

## 7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NAME FOR A PROPOSED RESERVE – BISHOP'S GREEN



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The purpose of this report is for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to consider an application by Eliot Sinclair on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch to have a new central reserve, in a subdivision south of the Aidanfield subdivision adjacent to Dunbar's Road, named "Bishop's Green".

### BACKGROUND

The location of the intended reserve is detailed as Lot 56 on drawing 185507 attached to this report. Eliot Sinclair has indicated the central reserve will contain two significant oak trees, incorporate a cycle linkage between Dunbar's Road and the Aidenfield -Subdivision, and provide an important vista and amenity for future residents who purchase property in the Bishop's Green development. The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch will seek to vest the reserve as part of the first stage of the development of the subdivision to enhance sales in the future stages.

### DISCUSSION

While at this stage the reserve has not been vested in or under the control of the Council, the reserve in question is required to be given an appropriate name, as per the policy for the "Naming of Reserves and Facilities" as adopted by the former Parks and Recreation Committee, on the 27 July 1993. Normally names are approved by resolution of the Council, or where appropriate if the reserve is of major status, approved by Council then referred via Land Information New Zealand for final approval by the New Zealand Geographic Board.

For reserves having local status, as is the case with this proposed reserve, the naming proposal is required be to referred to the Riccarton/ Wigram Community Board for comment prior to being forwarded to the Council by recommendation for adoption.

### ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

#### Community Consultation

Because the subdivision proposal does not constitute an existing community as yet, and the proposed name follows a theme already established by the approved road names, it is considered community consultation over the proposed name for the park is not necessary.

#### Appropriateness of the intended name "Bishops Green"

Eliot Sinclair on behalf of the applicant has indicated the Council recently approved three road names associated with the subdivision, namely:

- Te Pihopa Way, the Maori translation according to the applicant meaning "The Bishop"
- Meeking Place, Basil Meeking being a Bishop Emeritus
- Cunneen Place, John Cunneen currently being the Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch

It is considered the Dioceses naming proposal of "Bishop's Green" is in keeping with the street names approved for the new community being formed as part of the subdivision of the area, and is a fitting recognition of the long association the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch has had with the land, the land being in their ownership since the 1880's

Parks & Waterways staff have checked, and found that there is no other park in Christchurch of a similar name.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board recommend to Council that they name the proposed park, being Lot 56 in the proposed Bishops Green Subdivision "Bishop's Green."

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.