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From: Sidebotham Pat
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To: ECInfo; Environment Canterbury; Services Customer; Services Customer;
Webmaster@ecan.govt.nz
Subject: Long-Term Plan submission form [#88]

Your name * Pat and Tom Sidebotham

Address *

Postcode

Contact phone number *

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Date Saturday 11 April 2015

Contact details

- I do not wish my contact details to be made public

Your submission

I object that you have decided that land at Northwood, Styx Mill and Hampton Grange could contain pesticides from when the land was owned by Apple Field Orchards. You have decided to charge residents money to check that land is contaminated. Also you plan to include the results on a Lim Report. Before we check our land I suggest you check your own land in this area, and in fact throughout Christchurch. We have a number of Council owned parks in this area. One is outside my gate, two are in Northwood, and one in Hampton grange. These are used daily by the public with their children, sports clubs, schools. Why have you not checked these first and given us the results of your checks before expecting us to check our own gardens? Why are you allowing public places to be used before checking them? Also, on a number of occasions, whilst walking in the reserves on Hussey road, I have seen Council workers spraying the grass and undergrowth. Is that a good idea if you are concerned about the land in general in this area?

When the land at Northwood was being developed the top soil was taken away and we were left mainly with clay. What happened to this top soil which you think may contain pesticides? I guess it was sold on to gardeners throughout Christchurch. Do you think it needs tracking, and checking? I suggest that the clay we were left with is clean.

I think you are being over-zealous and presumptuous.

Moving to another point I wish to make.

Since the bus service was changed in this area, there are buses running on the half hour almost empty all day. They travel only to Northlands. We used to be able to travel straight to the city centre from this area, but now we have to change buses at Papanui. We have to wait in the cold and rain in winter as we wait for the next bus. This trip to the city centre now takes at least 50 minutes. Remember often the people who catch buses may be infirm or old. You have

designed a system that is not user-friendly, whereas the previous system worked very well. The new system runs empty buses from this area all day so you must be losing a lot of money. I thought buses were a SERVICE. What have you actually gained from the changes? When traveling to the city people change at Papanui for a blue bus. Sometimes at peak times the blue buses are so full there is not room for people to board especially if you are aged or with a push chair. Also the bus is sometimes over-crowded.

What do you want Environment
Canterbury to do?

Checking gardens
Get the council to check all the parks and public areas,
report to the people, and go on from there.

Bus Service
Why not choose some of the buses from this area to
travel directly to the city so people can select this
service? Perhaps every hour.
