

Hearings Panel
Future of Lichfield Street Carpark
MINUTES

Date: Friday 20 February 2026
Time: 9:31 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chair Councillor Pauline Cotter
Members Councillor Kelly Barber
Councillor David Cartwright
Councillor Melanie Coker
Councillor Mark Peters

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order. Where no voting record is shown, the item was carried unanimously by those present.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Hearings Panel Decision

There were no apologies received.

2. Election of Chairperson Te Whakatū Poumua

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2026/00001

1. It was **decided** that Councillor Cotter be appointed Chairperson of the Hearings Panel .
Councillor Cartwright/Councillor Barber **Carried**

3. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Bruce Rendall, Head of Facilities and Property and Aimee Martin, Senior Research Analyst joined the meeting during consideration of Item 4 to speak to the Officer report and answer questions from the Panel.

4. Future of Lichfield Street Carpark

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2026/00002

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Receives the information in the Future of Lichfield Street Carpark Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as medium significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Notes that substantive recommendations will follow once staff have heard the matters raised by submitters.

Councillor Peters/Councillor Cartwright

Carried

For:	5	Mbrs (5)
Against:	0	
Abstain:	0	
TOTAL:	5	

Attachments

- A Presentation - Community feedback on future of Lichfield Street Carpark 

5. Volumes of Submissions

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2026/00003

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Accepts the written submissions, including any late submissions, received on the Future of Lichfield Street Carpark consultation.

Councillor Coker/Councillor Cartwright

Carried

For:	5	Mbrs (5)
Against:	0	
Abstain:	0	
TOTAL:	5	

6. Hearing of Submissions Ngā Tāpaetanga

The Hearings Panel received presentations from the following submitters:

Name / Organisation	Submission Number
Richard Hansen	36
Jessica Maclean	31
Antony Gough	5
Jonathan Ballantyne	63
Doug Ollivier (via audio/visual link)	57
Simon Ironside	22
Thomas Healey	37
Margaret Stewart	2

Attachments

- A [Hearings Panel 20 February 2026 Simon Ironside submitter handout](#) 

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am following submitter Doug Ollivier and reconvened at 10.50am to hear submitter Simon Ironside.

Bruce Rendall, Head of Facilities and Property and Mitchell Shaw, Principal Advisor, Finance joined the meeting at 10.58am to answer questions from the Panel.

The meeting adjourned at 11.09am and reconvened at 12.21pm to hear the final two submitters.

7. Consideration and Deliberation Ngā Whaiwhakaaro me Ngā Taukume o Ngā Kōrero

The Hearings Panel considered and deliberated on the written and verbal submissions received and additional information provided by submitters and Council Officers.

The following Council Officers returned to the table to respond to questions raised by the Hearings Panel:

- Bruce Rendall, Head of Facilities and Property

8. Hearings Panel Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu o Te Tira Tauaki

Secretarial note : the Panel voted first on recommendation 1 and then on the remaining recommendations together.

Hearings Panel Resolved BLHP/2026/00004

That the Council:

1. Resolves to retain the Lichfield Street Carpark;

Councillor Cotter/Councillor Peters

Carried

For:	3	Mbrs (Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Peters)
Against:	0	
Abstain:	2	Mbrs (Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright)
TOTAL:	5	

That the Council:

2. Confirms that the primary reason to hold the carpark is to provide casual, short-stay parking to support the Central City, on a commercial basis that reduces the burden on ratepayers;
3. Authorises staff to find and implement costs savings where they will not have material changes to service delivery;
4. Notes that the Council is already consulting on proposed increases to car parking fees as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan; and
5. Requests staff to present advice on mechanisms to improve the financial performance of the Lichfield Street Carpark including, but not limited to further regular fee changes, dynamic pricing, reviewing the balance and location of long and short-term parking,

costs savings and changes to the operating model, in time to inform the 2027 to 2037 Long Term Plan.

For:	5	Mbrs (5)
Against:	0	
Abstain:	0	
TOTAL:	5	

Meeting concluded at 12.53pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

COUNCILLOR PAULINE COTTER
CHAIRPERSON