

4. CELEBRATION CENTRE LIONS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB: CUTHBERTS GREEN

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's support for the Celebration Centre Lions Rugby League Club's application to install three new 14 metre masts with attached lights. These lights will provide for evening training on the rugby league ground located on the north east corner of the park. This ground is adjacent to the sewage treatment plant. The intended installations are detailed on the attached plan.

RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY

The Greenspace Manager has delegated authority from the Council (23 October 1996) to approve applications for floodlights on sports grounds, subject to the necessary Resource Consent being obtained and consultation with the appropriate Community Board.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

The applicant indicates that the reason for the application is to provide lighting to serve the training needs of players.

The proposed positioning of the masts and aiming patterns are detailed under appendices 2 and 3 attached.

HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Celebration Centre Lions Rugby Club is the most recent rugby league club in the Canterbury competition with premier status. The Celebration Centre has been playing for the last eight years, initially on a social basis, and for the last three in the Canterbury Rugby League competition.

Currently, the club has three senior teams with approximately 100 senior players signed as playing members of the club. The objective for 2005 is to have six senior teams in the competition. This will consist of:

- 1 premier team
- 2 premier reserve teams
- 2 second division teams
- 1 presidents grade team

This will represent the strongest rugby league senior club in the South Island.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The issues which have been considered are as follows:

- the height of the poles and appearance
- the effect of glare and who will be affected
- noise

The height of poles and appearance

The proposal has been assessed through the resource consent application process. The assessing planner considers that the proposal is an appropriate development of the park and is suitable in regard to height and location. The nearest residence is more than 400 metres away.

The effect of glare

Advice received from the planner is that the proposal will comply with the glare requirements of the transitional and proposed city plans.

Noise

No potential noise problems associated with vehicle movements by park users have been raised by the assessing planner.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No expense will be incurred by the Council.

CONCLUSION

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate has been in close contact with the club and is comfortable with the current proposal. It is acknowledged that the club has a need for adequate training facilities and the application is well justified.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Committee recommend to the Board that the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The poles be powdercoated or painted a flax green colour, eg Resene 12B 21 (B.S. 5252 (1976) colour range).
2. The applicant obtaining, and paying for, the necessary building consent before commencing installation of the lighting system in the park.
3. The applicant or contractor being responsible for obtaining plans of all services presently laid underground in the park (electricity, telephone, sewerage, storm water, high pressure water supply and irrigation).
4. The applicant being required to deposit scaled plans showing the pole and cable layout in the park, as built, within two months of the work being completed.
5. The applicant being responsible for all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the lighting system.
6. The applicant being responsible for ensuring that the lighting system is maintained in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
7. That the lights are not operated after 10.00pm.
8. That a bond of \$2,000 be paid by the Celebration Centre Lions Rugby League Club or successful principal contractor to the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, Linwood Service Centre before work commences on the site. The bond, less any expenses incurred by the Council, to be refunded to the payee on completion of the work.
9. That the area be restored to its previous condition following completion of the work. The bond, less any expenses incurred by the Council, to be refunded after the "as built" plan has been lodged with the Council and any necessary restoration work has been completed.
10. That the approval lapse if the development is not completed within two years of application.