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CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

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For yourself

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Your Submission:

There aren't enough hockey turfs in Christchurch

• Players are turned away because clubs are unable to accommodate them as there is not enough turf space for more teams - let alone training.

• Weekend hockey starts 7.55am Saturday morning and doesn't finish till as late as 9.30 Sunday night

• It isn't safe having kids as young as 13 and 14 out training at 9.00pm on school nights

• We have the highest ratio of players to turf of all the main centres and most of the minor ones too!

• The sport is a great family sport - one of the few ones where parents can play against or with their siblings

• We have gone from being a leading centre for hockey facilities to one of the poorest equipped.

• The council is supposed to be supporting sports and recreation facilities that encourage participation - hockey can't even support existing players let alone continue to grow.

• The council did in fact have money earmarked for a new turf in 2007 - that money has not been forthcoming.

Â· The money required when compared to flower shows and developer bailouts is minimal â?" Hockey isnâ?Tt greedy \$1.5mill would increase our capacity by 33% and we arenâ?Tt even looking for the full amount.

Â· The existing fields are unable to accommodate existing members effectively with teams playing and practicing at times that are considered unsocial, undesirable and unsafe