


### 3. UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN TENNIS CLUB



A deputation from the club attended the 31 January 2001 meeting of the Board to seek support for the placement of two additional courts on the domain. At the time, the Board decided to look favourably on the application, and sought an officer's report on the various issues identified. The report was to be considered by the Board's Environmental Committee meeting of 13 March 2001.

During preliminary consideration of the club's proposal and the issues relating to the development/community usage of the domain, the officers concluded that there were enough concerns/issues raised that, in their opinion, warranted the need to engage the wider community at an early date. This action will ensure the community has input to the parks planning process, in accordance with the Council's Seeking Community Views Policy. This consultation process has never been undertaken with respect to the domain; the club's proposal being seen to be the catalyst for the initiation of this process.

Officers believe that there is no need to await the deliberation of the Environmental Committee (12 March 2001) and Board (4 April 2001) to commence this process; an early decision by the Board will hasten the process. Accordingly, the Board was asked to give consideration to approving a wider community consultation process, to include the Tennis Club's proposal.

The deputation of Messrs Brian Thomas and Peter Reyland expressed concerns that their consultation (2 years) with the Domain clubs and Council officers had not identified the need to undertake a wider community consultation process.

It was acknowledged that the Council is bound by its Seeking Community Views Policy to consult with the community on such issues as park development.

The Board **decided** that officers engage in a community consultation process on the Upper Riccarton Domain, and that a final proposal be available for the April meeting of the Community Board, if possible.

(Helen Broughton asked that her vote against the Board's decision be recorded.)