

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 BOTTLE LAKE WATER PERMIT - NCY780380 A & B

The following letter was received from Mike Freeman, Group Manager, Resource Application, Canterbury Regional Council regarding the Bottle Lake Water Permit:

“Thank you for your letter dated 8 July 1999 regarding the water level in Bottle Lake administered by the Windsor Golf Club. The application for a “water right” was first applied for by the Windsor Golf Club Incorporated on 23 July 1975 under the provisions of the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967. The application was to divert excess stormwater runoff above normal lake level for better land utilisation of adjacent land for golf course purposes and to hold the level of the lake at the invert of the existing 600mm pipeline outfall from Bottle Lake. This application proposed the construction of a surge chamber and installation of pumps at the outlet of the lake to provide for increased flow in the existing pipeline from Bottle Lake to the open drain into the Styx River.

Following the notification of the application, objections were received from several neighbouring property holders as well as the Christchurch Drainage Board. The grounds for the objections were that it would be prejudicial to the public interest and that increasing flows in the drain caused by pumping from the lake would accelerate flooding in other properties.

A special Tribunal hearing was held to hear the objections and finally a water right was granted to the Windsor Golf Club Incorporated on 18 April 1978 to discharge by gravity and pumping 2600 cubic metres per day of stormwater from Bottle Lake at a maximum rate of 300 litres per second when the lake level is above the normal existing outfall pipe invert and discharge via an existing 600mm pipeline and Treleavens Drain to the Styx River. This resource consent will expire on 31 March 2004.

Mr Bob Hopkins from the City Council’s Water Services Unit contacted Mr Ken Baxter, an Enforcement Officer with the Canterbury Regional Council regarding the non-compliance of the condition relating to the pumping of the lake level below the invert level of the discharge pipe. Since Mr Hopkins brought this matter to our notice, several on-site meetings have taken place with representatives of the Windsor Golf Club. These meetings were followed up with a letter to the Club clarifying that Bottle Lake must not be pumped below the invert level of the discharge pipe. This requirement does not appear to have been fully complied with.

A second letter was written to the Windsor Golf Club on 4 June 1999 outlining the need to maintain the water level in Bottle Lake at the invert level of the discharge pipe. Since this letter was written, I understand that the Christchurch City Council have installed a water level recording device at the outlet. The information from this monitoring may assist in compliance monitoring and any possible enforcement activities.

Thank you for bringing this important matter to my attention. I will ensure that Regional Council staff monitor the situation to ensure that the Windsor Golf Club recognises its legal responsibility to fully comply with the resource consent conditions. I would be grateful if Christchurch City Council staff could report concerns regarding any possible observed non-compliance to our enforcement staff as soon as possible.

The history of this situation indicates to me that this Council would strongly consider taking legal action in response to evidence that the Club is responsible for any future on-compliance.

I note that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board is proposing to establish a working party to explore opportunities for the restoration and protection of Bottle Lake. It is possible that this Council may be able to provide some technical advice to the working party. Please contact me if you want to discuss possible Regional Council involvement.

If you require any further details concerning this matter, please contact me.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendations: 1. That the information be received.

2. That the letter be passed on to the Bottle Lake Working Party.

5.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF PERIODIC DETENTION CENTRE - HAMPSHIRE STREET, ARANUI

The following letter was received from Gary Nichols, Property Project Manager, Community Probation Service, Department of Corrections, regarding the proposed periodic detention centre in Hampshire Street:

“Thank you for your letter dated 5 July 1999.

Representatives of the Department of Corrections met with the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board on Monday 29 March 1999.

At that meeting we reported the results of our consultation process.

The Department of Corrections has consulted widely in this matter and remains of the view that the neighbouring residential community remains unconcerned over our proposals. This reaffirms the good relationship that we have with the community and the excellent level of understanding between us.

That consultation process included wider interest groups including the Canterbury Westland Kindergarten Association. We continue to work with that Association on a number of project initiatives to support and improve their facilities.

The number of vehicles coming and going from the centre is not considered to add materially to any existing traffic congestion. A significant proportion of people sentenced to community based sentences are sentenced because of prior motoring offences. These people are often unable to drive because of licence cancellation etc. We are therefore of the opinion that traffic movements will be minor.

We remain available to meet with the Community Board in the future and would be prepared to discuss these matters in depth if that would be considered of benefit.

Please feel free to make further contact if you wish to discuss any of these details further.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the Board host a public meeting in Aranui to gauge public opinion.

5.3 NEW BRIGHTON ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND

The following letter was received from Wayne Holton-Jeffreys, Passenger Services Manager, Canterbury Regional Council regarding the New Brighton Road pedestrian refuge island:

“Thank you for your letter regarding the request from Kate Sheppard Retirement Village for a pedestrian refuge island in New Brighton Road and the Community Board’s request that we look at the possibility of detouring the New Brighton (29) route via Barkers Road.

Background to New Brighton (29) service

The New Brighton (29) bus route was re-routed specifically to accommodate the travel requirements of residents from Kate Sheppard Retirement Village and the growth in new housing occurring between Barkers Road and Bassett Street along both sides of New Brighton Road (more particularly to the north). At the time of the previous review, the proposed bridge construction for the City’s ring route was to go ahead within the first year of the commencement of the New Brighton (29) contract.

There was discussion at the time, about the provision of pedestrian access on this bridge, allowing Avondale residents better access to the re-routed New Brighton (29) service. Accordingly the revised service went ahead with the bus routed past Kate Sheppard Retirement Village, thus meeting the immediate needs of the residents, and eventually maintaining access to the Avondale area, via the bridge. Unfortunately the bridge project has been delayed and as a result some residents in Avondale have been required to walk considerable distance to access their bus service for a longer period than had been envisaged.

Suggested Detour via Barkers Road

It is assumed that the detour referred to would be by way of a bus turning into Barkers Road, negotiating a 'U' turn and then returning onto New Brighton Road. While this would not be physically achievable in the present road space, we understand the plans to close off Barkers Road include a turning bay at the end of each half. Current planning for larger services such as the New Brighton (29) is to keep the service moving with the minimum of deviations along the route. If buses did go into Barkers Road drivers would then have the same dilemma currently facing residents of Kate Sheppard Retirement Village, ie negotiating a safe path through 12, 000 vehicle movements per day. We accept that the detour may make the service more accessible for residents of Kate Sheppard Retirement Village, however, we do not believe such a detour is acceptable to existing passengers, especially given the increase in travelling time for the service as a whole.

It is our understanding that the continuation of the ring route, including the new bridge, is projected to reduce traffic flows on this part of New Brighton Road by around 40%. These changes combined with a painted (flush) median, appropriate signage and lighting may meet the requirements of residents at Kate Sheppard Retirement Village. Perhaps a painted pedestrian crossing may be more acceptable.

Alternatively, the proposed roundabout at the intersection of the ring route and New Brighton Road could have the island at the eastern end extended to accommodate a pedestrian refuge. While this would require residents of Kate Sheppard Retirement Village to walk further to their stop, it would at least provide the physical island refuge they appear to be requesting. Avondale residents could also use the same bus stops.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your correspondence. We have had a relatively busy time at present with the central city interchange proposal, the Orbiter and current service review. Our thanks to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for all their assistance with bus services."

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.4 CHRISTCHURCH ARCHERY CLUB - BUILDING EXTENSIONS

The following letter was received from Neroli Fairhall, Christchurch Archery Club regarding funding towards building extension costs:

"Further to our telephone conversation this morning regarding our building extension in time for the World Wheelchair Games, 10-17 October 1999.

<i>Total - building extension</i>	<i>\$26,000 + GST</i>
<i>Club input</i>	<i>12,000</i>
<i>Grant Lotteries</i>	<i>7,000</i>
<i>Loan Christchurch City Council</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Shortfall (approx)</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>

We would like to apply to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for a grant to cover this shortfall. The archery at the World Wheelchair Games will be the premier event with 88 entries received so far from all parts of the world.

We request speaking rights for Bill Skews at your meeting, 30 August 1999.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.