

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Tuesday 31 July 2007 at 1.30pm

PRESENT:

Christchurch City Council

Councillors Carole Evans (Chairperson), Sally Buck,
Barry Corbett, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker (to 2.52pm),
Bob Shearing and Sue Wells (to 3.11pm).

Community Board

Steve Lowndes and Stewart Miller.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Graham Condon,
David Cox, Anna Crighton, Gail Sheriff and Norm Withers.

1. REVIEW OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT - AIR QUALITY, WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES

Mike Theelen introduced the session and referred to the RPS's as being an ongoing process. This was an opportunity to listen to the feedback received before the formal part of the process commences. This is a matter that will occur each ten years.

Andrew Willis, supported by Jeff Page and Lisa Kissell provided a PowerPoint presentation covering:

Feedback

- What we heard
 - general comments
 - natural hazards
 - settlement transport and versatile soils
 - landscapes

Questions and Comments made included:

- Is it a case of what's acceptable or not acceptable?
- What is the hierarchy of this plan?
- In terms of landscape, the perspective views and roles of the Regional Authority, to that of the Territorial Authority differ. How is this accommodated?

Natural Hazards

- Why is it not the role of the RPS rather than District Councils to evaluate whether it should be permissible to build homes in particular areas because of risk of earthquake, flooding etc.
- There is work for the local communities to identify the various hazards.

Settlement Transport - Versatile Soil Provisions

- The RPS in terms of infrastructure, needed to cross Territorial Authority boundaries.

Natural Features and Landscapes

- It was seen that ECan needs to take a lead in this.
- The RPS has the opportunity to record the desirable aspects of the landscape values as they exist. It was not an option to say nothing.

Air Quality

- The background to this was provided, covering the changes in context effectiveness and efficiency plus an outline of the preliminary thinking.
- The Government should be told that responsibility for contaminants etc having an effect on global warming, should be with Regional Authorities.
- There was however difficulty in seeing between local versus global emissions.

Waste Provisions

Lisa Kissell provided the background for this provision, including the current provisions, the style choices and policy provisions.

- Issue of private land firms with its associated impacts of transport etc.
- The real issue is managing the waste stream.

Hazardous Substances

The background to this provision was provided including the policy options before focusing on Policy 1.

- Storage, use and discharge should be managed by ECan at the Regional level.
- Waste hazardous substances, in addition to background provided, the current provisions are contained in Policies 7 and 8. These were explained.
- Did ECan have policies that stated that contaminated sites etc could not be built on?

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm