

9. CASHMERE VALLEY RESERVE – CASHMERE TENNIS CLUB PROPOSED NEW LIGHTING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to advise and seek support from the Board regarding the Cashmere Tennis Club's application to install new floodlighting, including the erection of nine new poles, on Cashmere Valley Reserve prior to the Greenspace Manager granting approval under delegated authority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Cashmere Tennis Club was formed in 1922 and is based at Cashmere Valley Reserve where they have clubrooms and thirteen artificial tennis courts. Currently the club has 310 junior members and 150 senior members.
3. The proposal is to erect 9 x 6.0m Spunlight steel pole light towers with Philips OptiFlood lamps to enable courts 2 and 3 to be lit (plan **attached**). The design utilises 6 metre poles with a maximum tilt angle of 10° from the horizontal to provide adequate light with a low obtrusive installation.
4. The poles will be painted in environmentally sympathetic colours (such as "court green") for concealment purposes.
5. There will also be the installation of appropriate underground wiring to the new poles.
6. The reason for the new lighting is to provide extended time for coaching particularly at the junior level.
7. With the erection of the nine new poles and associated lights, two court areas for training will be illuminated (lighting plans **attached**) and it is intended the courts will be used any night of the week when there is insufficient light.
8. The proposal has been granted resource consent with the matters of non-compliance being:
 - Rule 13-2.2.1 Parking and loading
 - Rule 13-2.3.8 Access for high traffic generators

This is a non-notified application.

9. Advice received from the Council's Consultant Traffic Planner indicates that any adverse effects will be insignificant (copy **attached**).
10. The applicant has stated that the court lighting system will be operated by meters located in the Clubhouse, meaning that the lights will only be on when a tennis court is being used. All light circuits will be connected through a cutoff switch that will automatically turn the lights off at 9.30pm.
11. 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 additional lighting and believes the application is well justified.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. The Greenspace 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.
13. The Cashmere Tennis Club is meeting all project expenses with the only costs to the Council being those associated with the processing of this application.

14. A resource consent is required for this project which has been granted. The Building Act 2004 states that a pole or mast does not become a building until it exceeds 7 metres in height from the point of attachment. The Club proposal as submitted will not require a Building Consent.
15. Philips Lighting has designed the system and a qualified and registered electrician will be contracted to do the installation.
16. The lights will be in the ownership of the club with all future maintenance, electrical and running costs being the responsibility of Cashmere Tennis Club.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board endorse approval being given by the Greenspace Manager for the application, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant to obtain the necessary Resource Consents and Building Consents at its cost before commencing installation of the lighting system on the park.
- (b) 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).
- (c) The applicant being required to deposit scaled plans, showing the lighting poles and cable layout in the park, as built, within two months of the work being completed.
- (d) The applicant being responsible for all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the lighting system.
- (e) The applicant being responsible for ensuring that the lighting system is maintained in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
- (f) That the lights not be operated after 9.30pm.
- (g) That the area is restored to its previous condition following the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Council.
- (h) That approval will lapse if the development is not completed within two years of application.

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.