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the original for myself.

E. Graham

YOUR SUBMISSION

You may use this form for your submission on the draft Our Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one ☒ I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered
OR
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Are you completing this submission: ☒ For yourself ☐ On behalf of a group or organisation

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My submission refers to: ☒ Full version ☐ Page No. ☒ Summary version ☐ Page No. various

Do you also want to respond to: ☐ Development Contributions ☐ Aquatic Facilities ☐ Other

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Summary Version

page 4, Major Projects

1. Proposed new civic offices : grossly increased cost of \$111 million is unacceptable so I oppose it and anything budgeted for "fit-out" for them.
2. New bus exchange : I want much more detail re why the current bus exchange is unsuitable, and a study showing options, before I support \$59 million expenditure.
3. Art Gallery airconditioning \$0.2 million : why is this necessary in such a new building? I oppose this.
4. Strategic assets : why have Red Bus lhd and City Car lhd been removed? I want to read the justification for this, and any criticism of it, before I decide whether or not to support it.
5. Avon River Central City strategy : I've seen a reference to this only in the last few days (early May) although I read all CCC publications & the Press. There's no time now to chase the detail so I oppose it at this stage.
6. Botanic Gardens project (same comment as for para 5)
7. City Mall renovation : not necessary - the footpaths and paving just need cleaning to remove chewing gum and stains.
8. Central City Transport strategy : I support only the improvement of, and priority for, public transport, cycling and walking.

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page 4, Major Projects contd.

9. Waste Minimisation: I support this.
10. Strategic Land Purchases: I support this and ask that Moeraki Peninsula, especially the Quail Island end of it, be purchased to protect Quail Island and for the amenity value of Lyttelton Harbour.
11. Biodiversity strategy: I support this and am shocked that it's not included, especially now that Banks Peninsula is part of CCC.
12. Water Re-use: I support this and believe it should have been included.
13. Bio-solids Drying Facility: I support this.
14. Tree Renewal: I support this.
15. New Leisure Centres: I oppose these without seeing further details. Even then, I don't see these as high priority.
16. School Safety Zones: I support these.

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page 8, Saving Money on Services

1. Community libraries: I oppose closure - we want to encourage, not discourage, literacy.
2. Use NZ Post for payments: I support this if a feasibility study shows it has merit.
3. CCC's publication City Scene: I'm not sure that it has much value. Who reads it?
4. Parking Charges: I support increases.
5. Cemetery Charges: I support increases.
6. Library Charges: Tighten up on compliance: better debt management, don't permit new debt or borrowing while debt exists. Refuse/cancel membership temporarily for those with history of debt. Send debts to collection agency earlier. Do credit checks on ^{prospective} new members?
7. Parking Charges: Tighten up on compliance. Collect parking fines. Don't send a second letter. Don't allow waivers (admin costs must be huge).

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page 9, City Development

1. Solar heating: install on all new buildings
2. Rainwater collection + reuse
3. Urban Design: The City Plan is obviously weak in some areas + needs to be strengthened to prevent ugly streetscapes such as:
 - Barbadoes St and surrounding streets north of Bealey Ave with hideous apartments crammed into narrow sections;
 - East of Fitzgerald Ave to Stanmore Road, for a similar reason;
 - Proposed high-rise at Ferrywood will be totally out of place as seen from Humphreys Drive and estuary, against the Port Hills backdrop;
 - proposed high-rise in Brighton, along Marine Parade.
4. City Plan: I want tighter controls, on height in particular, and also on bulk, shading and privacy.
5. Resource Consent: Too many controversial developments are non-notified. I want staff who decide these issues to err on the side of conservatism, with more ^{public} notifications.

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page 9 City Development could.

~~Urban Design could~~

~~proposed high rise in Darling Parade, Brighton~~

- 6 Heritage: Council is merely paying lip service to conserving our heritage. Every year there are controversies over destruction of heritage buildings and wider streetscapes, for example:
 - proposed changes to Canterbury Museum;
 - an Avon hoop cottage being destroyed, to be replaced by a 2 storey house with a double garage at the front of the section;
 - a heritage house with links to, I think, the Antarctic, on Clifton Hill.
- 7 Central City: I am always dismayed at the dirty footpaths and paving, not untidy with rubbish, but filthy with trodden in chewing gum and apparently-unremovable stains. The Cathedral Square paving turned out to be an expensive disaster. I'd rather see it all in bitumen which is easily renewed.
- 8 Lyttelton's London St: stormwater during heavy rain just runs across footpaths because drainpipes drain onto bare ground.

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page 10, Community Development

1. Strategic Plan: There is an ^{urgent} need for a long-term strategic plan.
2. Community Group Grants Review: I ~~see~~ ^{note} a lack of early consultation prior to the draft LTCCP - a tight time-frame is no excuse.
3. Decision-making: I note a lack of community, including community board, input into decision-making.
4. Funding + Facilities Reviews: Should be delayed until strategy is in place.
5. Community Development management: something is very wrong here, at a high level. No strategic plan, no community consultation prior to this, ^{yet} lower-level reviews being carried out.

page 11 Cultural + Learning Services

1. I use Central, South + Linwood libraries and think they are wonderful, except for increasing numbers of noisy pre-schoolers accompanied by, usually, their mothers. I want the librarians to ask the parent to quieten or to remove the child. The noise spoils it for me, whether browsing or using the computer.

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Page 12 Democracy + governance

1. Consultation: why is this so-important issue, 'legally required under the Local Government Amendment Act 2002', not mentioned on either page 7 or page 12?
As a Banks Peninsula resident, I am not familiar with CCC processes but my experience has been that:
 - Community Board members attend residents association meetings;
 - what the residents association committee (often as few as 5 people) wants is put into the Community Board's meeting agenda and actioned as if it was what the community wants;
 - the Community Board's decisions are then documented in the meeting's minutes, which the community never gets to read;
 - there's an outcry from the community when something of value (streetscape, trees, reserve, quiet) is destroyed months after the decision was made.

This process must not be regarded as consultation unless the residents association itself consults its members and, preferably, the wider community. My local residents association is ^{the} Diamond Harbour Community Association and I know, from having been a committee member in 2001, that its constitution does not require it to consult. So, I want councillors and community board members to have regular clinics in their ^{local} area (the way members of parliament do), in their local hall, perhaps on Saturday mornings.

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page 12 Democracy + governance could.

2. Decision-making: I object to elected members, without public consultation, going against CCC staff advice on issues. (For example, voting to exclude farm dogs from microchipping.) And hasn't the Auditor-General made some criticisms on previous council decision-making?

page 14 Parks, open spaces + waterways

1. ~~Urban/semi-rural~~ Weed-Cutting in rural areas: rural + semi-rural areas, such as Diamond Harbour, do not need manicured reserves. The reason we live here is because of its semi-rural nature. I've been horrified to see reserves and Diamond Harbour Cemetery surrounds being regularly trimmed by a man with a weedcutter. This is time-consuming + therefore expensive and it leaves behind a mess of dead grass and seedheads. And for what purpose? It's not a fire risk. I accept that park + sportsfield lawns, cemeteries, and also roadsides, need mowmowing but that's enough.
2. Weedspraying roadsides in rural areas: if this is to be done, the dead remains must be removed + not just left to look unsightly, environmentally unfriendly and a fire risk during the summer.
3. Linwood Cemetery: There's obviously a plan for doing what you're doing but where is it? I see that ^{some} paths have been spread with fine pale yellow gravel - inappropriate, in this setting. I note that a significant weed, with a fluffy

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page 14 Parks, etc

3. Linwood Cemetery
 pale seedhead, is spreading north in the
 cemetery from its origin near Jollie St. Why
 hasn't this been dealt with over the years?
 uncontrolled
4. Beeches : protect from vehicles and dogs.
5. Biodiversity Protection: with Banks Peninsula
 now included, this needs to be enhanced with
 fencing and pest control.
6. Open drains : Either covers or install mesh
 safety nets in areas that have recently been
 of public concern.

page 16, Refuse

1. Kerbside organic waste collection: This is a very
 high priority to me.
2. ^{free} rubbish bags for the very ill: I oppose this.
 There is government assistance via WWZ for
 extra costs associated with poor health.

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page 17, Regulatory Services

1. Dog Control : I've been very impressed with CCC dog control recently, since CCC got the contract for Banks Peninsula. Keep up the good work.
2. Animal Control : Once or twice ^{this} year I ^{have} reported, by cellphone to BPDC, sheep on the roadside between Governors Bay + Lyttelton. I assume that this too was dealt with by CCC, though I'm needed around to see how it is dealt with.
3. Food Premises : I ^{publicised} want the names of food premises that are in breach of food hygiene standards.

page 18, Streets + Transport

1. I want the emphasis to be on improving public transport, cycling + walking. I support special bus lanes. I oppose major improvements to motorways. I oppose the Blenheim Road overbridge.
2. Intersection Manchester + Cashel Sts : Vehicle turning here is appalling. It needs a "barnes-dance" pedestrian crossing as in Colombo/Gloucester Sts

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