

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:
For yourself

Number of people you represent:

My submission refers to:

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Your Submission:

Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?

We wish to put in a submission to the Rating Policies section B pg 247 of the LTCCP 2006-2016

Our main points are these:

. That properties zoned rural should be rated rural therefore doing away with the criteria wording i.e. solely or principally for Agriculture, Livestock etc refer to next.

. That the wording of the criteria is too cloudy i.e. how many cows/horses, Flowers/potatoes etc means principally this is unclear. This wording should a) be deleted or b) changed so as it is clear to the property holder what criteria constitutes rural or residential rates.

. That the ruling decision based on the criteria written in the plan is carried out by only a couple of council staff members, we deem this to be unfair & should not be necessary, if the wording is deleted or amended.

. That this matter has been going around in circles for far too long, with consultation & looking at the wording being promised but not carried out. Mainly due to red herrings introduced at the last hour. This should be addressed immediately so as to restore our faith in the consultation process (not the belief by many that once it has been written into the so called draft plan it is etched in stone!!)

. That council have been throwing money at unimportant projects, thus leaving the bulk of monies needed to run Christchurch in rate increases which we can ill afford. Start taking a good look at what needs to be done & what can wait (like a household that's income has been reduced, no chocolate biscuits, no night out etc until finances improve).

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

. That properties which have been rated rural in the past regardless of activity, should remain paying the lower rates due to the fact that they receive less services & if one rural property receives services that the other doesn't then the property that receives them should pay for them.

MJ & C Boyd

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

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