

10. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

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The purpose of this report is to keep members of the Committee informed on current environmental, planning and development issues of the City.

(a) BYLAWS AND POLICIES RELATED TO PUBLIC SPACES

The purpose of this report is to provide copies of the Council’s adopted policies on matters covered by the Christchurch City Public Places and Signs Bylaw 1992 for the information of members.

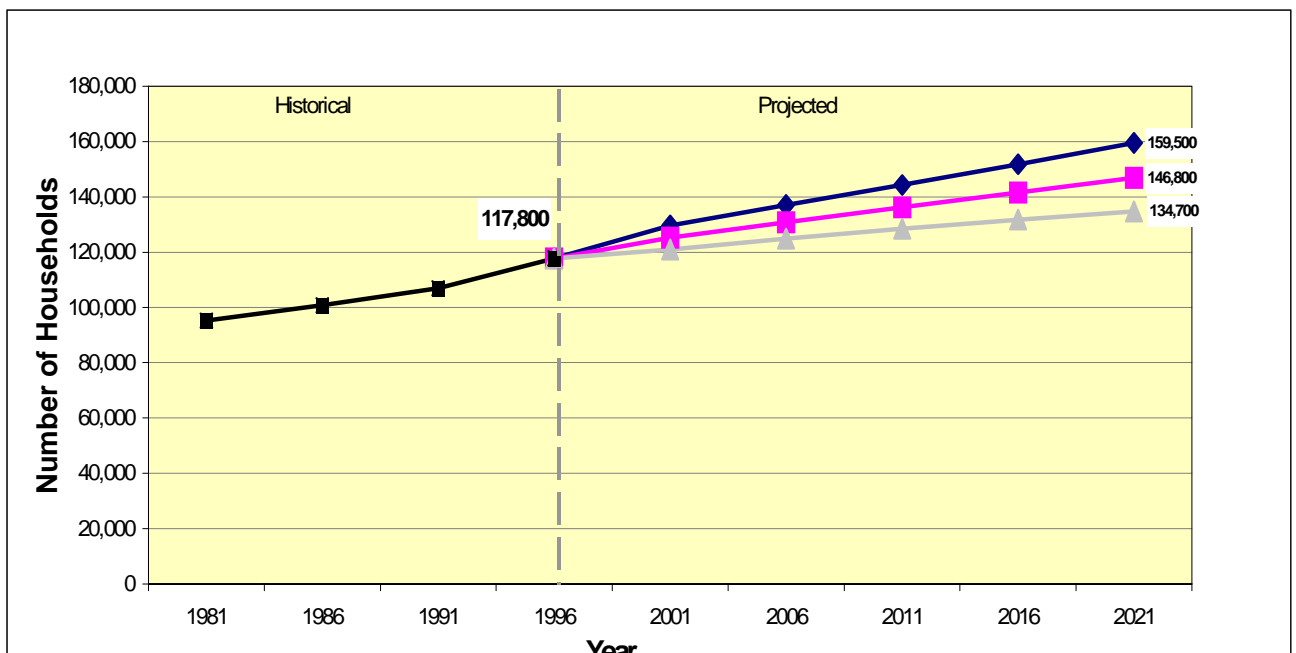
These are *Conditions for Licences of Mobile or Travelling Shops* (adopted 25 June 1997); *Policy for Buskers in Public Places* (adopted 27 August 1997); and *Policy for Signboards in Public Places* (adopted 22 July 1998). Copies of each of these are attached.

(b) LATEST HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS FOR CHRISTCHURCH CITY, 1996 (BASE) - 2021

By 2021, the number of households in Christchurch City is expected to reach 146,800 (medium projection), an increase of 29,100 or 25% over the projection period.

Household projections give an indication of future changes in the number of households, and help assess the demand for housing, land and related goods and services at the city level. Projections can be high, medium or low and are based on demographic factors derived from the 1996 (base) resident population projections.

Figure 1: Historical and Projected Households for Christchurch City



**(c) TRANSITIONAL REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 2
UNDERGROUND WATER BYLAW**

This change to the Regional Council's Transitional Regional Plan deals with the Underground Water Bylaw section of the Plan. It has been reworded to allow for more specific controls on activities which may affect groundwater quality, including the installation of new underground storage tanks. Whereas previously the bylaw covered "any matter or thing which affects or is liable to affect detrimentally the quality of underground water either directly or indirectly", it now deals specifically with four groups of chemicals, ie petroleum compounds, chlorinated hydrocarbons, brominated hydrocarbons and timber treatment chemicals.

Hearings on the Plan Change were held in October 1996 and decisions issued in December 1996. A number of appeals were lodged, including an appeal from the oil companies, with the City Council registering an interest as a party to the appeals. The issues on which the appeals were made have now been resolved and a Consent Memorandum has been prepared through the Environment Court. The Plan Change should soon become operative.

**(d) SUBMISSION TO THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGARDING MCVICAR TIMBER GROUP LTD DISCHARGE**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the submission made to the Canterbury Regional Council on the notification of an application for Discharge Consent made by McVicar Timber Group Limited.

The application is to discharge contaminated stormwater to the ground. The contamination contains copper, chromium and arsenic from timber treatment chemicals.

The Council's submission seeks changes to the proposed conditions so that there is greater capacity for the retention of contamination on site and reduced risk of contamination being transported off site especially into ground water.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.