

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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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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For yourself

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**Your Submission:**

Submission CCC April 2009

Re the proposed sale of the land at the old Edgeware Pool site.

I oppose the sale of the land.

There is a very strong desire in the community to retain the land because of its historical significance. So many people and their ancestors have been involved with this land and with the pool. Heritage has a very real place in our city and should not be treated lightly. There is a strong spiritual connection between this land and many people in the area who have stories to tell, some going back many years.

The community does not want any more housing to be built on the land. Council is proposing to sell the land for housing. There is a strong desire to retain the land as a community space as there has been so much in fill housing in the St Albans area that space is a premium. If this land is sold, the space can never be regained. This green space is beautifully located right in the heart of the village and adjacent to Dover Courts, whose residents love to walk through and enjoy, and who used to love the sounds of children having a great time at the pool.

The working party did not recommend selling the land.

With the land being tucked away it is perfect for a pool, which is always supervised, and/or a community garden which can be fenced and locked.

This is what the community wants. This was proven by the 3000 signatures

presented in 2006.

The St Albans Swimming Club has re-activated for the first time this season, since their pool was demolished. They have been given the opportunity to use the Shirley Intermediate School Pool. There are 90 members swimming, and a pool right there at Edgeware, their own community, would be even better as most of the students could walk there.

The cost of consultation required if the land is to be sold does not seem justified in the predicted \$250,000 - \$300,000 net return.

The pool was closed and demolished in 2006. It could have been temporarily and cheaply patched and children could have been swimming since then. It seems wrong to me that this land has lain overgrown and neglected since then, and will do so for at least another 2 years, making at least 5 years in total. Is this what "strengthening communities" means?

I think the council should recognise the outcome of the working party and their consultation, and retain this land for the community.

Submission to CCC April 2009

Re Cat problem in Christchurch City.

There are many cats that are dumped, disregarded, neglected and starved in Christchurch as in most other cities. Currently there is a group of volunteers who give their time to care for these animals, but often there is no choice but to have the cats euthanized by a vet. Obviously there is a cost for this, which is at present being met by the volunteer group. I would like the council to consider a way in which these vet costs ONLY, could be met from the budget. We have an effective dog control system which is funded by council, and I would like to see the cat problem both recognized and addressed by our city. I would also like to see financial assistance for cats to be de-sexed as this will help the problem considerably. There are many owners who cannot afford to have their cats de-sexed, and the consequence of this is obviously many more cats, (plus a lot of horrible screeching in the middle of the night). Remember, it is not the fault of the cat, but that of the owner. However, these neglected cats are suffering terribly and it is our duty to help put them out of their misery, and to take steps to prevent such a situation arising in the first place.

I believe that the cat problem is a specialized area, differing largely from that of dogs, rats, stoats etc. By directing funding into this problem, ( through assisting with vet's fees for euthanasia and de-sexing ), we can expect to see a reduction in the need for such.

I do not support the Tram extension, as I think the money could be better spent on infrastructure and community facilities.