



## 7. HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB: PROPOSAL TO INSTALL FLOOD LIGHTING IN NORTH HAGLEY PARK

The Board was in receipt of a report about the installation by the High School Old Boys Rugby Club (HSOBRC) of training lights in North Hagley Park. This report is being placed before the Parks and Recreation Committee because the proposal is within the major metropolitan reserve of North Hagley Park.

The Council has delegated this decision to the Parks Manager as follows:

*“The Parks Manager has power to make decisions on the siting of flood lights on sports parks subject to necessary Resource Consents and consultation with the appropriate Community Board.” 23 October 1996*

### HISTORY

The HSOBRC has made an application to light two existing rugby fields in North Hagley Park. The HSOBRC trained at night on the Christchurch Boys' High School grounds until the end of last season. These facilities are no longer available for the Club's use as it was felt the grounds could no longer sustain school and Club use. The Club therefore requires two lit rugby training fields elsewhere to accommodate its 200 senior playing members and 100 junior playing members. The Club is currently based in Ayr Street, but unlike other rugby clubs, does not have allocated training grounds. The close proximity of the HSOBRC Club rooms to North Hagley Park and the existing rugby fields affiliated to the Club make it the most appropriate site. Council officers, the Canterbury Rugby Football Association and the HSOBRC have discussed this proposal.

The proposal involves the placement of six lighting towers to illuminate two rugby fields for the purposes of night training.

The visual and amenity characteristics associated with the proposal that may be of concern to local residents and the integrity of North Hagley Park, were fully commented on.

### REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

The resource consent has been considered and granted as a non-notified consent under the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991. The project has also been granted as a restricted discretionary activity under the Proposed City Plan and permitted activity under the Transitional City Plan.

The Board **received** the report, and expressed its support for the proposal.