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

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

You may send us your submission:

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;
- State why that should be done; and
- Type or use black ink for your submission.

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Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

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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 one	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered	OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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		<input type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of a group or organisation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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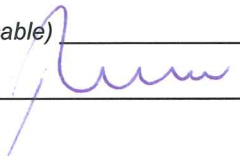
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Christchurch City Council DRAFT LTCCP 2009-2019

Submission – University Crossings

The University of Canterbury has approximately 15,000¹ full-time equivalent students (over 18000 headcount) and 1600¹ full-time equivalent staff. (over 2000 headcount) This is a population base comparable to that of the Ashburton² township. The campus is contained within 87 hectares of land in Ilam, approximately a 1 km by 1 km area.

Because of the size of the campus community, we face many of the same types of issues as the City Council and the safety and welfare of our university community is a significant priority for us in the same way that the safety of its citizens is for the Council.

One of our major areas of concern is the safety of our staff and students whilst crossing Ilam and Waimairi Roads. In the course of the 2008 academic year the University undertook a review into the risks for campus users crossing Ilam and Waimairi Roads, both of which bisect our campus precincts. The investigation was initiated following health and safety concerns arising from anecdotal reports of near misses. The investigation was also prompted by the imminent completion of the extension to the Ilam Apartments complex, which has now added an additional 500 student beds to the existing accommodation on Homestead Lane. The University now has approximately 1800 students who are resident in halls separated from the central campus by Ilam Road, as well as increasing pedestrian traffic between the University's central campus and its Dovedale Ave site (formerly the Christchurch College of Education).

A report was presented to Christchurch City Council transport planning staff, documenting issues relating to the safety of our staff and students when they use Ilam and Waimairi Roads. The report also provided a number of suggested options to address these safety issues, ranging from small isolated improvements to comprehensive street upgrades. The report found that the numbers of pedestrians crossing Ilam Road in particular were extremely high for a suburban area, with over 8500 crossing movements being undertaken on Ilam Road during a 10-hour survey period.

In addition to the report and engagement by the University's staff and consultants with City Council Staff, additional meetings were held with local community board members and the University's Senior Management Team to discuss and try to agree on a way to resolve these issues. Members of the two community boards associated with our campus showed considerable support towards resolving the current risks.

A project to improve pedestrian crossing facilities for Ilam and Waimairi Roads, (the "University crossings" project) was considered by the Council when drafting the LTCCP. However, the draft LTCCP does not include this project in its Plan "*for reasons of insufficient impact, cost-effectiveness or value for ratepayers, compared to those projects listed in the proposed capital programme*"³. As a result, the University crossings project is listed in the unfunded capital programme, on page 271 of the draft LTCCP (vol. 1).

The University opposes this and seeks to have the University crossings project included in the LTCCP for the following reasons:

1. Ilam Road and Waimairi Road are both public roads under the control of Christchurch City Council. A report was undertaken by the University's transportation consultants, GHD

¹As at 31 December 2008

² Ashburton District Council Website, Fact and Figures February 2008

³ Source: CCC Draft LTCCP 2009-2019

Limited, which provides documentation of the issues and options relating to the safety of our staff and students when they use Ilam and Waimairi Roads. The report highlights a number of issues:

- a. Students walking between the central campus, residential halls and the Dovedale Ave site or vice versa, must cross Ilam and/or Waimairi Roads;
 - b. On Tuesday 22 July 2008, pedestrian crossing surveys were undertaken on Ilam and Waimairi Roads. A total of 8,650 and 768 pedestrians crossed Ilam and Waimairi Road respectively between 8:15 AM and 6:15 PM;
 - c. Seven locations on Ilam Road and one location on Waimairi Road recorded greater than 500 pedestrian crossing movements throughout the above survey period;
 - d. The only formal pedestrian crossing points provided on Ilam Road are approximately 500 m north and 300 m south of the UCSA building;
 - e. Fifteen reported crashes occurred on Ilam Road for 2003 – 2007, four involved pedestrians or cyclists. Fifteen reported crashes occurred on Waimairi Road for 2003 – 2007, one involved a cyclist;
 - f. 2007 vehicle traffic count data was provided by CCC for relevant sections of Ilam and Waimairi Roads. Average seven-day count data for Ilam Road was 8,853⁴ and 9,725⁵ vehicles per day and Waimairi Road has 18,962 vehicles per day. Waimairi Road has traffic volumes similar to those on Colombo Street⁶;
 - g. An on-line survey of University staff and students in 2008 yielded 4,772 responses. A number of comments within the survey relating to Ilam and Waimairi Roads were recorded, namely:
 - A desire for crossing provisions on Ilam Road;
 - Cycle lanes on Ilam Road; and
 - Improved accesses into the University.
2. The University has been working over a number of years to improve travel routes within the University and to its residential halls. This has included the improvement of cycle storage facilities, a lit sealed footpath / cycleway across Ilam Fields, and the provision of additional campus pathways. By necessity a number of our improved cycle/pathways intersect with Ilam and Waimairi Roads, but very often a disconnection occurs because there are no related pedestrian crossings or footpath cut-downs when the campus paths reach those roads.
 3. Our concern is that the safety of students and staff is compromised due to inadequate crossing points on Ilam and Waimairi Roads. The pedestrian and cycle crossing provisions on these roads either do not align with the movements of pedestrians and cyclists from the University or are inadequate for the levels of use being experienced. We have been actively encouraging walking, cycling, and public transport as viable and safe campus transport choices, in line with local, regional, and national travel demand management approaches. Yet we believe these groups are exposed to a relatively high safety hazard when crossing Ilam and Waimairi Roads to access bus facilities, access their halls of residence, or other destinations.
 4. The University is currently preparing a comprehensive travel plan. As part of the underlying investigation and modelling, we have completed a travel survey of

⁴ North of Riccarton Road

⁵ South of Creyke Road

⁶ Near Sydenham Park

approximately 4750 staff and students to ascertain their travel modes and preferences and created a base demand model. Ultimately the University is seeking a comprehensive transportation solution that will support our extended campus into the future, will encourage and enable campus users to travel via more sustainable transport modes, and will be both compatible with and support Christchurch's aspirations for the future.

In essence the sheer number of pedestrians crossing Ilam Road in combination with the number of vehicle movements and the lack of appropriate safe crossing facilities, causes us serious concern and we therefore request that the City Council re-consider including the University crossings project in the proposed capital programme for the 2009-2019 LTCCP. We believe that the issues on Ilam and Waimairi Roads are of sufficient impact, provide cost-effectiveness to users and will be of significant value to the wider community and ratepayers.

The University of Canterbury requests that Council reconsider including the University Crossings project in the funded capital programme for the 2009-2019 LTCCP and;

That the Council actively engages in dialogue with the University to ensure coordination and compatibility of effort is achieved.