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# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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

**Are you completing this submission:** For yourself

**If you are representing, how many people do you represent?**

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**Your Submission:**

I want the council to consider putting a new hockey turf in Christchurch. As a parent of three hockey players and a member of a hockey club committee I have experienced first hand the pressure on the existing turfs.

There is so little turf time to go around, clubs are forced to limit the number of teams they can field on turf requiring other players to play field hockey if they do not get into the top teams.

I have also had a daughter who has had to play between 7:30 and 9:30 at night, all winter long, for the last 3 years. These are children from 13-15 years old. Not the most acceptable time of day for a young growing child to be out playing sport. This scheduled time is because the hockey turf is booked solidly all day from before 8am.

Turf hockey is a fabulous sport to encourage in Canterbury because the sport is only ever not played if the turf is covered in snow! My son has just changed to hockey from soccer for this very reason. Last season over half of his soccer games were not played due to the fields being water logged.

I believe there is the possibility of putting in a second turf at Nunweek park which makes good sense as it is already operating successfully and the management of the new turf could come under the umbrella of the existing management.

I have also had my eye on the old wool sales yards in Blenheim Rd/Hagley Park vicinity. what a perfect spot for a hockey turf. The turf could be surrounded in shops and cafes. With continual foot traffic coming from

players and spectators it might be a winner. Perhaps this could be a joint venture between the owners of the land and the council. This piece of land has been an eyesore and dead for too long.

Hockey is a fast, exciting game that promotes good health and well being within our community. It is a game under considerable space pressure and we need the council to support its development.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kate Page