

**6. HOON HAY RUGBY CLUB  
– LIGHTING IN HOON HAY PARK**

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the support of the Board for the installation of additional training lights at Hoon Hay Park, Mathers Road, by the Hoon Hay Rugby Club for winter training (see plan attached).

The Council has delegated the approval of the siting of training lights upon parks to the Parks & Waterways Manager as follows:

*“ The Parks & Waterways 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.”*

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### **History**

Hoon Hay Rugby Club, formerly Suburbs Rugby Football Club and now a sporting sub section of the Hoon Hay Club, have been associated with Hoon Hay Park for over 30 years.

The Club built clubrooms on private land adjacent to the western end of the park at this time. Three years ago to ensure the survival of the Club, members voted to sell this asset and move their clubrooms to the Hoon Hay Club on Tankerville Road.

### **Hoon Hay Rugby Club Membership**

For the 2000 season the Club fielded fourteen junior and five senior rugby teams. This year senior teams have increased to seven, giving a total Club membership in the vicinity of 400 players.

### **Training Facility Requirements**

The seven senior teams require access to the Club’s floodlit training area, with demand being spread over three nights (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) between the hours of 5.30pm and 9.00pm. The Club does not envisage any alteration being made to these requirements.

At present the existing lights cover two thirds of the football field used for training. The proposed upgrade will double the area available for the players to train upon in safety.

The Club contends that the increased area available for training purposes and the upgrading of the quality of the light provided by the new flood lights, will better distribute the load on the playing surface, thereby lessening possible damage occurring to the playing surface through over-use.

### **Flood Lighting Relocation and Upgrade**

The Club will have the lighting design and construction undertaken by professionals who will ensure that any light spill onto surrounding properties is minimal and within City Plan requirements (Section 11.2 – Control of Glare, page 11/12).

The Club has obtained an initial estimate of the costs involved to complete this project, and has the funds available (including a Lotteries Commission grant) to undertake the project.

### **Neighbours Consents**

As part of the process of gaining permission to install the lights, the Club is required by the rules of the City Plan to obtain a resource consent, which involves obtaining neighbours consent from residents living adjacent to the park.

The residents and neighbours identified as possibly being affected by this floodlighting proposal are situated at:

- Numbers 1 and 2 Fusilier Street.
- Numbers 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64, 66, 72, 74, and 80 Mathers Road.
- Numbers 4, 6, and 8 Waters Street.
- Numbers 20, and 21 Kevin Street.
- Numbers 5A, 7A, 13, and 15a Newland Street.
- Numbers 63, 64, 65, and 66 Victors Road.
- Numbers 60 Cedars Street.

The Club has approached all residents and neighbours identified in the above list to obtain their consent for the installation of the lighting poles on the Park. All of the residents and neighbours except one (60 Mathers Road) have signed the neighbours consent form, either supporting or having no objection to the resource consent application being made by the Hoon Hay Rugby Club for the installation of further lighting on Hoon Hay Park. The one objection relates to a concern regarding what effect the lights will have on the property value.

### **Conclusion**

Officers believe that concerns raised by adjacent residents about the proposal to erect further lights upon Hoon Hay Park have been satisfactorily addressed. It is important that Council permission for the placement of the lights on Hoon Hay Park proceeds as soon as possible, to ensure that the further work required (resource consent process, construction and commissioning) occurs before lighting is required for the coming winter sports season.

**Recommendation:** The Board recommends to the Parks and Waterways Manager that the application by Hoon Hay Rugby Club to erect training lights on Hoon Hay Park is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Club attain all necessary resource, and building consents required.
2. The poles are to be painted or powder coated green flax in colour (Resene 12B21).
3. The lights are not be used any later than 9.00pm.
4. All costs associated with this application and resulting development are to be paid for by the applicant.
5. The construction site is to be kept clean and tidy to the satisfaction of the Parks and Waterways Manager at all times.
6. Before construction commences the applicant is to contact the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate at the Beckenham Service Centre to ascertain Council requirements during the construction phase of the development.
7. A bond of \$2,000 is to be paid by the Club, or principal contractor 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.