

DRAFT LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP) 2009-19

SUBMISSION FORM

- *Submitted by the Templeton Residents Association (Inc)*
- *We wish to discuss the main points in our written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.*

Comments on Key Issues:

Water Supply

We would like to speak out against water changes and would like to send a strong signal to council that water delivered should be included in general rates. You will note that we have communicated this to Council in the past and that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has also voted against water charges in the past.

We DO NOT wish to see household allocation reduced from 355 cubic metres per property to 325 cubic metres per property over time. We feel this is in actual fact reducing ratepayers rights to water supply (also wastewater collection/treatment).

Waste Water Collection and Treatment

The Templeton Residents Association (TRA) would like to see the street gutters changed from “dish drains” to a better form of drainage (curb and channelling) for the whole of Templeton. The original part of Templeton is “out of kilter” with the newer part and still causes on-going problems in the older part of Templeton, despite storm damage and retention basin additions. The intersection of Runnymede Drive and Bailey Street in particular is still problematic despite being tied in with the new retention basin – this is still not yet finalized and experiences ongoing flooding.

Population Growth – New Subdivisions

The TRA feels Council focus a great deal on new subdivisions and assets and not as much time is spent on the upkeep of existing communities and their assets. Existing communities will not benefit from this new infrastructure and we are paying for these new systems and assets.

We would like Council to look into targeted rates to pay for new systems (like sewage implementation etc) for new subdivisions.

Transport – Cycleways

The TRA wholeheartedly supports an off road and cycleway system throughout the whole of the city. The Council sites this system as an efficient network for a city coming under increased pressure and growth. On a local level the TRA sites a cycleway system as top priority for the safety of our children and families cycling and walking in and around a semi-rural community.

Of immediate concern to the Templeton community is the Kirk Road/Waterloo Road/Islington area route. This particular concern has been communicated to Council in the past and we wish to re-emphasise the importance of such a cycleway/footpath for our Templeton area. Would Council consider crusher dust as an option instead of asphalt to begin with? We need to provide safe access for our children to and from school. We need to keep our cyclists and walkers safe and off our busy busy road as soon as we can!

Community Facilities – Swimming Pool

Templeton residents take pride in our local swimming pool and are grateful to Council for working with us in keeping this facility safeguarded for the community until 2011.

On behalf of residents we wish to see longer hours/season at the swimming pool. The pool is well attended by locals and neighbouring communities (eg Hornby), but the hours/season often is not long enough for our keen swimmers. Unfortunately we have already seen some frustrated young “enterprising minds” open the local water race illegally over summer to create their own swimming pool. This is of great concern to the TRA and the local community. It has become a huge health and safety issue.

We have some very keen and very good swimmers in the community who are forced to travel to other communities to swim. For example, our own Templeton Swimming Club members make frequent trips to Wharenui Pool in Riccarton to maintain their skill level. This is always done by parent/parents having to drive their child/ren several kilometers away, involving extra time and car pooling to achieve the several time a week training schedule.

In the future we would love to see an improved pool facility on our own doorstep. We understand 2015 is marked by Council to start looking at leisure/pool facilities. While we acknowledge the time Council has spent on upgrading such facilities elsewhere in the City, we believe the south-west area is already overdue in addressing the situation and are very concerned that 2015 is just too far away. What happens in the years between 2011 and 2015? What will our community do then? Where will our school children learn to swim? We would like to see the Council address this much sooner and well before the 2011 end date of the current pool. The TRA and Templeton residents want a local pool which can service leisure swimmers, club swimmers and the local school children – a pool which can be accessed by locals without driving across town or busing to other areas.

The TRA is also interested in what work/negotiation (if any) has been done with the Selwyn District Council (SDC) in regards to leisure/pool facilities? The two councils are both working on their LTCCP's and we understand the SDC is looking at implementing such a facility (or two) much sooner. Is this something that might be looked at in conjunction with facilities planned by the CCC for the south-west area?

Consultation Process

As a footnote, the TRA would like to see a longer timeframe for preparing LTCCP submissions in the future. As a Residents Group we meet only once a month and feel that we need a bit more time to prepare such a submission. For example...firstly we like to talk about issues at one meeting; then draft our submission the next meeting; then prepare our final submission before sending to Council. Please note we also often consult with Community Board members on some issues before preparing our submission so it is nice to have that extra timeframe if we can.

Please also note we would like to see more time allocated to speaking rights at the hearing so we can appropriately and clearly state our views on issues we have submitted. We feel the current time allocated is perhaps not always sufficient time to properly cover topics raised.

Thank you for your consideration on issues presented in this submission.

We would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this submission.

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