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Re: Draft LTCCP Community Outcomes - SUBMISSION

Spokes Canterbury, the local cycling advocacy group, is pleased to offer this submission to you regarding the Draft LTCCP Community Outcomes. We would be happy to provide any further information or clarification if required. In making this submission, Spokes has based its feedback on the public consultation booklet received.

General

We have indicated those parts of the Community Outcomes that we strongly support, for helping to meet our needs and those of the community. For other items not mentioned we have no particular concern about them.

It is very difficult to directly correlate Council's "goals and objectives" with the community "outcomes & priorities", when they use totally different heading groupings. This makes it hard to check whether something we have identified under outcomes/priorities has been translated into actual Council goals/objectives. Why not use the same headings?

It is interesting to see the choice of photos used throughout the consultation document, particularly as it relates to cycling and active living in general. From our count, we found the following number of pictures depicting various items:

- motor vehicles: 3
- cycling: 5
- running/walking: 10
- public transport: 4
- other physical activity/recreation: 16

We would love it if the resulting Community Outcomes and subsequent LTCCP reflected a similar balance in expenditure on activities!

Specific Comments

The following summarises the specific sections that we support or wish to see changes in:

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities

We strongly support these stated priorities:

- *Reduce barriers to accessing services caused by income, language, culture, knowledge and physical accessibility.*
- *Support community groups and voluntary organisations.*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A City of Healthy People

We strongly support this outcome

We strongly support these stated priorities:

- *Reduce avoidable risk factors that contribute to poor health outcomes including obesity, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug abuse*
- *Maintain a high quality urban environment with excellent air and water quality, effective and sustainable sewage disposal and minimal noise pollution*

We suggest modifying this priority:

- *Increase physical activity AND SUPPORT ACTIVE LIFESTYLES AS PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE*

We suggest adding this priority (under "Provide environments that strengthen community health and well-being"):

- *Provide urban environments that encourage active travel (walk/cycle) for transport and recreation.*

COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - STRONG COMMUNITIES

"Work to improve people's standard of living without endangering the quality of life of future generations, by..."

We suggest the following modifications:

1. *supporting SUSTAINABLE economic development that meets the needs of the city's people and environment*
2. *providing affordable housing AND TRANSPORT for those on low incomes and limited means*

We suggest adding the following goal:

3. *reducing the long-term cost of externalities (e.g. waste, pollution, road crashes, noise) on the city's people and environment.*

"Promote participation in democratic processes, by..."

We strongly support these stated goals:

1. *advocating for the rights of all citizens*
2. *making it easy for people to understand and take part in Council decision-making processes*
3. *providing readily available and easily understood information about Council services and structures*

We suggest adding the following goal:

4. *adequately informing citizens and elected members about the full implications of decisions to be made.*

"Help communities to meet their needs, by..."

We strongly support these stated goals:

1. *providing accessible and welcoming public buildings, spaces and facilities*
6. *encouraging people to take part in community groups and activities*

We suggest modifying these goals:

2. *funding and supporting community organisations, VOLUNTEERS, initiatives and festivals that help to achieve the city's Community Outcomes*
7. *encouraging people to take responsibility for themselves and their families AND THEIR IMPACTS ON OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT*

We suggest adding the following goal:

8. *promoting and supporting local businesses and employment*

"Encourage healthy and active lifestyles, by..."

We strongly support this stated goal:

2. *providing and supporting sport, recreation and leisure activities*

We suggest modifying these goals:

1. *providing parks, public buildings, STREETS, and other facilities that are accessible, safe, welcoming and enjoyable to use*
3. *providing SUSTAINABLE water supply, waste, and waste water services*

We are not at all clear on what the following goal means, and suggest further elaboration or removal:

4. *maintaining and improving environmental health*

We suggest adding the following goals:

5. *providing urban forms and transport networks that encourage walking and cycling and minimise pollution.*
6. *encouraging businesses and organisations to promote and support healthy and active workforces.*

"Reduce injury and crime and increase perceptions of safety, by..."

We strongly support this stated goal:

2. *working with partners to reduce crime, help people avoid injury and improve perceptions of safety*

We suggest modifying this goal:

3. *using and regulating urban design to maintain and improve public safety AND PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY*

We suggest adding the following goal:

4. *educating the public on appropriate safe behaviours*

"Encourage residents to enjoy living in the city and to have fun, by..."

We strongly support these stated goals:

1. *providing and supporting a range of arts, festivals and events*
2. *providing and supporting sport, recreation and leisure activities*

We suggest modifying this goal:

3. *providing a variety of safe, accessible, CONNECTED and welcoming local parks, open spaces AND GREEN CORRIDORS*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A City of People who Value and Protect the Natural Environment

We strongly support this outcome

We strongly support this stated priority:

- *Stop exceeding acceptable standards for air pollution*

We suggest modifying these priorities:

- *Promote individual and community responsibility for waste production, water conservation, litter disposal, air AND WATER pollution and the protection of biodiversity*
- *Develop an AFFORDABLE, INTEGRATED, RESPONSIVE, SAFE and sustainable transport system*

{NB: as per NZ Transport Strategy goals}

- *Retain and develop parks, open spaces AND GREEN CORRIDORS within and around the city*
- *DEcrease our use of UNSustainable energy sources AND OTHER UNSUSTAINABLE RESOURCES*

We suggest adding this priority (under "Restore and enhance the quality of the natural environment"):

- *Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to at least pre-1990 levels to be consistent with New Zealand's obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.*

COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

"Contribute actively to improved air quality, by..."

We suggest amending this category heading to include WATER AND SOIL quality as well.

We strongly support this stated goal:

2. *planning land use and transport in a way that minimises pollution*

We suggest modifying this goal (assuming that we have understood it correctly?):

1. *clearly identifying and agreeing the Council's roles IN PROMOTING APPROPRIATE SUSTAINABLE FUEL, HEATING AND TRANSPORT USE*

"Strengthen the Garden City image, by..."

We strongly support these stated goals:

2. *maintaining levels of open space*
4. *providing street landscapes and urban open space that enhance the character of the city*

We suggest modifying these goals:

1. *providing a variety of safe, accessible and welcoming local parks, open spaces AND GREEN CORRIDORS*
5. *protecting and enhancing significant areas of open space within the metropolitan area BY REDUCING THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE AND TRAFFIC*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A Well-Governed City

We strongly support this stated priority:

- *Strengthen information sharing and planning networks between government, local government, business and the community sector*

We suggest modifying these priorities:

- *Manage our city's infrastructure to ensure responsiveness to future needs AND TO MITIGATE FUTURE IMPACTS ON THE CITY'S PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT*
- *Facilitate economic growth now and for the future WITHOUT COMPROMISING SUSTAINABILITY*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A Safe City

We strongly support this outcome

We strongly support this stated priority:

- *Improve perceptions of safety at night, particularly in the Central City*

We suggest modifying these priorities:

- *Design the urban environment to reduce injury, deter crime, ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INTERACTION and enhance road safety*
- *Design and upgrade OUR TRANSPORT NETWORKS to maximise the physical safety of pedestrians, drivers and cyclists*
- *Improve ROAD USER behaviour including better observance of the road rules, and reduced speeding and alcohol abuse*

We suggest adding this priority (under *"Improve the safety of people travelling in and around Christchurch city"*):

- *Provide community environments where residents are comfortable walking and cycling*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: An Attractive and Well-designed City

We strongly support these stated priorities:

- *Reduce air, water and noise pollution*
- *Develop a vibrant, accessible central city*

We suggest modifying this priority:

- *Provide AFFORDABLE, INTEGRATED, RESPONSIVE, safe and SUSTAINABLE transport systems within and around Christchurch city*

We suggest adding these priorities (under *"Develop our city to meet the needs of a growing population"*):

- *Develop efficient urban forms to optimally provide for more residents and services in the same area using fewer resources*
- *Minimise urban sprawl beyond the existing city limits*
- *Encourage more mixed land-use urban development to minimise everyday travel*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity

We strongly support this outcome

We strongly support these stated priorities:

- *Provide the infrastructure, facilities, open space and natural environments that support a diverse range of leisure activities*
- *Promote positive attitudes to leisure activities and a healthy work/life balance*
- *Provide excellent facilities and safe environments for physical activities throughout Christchurch city*
- *Improve affordability and ease of access to physical activities, particularly for low income residents, children and young people*

We suggest adding this priority (under *"Increase participation in physical and sporting activities"*):

- *Provide urban environments that encourage physical activity as part of everyday life*

COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - LIVEABLE CITY

"Lead the urban development of Christchurch to ensure that it balances the needs of people and the environment, by..."

We strongly support this stated goal:

1. *working with other agencies to manage growth and address environmental challenges*

We suggest modifying these goals:

2. *providing for the SUSTAINABLE operation and development of key infrastructure*
3. *reducing the need to travel (OR THE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL) to get to work or to reach services*

"Provide safe, efficient and affordable transport systems, that..."

We suggest amending this category heading to also refer to INTEGRATED, SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIVE transport systems (as per the NZ Transport Strategy) and not include the term "efficient" (which is often mis-interpreted as implying only additional roading capacity).

We strongly support these stated goals:

2. *complement other land uses*
3. *address environmental challenges including climate change, resource consumption and air quality*
4. *encourage efficient business practices and active lifestyles*

We suggest modifying this goal:

1. *ensure EQUITABLE access to goods and services, work and leisure opportunities*

We suggest adding the following goal:

6. *impose appropriate costs on relevant road users, commensurate with the full economic, social and environmental costs of their travel choices*

"Maintain and enhance the quality of development and renewal of the city's built environment, by..."

We strongly support these stated goals:

1. *championing high quality urban design*
2. *improving people's sense of community identity and their feelings of safety*
5. *improving the way in which public and private spaces work together*

COMMUNITY OUTCOME: A Prosperous City

We strongly support these stated priorities:

- *Protect our natural resources from overuse and pollution*
- *Facilitate business practises that protect and enhance the quality of our natural environment*

We suggest modifying this priority:

- *Provide APPROPRIATE infrastructure to support SUSTAINABLE economic development*

We suggest adding this priority (under "Prioritise participation in employment as essential to social and cultural well-being"):

- *Encourage businesses/organisations to promote and support healthy and active workforces*

COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - PROSPEROUS ECONOMY

"Enhance business activity in the city by investing in, managing and encouraging provision of infrastructure, by..."

We strongly support this stated goal:

4. *encouraging energy efficiency and supporting the availability of a secure and reliable supply of energy*

We suggest modifying this goal:

1. *providing safe, INTEGRATED, RESPONSIVE, SUSTAINABLE and affordable transport systems*

"Promote environmentally sustainable business practices, by..."

We strongly support this stated goal:

2. *encouraging businesses to adopt and report on sustainable development approaches*

We suggest modifying this goal:

1. *using sustainable development approaches in the Council's own activities (INCLUDING ALL SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES)*

Please consider modifying the Community Outcomes to incorporate the issues raised above.

Yours sincerely,

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Spokes Canterbury (the former Canterbury Cyclists' Association) is a local cycling advocacy group dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport within local and regional planning. The group is affiliated with the national Cycling Advocates Network (CAN) and includes a number of CAN's executive members.

Spokes provides significant cycling expertise through its many longstanding advocates, transportation professionals and (most importantly) regular cyclists. The group is represented on Christchurch City Council's cycling steering committee and Environment Canterbury's Regional Land Transport Committee and provides regular feedback on various council transportation and planning proposals.

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