

## 1. HALSWELL DOMAIN – PURCHASE OF EXTENSION

An emergency meeting of the Board was held to provide an opportunity for members of the public and residents' groups to attend during consideration of the proposal to purchase a six hectare extension to Halswell Domain. The recommendation from the meeting would be submitted to the 11 August 1999 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The officers' report sought Board support for the purchase process as outlined in the report, and the withdrawal of the Halswell Domain Sport Association's appeal to the Environment Court over any of the land under consideration as part of this proposal.

The following points were noted:

- The withdrawal of the appeal and the approval by the Council to purchase the land would need to occur simultaneously.
- Difficulties and disharmony had been encountered in the past with programming sports events due to lack of green and hard space.
- A ten year plan covers land acquisition for the local community – after that time, consideration would be given to finding another location. A strategy for procuring rural land is in place.
- It was noted that the Curletts Road area will provide amenities for Hoon Hay residents and groups from that vicinity, and was not relevant to this issue.
- A summary of the projected growth of Halswell/Wigram was provided: (expansion approved of 350 ha for 8-10,000 people) – this is seen as the preferred area for the city's long term development, (or earlier if required).
- The shortage of sports fields around the Halswell Domain had been identified during the City Plan hearings.
- Development Plan (East Halswell) of the City Plan rules were explained to the meeting – any development in the area “must be in accordance with this plan”.
- An appeal to the Environment Court does not preclude applications for subdivisions to be received and considered.
- Reserve contributions can either be in cash or land at the Council's discretion.

Standing Orders were suspended at this time, and input sought on an informal basis from those residents present at the meeting.

The Halswell Residents' Association representative, Mr Ron Fensom, advised the meeting that Council staff had kept the Association well informed over the years. It was possible that, in view of the information shared at the meeting, the Association might consider withdrawing its appeal in the hope of gaining the six hectares to the south of the Domain, and eventually, the remaining five hectares to the north.

Mr Ted Churstain, resident, queried the Applefields submission through Dave Wilson that they were prepared to contribute five hectares as a reserve contribution. The Team Leader Subdivisions advised that if the subdivision proceeded, the reserve contribution would happen automatically.

Standing Orders were then reinstated.

It was **decided** to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee:

1. That the purchase of the six hectares for addition to the Halswell Domain be recommended to the Council on the terms and conditions contained in the public excluded section of the report as a top priority given the historic deficit of sports fields in this area of residential expansion.
2. That any application for subdivision and land consent use in the L1A Zone which does not comply with the East Halswell Development Plan, as required in Standard 3.2.10 Development Plans Residential and Other Activities of the Proposed City Plan, shall be heard by an elected member panel or, if considered appropriate, a Commissioner.