

7. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR SEAFIELD PARK



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report is submitted to the Community Board for its consideration and recommendation to the Council. The purpose is to approve the purchase of a parcel of land (1,645m² approximately) for addition to Seafield Park (Brooklands).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Part of Lot 2 DP 66606 has been offered to the Council for sale by Mr E J Barker adjoining Seafield Park, 994 Lower Styx Road for \$5,000 plus costs to subdivide and transfer of this land to the Council.
3. The acquisition will fill an existing gap in Seafield Park and provide an additional neighbourhood park link for Brooklands, Lower Styx Road and Dartford Street residents to the Brooklands Lagoon.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are financial implications which are covered by the Capital Programme (land purchase).

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

5. Yes. Capital (land purchase) programme – Neighbourhood Parks.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The basis for the sale is that the Council will be responsible for the costs of surveying, conveyancing and any related costs associated with titles and transfers.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes, and they fall within the scope of this project.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Yes. There is a level of service in the LTCCP Development Contributions Policy for 1ha neighbourhood parks per 1,000 population.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

9. Yes. There is a level of service in the LTCCP Development Contributions Policy for 1ha neighbourhood parks per 1,000 population.
 - (a) Provision of open space has been approved in the Capital Programme LTCCP for new neighbourhood parks purchases to the value of \$2.9 million.
 - (b) The acquisition will also be consistent with helping the Council to meet the parks, open spaces and waterways activity in the Long Tem Council Community Plan 2009-19 (Page 117 of that plan) to maintain a network of regional parks to protect the region's natural landscapes.
 - (c) The Council is currently consulting on three draft parks plans for the Brooklands Lagoon area. These plans will ensure the best management, use and enhancement of the multiple values contained in the parks and public open space in area, and contribute to meeting the parks, open spaces and waterways activity described above.

- (d) The draft plans promote linkage of public open space and routes (for walking, mountain biking and horse riding) from Bottle Lake Forest Park/Spencer Park in the south to the Waimakariri River in the north. The linkage on the western side of the Brooklands lagoon estuary is currently disconnected by the land offered for sale. The land's acquisition, and its addition to Seafield Park, will remove this disconnect.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Yes. Draft Open Spaces and Biodiversity Strategies. LTCCP (Page 122) provide a network of safe accessible and attractive neighbourhood parks.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Also consistent with achieving the appropriate management, use and enhancement of the resources in the Brooklands Lagoon area, including ensuring the natural character of the coastal environment remains substantially unchanged and providing for the range of values present on the land, including recreational, ecological, scenic, educational, cultural and heritage values. Also consistent with the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy's strategic directions to enrich lifestyles by developing an open space network and providing additional recreational opportunities in parks and natural areas, and to enhance environments by recognising the value of, and protecting, the coastline, estuaries, wetlands and waterways.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board recommend to Council that:

- (a) The Council purchase Part of Lot 2 DP 66606 comprising 1,645m² of land offered to the Council by Mr E J Barker for \$5,000 plus costs;
- (b) This land be amalgamated with the adjoining land Res 3748 District Canterbury and held as Regional Park as part of Seafield Park.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.