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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council that a portion of land in Aldwins Road be sold to Telecom as a utility site. The area of the land is approximately 30 m² and is indicated on Plan A (attached).

BACKGROUND

The Council has been approached by Telecom to site its plant in Aldwins Road and at the same time request permission to house its equipment on the existing camera pole at the road intersection. The purpose of installing the plants is to enable the company to enhance its mobile telephone services in the city. The plant is to be housed in a concrete block building approximately 3.0 x 3.40 x 2.0 m in height (see Plan B for elevation). The company has also already secured a written consent from the adjoining neighbour for the proposal. The staff of the City Streets Unit have been consulted and have tentatively agreed to the proposal subject to Council's formal approval.

EXISTING ASSET

The land is owned by the Council for roading diversion and is surplus to roading needs. The land is landscaped with small trees and shrubs with a garden seat.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommended that because of public concerns about cell phone sites the proposal be dealt with by resource consent process.

However this report seeks the Council's approval to sell the land to Telecom only. The use of the land after disposal will be subject to the Council's resource consent process.

Recommendation: That the Council dispose of this portion of land to Telecom and further as a condition that the remaining landscape be upgraded to the satisfaction of the City Streets Manager.