

## 14. WALNUT TREE PARK – ACQUISITION OF LAND

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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council the purchase of an area of land adjacent to Walnut Tree Park.

Housing New Zealand have subdivided their property at 25 Bangor St. There is a sealed walkway along the edge of the property adjacent to the reserve (Lot 15 in proposed subdivision). The public use the path as well as residents, as it appears to be part of the reserve. The walkway runs from Bangor St to a private driveway, but could be extended through the reserve to connect with Hurley Street. The walkway is not physically separated from the reserve and there is an existing fence between the path and the houses.



The total area of the land to be purchased is 50m<sup>2</sup> and includes an existing path. An agreed value of \$6,500 has been determined for the land. Sufficient funds are held in the 2000/2001 reserve purchase budget to acquire the land concerned. Survey costs will be met by Housing New Zealand.

The pathway has been in public use for over ten years and with the Housing New Zealand subdivision and sale of the units to private owners, the purchase of the path is necessary to maintain the public's use of the path.

The above report was before the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its meeting on 4 April 2001. The Board decided to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that Lot 15 be purchased from Housing New Zealand for the agreed sum of \$6,500, as an extension to Walnut Tree Park.

**Recommendation:** That Lot 15 be purchased from Housing New Zealand for the agreed sum of \$6,500 as an extension to Walnut Tree Park.

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