

6. CHINESE GARDENS, HALSWELL QUARRY PARK

The Parks and Waterways Unit reported, seeking the Board's comments on a proposal to relocate the Sister Cities Chinese Gardens from the current location behind the old stone single men's quarters, to a new site on the northern flank of the park. The Board's comments were sought prior to the report being submitted to the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee, when approval would be sought to continue investigations regarding the proposal, and to prepare a communication plan for informing and inviting comment from key stakeholders and the general public.

The Christchurch-Gansu Friendly Relations Committee has worked with Parks and Waterways staff to attempt to make the proposed gate and courtyard fit into the existing site without impinging on the integrity of the gate design, and impacting on the heritage values of the park. However, this was not possible, and an alternative solution is now proposed whereby the gardens will be shifted to another site which is removed from the existing historic buildings.

The Board considered that discussion with the Christchurch-Gansu Friendly Relations Committee had not been successfully concluded at this time. Members considered that the proposal should not be submitted to the Council for approval unless it was fully supported by the Friendly Relations Committee.

The Board therefore **decided** that the report be held over to a subsequent meeting, and that the officers be requested to hold further consultations with the Christchurch-Gansu Friendly Relations Committee.