

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:

Major Omission from your plan!

Dear Sir/Madam,

It would appear that there is a major omission from your proposed city plan...in the Environment description on page 2 of the flyer it describes "people value and protect the natural environment" has this has been cunningly missed in the whole plan. I am sure there is more than planting trees and fixing parks n pools to do...???

The air pollution during winter has surely got to have some priority in any plan for our future generations. It would appear as per normal for these type of plans egos and personal projects are of more importance than a major priority like Air quality. If this issue was addressed now, then we would have reduced medical expenses (healthier people) , people would use the parks and facilities more as they could breathe when they venture out at night (during the winter) and a very different look for the city during winter.

It is time the Council took this bull by the horns and did something positive to provide a permanent solution. It is all very well subsidising houses to put in Air Con, but I know of houses that have had this done and the residents still have their fires going in another room of the house. There is no reduction of power costs for anyone during winter to encourage no fires. If the cost of electricity was subsidised down during winter people would use it rather than wood,coal etc and the smog problem would be reduced dramatically.

Even if every house that required insulation upgrade, heating upgrade etc was offered interest free loans, not just selected houses or selected "low income" earners. The revenue that would be spent would be recovered in increased city image (no nasty brown cloud in winter).

Hey we could get extreme and carve a hole in the Port Hills to let air flow thru and clear the pollution? That would keep the prisoners working as a labour force to complete the job and save several million dollars in labour costs.

If the smog progressively gets worse we will have no "Garden City" as no one will want to live here.

So I believe there should have been a separate heading in your plan for Air Supply:

What do we want?

Clean and healthy Air in our city to breath.

How are we going to achieve that?

- Eliminate ALL wood / smoke producing fires in any city or town area.
- Discourage use of motor vehicles within the city -Service vehicles and public transport only...No exceptions
- Provide education and enlightenment programs on saving the atmosphere for residents so that future generations will benefit (we may survive)

Examples of what could be done NOW

Half price power for all city residences during winter monthsCost ? Hell yes but long term advantage would be worth it

**Your Submission
(Cont'd):**

What achievements will show our success?

Less children and old people with respiratory problems

Less asthma

More tourists enjoying a lovely clean nightly vista of the city

City dwellers would feel happier and healthier and more alert and work more efficiently and be happier that their council had taken such a bold and intelligent step for the future

What would it cost ?

Ah now that is where we need those dreaded bean counters.....100,000

houses \$100 each per month for 3 months \$30 Mil...how much was that

Chalice again? and it costs how much to maintain? ahh what a stunning use of our rate payers money! yea Rite

Thank you

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PS the air in Hornby is normally not bad in the winter apart from those few idiots who burn plastic bottles and wood? on occasion