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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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Your Submission:	<p>I live in the Richmond/Shirley area and work as a Community Development worker for Shirley Community Trust (SCT) in the Housing NZ (HNZ) area bordered by Shirley, Marsharlands, Briggs and Hills Road.</p> <p>The area in which I work is one of the lowest socio economic areas in Christchurch. SCT's Macfarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre (MPNC) in Acheson Ave, on the edge of Macfarlane Park is where most of the work of SCT is conducted. It is well used and it has become obvious in the 10yrs since the MPNC opened that it is not a large enough building to allow for a wider variety of large activities, large groups, physically active groups, workshops and courses to take place.</p> <p>It is also evident that Macfarlane park is not considered a safe park for children to play in without adult supervision.</p> <p>The layout of the park is such that is it not possible to see what is going on in the park unless one is IN the park. Unlike St Albans Park, at the top of Barbadoes St, which can be seen from Barbadoes Street by any passing motor or foot traffic or from local dwellings.</p> <p>I propose that as many dwellings, belonging to HNZ, as possible be moved and reconfigured so as to allow for a road to encircle the park. That dwellings face the park (unlike at present where all the houses backing onto the park cannot see into the park because of the high garden fences, shrubbery and trees blocking the view of the park).</p> <p>I propose that the CCC make a compulsory purchase order on the extremely scruffy shops in Acheson Avenue, rebuild the Kids First Kindergarten and MPNC into the park, thus making the park more viewable from Acheson</p>

Avenue.

I also propose that the other part of Macfarlane Park that trails from Acheson Ave to Jebson Street be the site for a large community complex that will offer a large indoor sports hall on the ground floor, several meeting rooms and kitchen on another floor and offices for community groups on another floor.

I think that there should be a thorough investigation for a CYPED report on the whole area. It is well known that this area is in need of considerable refurbishment and I believe that its now 'TIME FOR SHIRLEY TO SHINE'