

Written comments on the draft Central City Plan (Volumes 1 and 2) may be made between Tuesday 16 August 2011 and 5pm on Friday 16 September 2011.

It will help us if in your comments you:

- refer to the specific chapter and page number of the proposed Central City Plan.
- please use dark ink for your comment.

Please note: Comments received will be posted electronically on the Council's website. These will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or comments should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Consultation Manager, telephone 941 8999.

Make your comments:

On the internet

Using the online form at www.centralcityplan.org.nz
Please follow all the instructions on the website.

By email

centralcityplan@ccc.govt.nz
Please make sure that your full name and address is included.

By post

(no stamp is required) to:
Freepost 178
Central City Plan Comments
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 73001
Christchurch 8154

Drop in

To open CCC Service Centres and Libraries



No anonymous comments will be accepted. Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are commenting on behalf of an organisation, please state this and your role within that organisation.

Written comments and/or a request to appear at the public hearings must be received (NOT postmarked) no later than **5pm on Friday 16 September 2011**. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the secure drop-box in the foyer of the HSBC Building, 62 Worcester Blvd, Christchurch.

Public hearings

The Council will hold public hearings for people who wish to appear and be heard. These will be held in the week beginning 3 October 2011.

The intention is that this opportunity is for those who have made written comments to clarify these.

No one will be denied the opportunity to appear and be heard, if that is requested. However, depending on the number of requests received, the time available may be limited.

People requesting to be heard will receive information about the hearings in writing, by email or by telephone.

Tick one

I do NOT wish to appear and be heard at the public hearings.

OR

I wish to appear and be heard at the public hearings (please advise which chapter(s) you wish to discuss).

I would like to be heard with regard to:

Remembering
Market City
Distinctive City

Transitional City
Transport Choice

Green City
City Life

Are you completing this form:

For yourself

On behalf of a group or organisation*

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

My comments refer to:

Page No(s)

Chapter(s) *City Life*

Your Name _____

*Organisation name (if applicable) _____

*Organisation role (if applicable) _____

Contact Address _____

Postal Code _____

Phone No (day) _____ Phone No (evening) _____

Email (if applicable) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter Comments

City Life

We can create a better city: by putting people before pokies. Pokie venues in the central city need to be restricted in order to improve health and wellbeing, and to ensure a family/child friendly environment.

Research tells us that accessibility and available of pokie venues increases the likelihood of a person developing a problem with gambling. Reducing access will reduce the prevalence of problem gambling harm in our communities.

Pokies cause significant social and economic harms. The Council's long-term plan for the city should advocate for a continuing reduction of pokie machines.

In addition to maintaining the Council's "sinking lid" policy on pokies across the city, CCC should consider creating a pokie-free CBD. This would be world leading; researchers from across the world would pay attention to such an initiative and it would fit well within the "health precinct" proposal.

Gambling Facts

- In 2010, New Zealand lost \$842 million on pokie machines. Christchurch lost \$76.8 million during that time-- nearly \$9000 per hour.
- Pokies are a harmful and dangerous product.
 - 1 in 4 people who play the pokies regularly will develop a gambling problem.
 - Over 70% of those who seek help say that non-casino pokies are the main way they gamble. A high proportion of pokie revenue comes from people with gambling problems.
 - Problem gamblers' spending accounted for 40% of total expenditure in 2005.
- Pokies are concentrated in poorer areas, thus causing costs to fall disproportionately on people who can ill afford them.
 - In decile 9 (low income areas) there is one pokie for ever 75 people. In decile 1 (high income) areas there is one per 465 people.
 - In Christchurch there are at least 660 machines in deprivation 8-10 areas-- that's 42% of machines in our three most deprived deciles.
- There are too many pokie machines and they are too accessible. There are over 100 venues in Christchurch, and over 1500 pokie machines.
- Problem gambling can have significant economic, social, and health costs to the wider community. In 2008, 10,000 people said they had committed illegal activities in the last year because of gambling.
- For ever \$1 that comes into a community organisation from a pokie-funded trust, about \$3 has been lost from the community.

