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**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.**

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>I oppose any plan by the Council to allow Hagley Park to be developed for test cricket. This will ultimately lead to the demand for the creation of embankments, grandstands, lights car parking spaces and other facilities, in a confined space never intended for development on such a large scale. This in turn will progressively lead to the destruction of the open park- like appearance for which Hagley Park is famous. Although Hagley Park may have been the starting place for cricket in Christchurch, for many years it was on a local basis and much scale.</p> <p>[CONTINUED ON SEPARATE SHEET AND FAXED TO 9418786]</p>



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**SUBJECT: Completion of submission on LTCCP  
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I oppose any plan by the Council to allow Hagley Park to be developed for test cricket.

This will ultimately lead to the demand for the creation of embankments, grandstands, lights, car parking spaces and other associated facilities, in a confined space, never intended for development on such a large scale. This in turn will progressively lead to the destruction of the open park like appearance for which Hagley Park is famous.

Although Hagley Park was the starting place for cricket in Canterbury for many years, it was only on a local basis and on a much smaller scale. Historically, when cricket became a spectator sport and entrance fees were charged to watch a game, it was decided that such games of importance should be played elsewhere. I understand that for this reason Lancaster Park was created especially in order to move big cricket matches out of Hagley Park except for local club games.

If cricket and its associated facilities are permitted to expand on the scale proposed in Hagley Park it will amount to a serious encroachment. It is sad to think that any public open space purposely set aside for amateur recreation and quiet enjoyment has now become the target for commercial development on a scale never previously envisaged.

What alternative sites other than Hagley Park, have been considered?

There is a perfectly good cricket ground at QEII Park, purpose built.

The proposal would be inconsistent with the Hagley Park Management Plan. With the involvement of VBase as a co-submitter there appears to be a conflict of interest here.



