

To whom it concerns,

Re: Lichfield Carpark (Christchurch City Council)

I write in support of the work carried out by Clearwater Construction and its design team, when the Christchurch City Council went to market with this project we were very pleased with the response from Clearwater and their team. Negotiations were very straight forward and we were able to come to a contract position in good time.

The final detailed design was very quick given that Clearwater had taken the concept so far at tender, this again allowed council to see at an early stage what it was buying with confidence in the outcome.

Carpark buildings have their challenges in design to make the best of space, user experience, appearance and overall operations. The building has the added need to seamlessly integrate 7 retail spaces (1000m²) and other amenities like cycle storage and lockers. The overall scope of the project was approximately 24,000m² over 8 storey's encompassing 804 carparks, 20 disabled spaces, motor cycle parking and includes 10 electric carpark spaces with provisions for more to be added as required. A fully integrated camera system was added to improve public safety and allow flexibility in the council's ability to have various carpark charging rates and therefore enhancing potential revenue.

The results we gained through Clearwater's Design process have surpassed the client's expectations, they gave us more of what we wanted and less of what we didn't ask for. For a public asset it is safe, bright, achieved value and sits well in our new City.

The construction phase had its share of environmental, logistic and client change issues. These were managed and mostly overcome by the construction and design team, with all these issues the project completion only extended two weeks past the contract date. A very polished and complete project was handed over to the City Council Parking team on the 10th of November 2017. This great result was credited to the client focused team of Clearwater and Designers Map Architects.

On a personal note, the overall finish of the building was of a good standard and has impressed everyone that I had taken through the project (pre-completion). Additionally, I have found their whole team very easy to deal with. They incorporate the best of modern design with BIM and other 3D tools and utilised a clear and concise site/project management system. It is clear they have good working links with their contractor network and I am sure that has led to the good finish we have seen across the project.

I would be pleased to invite anyone looking for a Parking building to visit the site "33 Lichfield" in Christchurch and see what is possible with this Design and Build solution delivered through Clearwater Construction.

Kind Regards,



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