# Summary submission form

# Instructions

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It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: we are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission...

### By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178 Our Community Plan Christchurch City Council PO Box 237 Christchurch 8003

### By email

Please email your submission to: ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

### On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at: http://www.ccc.govt.nz
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

# 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.

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# Palsevell RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (inc)

The Chairman: 31 Wales Street, CHRISTCHURCH, 8003

Appendix to Submission Form on

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY draft Community Plan 2006 - 2016

\*Reference Pages from Draft Summary Booklet

### \*Page 3

*Increases* in rates should be tempered by what are our major priorities, eg water, sewerage, rubbish disposal, etc. as outlined. Expensive upgrades to existing services where growth patterns are static could be deferred and priorities put in areas of extensive development.

We are proud of our city and are fortunate to have holdings and subsidies to supplement our expenditure.

As the cost of commodities increases so does the tax take and our local authorities cannot access this margin this places a further burden on the taxpayer.

## \*Page 4

The proposed new Bus Exchange is also a heavy liability on the ratepayers(\$57m) .The building has only been established for a short time. It should be sited near the outer rim of the city providing cheaper land use and the flexibility for further expansion with greater accessibility in the long term..

We endorse all efforts to encourage further use of Public Transport.

Better access to all quarters of the inner city and suburbs by constant review and establishment of new routes to meet changing trends.

<u>Provision</u> of car lay-buys to capture outlying commuters around perimeter of city. <u>Continued</u> provision of free bus lanes on collector roads within the city.

### \*Page 5

The budget as outlined must be reviewed substantially to take into account the soaring cost of energy and the profound effect it will have on all assessments shown.

## \*Page 10

<u>Continued</u> funding and support for community groups etc. to encourage healthy activities and strong sustainable communities.

### \*Page14

As the climate changes it is expected that we will have more extreme weather patterns. Greater care has to be taken in future planning in the disposal of run-off Particularly in new areas and particular emphasis due to our vulnerability on a flat plain is imperative. We are amazed at the level of expenditure (\$17.2m) solely for the replacement of trees. We would be pleased to be advised in detail were this money is to be spent so that we can comment further.

We are very concerned at the rampant use and abuse of our natural precious ground water systems an take an active roll in monitoring the effects on our natural stream network.

Greater care in the selection and positioning of deciduous trees to avoid blockages and surface flooding in the cooler months by the residents and council.

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<u>Idea!</u> If neighbourhoods were to co-operate in combining their weekly sidewalk collection the amount of time spent stopping at each household would be halved and the benefits accrued by vehicle maintenance savings would be passed on to the ratepayer in cheaper contract prices.

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Monitoring and Implementation of stronger measures and deterrents to ensure greater standards of control to combat

Industrial pollution (air, waste, water and ground)

Litter

community interest is bound to wane and lead to discontent.

The committee has registered their concerns also on the delay of the proposed new Halswell Library since the inception of this Plan .Also they believe the the proposed site adjacent to the Halswell Domain extension is unsuitable due to the distance from the commercial centre of Halswell. In the absence any detailed plans for the proposed future of infrastructure needed in our area we can only comment on present needs. Over the last two years the detail available to us on expenditure in the annual plan on city wide minor projects has been lacking. We as a committee, and our residents , take a healthy interest in the local works programmes and it these are not readily available

N.B. The comments in this submission in the main reflect the feelings and concerns of our committee and residents over a period of years.

Yours Sincerely,

Ron Fensom Q. S. M.

Chairman

Halswell Residents Association.