

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**POLICY AND REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Report of a meeting held in the James Coe 1 Meeting Room, Dowse Art Museum,
45 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on

Monday 29 August 2016 commencing at 2.05pm

PRESENT:

Cr MJ Cousins (Chair)

Cr B Branch

Cr L Bridson

Cr C Milne

Cr M Willard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens

Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE RESERVE REVOCATION PROPOSAL
- HOLBORN, STOKES VALLEY**

No submitters were present at the hearing.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL - 20 September 2016

Reserve Revocation Proposal - Holborn, Sokes Valley (16/911)

The Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report. He advised that four submissions had been received, two of which objected to the proposal. He said that the main concern raised by one objector was the narrowing of the ecological corridor on the Eastern Hill slopes. He advised that the proposed recommendation (vi) contained in the officer's report could mitigate the objector's concerns. He noted that the ecological report by Boffa Miskell and the assessment of reserve values report by PAOS had not signalled any key issues that would give reason for Council to retain the land as reserve.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens confirmed that on paper the ecological corridor was already narrow at this point. He said the land owned by UrbanPlus Limited was currently zoned as Hill Residential. He advised that if the reserve status was revoked from the Council owned land a district plan change and resource consent process would follow. He considered that fire was not a major issue as the gullies were damp and less fire prone.

RECOMMENDED:**Minute No. PRSub 16401**

"That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (i) notes that the proposal to revoke the reserve status of approximately 6.2 hectares of recreation reserve at the top end of Shaftesbury Grove in Holborn was publicly notified in the Hutt News on 14 June 2016;*
- (ii) notes that the proposal attracted four submissions/objections, attached as Appendix 2 to the report;*
- (iii) considers the matters raised by the submitters/objectors, noting that Council is required to determine whether objections to the proposed reserve revocation will be allowed/accepted or disallowed/not accepted, in part or in whole, and the reasons for Council's decision;*
- (iv) agrees that the objections be not accepted for the following reasons;*
 - (a) that the land was originally purchased by Council for housing development and is now required for that purpose;*
 - (b) the effect of the loss of the land as reserve in regard to the wider reserve network is not considered to be significant; and*
 - (c) that the revocation and disposal of the land for residential development will provide greater benefit the City by helping to meet a forecasted demand for future housing;*
- (v) agrees that, subject to the Department of Conservation ratifying the revocation and Council achieving a successful plan change, the land be declared surplus and made available for transfer to UrbanPlus Limited for a residential housing development, attached as Appendices 1 and 3 to the report;*
- (vi) directs officers to explore options with the Crown in respect of protection of its land, within the Taita College property, which forms part of the ecological corridor on the Eastern Hill slopes; and*
- (vii) asks officers to refer the Boffa Miskell and PAO's reports to UrbanPlus Limited and Council's Environmental Consents Division to consider the suggestions contained therein as part of the resource consent plan change applications."*

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.20 pm.

Cr MJ Cousins
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of September 2016