

8. CHARLESWORTH RESERVE: DEEDS INDEX LAND

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The Committee gave consideration to a joint report from the Property Manager, Parks Manager and City Streets Manager concerning the acquisition of three strips of land within Charlesworth Reserve currently held in the Deeds Index. Although these areas are occupied by the Council, they are not owned by the Council, are not legal road or formed as such and do not have title under the Land Transfer Act.

The owner of adjoining land, Mr P D Sloan, has traced the purported owners of the Deed Index land and has reached an agreement with them for the purchase of the land if it is bought under the Land Transfer Act. Mr Sloan has recently obtained planning consent to develop part of his land for a supermarket.

The report recommended a subcommittee be appointed comprising the Chairmen of City Services Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to discuss with Mr Sloan whether his objectives and the Council's objectives can both be achieved; and only in the event that these discussions are unsuccessful that the Council pursue the adverse possession claim.

The staff report was also considered by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its meeting on 5 May and by the City Services Committee at its meeting on 11 May 1999. The Community Board supported the course of action proposed in the staff report as did the City Services Committee which adopted the staff recommendation.

The Parks and Recreation Committee **decided** to endorse the decision of the City Services Committee.