

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

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On behalf of a group or organisation

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Your Submission:

We, the above, respectfully request that the Christchurch City Council maintain the current lease arrangement it has with our Community Daycare Centre, St Albans Educare, 3 Thames St, St Albans (a not-for-profit organisation.)

Our youngest child is currently enrolled at the Centre and we have nothing but high praise for the warm, motherly and professional standard of care that he receives there. Prior to this both our niece and nephew attended the Centre and their positive experiences led us to enroll our son there, along with glowing recommendations from local parents.

We firmly believe that if the Council were to impose a market rent after the upcoming September 2009 review then it would undermine the fantastic work of the Centre which has been part of our community since the late 1980's.

The increased fees and optional charges that would have to be imposed would place an additional financial burden on already stretched families. The high level of service already provided and maintained by the Centre over 20 years of operation would be compromised as there will be less money for teacher salaries. This will result in redundancies and a higher workload and more stress for remaining teachers and staff. There would also be reduced spaces on the roll for families of the community wishing to enroll their children at the Centre.

We thank you for considering our submission.