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Corporate Plan Output: Consents and Applications	

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the Riccarton Leagues Club to erect additional training lights on Crosbie Park (see **attached** plan).

The Council has delegated this decision to the Parks Manager as follows:

*“The Parks Manager has power to make decisions on the siting of flood lights on sports parks subject to the necessary Resource Consents and consultation with the appropriate Community Board” 23 October 1996*

**BACKGROUND**

In July 1995 the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board facilitated a meeting between local residents and the Riccarton Leagues Club to address problems with balls going over the fences of the adjacent properties.

The Club has been present on the park for many years and the problems had only arisen when the adjacent land was developed as part of the Hyde Park residential subdivision.

The outcome of the meeting was a very amicable agreement between all parties which resulted in changes to the field orientation so that the goal posts no longer faced the houses.

**TRAINING AREA**

The Club has a flood-lit training area on the park which has been used for a number of years.

Previously the training area was to one side of the main ground but with the changed field layout the training area is now on part of the Club’s No.1 field.

This has resulted in the field being withdrawn from play on a relatively regular basis due to excessive wear from training and weekend competition games.

**CLUB PROPOSAL**

The Club proposes to install up to five additional poles in the long term, however initially they plan to only install three and relocate two existing poles to better locations. The two extra poles will only be installed if the demand is justified and the Club has funds available.

The Club has around 120 members with training sessions Monday–Thursday by 2-3 teams each night.

Training sessions currently run from 6pm–8pm and the Club does not anticipate any changes to these times.

The increase in flood-lit area will allow more teams to train at any one time if necessary, but more importantly it will spread the wear over a larger area resulting in fewer ground cancellations and the loss of “home” games to the Club.

#### **CONSENTS**

The Club is required to obtain a Resource Consent and Building Consent for the poles.

The Club has engaged a lighting consultant to design and site the poles so that any light spill is within permitted limitations of the City Plan.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The Parks Unit supports the Club’s proposal and believes that the additional poles will make significant improvements for the Club in terms of training and ground availability. Accordingly the Parks Manager intends to approve the Club’s application subject to the following conditions.

1. The Club obtain all necessary Resource Consents and Building Consents prior to any work commencing.
2. The poles to be painted or powder coated a neutral grey colour.
3. The lights are not used any later than 8.30pm in the evening.
4. All costs associated with this application and resulting development to be paid for by the applicant.
5. The construction site is to be kept clean and tidy to the satisfaction of the Parks Manager at all times.
6. Before construction commences the applicant is to contact the Area Parks Officer at the Fendalton Service Centre to ascertain Council requirements during the construction phase of the development.
7. A bond of \$2,000 is to be paid to the Council before on-site work commences, the bond, less any costs incurred by the Council is to be refunded when the work is completed.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **Chairman’s**

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.
2. That the Parks Unit be asked to undertake a letterbox drop to inform the local residents of the Club’s application.