

SUBMISSION

Draft Community Plan (2004/14 CCC Plan)

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This submission is made on behalf of over eighty (80) Sullivan Avenue residents and their households, who have already taken numerous collective actions on this matter.

1. We take issue with the planned 2006/07 street renewal for Sullivan Avenue between Ensors Road and Whittington Avenue (ref. volume 1, page 76, 5 year capital expenditure programme). It is not in line with the wishes of the residents, including the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT) Sullivan Avenue campus.

a) Our main concern is as follows:

- The plan does not allow for a 'living street' programme for the whole of Sullivan Avenue, which the overwhelming majority of the residents and the CPIT desire. Representation to the local Community Board (Hagley/Ferrymead) has been made to this effect, with the support of CPIT.

b) Also of concern:

- The plan calls for the majority of work to fall in the 2008/09 year – yet it is not to 'living street' standard and it is for only one third of the street (coincidentally the same third in which the CPIT is located); leaving the majority of the residents with no planned improvement of the street conditions (which promote dangerous, unsafe driver behaviour) whatsoever;
- Sullivan Avenue residents are characterised by a demographic mix of senior citizens and young families who view with grave concern the driving conditions for which the street is renowned (long, straight and conducive to excessive speed).

2. We seek a change in the Draft Plan to budget for a 'living street' renewal for the whole of Sullivan Avenue (a first for this Council ward), within a three-year period, by the 2006/07 year.

3. We believe this accurately reflects the wishes of the Sullivan Avenue community who are collectively prepared to do whatever it takes to make this happen, as evidenced by the actions taken thus far, which have followed due process: a series of street meetings have been held (CPIT in attendance), representation to local Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has been made (CPIT supported), a petition circulated, meeting with Hagley/Ferrymead Councillor (David Cox), and now this submission to the Draft Plan. In future it is likely that there will be the formation of a residents group to fight for this action.

If the Council is to make democratic decisions which promote a healthier sustainable city then the above proposal will be met with approval. The residents of Sullivan Avenue and the CPIT campus look forward to discussing the matter further.

I wish to speak to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 1 June and Friday 11 June 2004.

Signed
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