



SELWYN HOCKEY CLUB INC.

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Christchurch City Council
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Re: Submission for the Long Term Council Community Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The Selwyn Hockey Club wishes to place the following submission to the Christchurch City Council for consideration in the Long Term Council Community Plan.

The club has been in discussion with Cashmere High School and have identified that there is a requirement for a Synthetic surface suitable for hockey in the city. This is reinforced by the lack of surfaces in the Southern sector of the city.

Cashmere High School has identified land at the school that could be used for such a project.

Please find included with this letter the following:

- Submission for the Selwyn Hockey Club
- A letter of support from the Canterbury Hockey Association

We look forward to hearing from you and your hopefully support of the project.

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Selwyn Hockey Club has entered into discussions with Cashmere High School with the goal of developing a water based artificial surface in the Southern Sector of the City. The club is looking for support from the Christchurch City Council by identifying the need for a facility like this in the area by adding this to the LTCCP (Long Term Council's Community Plan).

Need for more artificial hockey turfs

- It has been identified by the Canterbury Hockey Association that there is requirement for another two synthetic surfaces that are suitable for hockey to cover the shortage of space for the hockey community and to allow the sport to grow in the next 5 years.
- The Canterbury Hockey Association that have currently have two water based synthetic hockey fields at Porritt Park, which is in the north eastern sector of the city and one other sand filled synthetic surface is locate in the north western sector of the city.
- The Canterbury Hockey Association is currently going through a process to gain support for additional surfaces in the city. These are planned to be positioned at the currently facilities in the northeast of the city.

Need for a turf in the south

- Currently the hockey community in the Southern sector of the city are required to travel to the grounds in the northern area of the city. The only park in the south of the city suitable for hockey is a surface Sydenham Park. This is only of use for junior hockey. Youth and seniors are still required to travel to the north of the city.
- The fact that access to hockey grounds to the south or Christchurch is limited; the ability for the sport to grow is also limited. With the addition of a surface in the south of the city would allow for the following benefits to the area:
 - Travel would not be a barrier to people participating in hockey
 - Local schools and clubs would benefit from having better access to a quality facility, and be in a position to be able to grow the numbers of people playing hockey.

Partnership

- Cashmere High School and Selwyn Hockey Club have entered into discussions about developing a partnership to build an artificial turf based at the High School.
- This is a significant commitment for the school, as it involves donating the required land to the project. This land is valued between \$500,000 and \$800,000.
- Being in an area of Christchurch where little land is available for a development such as this, it is a critical success factor for this partnership
- Cashmere High School is also currently building a new Gymnasium, of which the changing facilities would be able to be used alongside the turf

Benefits to the community

- This turf would provide a valuable all weather surface that Cashmere High could use for a variety of sports (particularly when weather restricts the use of other fields).
- Other local schools would also benefit from having a quality (full sized) artificial turf to develop their hockey players and programmes on
- Clubs (including Selwyn and Sydenham) would have access to a turf that is right next to their traditional catchment areas, thus enabling them to expand the programmes and teams they offer.
- Not only would this turf provide a valuable asset to the community it is based in; the wider hockey community would benefit from an additional facility that could be utilised for games and trainings. It would give Canterbury Hockey the ability to grow the number of people playing hockey, as it would increase the facility capacity in the city.
- Travel for youth would be minimised with this surface, meaning they can play and train within or near to their local communities.

User pays

- As with other turf facilities in Christchurch the turf would be hired out on a user pays basis to cover costs. This has two benefits:
 - The ability to service any loan needed to build the facility
 - The ability to budget for replacement costs once the turf reaches the end of its life cycle.

Funding

- As this project is still in its early stages, no accurate costings have been completed for it specifically. Below are some costs gathered from a similar project currently underway in Timaru. The income figures are indicative in terms of where the funding will be sought from, but none of this has been finalised

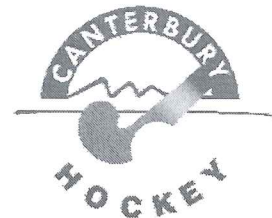
Design & Build of an Artificial Hockey Turf

Income (indicative figures only)

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| Christchurch City Council | \$ 500,000.00 |
| Canterbury Community Trust (loan) | \$ 500,000.00 |
| Lottery Community Facilities Fund | \$ 150,000.00 |
| User groups (Cashmere High School/Selwyn Hockey Club) | \$ 250,000.00 |
| Sponsorship | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Bank loan | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 1,600,000.00 |

Expenditure

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| Tiger Turf Wet [Carpet & Shockpad] | \$ 372,500.00 |
| Base Work | \$ 735,427.00 |
| Irrigation System | \$ 89,000.00 |
| Consultancy | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Total Costs | \$ 1,552,567.00 |



31 March 2009

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Dear Selwyn Hockey Club (Inc.),

Re: Support for development of artificial hockey field by Selwyn Hockey Club

I am happy to indicate that the Canterbury Hockey Association supports the endeavours of the Selwyn Hockey Club to establish an artificial hockey field in partnership with Cashmere High School.

The sport of hockey in Canterbury is currently being negatively impacted upon by a severe lack of artificial hockey fields. To cater for current demand and projected growth the Canterbury Hockey Association believes that two more fields are required immediately, with additional hockey fields to be developed every four to five years into the future. On that basis the proposed development involving the Selwyn Hockey Club would address the projected needs in the next four to five years.

If the Selwyn Hockey Club were able to establish this field in the coming years, then the Canterbury Hockey Association would certainly wish to utilise this field and allocate matches on a regular basis to this field.

I wish the Selwyn Hockey Club well in securing the necessary funding to make this project a reality.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at your convenience. I am also happy for any organisations or individuals to whom this letter is supplied to contact me at their convenience if they require any further indication of the support of the Canterbury Hockey Association for this project.

Yours sincerely,


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