

13. A & P (CANTERBURY PARK) UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to give the Board a progress report/update on some of the preliminary development options for the old A & P site (off Curletts Road), following Council purchasing the site some months ago. The report also contains a recommendation to establish a "Liaison Committee" comprising of three members from the Riccarton Wigram and Spreydon Heathcote Community Boards.

INTRODUCTION

Board members will probably be aware that the Council recently purchased a substantial area of land formally owned by the A & P (Agricultural and Pastoral Association) off Curletts Road. The former A & P site had boundaries adjoining both Nga Puna Wai and Templetons Road Reserve. Purchase of the A & P site has provided a significant open space extension to the area as well as providing a continuous connection that links the two previously existing reserves.

The total area (including the two previously existing reserves) now comprises some 145 hectares (358 acres), encompassing an area bounded by the Heathcote River, Curletts Road and Wigram Road down to the boundary of Aidenfield and Musgroves Ltd.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Over the past few months there have been a number of groups or organisations expressing an interest in the site, such as Riding for the Disabled, of which the Board is already aware. The Parks and Waterways Unit and City Solutions staff are working their way through these expressions of interest assessing them to see if they are able to be accommodated on the site, as well as assessing their suitability and appropriateness to the site.

COMMUNITY BOARD BOUNDARY

The boundary between the Wigram and Spreydon Wards runs directly through the site. The bulk of the site is physically located within the Wigram Ward. However, the bulk of the residential community adjoining the site is located within the Spreydon Ward. The current residential imbalance will level out somewhat over the next few years as the Aidenfield residential development (Wigram Ward) progresses at the southern end of the site.

Given the current location of the Ward boundaries, the Parks and Waterways Unit proposes to establish a joint Liaison Committee comprising three members from each Board. The reason for this is to assist with achieving continuity with the development and to avoid the potential for the Boards to formulate differing resolutions on an application or issue.

Boards now have the authority to grant leases on reserves under the new delegations granted to Boards by the Council. Applications for leases on this site may be granted by either Board depending on the exact location of the leased area. It is also possible in some cases that both Boards may grant approvals for different parts of the same application. For example, one Board may grant a lease for the building area and, because the outdoor area may fall into another Board's area, they would then grant the lease for that.

Therefore, it is essential that both Boards have a close working relationship to ensure continuity in regard to any development proposals or initiatives for this site, which is why it is desirable to establish a joint committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

At its 15 May 2002 meeting, the Board's Parks, Environment and Leisure Committee informally appointed Lynda Carter (Chairperson of Parks, Environment and Leisure Committee), Phil Clearwater and Barry Corbett to represent the Board on the joint committee.

The A & P Development Committee met on 21 May 2002 where it was noted that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board representatives had not been formally appointed by the Board.

PRESENTATION

At a future date a combined seminar regarding this project will be held for both Community Boards and the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee.

Recommendation: That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board appoint three members to represent the Board on the A and P Development Committee.