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21 June 2010



Mayor Kerry Prendergast  
Wellington City Council  
P.O. Box 2199.  
Wellington

Dear Kerry,

**Petition – Re Kilbirnie Town Centre  
Draft Revitalisation Plan**

**Siting of Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre**

Today submissions close on the above proposed plan.

One of the proposals is to either develop the Community Centre on its present site. The other is to place the Centre in Kilbirnie Cres alongside the Library and Aquatic Centre.

To quote from the Wellington City Council's *Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan Report 3*

*“Kilbirnie Community Centre is located in the town centre on Bay Road and is the second busiest community centre after Johnsonville, although only approximately one third its size. Whilst the current location of the community centre **is the best of all community centres...**”*

In response to members of the public a petition has been placed outside the Community Centre – unmanned, simply stating

“We, the undersigned wish the Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre to remain on its existing site”

We have been totally surprised by the number of passerbys, and users of the Centre, that have signed the petition, which is enclosed.


Could you please ensure that the original signatories' petition is given to Paul Kos, as each individual that has signed is making a submission?

It has been good to have your personal support in attending our Community Christmas function.

It would be appreciated if you could support our wish to remain on our present, well-located central location.

- Easy sheltered walking access from busy bus stops
- Next to Post Shop
- Opposite Supermarket
- Next to Farmers
- Opposite ANZ Bank (The old Post Office – which superannuitants still have loyalty to)
- Easy accessibility for disabled
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Great facilities, and car parking

Thanking you for your time

  
Michael Taylor, Chair, Management Committee  
Beryl Smyth, Community Co-ordinator

cc. Gary Poole, CEO  
Paul Kos, Town Planner



Hon Annette King MP  
PO Box 14533  
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Wellington 6241

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INFORMATION**

16 June 2010

Freepost  
Draft Kilbirnie town centre revitalisation plan  
Wellington City Council  
Wellington 6140

To Whom It May Concern

Earlier today I was approached by the coordinator of Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre to write in support of their petition against WCC proposal to relocate the Centre to Kilbirnie Library.

Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre has occupied the current site for 15 years. It is ideally situated in Bay Road, the main street in the heart of Kilbirnie shopping centre and therefore ideally suited for over 40,000 people who visit or use the building each year.

The location of the Centre is extremely important to the elderly who have restricted mobility largely due to age with the Kilbirnie Post Office next door to the Centre, a Public Toilet on the other side and close proximity to supermarkets and banks. Another advantage is being in the midst of Kilbirnie town centre pedestrian traffic is under cover.

If Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre is relocated to Kilbirnie library the coordinator believes many elderly people and the various clubs that hire the rooms will simply not go as the library is too far away and will particularly affect people visiting the very popular 'Drop-In' centre for company, a cup off tea and a chat. Such a venue is vitally important for those, as is frequently the case for many elderly, who live alone or do not have relatives close by.

I am pleased to be invited to support Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre's petition to WCC for the popular and busy Centre to remain in the existing premises.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annette King', written in a cursive style.

Hon Annette King  
MP for Rongotai and Chatham Islands