



7. UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate provided the Board with a preliminary update on feedback from the community regarding the recent questionnaire on future development options for the Upper Riccarton Domain.

As part of the community consultation process a questionnaire had been circulated regarding the future development of Upper Riccarton Domain and the application by the Riccarton Domain Tennis Club to extend their existing leased area to construct 2 additional courts.

The number of responses from local residents demonstrates a very high degree of community interest in the park.

Local residents have provided a great deal of feedback on the park with additional written comments.

The Community Advocate and the Parks and Waterways Advocate recently met with Villa Maria College. They are keen to talk to Council about potential partnerships that could lead to facilities on their site being made available for wider community use.

The two sites essentially cater for the same catchment area and by duplicating facilities they are effectively competing with one another for the same users.

Both the Tennis Club and Villa Maria College are suggesting some form of partnership with Council which also includes some form of financial support in both cases. The Council needs to consider the Villa proposal in conjunction with the Tennis Club application to identify the best location for investing in community courts.

The Parks and Waterways Unit will convene a meeting with all the sporting codes represented on Upper Riccarton Domain in the near future to discuss some of the options

The Board **agreed**, through its Environmental Committee, to invite representatives from Villa Maria College to outline their future development proposals, prior to meeting with other sports code groups who utilise the Upper Riccarton Domain.