

6. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 24 FEBRUARY 2004 MEETING

The Board considered the report of the Environment Committee meeting of Tuesday 24 February 2004.

A deputation from the Kennedys Bush Road Neighbourhood Association sought the support of the Board to request the Council to suspend any further Sister City projects in the Halswell Quarry, as they saw these as being in conflict with the approved Management Plan.

The Association sought a moratorium on any further Sister City structures, a greater awareness of the semi-rural and informal concept of the quarry, and that the quarry be gazetted as a Reserve.

A temporary suspension of works was seen as desirable so that the Management Plan and the Sister Cities proposal could be reviewed to ensure that designs made at the quarry are in accordance with the agreed plan.

Whilst the Committee was sympathetic to the Association and were supportive of their requests, they added a further recommendation (for the Board to consider) that the Board seek speaking rights to the Council in support of the residents' deputation.

At the Board meeting the Community Advocate advised that the Mayor had sought an opportunity to address the Board on this matter and requested that it be held over for further consideration until the next Board meeting.

The Board **decided**:

1. To hold over this matter to its 31 March meeting to allow the Mayor to address the Board.
2. That speaking rights be granted to Mrs Sylvia Lukey and Mr Bob Webster, to respond to the Mayor's presentation.
3. That the installation of any new structures relating to Sister City projects be held over until after the 31 March Board meeting.

(Ishwar Ganda declared an interest in this issue and withdrew from the discussion and voting thereon. Lesley Keast abstained from voting on this issue.)

The Board **decided** to approve the Templeton Stormwater Scheme/Railway Terrace design plan for circulation and community comment, and the Upper Riccarton Domain Playground Design proposal for construction.

Financial requests for projects, to be funded from the Committee's Project Fund, were supported; the Board decisions are recorded in clause 13 of this report.