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ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUBMISSION

To begin I wish to quote from your document.

Environment Canterbury wishes to “ improve the social connectedness and well being in communities”

This has not been the experience of residents in the Thorrington Archer residential village in Birdwood Avenue. There is no longer a bus traversing Birdwood Avenue.

For residents to catch a bus they must walk 400 to 450 metres depending on which direction the Orbiter is travelling. To do this they must walk down a hill, cross 2 busy roads and a bridge.

The alternative bus route along Colombo Street is 950 metres away.

The Gold Card was designed to enable older citizens to remain engaged within their communities. For it to be possible for them to continue to attend their book group, or U3A, church and see family and friends.

To remove buses from the routes that would be used by older people appears to discriminate against these people.

There are four factors which have been identified as maintaining the well being of older people.

“good nutrition, exercise, remaining curious and being sociable.”

A bus service which is located where it can be accessed by older people is essential.

When bus routes are being designed I suggest that you consult with the many Retirement Communities in Christchurch in order to develop an appropriate bus service.

Thank you

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yes please I would like to attend a hearing.