

Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19 Submission Form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted. Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

You may send us your submission:

On the internet:
You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz/lccp

By email:
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:
(no stamp is required) to:
Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

Tick: I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered
OR
 I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission: For yourself ~~On behalf of a group or organisation,~~
Individuals as attached

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

Contact Name Individuals as per attached submission

Organisation name (if applicable) _____

Organisation role (if applicable) _____

Contact Address See attached

Postcode _____

Phone No. (day) _____ Phone No. (evening) _____

Email (if applicable) _____

Signature *[Signature]* Date 15/4/09

We the undersigned fully supports the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 (LTCCP) in respect of the proposal to play Test and provincial cricket at Hagley Oval.

We support the proposal because:

1. Cricket has suffered considerably during the past ten years with having no appropriate facilities for Test cricket in Christchurch. Until the mid 1990s cricket shared equal rights with rugby at the then Lancaster Park (now AMI Stadium) those rights were enshrined in statute under the Victory Park Board Act 1919.

With the encroachment of rugby into the traditional cricket season by virtue of the Super 14 competition and the necessity to ensure that rugby had appropriate fully refurbished stadia, it was no longer appropriate or possible to play Test Match cricket at AMI Stadium.

The proposed Test and provincial ground at Hagley has been proposed by VBase and cricket wholeheartedly supports that proposal. With appropriate funding from the Christchurch City Council and with appropriate support funding from cricket itself Hagley will provide Christchurch with a world class Test and provincial cricket purpose venue that will be of significant benefit to the Christchurch business, sporting and the community at large.

2. Hagley Oval offers one of the most attractive and aesthetically suitable venues for Test and provincial cricket in this city. The site of Hagley Oval being viewed worldwide as a venue for cricket in this city would, in our view, have overwhelming social and economic benefits for this country.
3. Hagley Oval is situated in close proximity to the business and hospitality areas of Christchurch. It's proximity mirrors many other famous and successful cricket Test grounds around the world (Wellington, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Birmingham and Leeds to name a few). Hagley's central location would provide significant benefits to the city from tourists, visitors and other local patrons, unlike any other venue located at some distance from the central city. Refer to Wellington city's economic and social benefits as a result of the close proximity of the Basin Reserve and Westpac Stadium to downtown Wellington.
4. We believe that a centrally located facility in the beautiful surroundings of Hagley Oval for international and provincial cricket can only but enhance support for the game including sponsorship and other support that in today's times every sport needs for its healthy continuation and survival.

5. Hagley's central location provides easy access to young and old alike without the necessity of relying on vehicular or expensive transport that venues on the outskirts of town would otherwise demand.
6. Cricket is New Zealand's major summer sport and is our second most popular national sport. In Canterbury alone there are approximately 1,200 teams belonging to the Canterbury Cricket Association and the various clubs and members of Canterbury Cricket Association boast 19,000 members.

Dated at Christchurch the 23 day of March 2009

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