

9 April 2009

Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Christchurch City Council Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019

Age Concern Canterbury has been active in Canterbury since 1952.

It's mission is "To be a hub of trusted information, support and advocacy to enable older people in Canterbury to have real choices."

The opportunity to submit on the Council's draft plan is appreciated.

Age Concern Canterbury wishes to submit on the proposal to remove the financial thresholds from the Policy on determining significance.

Age Concern Canterbury believes that the existing policy, which gives financial guides for regarding matters as significant provides for greater transparency of decision making.

The existing policy also includes a number of criteria worth retaining, for example, the reversibility test and the precautionary principle.

Whilst it is accepted that in cases of commercial sensitivity the Council will need to tailor its consultation, or perhaps not consult, not consulting on strategic decisions on the grounds that the matter is judged to be urgent is less than desirable.

The existing policy, accepting there is no need to duplicate statutory obligations under the Local Government Act, appears to be well thought out, provides greater transparency and should be retained.

Age Concern Canterbury does not require to be heard on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Phillips
Chief Executive