

14. GRANT OF EASEMENT - WESTERN INTERCEPTOR

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the granting of a sewer easement along the Tuam Street frontage of Olliviers Reserve for the Western Interceptor Stage 1 trunk sewer.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Western Interceptor trunk sewer is part of the Capital Works Programme included in the Long Term Councils Community Plan (LTCCP). It is an important part of the Major Sewer Upgrade programme which will allow for growth and reduce sewer overflows into the City's rivers.
3. Stage 1 of the Western Interceptor from Pump Station 11 to the Mathesons Road/Tuam Street intersection is planned for construction starting in June 2007. In order to construct this part of the pipeline in the only practicable and cost effective location, an easement over Olliviers Reserve is required.
4. Under section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977, provision exists to grant easements where the reserve will not be materially altered or permanently damaged. This easement falls into this category and as such approval is recommended.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The Board has the delegated authority from the Council to make the decision on behalf of Council whether to grant the easement or not.
6. As indicated above, the easement complies with the provisions of Section 48 Reserves Act 1977 which permits Local Authorities to grant such an easement where the reserve will not be materially altered or permanently damaged. This easement meets these criteria, therefore approval is being recommended as there are no legal impediments why it should not be approved.
7. The cost of the Western Interceptor project has been budgeted for in the LTCCP. The costs associated with creating the easement will also be met from this budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Agree to the granting of the easement.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

8. The Western Interceptor pipeline is a proposed new trunk sewer across the City from Riccarton to Pump Station 11 in Linwood. It is an important part of the Major Sewer Upgrade which will reduce sewer overflows into the City's rivers and allow for growth, and is part of the Capital Works Programme included in the Council's Long Term Community Plan.
9. The Western Interceptor pipeline is planned to be constructed in a number of stages. Stage 1 is planned for construction starting this year. This stage of the pipeline is from the existing Southern Relief trunk sewer at the corner of Tuam Street and Mathesons Road, to the new Pump Station 11 situated on the corner of Bass Street and Randolph Street. A plan of the proposed Stage 1 pipeline route is attached in Attachment A.
10. In order to connect to the existing trunk sewer and avoid other services in the road the Stage 1 pipeline needs to be close to the boundary of Olliviers Reserve. Although the pipeline itself will be within the road (ie outside of the reserve) construction work will be required within the reserve to install the pipe. Access to this area of the reserve is also required long term to allow for the maintenance of the pipeline if required.
11. In order to install the pipeline part of brick wall around reserve will need to be demolished and the approximately four metre tall oak tree on the boundary will need to be removed. Depending on the arborist's advice the tree will either be replaced or removed to the nursery and reinstated the following winter. The fence will be reinstated after construction. The affected area of the reserve will be separated off from the rest of the reserve during construction to avoid any health and safety issues.
12. A plan of the proposed easement is included as Attachment B.
13. This easement is subject to the Department of Conservations approval under the Reserves Act 1977, which will be sought after consideration by the Board.

OPTIONS

Decline the granting of the easement

14. This option would require significant relocation of existing trunk sewer pipes and other services within the road. This would add considerable cost and disruption to the project.

Approve the granting of the easement

15. This option would allow the Western Interceptor Stage 1 to proceed as planned, in the most practicable and cost effective manner.

PREFERRED OPTION

16. Approve the granting of the easement.