



3. A & P SITE (CANTERBURY PARK) UPDATE

The Board was in receipt of a report which gave an update on some of the preliminary development options for the old A & P site (off Curletts Road), following Council purchasing the site some months ago. A recommendation sought to establish a Liaison Committee comprising three members from the Riccarton/Wigram and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards.

INTRODUCTION

Board members were aware that the Council recently purchased a substantial area of land formerly owned by the Agricultural and Pastoral Association off Curletts Road. The former A & P site had boundaries adjoining both Nga Puna Wai and Templetons Road Reserve. Purchase of the A & P site has provided a significant open space extension to the area as well as providing a continuous connection that links the two previously existing reserves.

The total area (including the two previously existing reserves) now comprises some 145 hectares (358 acres) encompassing an area bounded by the Heathcote River, Curletts Road, and Wigram Road down to the boundary of Aidenfield and Musgroves Ltd.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Over the past few months there have been a number of groups or organisations expressing an interest in the site, such as “Riding for the Disabled”, which the Board is already aware of. Parks and Waterways Unit and City Solutions staff are working their way through these expressions of interest assessing them to see if they are able to be accommodated on the site as well as their suitability and appropriateness to the site.

COMMUNITY BOARD BOUNDARY

The boundary between the Wigram Ward and the Spreydon Ward runs directly through the site. The bulk of the site is physically located within the Wigram Ward, however the bulk of the residential community adjoining the site is located within the Spreydon Ward. The current residential imbalance will level out somewhat over the next few years as the Aidenfield residential development (Wigram Ward) progresses at the southern end of the site.

Given the current location of the ward boundaries the Parks and Waterways Unit proposes to establish a joint Liaison Committee comprising of three members from each Board. The reason for this is to assist with achieving continuity with the development and to avoid the potential for the Boards to formulate differing resolutions on an application or issue.

COMMUNITY BOARD CONSIDERATION

Dennis Preston (Senior Landscape Architect) and Rod Whearty (Parks and Waterways Area Advocate) were present to assist the members in the discussion.

The Board was very supportive of the joint-Board Liaison Committee; accordingly it **decided** to appoint Messrs Mike Mora, Neville Bennett, and Ken Cummings to the Committee.