8. HORNBY HOUSING PROJECT

The Property Manager updated the Committee on the completion of the Hornby Housing Project. The design and supervision of this contract was undertaken by a joint venture between the Council's City Design and James Lunday's Common Ground.

The Property Asset Manager reported the project was nearing completion, with a proposed completion date of 12 April 2001. The project will be completed within the Council's approved budget. The Practical Completion Certificate will be issued when all the units have been completed to a satisfactory standard and can be occupied. There are still some outstanding items to be corrected. Those items not fixed at completion will be dealt with via a defects list during the maintenance period (three months).

Council officers are in close communication with senior management at Fletchers with regard to a number of issues including quality of finish, requests for extension of time and changes of scope of the contract.

These matters are being dealt with as expeditiously as possible, with a view to practical completion/handover being expedited by the end of April.

The Committee **received** the report.

