. Husseys road, which has only recently been approved for funding by the Council, occurred after the Board made a strong representation at last years Annual Plan hearings and a successful notice of motion tabled by our Councillors.

Also Cranford Street has had an increase in pedestrian and mobility vehicles and requires foothpaths urgently so that conflict with vehicles does not occur.

The Board is concerned that recent developments still have footpaths on one side of the road only, this continues to put peoples' lives at risk. This is also an area in the city plan that the Board would like the Council to review its decision. The Board would support Council identifying capital funding for new footpaths targeted at safety improvements for pedestrians due to the increased traffic and vehicle movements.

#### **1.2 SAFETY ISSUES - TRAFFIC LIGHTS-SLIP LANES**

The Board strongly supports that funding be given for slip land at the traffic lights to improve safety at Sawyers Arms/Main North roads. There was to be a review of traffic movements around the Northlands Mall one year after it had been operating. There are large build-ups of traffic from Main North Road back to Sisson Drive and people are taking risks along with cyclists who are not able to access the cycle land.

Land should be also be purchased to allow a left hand slip road at the Main North Road and Sawyers Arms road to improve traffic flows and safety issues for pedestrians and vehicles.

That the Board request that funding for property purchase in the 2007/08/09 budget for Courtenay street be transferred to property purchase at Main North/Sawyers Arms roads for urgent safety reasons.

Installation of traffic lights at Northcote/Greers/Sawyers Arms roads should be a priority one as property purchase has occurred, and the number of motor cars, buses and trucks at this intersection has increased and people/vehicles are taking risks.

The Shirley Papanui Community Board request that a green arrow be installed at the intersection of Greers and Harewood roads. Crashes are occurring there weekly and these crashes result from the uncertainty for drivers as they do not have good vision of vehicles approaching due to the lay out of the intersection.

#### **SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY (PAGE 22)**

The Board notes with concern the 50% reduction of funding in the budget from \$175,000 to \$65,000, yet safety is paramount for walking school buses and is councils priority for a safe and healthy city. School Principals have expressed concerns that this funding has been reduced and would rather see students walking, instead of the chaos at the School Gates with motor vehicles.

The Board would also like to see more enforcement and signage of the 40 km/h zone outside schools and that large 40 km/h signage are installed. This will ensure that motorists are legally required to slow down.

The Board believes that there should be electronic signs outside schools particularly where there are four lane roads. It is paramount that the Christchurch City Council make access safe for all residents especially school children trying to cross busy roads.

At a recent meeting with local school Principals, they commented on the effectiveness of being able to employ a teachers aide/warden to help children cross intersections where there is turning traffic. Some Principals had received letters advising them to seek this funding now from the Community Board, In the past this funding came from a small road safety fund. The Board does not support a reduction in the funding of these programmes as road safety continues to be an important and recurring issue in the Shirley/Papanui community, particularly around schools.

#### **NROSS**

The Board would like this project to be raised in terms of its priority due to the increased traffic in the North West, along with the Pegasus township, and other residential growth in Waimakariki. The Board was presented with the NROSS study in 2001/2004 term and yet no recommendations have commenced. The community has waited patiently for at least 15 years for this to happen and now there is an increased urgency, with all the new developments that have taken place both within the Shirley/Papanui Board area and Waimakariri, since the inception of this project.

#### **PARK AND RIDE**

The Board would encourage Council to investigate and develop park and ride with ECAN so that commuters can have an option for public transport that will give them good access for coming into Christchurch City.. This is especially so for residents and school children commuting into Christchurch from Waimakariri and the northern suburbs during the working week.

## **2.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Board supports consistent promotion of Christchurch as the place to come for visitors, to improve our economic well being and that Council carries out a customer service survey with sports venues and organisations regarding the costings of the Convention Centre, Westpac Stadium, and Jade so that the venues are affordable to attract affordable conference and training events and sporting fixtures.

### **3.0 PARKS OPEN SPACES AND WATERWAYS**

The Board supports a high standard of maintenance and up keep of our parks and waterways, particularly upgrading of toilets for residents, meeting the CPTED standards so that all residents are safe.

#### **3.1 NEW PAPANUI POOL**

This is a much needed facility in this area with the increased of growth in the ward with all residents and schools extremely supportive of this being built there. The Board acknowledges the excellent work and partnerships previously developed by the Board have been maintained and fostered by Christchurch City Council staff with the Northlands Mall and Papanui High to enable this project to happen.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to the Council for prioritising this much needed facility in the Councils' Long Term Council Community Plan and we would appreciate being kept informed of any progress..

#### **3.2 PAPANUI YOUTH FACILITY**

The Board would like to thank Council for its support in providing funding and loan funding for the building of this facility. It is a much needed facility and our only community facility in the Papanui area.

### **4.0 REFUSE MINIMISATION AND DISPOSAL**

The Board would encourage the Council to minimise waste and maximise recycling.

The Board also submits that provision should be made at all Christchurch City Council funded preschools for the use of recyclable nappies (cloth nappies). Currently the Council is advertising and encouraging young mothers to use them and yet at the Christchurch City Council funded preschools they are only able to use disposables. The Board submits that this is an inconsistent approach and facilities should be made available at all Christchurch City Council preschools for those who want to use nappies (cloth) that can be recycled.

## **5.0 REGULATORY SERVICES**

### **5.1 ENFORCEMENT AROUND MALLS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS/ CLEANLINESS OF STREETS/LITTER /GRAFFITI**

There needs to be better enforcement around Malls and residential areas to prevent graffiti, littering, that has been on the increase in our ward. The Christchurch City Council should investigate the Streetwise Walk Wise enforcement programme that is being done in the Wellington Central Business District/Hamilton and Manukau, which has had an excellent impact on cleanliness and a reduction on maintenance issues, eg less cleaning off graffiti.

The Board during its consultation on the Long Term Council Community Plan received many criticisms about the levels of service and it is now time that Council took a strong active lead in addressing these issues. Targeted initiatives last year for the central city along with anti litter education programmes are endorsed, however the Board submits that more attention now needs to be given to suburban locations to ensure that the communities expectations over the cleanliness of streets and litter collection measures are effective.

The Board also seeks a higher level of enforcement of the Litter Act provisions plus an increase in fines.

## **6.0. AUDIT AND DESIGN OF ALL EXISTING AND NEW TOILETS**

The Board requests Council to continue funding Crime Prevention through Environmental Design safety audits.

The Board also submits that any new toilets being designed for use in parks close to children's play areas, should also be designed so that parents are able to view from the outside children using the toilet. This could be similar to the European models where the doors are designed so that the feet are seen and heads if people are standing. Clear view of the entrance ways into toilets areas are required with all new toilets while grandparents/caregivers wait outside.

That Horner Street public toilets do not meet disability standards and are a disgrace. They show their age and the toilet block design does not fit comfortably with the redevelopment of the Memorial Reserve (for fallen servicemen of Papanui) in which the block sits. The development is a partnership of the RSA and the Board. The interiors of block are frequently hit by taggers. Requests have been received from the public to have them upgraded so as to provide toilet facilities for the disabled. These toilets are the only ones available 24 hours for people coming from the North/Papanui Business Community.

Property Assets Management Team's response to a request in early 2004 from the Board was to have the toilets in their 10 yr programme. This Board see the upgrade as having a high priority and that the Council approve the replacement/upgrade of the toilet in this years Annual Plan 2007/2008.

## **7. LOCAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

The Board recently identified a number of issues it wishes to address during the current term. These include such matters as roading and road safety improvements, new footpaths, remedying localised flooding problems, city plan related issues, eg gated communities, consultation issues.

The Board is especially keen to be involved in assisting in the prioritising of specific projects including any ongoing funding support that may assist, particularly as it impacts at a local level. The Board seeks the endorsement of the Council for this approach to be taken.

## **8. PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE STYX PROJECT**

The Board supports funding being set aside to purchase land in the future for the Styx project. This would, in the Boards opinion, enable the good work and progress that has been made to date on this project to succeed. Funding could be included under strategic land purchases.

## **9 PARKING REVENUE**

The Shirley Papanui Community Board believe that investigation should take place on parking charges for all residential street parking around malls in the suburbs. Many other cities now charge for parking in the suburbs but provide a voucher for all residents. Mall expansions have impacted on the number of cars parking in residential streets, mainly by staff who work in the vicinity. Any other staff who work in the city mainly have to pay for parking, yet those that work in the suburbs pay nothing,

## **10. COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

The Board supports the building and development of a community facilities and library in Belfast and Papanui. Belfast is one of the fastest growing areas in the northwest and the board is willing to work to facilitate good partnerships with key stakeholders in this area.

## **11. DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY**

The Board supports this concept as Shirley/Papanui Board have experienced an increase in community requests for infrastructure which should have been done at development stage.

## **12. GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION**

The Board would encourage Council to continue to make a submission to Government on behalf of the community to fund the implementation of legislation that impacts on local communities, rather than ratepayers funding central government matters.

### **13. ACCORDANCE WITH SAFER PARKS POLICY**

The Board asks that sufficient funds be set-aside in the Greenspace budget for further “naturalising” of waterways as well as the maintenance of existing naturalised streams. Continual maintenance is required to prevent overgrowing as is occurring in Erica Reserve and Regents Park Reserve and the Papanui Stream walkway (a relatively new reserve) to a degree that it is considered that these parks would no longer meet the Council’s Safer Parks Policy. There is also a concern that pathways are becoming overgrown to such an extent that they are no longer readily accessible by the disabled.

The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP “Community Outcomes” of “A Sustainable, Natural Environment”, “Healthy and Active People”, “A Safe City” and “A Liveable City”.

### **14. THAT PROVISION IS MADE FOR THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE LOSS OF BASE FLOW IN THE UPPER KAPUTONE STREAM.**

The Board is concerned about the loss of flow in the Kaputone Stream west of the Main North Road. There has been no spring-fed base flow since mid 2003. The Council staff carried out investigations to better understand the effects of urbanisation on surface and groundwater flows. The results of this investigation was presented to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 23 June 2004.

A report identified several possible reasons/factors for the loss in flow but stated that without extensive monitoring over a sustained period and the development of various models, no definite cause or causes could be determined. This report led to the Council allocating \$30,000 to continue further investigations.

In March – April 2005 a survey of the Upper Kaputone Stream was carried out. The survey has identified that there is a significant sediment build-up in the Kaputone Stream channel within Englefield Reserve.

There is \$17,000 left from the allocated \$30,000 budget. This money will be spent towards mitigation measures adopted by ECAN, Christchurch City Council and the residents. In addition, to this money further funding in order of \$30,000 - \$40,000 will be required. Please note that this funding is an estimate for one of the mitigation measures. If another mitigation measure is adopted then this funding may not be sufficient.

The Board submits to Council that between \$30,000 - \$40,000 be provided in the 2007/08 Budget to investigate the causes for the loss of base flow in the upper Kaputone Stream. The Board sees this as meeting the LTCCP Community Outcomes of "A Sustainable, Natural Environment", "A Liveable City".

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