

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Held in the Council Chamber  
on Tuesday 22 August 2006 at 9.30am**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Helen Broughton (Chair),  
Councillors Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett,  
Anna Crighton, David Cox, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow,  
Bob Parker, Gail Sheriff, Norm Withers and Sue Wells.

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for lateness was received and accepted from  
Councillor Bob Parker.  
An apology for absence was received and accepted from  
Community Board member Yani Johanson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Theelen, Carolyn Ingles and Hugh Nicholson.

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### 1. **RESOLVING “HOTSPOTS” IN CHRISTCHURCH**

A hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation was tabled. (Copy on file).  
This captured the “hotspots” as identified in March 2005.

During the presentation the following points, questions and comments were  
noted:

Those “hotspots” identified within the already zoned Urban land included  
Aidanfield (SWAP), Halswell on the Park (SWAP) and Colorado  
(Mairehau/Cranford).

Those identified within Rural zoned land included the following:

- Horners Drain (Cranford/Mairehau): monitored currently. Land has  
been acquired. Discussions underway to ensure the Council is moving in  
tandem with Transit NZ.
- Snellings Drain: Provision has been made in 2007 capital works budget  
for raising the level of the weir which is part of the No 2 Drain system.
- Wigram (SWAP): No comment.
- Hendersons Basin: Why not part of presentation? Response: Part of  
South West Area Plan (SWAP), driven by surface water management  
issues, and seen as example of a sustainable solution for the Council.

### ACTION



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<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>Staff report sought on any liability that may fall on the CCC when these two consents merge, and options for a way forward working with ECan long term to resolve issues.</p>	Carolyn Ingles/ Mike Theelen
<p><b>Subdivision Building consents</b> appear to immediately follow the granting of a subdivision consent. Could the Council hold off on building consents until problem sorted? Staff undertook to ask the question of the subdivisions team about timing and associated issues and report back.</p>	Carolyn Ingles/ Mike Theelen
<p><b>Wigram</b></p> <p>Who will hold consent for Wigram? Response: Will be joint discharge consent through ECan, which will come to the CCC. Designed to be part of integrated management plan (IMP). A more robust investigating process is now incorporated in to the conditions of consent to avoid a repeat of Aidanfield. The CCC is now making significant provision to cope with future development (paid for by developer) and retrospective (cost to the CCC).</p>	
<p><b>Bond</b></p> <p>It was proposed that a bond within a timeframe for long term partners be investigated further.</p>	Carolyn Ingles/ Mike Theelen
<p>2. <b>URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL ACTION PLAN – AN ACTION PLAN FOR 2007/08</b></p> <p>Hugh Nicholson (Urban Designer), spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file) which summarised the action plan to date, identifying projects and the status of each associated target.</p> <p>Copies of the presentation to be circulated to elected members at the close of the seminar.</p> <p>During the presentation the following points were noted:</p> <p><b>Central City Bridge Lighting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillors sought a target of lighting one bridge per annum with sponsorship.</li><li>• Fibre optics over Armagh Street bridge?</li><li>• Noted the Asset Management Plans for bridges are designed around maintenance.</li><li>• Underlighting of Worcester Street Bridge very successful – out of reach of vandals. Design important.</li></ul>	Hugh Nicholson

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff were requested to investigate insurance to cover vandalism and will follow up on number of bridges being lit each year – will check with Greenspace and update where at and what is planned.</li><li>• Strong concern from Councillors: advise staff not to drop money from projects to cover vandalism (ie move capital funding to maintenance). Staff understood current projects include Bridge of Remembrance, Band Rotunda and vandalised property.</li><li>• Check David Bolam-Smith’s ongoing involvement with the lighting projects.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Report</b></p> <p>Staff were requested to report on bridge lighting.</p>	Hugh Nicholson/ Mike Theelen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Urban form strategy</b> – has this been <i>replaced</i> in the LTCCP? No, set back a year – rewording agreed to substitute the word “reprioritise”.</li><li>• <b>“Run biennial awards programme to recognise good urban design in city”</b> – CCC funding ceased in 2004 – Former Environment Awards – bronze disc on kauri stand. Consensus that these should be awarded annually (eg well-designed subdivisions). Staff will revisit the criteria and bring information back to councillors.</li></ul>	Hugh Nicholson  Hugh Nicholson/ Mike Theelen
<p><b>Developing Strategy and Policy</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include stormwater re-use as part of strategy? Request to include in the Urban Design Protocol Action Plan. Staff will report back on criteria.</li></ul>	Hugh Nicholson/ Mike Theelen
<p><b>What next?</b> Staff will review and report back to the Council in October.</p>	Hugh Nicholson/ Mike Theelen
<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>During the subsequent discussion the following points were noted:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Encourage developers</b> to talk with architect to urban design panel, so architect can “get a steer”. By time gets to resource consent process, have a workable solution. <b>Urban Design Panel - make part of consenting process?</b> Former BPDC had staff present a proposal to such a panel – resulted in a co-operative approach –Akaroa experience cited.</li><li>- <b>Urban Design Panel:</b> The formation of an Urban Design Panel was a recommendation from the seminar and supported by the majority of elected members.</li><li>- Explore <b>relationships with</b> existing groups (Architects Association etc).</li><li>- <b>Recognise good design:</b> ie concepts to treat grey and wastewater on site. Need genuine incentive for developers.</li><li>- <b>Greenfields survey</b> being completed, but understood aspects have been implemented already. Effect on amenity values questioned – how can this be included? Staff to seek information from project manager as to how this is used.</li></ul>	Hugh Nicholson/ Mike Theelen/ Hugh Nicholson/  Hugh Nicholson/

- **Urban design plan change** – would be very keen to see Council go down that track. Staff will investigate and report back.
- **Brownfield sites** – The forthcoming Central City Revitalisation report will describe a programme which will look at identifying where the council could encourage better design eg similar to the Turners and Growers site.
- Low Impact Urban Design and Development Sustainability design – elected members requested staff to follow up on *all* of these and report back.
- New way of addressing developments - Set goals. Stormwater re-use in new subdivisions – is it worth doing and if so, how? Information sought from staff through reporting back.
- Retrofitting existing housing: how can the Council be involved with bringing existing housing stock up to scratch? Statistics quoted: 47% of houses classifies “cold” by WHO standards. For example, target Waltham/Addington/Edgeware areas. Staff to report back.
- SAM areas - considered that urban planning design panels would be complementary.
- Urban villages/office space moving out of central city – potential conflict? Need to identify what the Council wishes to achieve.
- Need mix around Hagley Park and for brown fields sites. Increase height restriction in inner city? Living 3 – why not a policy of no higher than highest tree?
- Best practice of urban development – Freyburg and Melbourne examples cited - some good examples from around the world. Put on agenda for future discussion. Need urban villages and houses in the mix and some decisions made asap. Agree with the UD Panel concept.
- “Raising the bar” for good design must be a Council priority and for the long term. Need to recognise the importance of design: “the way it looks, as well as the way it works”.
- Way forward – elected members commented they will need to have more time when outcomes presented to Councillors for further consideration. Apart from UDP concept, all too vague at present. Staff agreed there is a need to formulate ideas into more concrete proposals. However, the seminar was intended to provide an overarching summary of the issues.
- 2000 St Albans plan cited – what progress?.

### **Outcome from Seminar**

Staff to report back on ideas gleaned from seminar and programme.

### **ACTION**

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The seminar concluded at 11.50am.

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**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices  
on Tuesday 22 August 2006 at 1.30pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Graham Condon (Chair),  
Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Sally Buck,  
Barry Corbett (from 2.15pm), David Cox, Anna Crighton,  
Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Gail Sheriff,  
Sue Wells and Norm Withers.
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from  
Councillors Helen Broughton and Bob Shearing and  
Yani Johanson (Community Board member).

### EVENTS STRATEGY

Stephen Hill (General Manager Public Affairs) outlined the work gone into the draft Events Strategy, and invited Councillors to respond to the information provided, prior to public consultation. Alan Bywater (Programme Manager, Strong Communities), Richard Stokes (Marketing Manager) and Jo Niash (Events Development Manager) outlined their respective roles and contributions to the project by way of speaking to a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

The following comments and points were noted during the presentation:

- Feedback from international visitors.
- Linkages with events in Sydney and Melbourne
- Tapping into/utilisation of the corporate market.
- Events that will attract support from airlines.
- Hagley Park – the holding of crowd appealing events after the Christmas parade.
- Enhancement of the Garden City image.
- Combine “Starry Nights” and “Classical Sparks”.
- SLOW food.
- Money for small events.
- Visitor strategy.
- “Petrol head” city for the South Island.
- New Year functions/parties for the South Island.
- Actively support major concerts.
- Campaign with Christchurch/Canterbury Tourism.
- Bidding for international events – ensure central and local government support.
- Suitable events for:
  - New Zealand Day
  - Labour Day
  - Other statutory holidays

- Slide 5 page 7 “Christchurch is an attractive destination for major commercial concerts and events”. Delete the words “Actively solicit”.
- Christchurch – Be There!

### **DECISION MAKING**

It was agreed that consideration be given to the decision making responsibilities in this proposed strategy being delegated by the Council to an appropriate portfolio group.

The seminar concluded at 3.40pm.