



CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

20 October 2005

Benson Chen Holdings Limited
14 Dale ford Drive
CHRISTCHURCH 8002

Dear Sirs,

**APPLICATION FOR BUILDING CONSENT
PROJECT NO. 10059764
ALTERATIONS : 605 COLOMBO STREET**

A building consent is currently being processed for an alteration at the above address. Council understands that you are the owners of this building.

Council considers that, due to its age and construction type, the building is likely to be earthquake prone in terms of section 122 of the Building Act 2004. Under this provisions Council may require the hazard to be removed by demolishing or strengthening the building.

Council appreciates that the exercise of their powers under this section of the Act could have significant cost implications that you may not have anticipated. It is also noted that the proposed alteration to the building will not significantly affect the structure of the building, and that no change of use of the premises is proposed.

Council will therefore not require you to take action on this matter at this time. However you are advised that any future building consent applications for the premises, or any formal change to Councils policy under the Act, may initiate a request for an engineering report on the structure and, subject to the report findings, a commitment by you as the building owner to an acceptable programme of strengthening.

Please contact the writer if you require any clarification on this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Taylor', written over a horizontal line.

John Taylor
**SENIOR BUILDING CONTROL ENGINEER
BUILDING CONTROL TEAM**

Copy to : The Design Team.