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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.

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

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

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Your Submission:

I oppose the sale of the Edgeware Pool site for residential purposes because:

1 It is the only land in this community that residents have a moral right to use (based on shared history, established passed relationships and passed usage) so that they can once again have their open air swimming pool reinstated.

2 In "the proposal for the former Edgeware Pool site" the heritage values that attach to this land are totally ignored and I think it is wrong that this should be so.

3 While it was wrong of the Council to destroy the swimming and diving facilities built and paid for by the community to confiscate the recreational land as well, in my view, adds insult to injury.

4 I understand that Council once supported the idea of Christchurch as a "sustainable city"; that idea depends on sustainable communities. The demolition of the Edgeware Pool made our community that bit less sustainable. I want the children in my community to be able to walk to their local pool - as generations before them did. Unless Council comes up with a good land swap, the old pool site is our only option for another community-built and run pool. The land therefore must not be sold.

5 Already we have tens of thousands of square metres of vacant land zoned L3 in St Albans as well as many run-down properties land banked. The Edgeware Pool site is simply not needed for housing whereas it is needed

for recreation - especially for learning to swim and for water sports.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.