

10. REQUEST FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS: DALLINGTON AND GOLF LINKS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the actions that have been taken to address a request that the Dallington and Golf Links Residents' Associations' boundary be altered.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Board has been asked to consider a boundary change between the Dallington and the Golf Links Residents' Associations. The request was made by one family who feel they are more geographically aligned with the Golf Links area than Dallington.
3. The opinions of the two Residents' Associations have been sought. The Chairpersons of the Residents' Associations provided comment that the matter has been discussed with their Residents' Association members, including a number who live in the area subject to change, and a majority consensus reached that the existing boundary be retained.
4. It is therefore recommended that no change to the Residents' Association boundaries be made.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. This matter does not involve any financial or legal considerations for the Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Decline the request from Christine and Philip Haythornthwaite to alter the Dallington and Golf Links Residents' Associations' boundary.
- (b) Write to the Haythornthwaite's to inform them of the decision.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.

BACKGROUND

6. The Board received a letter from Christine and Philip Haythornthwaite's in March 2005 requesting a change to residents' association boundaries. The Haythornthwaites are seeking that an area of North Parade between New Brighton Road, Banks Avenue and Achilles Street be amalgamated into the Golf Links area instead of Dallington.
7. The Board wrote to the Haythornthwaites thanking them for their correspondence and explaining the subsequent process where the request would be passed to the Community Engagement Team to address the issue.
8. There has been a delay in addressing the matter further as the Community Engagement Adviser position for the Burwood/Pegasus area has only recently been filled. However, in May 2005 the spokespersons for both the Dallington and the Golf Links Residents' Associations were contacted for their perspective on the request.
9. The Chairman for the Dallington Residents' Association, Derek Dean, advised that his group were aware of the request and had discussed it. The consensus was that there was no need to alter the existing boundary between the associations. Two of the Dallington Residents' Association's active members live in the area the Haythornthwaite's proposed be amalgamated into the Golf Links Residents' Association and they did not want the change to be made. Mr Dean also advised that Richard Alderson would be taking over as Chairman of the Dallington Residents' Association.
10. When contacted Mr Alderson confirmed the view of Mr Dean. He noted that the Dallington Residents' Association represented approximately 1,700 residents and he knew of no other support for the boundary to be changed.
11. The Chairman for the Golf Links Residents' Association, Tony Mander, provided a similar response to the Dallington Residents's Association spokespeople. He believed there was no other support from residents to alter the existing boundary. Mr Mander extended an invitation to the Haythornthwaites to attend the Golf Link Residents' Association meetings, noting that he is happy for them to participate in both groups.
12. The Councils "Residents' Associations Formation and Recognition Policy" states that Community Boards shall decide boundaries for Residents' Associations taking their views into account when doing so. For this reason the views that have been gathered are being taken back to the Board for their consideration and final decision on the matter.

OPTIONS

13. (a) That the existing boundary between the Dallington and the Golf Links Residents' Associations be retained.

(b) That the boundary between the Dallington and the Golf Links Residents' Associations be altered so that the area of North Parade between New Brighton Road, Banks Avenue and Achilles Street be amalgamated into the Golf Links area instead of Dallington.

PREFERRED OPTION

14. Having consulted with the chairpersons of the two Residents' Associations involved, it is recommended that option (a) be taken. That is, the boundary remain where it is. There does not appear to be enough reason to warrant a change being made, especially as the Golf Links Residents' Association has extended an invitation to the Haythornthwaites to attend their meetings. The proposal to alter the boundary is not supported by the majority of residents.