

7. CROSBIE PARK - RICCARTON LEAGUE'S CLUB INCORPORATED PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE EXISTING FLOODLIGHTING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's support for Riccarton Leagues Club Inc. to upgrade the existing floodlighting to the number one rugby league field at Crosbie Park, Avonhead.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Greenspace Unit Manager has delegated authority from the Council (23 October 1996) to approve applications for floodlights on sports parks subject to the necessary resource consents and consultation with the appropriate Community Board.
3. The proposal from Riccarton Leagues Club Inc. is to illuminate all of number one field at Crosbie Park to a standard suitable for winter night time league training. This involves relocating one lighting pole situated at the north end of the clubrooms and installing five new poles all to a height of 15 metres as detailed on the lighting plans.
4. The existing floodlighting system lights only part of the western end of the number one field adjacent to the clubrooms. The club home ground at Crosbie Park includes two senior rugby league fields and a smaller junior field. Currently with the limited area of one playing field floodlit, the number of teams that can train on a given night is restricted. Constant use of the same area of ground has a detrimental effect on the playing surface and during the winter months this soon becomes cut up and muddy.
5. The proposal has been granted resource consent with the matters of non-compliance being the height of the lighting poles (the maximum height being 8 metres and the proposed lighting poles are 15 metres) and the glare where only 4 lux is permitted and this project having a light spill of 9 lux.
6. Assessment by the Planner (Environmental Services Unit) in regards to the height of the lighting poles is that the overall visual effect of the proposal will be insignificant due to the mitigation of surrounding trees and distance to residential properties.
7. Advice received from the Council Environmental Health Officer in regards to light spill, is that the predicted level of spill is considered minor and the two affected properties (12 and 14 Woodbury Street) have provided written consent.
8. The Club have also obtained written consent from the following neighbours:
 - Flat 1, 8 Wardour Mews
 - Flat 2, 8 Wardour Mews
 - 40 Berkshire Drive
 - 38 Berkshire Drive
9. The applicant indicates that the lights will be switched off by 10.00 pm aligning with the night time noise standards contained within the Proposed City Plan. The assessing planner has stated that with such a time limit to the activity that any adverse noise effects will be insignificant.
10. The Greenspace Unit has been in close contact with the Club and is comfortable with the current proposal. The Unit acknowledges the Club's need for adequate training areas and facilities and believes their application is well justified.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Riccarton Leagues Club Inc. are meeting all project expenses with the only costs to Council being those associated with the processing of the application.
12. A building consent and resource consent are required for this project, both of which have been granted.
13. Rexel Lighting has designed the system and East Coast Electrical will be contracted to do the installation. Club members will provide voluntary labour for miscellaneous tasks not covered by the grant and for any unforeseen minor problems that may occur.
14. The lights will be in the ownership of the club with all future maintenance, electrical and running costs being the responsibility of Riccarton Leagues Club Inc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Support the Greenspace Manager's delegated decision for the application and subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The towers be powder coated or painted a flax green colour, eg Resene 12 B 21 (B.S5252 (1976) colour range)
 - (b) The applicant to obtain the necessary Resource and Building Consents at its cost before commencing installation of the lighting system upon the park.
 - (c) The applicant or contractor being responsible for obtaining plans of all services presently laid