

12. CANTERBURY SOCIETY OF MODEL AND EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERS: LEASE APPLICATION HALSWELL DOMAIN

The Board considered a report by the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate seeking approval of an application from the Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (CSMEE) to lease approximately 2375 square metres of Halswell Domain on which to construct a storage/workshop and scale railway platform. In addition to the proposed lease area it is also proposed to grant the CSMEE a licence to lay track in other areas of the park. The Community Board has delegated authority to make a decision on the club's application.

The current proposal is the first stage in a multi-staged project that would ultimately see the CSMEE relocating their entire operation from Andrews Crescent in Spreydon to Halswell Domain over a number of years.

Some members expressed the opinion that the community and the Board's Environment Committee should have been more closely consulted regarding the club's application.

The following resolutions were passed on a show of hands, 5 in favour to 4 against.

The Board **resolved**:

1. To approve the application by the Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Inc to lease approximately 2375 square metres of Halswell Domain pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act, for an initial term of 10 years, with the right of renewal for a further term of 10 years less one day for the purpose of constructing and operating a model railway track and associated activities, subject to the conditions outlined in the report.
2. That a site use licence under section 54(1)(c) of the Reserves Act 1977 be granted to the CSMEE for the purpose of laying tracks in the areas allocated to them by the Parks and Waterways Manager, subject to the conditions outlined in the report.