

9. PROPOSED CARPORT COMPLEX AND RELOCATION OF A GRANDSTAND TO RUAPUNA MOTOR SPORT RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council’s approval as required by Clause 9.1 of the Lease Agreement between the Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Car Club Incorporated, to build a carport complex and relocate a grandstand to Ruapuna Motorsport Reserve.

THE PROPOSAL

The Canterbury Car Club proposes to develop a complex of 21 carports along the pit lane used by competitors. They wish also to relocate a grandstand from English Park to the spectator bank on the main straight of the racing circuit. They wish to have the 21 carports and relocation of the grandstand completed prior to the New Zealand Grand Prix on 4 and 5 December 1999.

The objective of this construction, besides satisfying the needs of many of the club’s usual competitors and spectators, is to assist this year’s New Zealand Grand Prix competitors to apply pressure to Motorsport New Zealand to retain this event at Ruapuna. The club believes that to have any influence upon decisions made by Motorsport New Zealand as to the future location of the Grand Prix, the 21 carports need to be completed prior to the New Zealand Grand Prix this year.

THE BUILDINGS

The carport building is to be of steel kitset construction, mounted on a concrete base with a coloursteel roof, this facilitating relocation should this be deemed appropriate in the future.

The old English Park Grandstand was gifted to the Car Club by the Council.

Please see attached the site layout diagram and engineering concept plans for the construction of the carport building. The site and engineering concept plans for the relocated grandstand will be tabled at the meeting. The carport building has been sited in such a way so that the club can extend the concrete pad to allow construction of a further 10 units at a later date should it be deemed necessary.

The resource consents and building permits are presently being applied for by the club, because of the tight time frame necessary to have the carports and relocation of the grandstand completed prior to the New Zealand Grand Prix this year. The club has indicated that they are financing the carport development from their own resources. Funding for the relocation of the grandstand has been obtained from the Community Trust and Hotel/Tavern Charity grants to the club, with no funds being required from Council.

DISCUSSION

The Parks Manager and author of this report are fully supportive of these applications, the outcome of which will provide better facilities for motorsport in Christchurch.

- Recommendation:** That the Parks and Recreation Committee approve the application by the Canterbury Car Club to construct 21 carports beside the pit lane for use by competitors, and relocate the Old English Park Grandstand to Ruapuna Park as required by Clause 9.1 of their lease subject to the following conditions.
- The Canterbury Car Club is to obtain all necessary resource and building consents before any development commences upon the site.
 - The applicant is to submit colour schemes for the buildings for the Parks Manager's approval, prior to commencing work upon the site.
 - The construction areas being maintained by the principal contractor in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
 - All costs associated with the development, and subsequent maintenance of the associated buildings and structures upon the site being paid for by The Canterbury Car Club.
 - The principal contractor is to show proof of having obtained \$1,000,000 public liability cover to the Area Parks Officer (Consents) before commencing work upon the site.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board considered this matter at its meeting on 6 October 1999. The Board supports the application.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.