# Our Community Plan Submission Form

## Instructions

Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

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 our draft 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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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

## Questions

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Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

projects in the summary document

See list of major

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"This city is a series of villages" (pg 7 Community Plan)

We have recently returned to live in Christchurch after farming for many years. We chose to buy a property in the Casebrook area because of the great community feel made possible by the excellent facilities available nearby. The heart of this community is the Bishopdale Library situated in a small, friendly shopping mall which incorporates a community centre where many activities are held. As well, the new YMCA stadium is set to open thus increasing the number of people who will be in this area.

The idea that the library may be closed is absolutely preposterous, despite Mayor Moore stating that it is fundamental that as new facilities open it is inevitable that some older ones may close. How does a new library in Riccarton or Papanui help the old and infirm who depend on Bishopdale Library with its ease of access and abundant parking? How does it help the many young children who walk to Bishopdale Library to choose their books. There are many pensioner flats in this area and several schools nearby. The continuing increase in the cost of fuel will also make the journey further afield become harder to achieve for those families on limited incomes. What is more important — people or empire building?

"Goals and Objectives" (pg 49)

Increase involvement in lifelong learning, by:

- Providing resources and information through libraries and websites.
- Providing learning facilities programmes and activites.
- Encouraging people of all ages to take advantage of learning opportunities.

The Bishopdale Library has computers available for public use. All families are not able to afford a computer in the home. Should they be deprived of the opportunity to use modern technology because someone wants to light the Cathedral or build a Visitors Centre in the Botanic Gardens. All of these ideas are very attractive but not at the expense of our local libraries!

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