

**SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD
SUBMISSION ON
CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT 2009-19
LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP)**

The Board appreciates the opportunity to present a submission to the Council's draft LTCCP 2009-19 and **wishes to be heard** in support of this submission.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board would like to thank the Council for the support it has shown to various projects and strategies within our ward. These include the Graham Condon Leisure Centre, the forty-year Styx River Plan, Brooklands Lagoon and boat ramp improvements, upgrade of reserves and playgrounds, Hussey Road improvements, the future Belfast library and the Groynes Dog Park.

The submission we will be presenting emphasises the importance of Community Boards in adding value to the Council through advocacy for local communities and by providing the Council with a grass-roots understanding of the needs of its communities. Our Board is pleased to see a continued recognition of this role through the monthly Council/Community Board meetings with Board chairs being able to highlight local issues and through the implementation of local projects and outcomes, which community boards invariably have a close involvement in the development of.

The Board would like to draw the Council's attention to the following specific matters.

2. FUNDING FOR NEW FOOTPATHS

The Board strongly requests that the Council provides increased funding for new footpaths as currently only \$250,000 per year has been allocated city-wide. The Board has been a strong supporter of footpaths on both sides of roads to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) Safe Community standards. It is important that the needs of older persons, people with disabilities who use total mobility scooters, walking frames and wheelchairs and also mail and paper delivery people, are adequately addressed.

The Board has long been an advocate for walking school buses and the Council needs to make sure routes are accessible and safe, not only for those currently involved but also as encouragement for those in the future.

2.1 **Cranford Street Footpath** - the Board advocates for a new footpath on west side of the Cranford Street open section as a high priority footpath project in the ward.

3. **SAFETY ISSUES – DISABLED ACCESS**

The Board requests that the Council provides funding to upgrade the 24-hour disabled access to the Papanui Memorial Reserve on the corner of Papanui/Main North/Harewood Roads. This is the only 24-hour public toilet in the area and the first for visitors coming into the city from the north. The Board views this as a high priority.

4. **SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY**

The Board recognises that child road safety is paramount and that the Council has a safe and healthy city policy. Road safety continues to be an important and recurring issue in the Shirley/Papanui community, particularly around schools.

The Board wishes to again advocate for more funding for the installation of 40km/h lights and signage around schools.

5. **PARK AND RIDE**

We request Council to acquire land for a bus park and ride facility before there is no land available due to the growth of residential developments in the North West. Planning now to purchase land for that purpose before it is developed makes economic sense. The Board believes the provision of such facilities will help reduce the amount of traffic coming into the city centre from the outer suburbs. The western end of Cranford Street and Belfast (at the end of the motorway) are suggested as possible locations.

The Board encourages the Council to work with Environment Canterbury, the New Zealand Transport Agency and others in developing a strategy to alleviate the pressures of increased vehicle use on our infrastructure.

6. INTERSECTION SAFETY

The Board is concerned at intersection safety in our ward. The Board raises the following specific matters:

- 6.1 **Sawyers Arms/Northcote/Greens Roads Intersection** - urgent priority required for signalisation and other improvements. The Board notes that this is a joint project with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.
- 6.2 **Sawyers Arms/Gardiners Roads Intersection** - urgent priority required for safety improvements. This project is currently unfunded. The Board notes that this is a joint project with the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.
- 6.3 The Board requests that funding be provided for a residential property purchase at the **North Side of Sawyers Arms Road and Main North Road** urgently for safety reasons for the purposes of a left turning slip lane. At this intersection there are large build-ups of traffic from Main North Road back to Sisson Drive and people are taking risks with conflict between cyclists, cars and buses when the cyclists are not able to access the cycle lane. The Board views this project as a high priority.
- 6.4 **Woodchester/Chancellor Streets & Woodchester/Medway Streets Intersections** - urgent remedial traffic safety measures are needed at these large intersections.
- 6.5 **Edgware Road/Colombo Street Intersection** - the Board believes pedestrian safety improvements are required in the business area of Edgware Road between Colombo Street and Sherborne Street.
- 6.6 **Sisson Drive** - the Board notes that this road is currently not gazetted and this needs to be resolved so enforcement can take place.
- 6.7 **Prestons/Marshland Roads Intersection** - remedial traffic congestion measures are needed at this intersection.
- 6.8 **Briggs/Marshland Roads Intersection** – land purchase recommended for a slip lane for this intersection. This issue was discussed and agreed at a joint meeting between the Shirley/Papanui and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards.

6.9 **Lower Styx/Marshland Roads Intersection** - the Board notes that this intersection will require attention in the future due to considerable development proposed for the area. Similarly Spencerville and Turners Roads will need upgrading in the future to meet increased traffic movements and to improve safety.

6.10 **Harewood/Greens Road Intersection** - the Board notes that this intersection requires right-turn arrows for all traffic turning from Harewood Road into Greens Road in either direction.

7. GRAHAM CONDON LEISURE CENTRE

The Board has already thanked the Council for supporting this much needed facility to cater for the increased of growth in the ward and which has the support of residents and schools. The Board acknowledges the excellent work and partnerships previously developed by the Board which have been maintained and fostered by Christchurch City Council staff to enable this project to happen.

The Board reiterates its ongoing support for this superb and important facility in the Shirley/Papanui area.

8. BELFAST POOL UPGRADE

The Board encourages the Council to ensure funding is allocated to the Belfast Pool upgrade at least in future planning. The Board notes that this project is currently unfunded.

9. STYX PROJECT

Extensive consultation and research in the later part of the 1990's highlighted the concerns and opportunities associated with the Styx ecosystem. From further discussion and consideration of the issues a series of inter-related visions evolved. These visions gained acceptance both from various local government authorities, including the Council, and the wider community and are currently being implemented over the forty-year period, 2000 to 2040.

The Board submits that the Council continues its support for the Styx Living Laboratory Project.

The Board continues to support efforts to improve the flow in the Kaputone Stream west of the Main North Road. There has been no spring-fed base flow since mid 2003 and flow was impeded by sediment build-up. The Board acknowledges the work already done by the Council with this project and submits that the necessary funding be allocated to continue any work to improve the stream flow.

10. PREDATOR FENCING

The Board supports the capital item Natural Areas Protective Fencing, currently funded for 2009-10 to 2011-12 in the capital programme.

11. GROYNES TOILET RENEWAL

The Board supports the funding for the toilet renewal project in the 2010-11 financial year.

12. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Board supports funding for community centres/halls in Papanui and Belfast and notes that these need to be considered for LTCCP funding as the research has shown that there are gaps in this part of the City. The Board acknowledges the funding constraints faced by the Council but wishes to advocate for these local communities and draw the Council's attention to the need for community facilities in these areas.

The Board encourages the Council to explore partnerships and shared facilities where appropriate.

A library for Belfast is supported as per the Library Facilities Plan and projected as funded in 2017-19.

13. TREES

The Board strongly supports increased funding to allow the Council to adequately maintain and protect its tree stock. The Board seeks a commitment from the Council that it will make sufficient funding available to allow the protection requested to proceed.

14. COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING

The Board submits that the community grants funding allocated locally by community boards be retained at the same level as currently.

15. WAIMAKARIRI BRIDGE CYCLE “CLIP-ON”

The Board advocates for ongoing partnership work for a two-way clip-on single lane addition to the bridge for cyclists.

16. RUTLAND STREET CYCLEWAY/CITYWIDE CYCLEWAYS

The Board supports the Rutland Street cycleway. The Board wishes to also express its support for cycleways citywide and would like to see these being advanced wherever possible.

17. MCFARLANE PARK

The Board advocates for McFarlane Park as a major urban renewal project and requests that Council staff prepare a Management Plan in anticipation of this becoming a major capital project. The Board notes that the involvement of Housing New Zealand would be necessary as this may involve land purchase from HNZ. The Board again notes funding constraints but considers this a priority and seeks Council support for addressing the needs of this area in the future. The Board notes that it will endeavour to co-ordinate and meet with relevant agencies to find joint solutions to the issues in this area.

18. ENGLISH PARK

The Board advocates for English Park turf maintenance (planned for 2010) and the artificial surface (planned for 2013) be carried out together in 2010 as they are linked.

19. ST ALBANS RESOURCE CENTRE

The Board supports funding for the proposed St Albans Resource Centre and seeks staff advice regarding where this item is detailed in the draft LTCCP document.

20. ST ALBANS EDU-CARE

The Board requests that the Council reinstate the funding for the St Albans Edu-care centre.

21. COMMUNITY BOARD FUNDING

The Board notes that Christchurch City was the leader in Local Government in providing funding for Community Boards for local projects and discretionary needs. However there has not been an increase in funding since 1995 and this should at least keep up with inflation as well as reflecting the population growth over this time.

The Board submits that Community Boards are integral to the Council's goals of promoting participation in the democratic processes by advocating for and providing advice to Council on the needs of its community by making it easy for members of our community to understand Council processes.

In adding value to the Council, it is important that Boards have an increase in their funding to meet the growth of their communities to enhance and empower community organisations and residents in community development.

The Board thanks the Council for giving consideration to its submission.



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