

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

Are you completing this submission: For yourself

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**Your Submission:**

What do you want the Council to consider?

Central city tram extension preferred route east along Lichfield Street, turning south into Poplar Street before looping back along Tuam and High Street. This is part of (Christchurch's Central City Revitalisation Project, Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19).

What specific action you think the Council should take?

I would like to see council abandon plans for the preferred tram route. Little consideration appears to have been given for this route, specifically the impact it will have on residents living directly on the route.

Why should this be done?

Poplar street is a unique precinct within the inner city. Those of us who live and work here appreciate the village atmosphere that has been created.

Being such a narrow street, I feel that the tram and its associated infrastructure will severely impact on the uniqueness of this area. The tram would also impact pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Being such a narrow street with such high pedestrian traffic, it is simply not suited for a tram route. The street is too narrow to accommodate both pedestrians and a tram.

As I live on the first floor directly above the preferred route, I have grave concerns for noise. Being a narrow street with large buildings either side, the noise would be substantial and totally unacceptable. There are already noise issues in the street, and adding the tram to the mix will only exacerbate the

problem.

There are also structural issues that appear to have been overlooked. Buildings on either side of the preferred route, and extremely close to the actual track, are old heritage listed buildings. Being of brick and mortar construction, there are issues to be considered in terms of potential damage to heritage buildings being so close to the tram.

I can't help but reach the conclusion that this proposal has been poorly thought out. Little consideration appears to have been given as to how this proposal will impact on those who live and work in this area, especially the negative impact it will have on the unique atmosphere that we have worked so hard to create and maintain.

I feel at the very least council needs to undertake a full environmental impact study to adequately address the issues raised. Until this is done, an informed decision cannot be made. In the absence of adequate information to make such an informed decision, one can only oppose the preferred route option.