

# 1. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 21 MAY 2007 MEETING

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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 21 May 2007.

The Committee meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora, Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Helen Broughton.

## 1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### 1.1 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Representatives from the Halswell Rugby League Football Club addressed the Committee to express their concerns with current playing and training fields and floodlights not meeting the needs of their club, and requested the Council to urgently pursue the provision of the proposed additional playing and training fields to relieve some of the pressure on the existing grounds.

The Committee received the information. Its recommendation is recorded under clause 4 of this report.

### 1.2 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE NETBALL CLUB

Representatives from the Halswell Rugby League Netball Club addressed the Committee regarding the proposed new development of sportsfields on Halswell Domain. The club is currently practising on an improvised court behind the Rugby Club Rooms. This was a temporary arrangement which is no longer sustainable. The club would like to see the Council progress the development of sportsfields on Halswell Domain with urgency.

The Committee received the information. Its recommendation is recorded under clause 4 of this report.

## 2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members were provided with an opportunity to share issues of concern and give a brief update on community activities.

Staff were requested to provide information on the status of Gilberthorpes Reserve, including a copy of the original subdivision application.

## 3. SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTATION

The Committee **decided** that the following supplementary deputation be received and heard at the present meeting:

Halswell Rugby League Netball Club

## 4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### 4.1 HALSWELL DOMAIN

That the Board:

- (a) Seek speaking rights at a forthcoming Council meeting, with urgency, to support the issues raised by the sports users of Halswell Domain.

- (b) Recommend to the Council that it investigate purchasing the block of land associated with the Neal Group Limited development to progress the development of the 5 hectares of sports fields on Halswell Domain.
- (c) Request information from staff on the current policy relating to the maintenance of drainage swales in public parks and reserves.
- (d) Request further information on the historic buildings at Aidanfield.

**5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1 HALSWELL DOMAIN**

- (a) That the Council expedite negotiations with Neal Group Limited to progress the development of the sportsfields on Halswell Domain.
- (b) That the drainage retention areas be located outside the original five hectares designated for sportsgrounds.
- (c) That staff be requested to report back with further information on:
  - The current policy relating to the maintenance of drainage swales in public parks and reserves.
  - The historic buildings at Aidanfield.