

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

**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.**

<b>Are you completing this submission:</b>	For yourself
<b>If you are representing, how many people do you represent?</b>	
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<b>Date:</b>	30 March 2009
<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>The concern I have as a parent of 2 girls that play hockey is a safety concern.</p> <p>The only time they can get field time is at night as the 3 fields in operation is used from 7.30 - 10pm 7 days, therefore the facilities are at capacity.</p> <p>With the increase in numbers playing there chosen sport, teams are in danger of being turned away, This is not mention practice time.</p> <p>The alternative is grass which is more expensive to maintain and that is when it is playable. Going on last season without turf a total of 5 games would have been lost out of 14 total games.</p> <p>Keeping kids active in sport is a win win for everyone and if they are turned away will only cause problems community wide.</p> <p>Girls only alternative in winter sport is netball and if they wish not to play netball few options are left.</p> <p>Hockey has for many years exceeded at national level giving the greater Canterbury profile that few other sports has achieved and also provided the community great sporting pleasure so it would be fantastic if the community could support hockey.</p> <p>I believe as a parent, the CHA has proved over many years that the sport can grow with the support from the council with additional facilities not for the CHA but for the community as a whole.</p>