

9. PROPOSED WATER RESERVOIR - JOHN BRITTEN RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to declare part of John Britten Reserve a local purpose reserve (utility) to enable a water reservoir to be constructed to provide high pressure water to the extended living hill zone below the reserve.

This report was before the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its meeting on 4 October 2000. The Board supported the proposal.

LEGAL ISSUES

The 35.8821 ha area known as John Britten Reserve being Lot 3 DP 62292 was purchased by the Christchurch City Council to preserve the scenic qualities of the reserve for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Since it was purchased in 1997 the reserve has been held under Section 601 of the Local Government Act for a recreation ground, as it was foreseen that part of the reserve would be required for utility purposes.

Some flexibility was also required at the time of purchase to enable adjustments to be made to the boundary of the reserve to ensure the reserve integrates properly with the developing residential area below, prior to classification under the Reserves Act 1977. These boundary adjustments have not been made as yet.

It has always been intended that once these adjustments have been made that the balance of the reserve would be declared a reserve under the appropriate section of the Reserves Act.

RESERVOIR SITE

The site proposed for the utility reserve is 600 sq metres in area, shown as Lot 1 on the attached plan. This area was chosen by Water Services and Parks Unit to ensure that both parties requirements are met. That is in the case of Water Services, the reservoir site has to be sited approximately 30 metres, plus or minus 5 metres above the top of the residential zone, whilst Parks planners are keen to ensure that the reservoir will have minimal impact on the sky-line as viewed from the park, and residential areas below. The site is situated adjacent to Mount Pleasant Road so that all pipe work to the residential areas below will be laid from the lot, down the road edge. The site chosen is large enough to enable a further reservoir to be erected at a later date should that be required.

RESERVOIR

The proposed reservoir will measure 8.74 m in diameter by 5 m in height and will be situated on a bench near the top of the local purpose reserve. It will be necessary to plant around the reservoir to integrate it into the stark landscape of this section of the hill.

Planting will need to be undertaken above the reservoir to screen it from John Britten Reserve. Planting will need to also be undertaken on the roadside of the reservoir to screen it from the road in the long term. At present the pine trees on the road edge will partially screen the reservoir when it is constructed.

Public notice as required by the Reserves Act has been given and no submissions have been received.

In order to complete the declaration as a local purpose reserve, it is necessary for the Council to pass the resolution set out below.

Recommendation: That, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, the Christchurch City Council hereby resolves that the piece of land held by the Council in fee simple, and described in the schedule hereto, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be a local purpose reserve (utility) within the meaning of Section 23 of the said Act.

Schedule

Part Lot 3 DP 62292 shown as Lot 1 on drawing number 22216/2 being part certificate of title 43B/35 (Canterbury Land District, Christchurch City) Area 600 square metres (subject to survey)

Deputy Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.