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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response on this matter.

We note the Christchurch City Council's April 15th response to Minute 39, and submit the following:

We note the council comment that the Spatial Plan supports the council position on PC14 but submit the Spatial Plan must not dictate the IHP's response.

The Spatial Plan is a document the Panel must have regard to. It is not bound by it nor, we submit, is it required to immediately support the long-term vision it promotes. The panel may decide it is not of sufficient practical significance to override other important and immediate considerations.

Given the requirement that the Spatial Plan be reviewed and updated every five years, there is also ample opportunity for it to respond to changing circumstances.

We are mindful that many of the worthy objectives it espouses are unfunded, highly aspirational, and not even mentioned in the city council's 10 year financial plan. They should not therefore dictate our zoning response to the planning issues and challenges that Christchurch is facing right now.

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