

16. ARMAGH STREET PARK

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The purpose of this report is to update Community Board members on the progress of the acquisition of land to provide an open space link from Armagh Street to Christchurch East School.

LAND PURCHASE

A parcel of land at 322 Armagh Street has been purchased which adjoins the northern boundary of the school. The land is 500 square metres and will provide an excellent link to the existing school open space and in an area of the city which is not well endowed with public open space.

Currently, tenders have been called for the demolition of the existing house which should be completed by the end of June 2001.

CONCEPT PLAN

A concept plan has been prepared and while consultation has been conducted with the school authorities, consultation needs to proceed with local residents.

The concept plan considers the Gloucester Street frontage of the school, the newly acquired land and a walkway between the two streets and through the school grounds. The proposal for the park consists of a walkway, low concrete walls at each end, grass, gobi blocks and screen plantings either side. It is designed to provide thoroughfare and extend green space in the city.

DEVELOPMENT

Until such time as consultation has been completed and the plan approved by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, at the completion of the house demolition, the area should be tidied and sown in grass.

The Community Advocate comments: Please refer to clause 20.5 in the Community Advocate's Update regarding the Green Open Space Investigation Committee and clause 19 relating to the report on 2000/01 Funding Allocation.

Recommendation: That the information be received and consideration given to possible Board funding.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.