

**HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

**EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD**

Meeting to be held on  
Tuesday 27 June 2017 commencing at 7.15pm

**ATTACHMENT SEPARATELY CIRCULATED FROM ORDER PAPER**

**7. ADDITION TO CHAIR'S REPORT (17/1000)**

Report No. ECB2017/3/100 by the Chair

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## Addition to Chair's Report

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## Note to Chair's Report

Since writing my report I have heard of new concerns for neighbours to the proposed mini-ramp location at San Antonio.

1. Some residents are worried this project is the first part of a larger skate park. This is absolutely not true. The ECB has not heard of any such. The aim of this proposal is to build a mini-ramp which will mainly attract younger children.
2. Since the last ECB meeting Hutt Council has carried out new sound level tests at the San Antonio location. While these showed sound levels meet all legal requirements both Council officers and ECB want these to be reduced. Residents have been assured by Bruce Hodgins and myself ***that the ECB intends to make the design and mitigation measures available to all concerned residents so that there is an opportunity for input and questions before the project can proceed.***

## Note to Minutes of ECB meeting 4 April 2017

### *Item 7 Proposed mini-ramp*

***(ii) of resolution : Board requests officers to provide a full report, to be made available to the public, on the other two proposed sites – CL Bishop Park and the North West corner to the cricket nets at the HW Shortt Recreation Ground***

The Council has not provided this report since the information the Board had at the time reasons for the choice of San Antonio have been covered in the *ECB report on the skate ramp proposal in Eastbourne May 2017*. This report has been sent out to concerned residents who have contacted Hutt Council and is available to anyone who would like to read it.

Below are some relevant extracts from that report:

### ***1. 25<sup>th</sup> February - Eastbourne Community Board visit to proposed sites***

The Community Board visited the three proposed sites as part of their annual walkaround on Saturday 25 February. The project organisers discussed with ECB members the pros and cons of each site and walked the area, checking exactly how much space would be required and how it would fit within each site. A note of the pros and cons for each site is in *Schedule A*.

Once on site the disadvantages of Bishop Park (leaf fall from trees, sand likely to be on ramp and in wheels of skateboards, and in particular the lack of space between the pool and the picnic area) Shortt Park (proximity to sports grounds and the ESSC clubrooms and leaf fall from overhanging trees) became apparent. San Antonio was agreed to be the best site of those reviewed for a skate ramp.

Board members noted there would be concerns about the potential noise impact and were keen for the project organisers to explore ways in which noise mitigation would be an intrinsic part of the design.

## Schedule A

### Proposed sites

1. Option 1: Immediately adjacent to the North West Corner of the Eastbourne Summer Pool. Suitable for a skate ramp.
2. Option 2: Immediately adjacent to the Eastbourne indoor sports hall on the southern netball Court opposite San Antonio school. Suitable for a ramp, park, bowl or combination. Currently used by local kids for skateboarding on old and deteriorating equipment.
3. Option 3: Adjacent to the North West Corner to the Cricket nets at the Eastbourne Recreation ground. Suitable for a ramp, park, bowl or combination.

### Pros and cons of each site (prepared by proposers of the project)

When considering the three possible sites for a skate ramp the promoters considered the following:

- Level of public visibility
- Proximity to other recreational amenities
- Proximity to residential dwellings
- Zoning for recreational activity
- Any restrictions on land use, including noise
- Surrounds including proximity to trees, beach, and general exposure to weather and wind
- Accessibility

### HCC Courts

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sufficient space to accommodate ramp</li> <li>- Good public visibility</li> <li>- In proximity to other recreational amenities</li> <li>- Good distance from residential dwellings</li> <li>- Zoning for recreational activity</li> <li>- No day time restrictions on land use, including noise</li> <li>- No proximity to trees, and lower exposure to beach drift, and lower general exposure to weather and wind</li> <li>- Good accessibility</li> <li>- Clear community preference</li> <li>- Parking</li> <li>- Safe – away from cars and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concern around noise echo effect. Mitigation options are available to address and reduce any impact</li> <li>- Mulch may need to be more confined from where it is currently dumped</li> <li>- Reduction of 8-10m of wall for tennis/soccer volley practice. But there is considerable amount of remaining wall for this use</li> <li>- Removal of one unused netball court</li> </ul>

pedestrians - No impact on existing tennis courts - Opportunity for urban renewal of currently underutilised area	
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### Bishop Park

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good level of public visibility</li> <li>- In proximity to other recreational amenities</li> <li>- Good distance from residential dwellings</li> <li>- Zoning for recreational activity</li> <li>- No day time restrictions on land use, including noise</li> <li>- Good accessibility</li> <li>- Parking</li> <li>- Safe – away from cars and pedestrians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Insufficient space for a 8-10m (80sqm ramp), without moving existing structures – picnic tables; cutting back overhanging tree growth; and excavation.</li> <li>- Reduces available area for picnicking – and the site has high use during weekends for that purpose, especially in Summer</li> <li>- Placement would be very tight between pool and existing playground structures.</li> <li>- Proximity to trees, beach, and general exposure to weather</li> </ul>

### HW Shortt Park

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sufficient space to accommodate ramp</li> <li>- In proximity to other recreational amenities</li> <li>- Good distance from residential dwellings</li> <li>- Zoning for recreational activity</li> <li>- No day time restrictions on land use, including noise</li> <li>- Parking</li> <li>- Safe – away from cars and pedestrians</li> <li>- Sufficient space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would need to cut back overhanging tree growth</li> <li>- Reduces available area for picnicking and cricket/rugby practice</li> <li>- Proximity to trees, beach, and general exposure to weather</li> <li>- Lower level of public visibility</li> <li>- Lower level of accessibility</li> </ul>

## 2. Residents' Concerns

During the consultation period the Eastbourne Community Board received emails from both supporters and opponents of San Antonio as a location for a skate ramp. The most

common concern from neighbouring residents was the noise that could result from the project. Supporting emails expressed their enthusiasm for the project and the benefit to the young people of Eastbourne. These emails were circulated to all members of the Community Board so that they were well aware of the issues raised by concerned neighbours before the board meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### ***3. Eastbourne Community Board Meeting Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017***

Residents concerned about the choice of location spoke at the Community Board meeting. The organizers responded with possible ways the noise might be mitigated and the importance that would be placed on this throughout the design and planning process. Some of these suggestions are in Schedule D.

The community board had before them a memorandum on the proposed mini skate ramp from HCC officer Craig Cottrill set out in Schedule E. This memorandum addressed noise mitigation, funding and other issues.

During the following board discussion all members expressed their concern about possible noise and the importance of mitigation as an essential part of the design.