

## 5. SHOWGATE RESERVE – MINOR WORKS

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to allow the Board to consider an application from the Riccarton Park Residents' Association for funding to carry out landscaping and the installation of vehicle barriers at Showgate Reserve.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. An application has been received from the Riccarton Park Residents' Association for funding of \$5,000 to carry out some minor landscaping and installation of vehicle barriers at Showgate Reserve. This small reserve is approximately 580 square metres in area and located between 8 and 10 Showgate Avenue. The rear boundary of the reserve adjoins the Transpower pylon corridor and Riccarton Park Racecourse.
3. There is currently an issue with vehicles parking in the reserve. This frequently occurs when there are major events at Riccarton Park, such as the Sunday Market. The reserve contains one Transpower transmission pylon and is devoid of any planting, which does not readily indicate its reserve status.
4. The proposal is to carry out some minor landscape planting around the reserve perimeters to soften the fence lines and enhance the reserve. This will include the installation of a post and cable fence along the rear boundary of the reserve to restrict unauthorised vehicle access. A pedestrian access will be provided to maintain existing walking links between the reserve and Riccarton Park Racecourse.
5. Given the small scale and minor nature of the proposed work, the City Environment Group does not propose to carry out wider community consultation in relation to the proposed works. However, staff will contact the two immediate neighbours of the reserve regarding planting along their boundaries. The range of appropriate plant species is somewhat restricted due to the presence of the overhead high voltage transmission lines.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There is currently \$33,475 available in the Riccarton/Wigram Environment Committee Funds for the current 2006/07 financial year. The City Environment Group supports the resident group's initiative and is able to undertake and complete the installation of this project within the current financial year.
7. There are no other known financial or legal considerations that would prevent these initiatives being implemented, provided the funding is allocated at this time.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That the Board agrees to allocate \$5,000 from its 2006/07 Environment Committee Fund for minor landscaping and vehicle barrier installation at Showgate Reserve.
- (b) That the City Environment Group implements these projects in the 2006/07 financial year as outlined in the report.