

11 Acheson Ave
 Shirley Christchurch 8013

26 March 2009

To the Christchurch City
 Council,

I am writing with regard
 to some changes I would
 like to see in the Shirley area.

I am a parent who has
 4 children ranging in ages
 from 9 years to 17 years old.
 My youngest 2 children love
 to explore and play in the
 local park - Macfarlane Park.
 (especially the part which is
 bordered by Emmett St,
 Skipton St, Acheson Ave).

This park is for the most
 part not visible from the surrounding
 roads. So as a parent I do
 not feel it is very wise to
 let my children go down to
 play by themselves. It is
 also quite common to find
 broken glass and rubbish in
 the playground (barked area) and
 buried in the grass area.

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Another concern I have is the block of shops that are on Fitcheson Ave. The shop at the end on corner of Fitcheson Ave and Emmett St is in a disgusting state. The surrounding property has long unkempt grass. It also has an area that is being used by people to dump rubbish and all manner of dangerous, unsafe things. It alarms me when I see local kids playing in this area. To me it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. The building is unoccupied and also keeps getting broken into.

It would also be great to have a large multi purpose building in the area close to this park. That could be used for youth to meet in on one night, could be used for community meetings and so on.

Hope these matters can be addressed in the very near future. I recognise that if I say nothing, nothing will be done.

Yours faith fully
M. Burnett (Mrs)
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