

4. PROGRESS WITH REGARDS TO PROPOSED AWATEA VARIATION AND THE CARRS ROAD SPEEDWAY

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The purpose of this report is to inform and update the Committee on the continuing progress being made by Council staff regarding the proposed Awatea variation (Variation 49).

BACKGROUND

The Committee will recall at its last meeting its acknowledgement and confirmation that the 1 October 2001 date for the notification of this proposed variation (Variation 49) would not be met and that work should continue on preparing the variation so that it may be ready for notification, upon the matters relating to the Carrs Road Speedway and Wigram Airfield being satisfactorily resolved.

It is acknowledged by Council staff that despite the outstanding issues requiring resolution before the proposed variation can effectively be notified, it is important that Council staff continue to progress matters, where possible recognising that to sit back and 'do nothing' is not a satisfactory position. To that end, Council staff met on 22 August 2001 to discuss continuing action that can and should be undertaken to ensure that the raft of outstanding issues can continue to be effectively worked through.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

At the meeting of Council staff a number of issues were canvassed and discussed. With regard to key steps to be taken by Council staff, the following have been identified as requiring immediate attention:

- To pursue immediately the resolution of references to the Wigram noise contours by way of consent order. Council staff are currently in discussions with Ngai Tahu on the preparation of revised air noise contours which will, in all likelihood, address the concerns of all referrers.
- To continue negotiations with the SPCA. Negotiations to date have been positive and indicators are that a satisfactory outcome to resolve their concerns can be achieved by way of consent order.
- Council staff have identified that the establishment of the Kart Club on the Fulton Hogan land can be achieved by way of two procedural options: the resource consent process or the variation to the City Plan process. Both options have advantages and disadvantages in terms of timing, costs and procedural constraints. Consequently, Council staff are currently undertaking background work evaluating the merits and costs of both options in order to identify the most procedurally effective option.

It is noted, however, that regardless of which option is pursued by the Council, such action will not be initiated until after the elections in October.

Recommendation: That a joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Resource Management Committee and Riccarton/Wigram Community Board be held in the new term on the proposed Awatea Variation.