LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

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

I am completing this submission:
For yourself

My submission refers to:
Summary Version of the LTCCP

Number of people you represent:
Page Number:

I also want to respond to:

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Your Submission:	Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?
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Fit-out for new Civic Offices: How are you getting a new office? What will it cost? Why is it not mention in the ten year plan? We have no way of justifying expense for fit-out if we don't have all the information.

New Bus Exchange: Willthis have buses from all routes coming into it? What will happen to present Exchange? When choosing a site, look at growth of bus usage, if public transport is seen as a way to discourage traffic congestion.

Strategic Land Purchases: What are these and how did you ascertain the figure for them?

Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)

Page 9 - Partnerships: Community Boards: What is the justification for doing away with them? Environment Canterbury: What is the justification for incorporating into Christchurch City Council? are they both just a way of saving money?

Page 10 - Grants: All Community Board should put money towards heating for the elderly as they don't just live in the Spreydon-Healthcote and Riccarton-Wigram Boards.

Housing Department: Continue having this as a Council asset.

Page 11 - Spreydon Library: This should stay open as you made a promise to the residents of this area, that it would not be touched for ten years when deciding on the South Christchurch Service Centre. Elderly who don't have transport to get to another library may feel a sense of isolation.

Page 12 - Advertising: How much money was spent on Draft Plans? How much money spent in gettingpeople to make submissions: Do you feel it was money well spent? Is over one thousand replies to draft plan a good return?

Your Submission (Cont'd):

Draft Plan: Doesn't encourage ordinary citizens to participate - 300 page for full document discourages and summary says to little information. Too many glossary pictures. Not everybody has online access. You can't compare with any previous plans coucil has put out. Difficult to comment about what happens in your particular Board as they aren't group together. How do you propose lifting residents satisfaction with Council involving the public in decision-making.

Page 13 - Canterbury Development Corporation: Continue with organisation as though job mab market is excellent at the moment, we don't know what future holds, and we need experienced people to attract businesses to Canterbury.

Page 16 - The rubbish plan which was chosen in December 2005 was very short sighted, because the Land-fill at Kate Valley will cocntinue to be filled up with greenwaste and recyclable items. This will mean that we will be looking for a Land-fill sooner than we had planned. With high density building not everyone can compost greenwaste. Having transport to go to drop-off facilities is another problem. Wrappings for food should be made out of items that can be recycled. Street rubbish bins should encourage people to recycle. Instant fines for people who litter the street.

Page 18 - Speed Signs: More so that drivers are reminded wha speed they should be doing.

Footpaths: Identify areas where this may have to be done before twenty years is up because footpaths are in such a condition that it ma result in injuries to pedestrians. Instant fines for anyone spitting on footpaths. In times when we are talking about pandemics, it seems that it is acceptable for our citizens to be doing this.

Noise pollution: Extended exhaust - Not only affects pedestrians, but anyone who has the misfortune to live next door to a person , whose car is fitted with one. Open discussion with Land transpor about having extended exhausts banned nationwide. Car radios are turned up so loud that not only those in the vehilce hear what is being played but pedestrians as well. In years to come we are going to have large numbers of our population with hearing loss., most not due to what they listened to. Who will pay for the hearing aids?

Air pollution: Environment Canterbury should not just concentrate on Open fires and Log burners, what about emissions from cars which are not tuned properly. Should it be a requirement of warrant of fitness that all cars are tuned? Have discussion with Land Transport. Buses also need to be looked at, when they take off from stops.

Bus Exchange: there will be an accident on Colombo Street, one of these days, because of the number of people who cross the road between Cashel Street, the uncontrolled crossing justup from D Platform and Lichfield Street. At peak times people are standing all over the footpath, which interrupts the pedestrian flow between Cashel and Lichfield Streets. Anyone sight impaired, who catches a bus on D or E Platform, has to ask each drive of a bus that comes in, if they are going to their destination. Young people running around Platforms make elderly people feel unsafe, as they are afraid they may get knocked over. Sight impaired people also feel unsafe, waiting at Platforms A,B,C because of the numbers congregating in those areas.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?

Page 5 - Strategic Assets: City Care and Red Bus should continue to be listed, as it would be very easy for you to sell your interest in this without citizens being aware or consulted.

Page 8 - Community Halls: Could you name the hall you wish to close and suggest where present users would go. Don't just give us ans arbitrary figure of 20%.

Your Submission (Cont'd):

Rationalise Community Libraries: If you are finding it difficult to get people to them, why not consult with community and find out why they don't go and is there anything that could be offered to encourage them to use their lockal library? Is it because they don't know they have one? Conditions of books that are on offer?

Mobile Library: Review route before you even think of withdrawing service. This should be done after you have consulted community libraries.

New Zealand Post for all Council payments: New Zealand Post charge a transaction fee for payments you make through them. Continue with Service Centres accepting payments because who is to say that somewhere down the line you aren't going to say we need to close them because they aren't economical, eg Riccarton and Hornby sub-agencies. Not everyone likes to talk ao anonymous Council Staff members.

City Scene: Seeing that you have a bit of a public relations problem at the moment, this could probably be used better, as a way to inform the public about what the Councils job is and what it is doing. It could still have the events calendar at the back. If this happened, then ten issues a year would be better than nine.