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:
On behalf of a group or organisation

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to: Page Number: Full Version of the LTCCP 98

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?

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

Canterbury Neighbourhood Support wishes to express it's strong support for the Council's objective of providing advice, training and support to community organisations and in particular in relation to Community Grants.

CNS has been a recipient of Community Grants and is extremely grateful for the suppor that the Council has provided. Over the last five years CNS has been able to grow the number of Neighbourhood Support groups to over 1800 (each with an average of 7-8 households) and this has provided an opportunity for neighbours to get to know each other, to work together to support each other and thereby growing strong neighbourhoods and communities.

One of the difficulties that organisations such as CNS face is not being able to source funding for a co-ordinator. The Council is one of but a few funders who will provide support for a co-ordinator and without the ability to employ a good co-ordinator our organisation would not exist. Altenative funders will provide funds for staff support once a co-oridnator is in place.

CNS feels that the provision of grants to community groups is a much needed and appreciated function of Council.

Thank you for your time.

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