# 4. REQUEST BY THE RIVERLEA ESTATES INCORPORATED SOCIETY TO HAVE TWO RESERVES FORMALLY NAMED

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Papanui/Shirley Community Board to consider an application by Riverlea Estates Incorporated to have two reserves, Lots 85 and 86 of DP 338365, located within the Riverlea Estates Community, formally named.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Riverlea Estates Incorporated, a community of at least seventy-four shareholders owning residences located in the Brooklands Riverlea Estates area, seek to have two parcels of land now administered by the Council formally named to reflect the community identity of the Estate

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 3. There will be no financial cost to the Council because of the formal naming of the Reserves.
- 4. Council has a policy for the "Naming of Reserves and Facilities" which the former Parks and Recreation Committee adopted on 27 July 1993. Normally names are approved by resolution of the Council, or where appropriate if the reserve is of major status, approved by Council prior to being referred via Land Information New Zealand for final approval by the New Zealand Geographic Board.
- For reserves having a local status, as is the case with these two reserves, the naming proposal is required to be referred to the Papanui/ Shirley Community Board for comment prior to being forwarded to the Council by recommendation for adoption.
- The Council as the new administrator of the reserves does not intend to change the use of the reserves, therefore no public advertising under the Reserves Act will be necessary.
- 7. It is considered that Riverlea Estates Incorporated has followed a transparent process by holding a meeting and implementing a community consultation process, which was based on advice from Council staff, to establish suitable names for the reserves contained in the estate.
- 8. Greenspace Unit staff have checked and found that there are no other parks in Christchurch of with similar names of Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve

# STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Community Board recommend to the Council:

(a) That the existing reserves, informally referred to as "Cricket Pitch" on Lot 85 and "Pine" on Lot 86 on DP 338365, be formally named Riverlea Recreation and Riverlea Estates Reserve respectively.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (a) That these two names be approved, subject to Council signage on Kainga Road and the entry of the reserve.
- (b) That Council staff monitor the removal of private land notices.
- (c) That all emergency services be informed of this naming.

# BACKGROUND ON THE REQUEST BY THE RIVERLEA ESTATES INCORPORATED SOCIETY TO HAVE TWO RESERVES FORMALLY NAMED

- 9. Riverlea Estates is an Incorporated Society encompassing a community of shareholders owning residences in the Brooklands Area.
- 10. Riverlea Estates previously held two areas as reserves, these areas being detailed under Attachment One. The reserves are informally referred to as "Cricket Pitch Park", as detailed under 1, and "Pine Park", as detailed under 2. The pine trees on the parcel of land referred to as "Pine Park" were removed prior to the land being vested to the Christchurch City Council. Through the City Solutions Unit, a landscape plan to revegetate the site with a mixture of native and exotic trees is being formulated. This process is being carried out by an arrangement between Riverlea Estates and the Christchurch City Council, whereby the City Council will now be responsible for maintaining this area.
- 11. The area detailed as Cricket Pitch Park has recently been vested in the Council through a subdivision process of disposing of three sections, which has returned revenue to Riverlea Estates. The Christchurch City Council has also now assumed responsibility for the administration and maintenance of the "Pine Park" site.
- 12. Riverlea Estates recently approached the Council to have the above reserves renamed. Following this approach being made Riverlea Estates was advised to undertake community consultation and a survey of its members, which included at least seventy-three households. The results of the survey, which included 21 replies, are detailed in the letter dated 19 January 2005.
- 13. The majority of the shareholders of Riverlea Estates support the area referred to as "Cricket Pitch" being formally named "Riverlea Recreation".
- 14. The majority of the shareholders of the Riverlea Estates support the area referred to as "Pine Park", being named "Riverlea "Estates Reserve

## **OBJECTIVE**

15. The objective of the application is for the shareholders of Riverlea Estates to have the two reserves in their community formally named to reflect the identity of their community.

# **OPTIONS**

16. The options available to Riverlea Estates is to gain approval from the Christchurch City Council to have the reserves formally named to reflect their community, or for Riverlea Estates to do nothing and continue to loosely refer to the two areas currently used as reserve.

## PREFERRED OPTION

17. The preferred option is to have the two reserves named "Riverlea Recreation" and "Riverlea Estates Reserve".

### **ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS**

## **The Preferred Option**

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Enables shareholders to more readily identify with existing reserves.	Nil.
Cultural	Improves community identity.	Nil.
Environmental	N/A	N/A
Economic	N/A	N/A

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Strengthens community identity.

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities: Nil.

Effects on Maori: Nil.

Consistency with existing Council policies: Through the processing of this application.

**Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:** The Riverlea Estates Inc. Association has consulted with the community (shareholders).

Other relevant matters:

# Maintain The Status Quo (If Not Preferred Option)

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Nil.	Nil.
Cultural	Nil.	Nil.
Environmental	Nil.	Nil.
Economic	Nil.	Nil.

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Nil.

Impact on Council's capacity and responsibilities: Nil.

Effects on Maori: Nil.

Consistency with existing Council policies: N/A

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest: will not be contrary to the majority preferences of the community.

Other relevant matters: