

#### 4. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 2004 MEETING

The Board considered the report of the Environment Committee meeting of Tuesday 17 August 2004.

##### 1. HALSWELL QUARRY

Speaking rights had been granted to representatives of the Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood Association to address the Committee on the recommendations made by the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee on the Halswell Quarry.

At its 11 August meeting, the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee received a report from the Greenspace Manager, which:

- presented options for the future management of Halswell Quarry Park
- sought approval to consult the community on the installation of two structures within the park
- sought approval to consult the community on the proposal to install a Gansu Gate, flight of stairs and "flying horse" sculpture in the park.

On behalf of the Association, Andrew Crossland and Sylvia Lukey were in attendance.

In a tabled submission Mr Crossland noted the recommendation of the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee to approve the installation of the structures subject to various conditions. He considered that this was contrary to the current management plan and sought the Committee's support to have this recommendation defeated.

The majority of members present were supportive of the request and expressed similar concerns.

A contrary view was offered by Lesley Keast, who suggested that these sculptures/icons had the necessary approvals, also noting that these would not be placed within the Quarry Park area.

Members noted that the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee recommendations would be considered by Council at its meeting on Thursday 26 August 2004, being prior to the next Community Board meeting.

Accordingly, the Committee **agreed** by a majority, (with Lesley Keast voting against) to circulate the following statement to the Mayor and Councillors for their consideration at the Council meeting:

*"The members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Environment Committee support the integrity of the 1998 Management Plan and believe that the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee recommendation Number 1 is contrary to the Management Plan.*

*We urge Councillors to remember the status and commitment made to the 1998 Management Plan when this Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee recommendation is debated at full Council on Thursday 26 August."*

##### 2. DRAFT BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Following the presentation made at the July meeting, the draft strategy was given further consideration. Rather than make a specific submission on aspects of the strategy, the Committee had recommended a statement only, and this is recorded in clause 6 of this report. The Board **decided** to endorse the following statement:

*"The Community Board appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft strategy and it has deliberated with care and supports the general thrust of the strategy. It notes that more resources will be required to meet the objectives and it is also assumed that the strategy will be compatible with the Council's planting strategy."*

##### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee **received** schedules of Greenspace Capital Projects undertaken within the community during the 2003/04 financial year, and a copy of the five year capital works programme 2004/05 – 2008/09.