

2. PROPOSED CARPORT COMPLEX AND RELOCATION OF A GRANDSTAND TO RUAPUNA MOTOR SPORT RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's approval to build a carport complex and relocate a grandstand to Ruapuna Motorsport Reserve.

THE PROPOSAL

The Canterbury Car Club proposes to develop a complex of 21 carports along the pit lane used by competitors and to relocate a grandstand from English Park to the spectator bank on the main straight of the racing circuit prior to the New Zealand Grand Prix on 4 and 5 December 1999.

The objective of this construction, besides satisfying the needs of many of the club's usual competitors and spectators, is to assist this year's New Zealand Grand Prix competitors to apply pressure to Motorsport New Zealand to retain this event at Ruapuna. The club believes that to have any influence upon decisions made by Motorsport New Zealand as to the future location of the Grand Prix, the 21 carports need to be completed prior to the New Zealand Grand Prix this year.

The proposal requires Council approval in terms of clause 9.1 of the lease agreement between the Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Car Club Inc.

THE BUILDINGS

The carport building will be of steel kitset construction, mounted on a concrete base with a coloursteel roof, which will facilitate relocation should this be necessary in the future.

The former English Park Grandstand was gifted to the car club by the Council.

The site layout diagram and engineering concept plans for the construction of the carport building and relocated grandstand are tabled. The carport building has been sited to enable the club to extend the concrete pad to allow construction of a further 10 units at a later date should this be necessary.

The resource consents and building permits are presently being applied for by the club. The club has indicated that it is financing the carport development from its own resources. Funding for the relocation of the grandstand has been obtained from the Community Trust and Hotel/Tavern Charity grants to the club, with no funds being required from the Council.

DISCUSSION

The Parks Manager is fully supportive of these applications which will provide better facilities for motorsport in Christchurch.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board considered this matter at its meeting on 6 October 1999. The Board supports the application.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the application by the Canterbury Car Club to construct 21 carports adjacent to the pit lane for use by competitors, and to relocate the former English Park grandstand to Ruapuna Park, subject to the following conditions:

1. All necessary resource and building consents being obtained before any development commences upon the site.
2. The colour schemes for the buildings being submitted for the Parks Manager's approval, prior to work commencing on the site.
3. The construction areas being maintained by the principal contractor in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
4. All costs associated with the development, and subsequent maintenance of the associated buildings and structures on the site being the responsibility of the Canterbury Car Club.
5. The principal contractor showing proof of having obtained \$1,000,000 public liability cover to the Area Parks Officer (Consents) before commencing work upon the site.