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# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

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Submissions close on 16 April 2009

**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.**

**Are you completing this submission:**

On behalf of a group or organisation

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

16 members

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**Your Submission:**

The Englefield Area covers the two original farms from the Britten Brothers, from Fitzgerld Ave, down Avonside Drive to Woodham Road, England Street and Back up to Armagh Street. About 1,000 houses/dwellings receiving our newsletters and invitations.

The group has been going for almost twenty years working for the preservation of heritage - buildings and trees including conservation of the character of the area as well as community safety and wellbeing.

We would like the council to consider the following points in relation to the council long term community plan.

**1. Preservation of Heritage.**

The Englefield Area has many worker cottages still intact.

We have had some parts of the area acknowledged by the Historic Places Trust and the previous council has also given the area Conservation Status. However none of the above give this area or other heritage areas enough protection.

The specific action that we would like the council to take is to implement rules in regard to protection of heritage houses as well as character areas such as ours that were some of the original houses and buildings built at the end of the 19th century. Once they are gone they are gone forever. We think they are of value to be preserved not only for the local walking tours that continously come through, but also the tourists who come to enjoy the character of Christchurch - It is an attraction/attractive city with and interesting points of difference.

We do not wish to be the same as every other modern western city. Let us

take a leaf out of Sydney and New Orleans.

## 2. Transport - congestion and flow

Our area has always had concerns with excess transport on Avonside Drive and Stanmore Road. We continue to have concerns as transport on Avonside Drive increases in spite of an 'Out of Court Agreement' 2001 - Englefield Residents have with the Christchurch City Council " To look at ways of reducing traffic on Avonside Drive".

The specific action that we would like council to take would be to look at reopening the safe wide corridor Worcester Street at Latimer Square. Re opening Worcester Street at Latimer Square will fit in with city plan policy to reduce pollution, congestion and fuel consumption as well as increase safety. Gloucester Street, Hereford Street, Avonside Drive and Stanmore Road traffic is moving too slowly in peak time, increasing the carbon footprint in our area. Gloucester Street in particular with the school is at risk with traffic set to increase.

Public Transport - Reduce Congestion. Buses should be allowed back all the way down Worcester Street to Linwood Avenue instead of turning left at already congested Stanmore Road and then right down already congested and catered for buses, Gloucester Street.

We say SHARE THE LOAD and it is time for a comprehensive traffic plan for the East side.

## 3. Prosperous City - No Increase to Rates.

In these hard economic times and with the value of properties going down, we cannot see any justification for Rate increases.

We personally know of people who lived without power for periods of time so they could put food on the table.

Surely increase of rates relates to increase of property values which is not happening.

The specific action is for CCC to seriously consider cutting some of the less necessary projects or putting them off for awhile until the economic tide turns.

In particular would be the ridiculous proposal to try a measure everyone in Christchurch carbon/energy footprint.

That is an impossibility unless you measure every bit of expenditure of every bit and thing in the house including the cost of the carbon footprint of producing it - carpet, TV, car, w.m. etc then there is the carbon footprint of the daily grind to pay for it - travelling to and from work - how many hours to pay for the 'thing' etc.etc.

This is a pure waste of money never mind the invasion of privacy and the freedom of choice involved.

We say BACK OFF from ridiculous money wasting projects.

Photos from a helicopter will only give you a small part of the big picture which makes it a complete wast of time.

If the people have to tighten their belts then so do the CCC.

Encourage the local micro economy - support local business initiatives.

## 4. Democracy

If the CCC wishes the community to engage positively with the council, then it is important that the community feels that it is being listened to.

a. The Englefield Residents would like to remind the CCC that it also has an agreement in 2001 to replace the willows along the riverbank along Avonside Drive with willows. We are still waiting and can't but help feel discouraged by this lack of respect for their own agreements with the community.

We have already reminded our community board about the willows on more than one occassion, now we are reminding you.

The specific action in this case would be to assign someone from the council to assist with sorting these issues in relation to agreements between the

Englefield Residents Association Inc and the Christchurch City Council.

b. The democratic right to choose the type of energy we use.

Believe it or not some people in this city find it difficult to pay their power bills, being one of the larger bills in a household. People are regularly being cut off and sometimes have to go without power until they can afford to pay the account including the extra to reconnect.

The specific action we request is that: as there is no guarantee of power supply, or guarantee for people to be able to afford it, We recommend the CCC abandon the idea to ban alternative heating such as open fires or wood burners in light of our human rights to keep warm and the commitment the CCC has to warm homes.

Thank you for this opportunity.  
Englefield Residents Association Inc.

