



1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1. Riccarton Domain Tennis Club

The club has been working with the Parks Unit on the provision of additional tennis courts on the domain. There has been ongoing discussions with all the sports clubs (soccer, tennis and cricket) on this domain to look at future development options but the tennis club had decided to go it alone in pursuit of their proposal.

Messrs Reyland and Thomas were invited to address the Board.

Upper Riccarton Domain is situated on Yaldhurst Road. The domain provides open green space to a wide area of the community. There is a lack of large parks in this area that can accommodate a sports field. There are various clubs using the domain for tennis, soccer, cricket, bowling and various other activities, eg t-ball for children etc. The soccer club and cricket club share a clubroom. Cricket has its own storage shed on the park. There are public toilets, which need upgrading and relocating. The bowling club has a separate area with greens and clubroom.

There has been ongoing communication with the clubs over the past year. The tennis club first approached the Parks Unit to discuss relocating its tennis rooms and adding extra tennis courts.

The main issue for the reserve is the availability of green open space. The future development of this reserve must be carefully planned, not just for club members but for the community as a whole.

The club had also looked at leasing a portion of an adjoining residential property on to which their clubhouse would be relocated. This option was being looked at so as to be able to accommodate two additional courts within the domain. Unfortunately this option opened up questions in respect of carparking requirements and other resource management issues.

Investigations have been started regarding the possible integration of the clubs together into one building, with shared facilities. The discussions with the cricket and soccer clubs are still proceeding.

The Board was generally supportive of the application by the tennis club and considered that the best option for the club to pursue with Council officers was expanding their courts within the current domain rather than relocating the clubhouse onto an adjoining residential property.

The Board **decided** to look favourably on the application on the Riccarton Domain Tennis Club's proposals to extend the number of courts at the Upper Riccarton Domain and sought an officer report on the various issues raised. This report will go to the Board's Environmental Committee meeting on Tuesday 13 March 2001.