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Re: Submission on the Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19

I wish to be heard in support of this submission the afternoon of Wednesday 13 May if possible.

I wish to support the establishment of the National Railway Museum at Ferrymead, Christchurch.

Christchurch and Ferrymead have the honour being the birthplace of New Zealand Railways in 1863. The Canterbury Railway Society is the sponsor of the National Railway Museum of New Zealand and they are also the operators of the present Ferrymead Railway.

The history and social impact of rail is woven into the fabric of the nation. Maori and Pakeha railway workers were the backbone of the country's social and economic development.

The social and historic setting are important in addition to the fact that a National Railway Museum would add significantly to Christchurch's attraction as a national and international destination for visitors.

As a founder member of the Great Western Society in Didcot, England, I can provide evidence of the long-term benefit that such an institution can bring to a region.

~~Planning is well advanced and only lacks minor funding at the moment. Commitments have been made in Wellington towards the establishment of this important national resource.~~

Historian John Wilson will be providing additional evidence in support of this submission which I would like to address to you in person.

Submitted by Angus Davis