

#### 4. HALSWELL UNITED SOCCER CLUB TRAINING LIGHTS – HALSWELL DOMAIN

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The purpose of this report is to consult with the Board regarding the intention of the Parks and Waterways Manager to approve the Halswell United Soccer Clubs application to erect 5 new poles containing training lights on Halswell Domain.

#### **PARKS AND WATERWAYS MANAGERS DELEGATION**

The Parks and Waterways Manager was given delegated authority from Council (23.10.96) to approve applications for flood lights on sports parks subject to the necessary Resource Consents and consultation with the appropriate Community Board.

#### **CLUB HISTORY**

Halswell United Soccer Club was formed in 1964 and are based on Halswell Domain where they have Clubrooms and changing facilities which are also used by Halswell Cricket and Halswell Touch Module during the summer.

The club is now one of the largest in Christchurch. In the 2001 season the club had 8 mens teams, 2 womens teams and 380 junior members under the age of 18. At present the club has 4 sections, Premier, Senior Men , Senior Women and juniors allowing the club to cater for players of any age or ability. One of the founding members is still playing Masters, and at 71 is the oldest registered soccer player in the country

They currently have 3 senior fields with a further 2 senior, 2 intermediate and 3 junior fields coming on stream this season as a result of the recent extension to the Domain.

#### **EXISTING USE**

It is important to note that the current application is not introducing a new activity on the park as the club has had training lights in operation for many years. The Club needs to extend the amount of illuminated training area due to some of the existing lights being obscured by trees and to cater for the increased number of teams needing to train.

The clubs intention is to erect 5 new poles that will illuminate a larger area for training (see attached plan). This will allow more teams to train at any one time and spread the wear over a larger area. Spreading the wear over a larger area will also help to reduce the annual cost to Council for turf renovation following the soccer season.

The training area and lights are currently used 5 nights per week and will continue at that level when the new lights are installed, however there will be no increase in the length of time the lights are in operation.

#### **RESOURCE CONSENT AND BUILDING CONSENT**

The proposed installation of training lights requires the club to obtain a Building Consent and Resource Consent. A Building Consent is required as poles over 6 metres in height are classified as buildings and the Resource Consent is required as there are City Plan rules to be complied with in terms of light spill onto adjoining properties.

A Resource Consent for this proposal has been partly processed and will be issued as soon as Council approval as the "landowner" is obtained. The consent has been processed as a Non-notified Consent. Apart from landowners consent the club only required Neighbours Consent from one property owner at 341 Halswell Road, which the club successfully obtained.

The property at 341 Halswell Road was deemed to be the only affected property in relation to the location of the training area and the parks external boundaries. The club will be lodging a Building Consent application for the poles in the near future.

## CONCLUSION

The Parks and Waterways Unit has been in close contact with the club and is comfortable with the current proposal. The Unit acknowledges the clubs need for an adequate training area and facilities and believes their application is well justified.

The club is providing valuable recreational opportunities for a wide cross section of local residents in the Halswell area, therefore the Parks and Waterways Unit supports the current proposal.

Accordingly the Parks and Waterways Manager intends to approve the Halswell Soccer Clubs application to erect 5 poles and associated training lights on Halswell Domain subject to the following conditions.

1. The poles will be required to be powder coated, or painted a flax green colour, for example Resene 12 B 21 (B.S. 5252 (1976) Colour Range.
2. The applicant is to obtain the necessary Resource and Building Consents at their cost before commencing installation of the lighting system on the park.
3. The applicant or contractor will be responsible for obtaining plans of all services presently laid underground in the park, (electricity, telephonic, sewerage, storm water, high pressure water supply and irrigation).
4. The applicant will be required to deposit scaled plans, showing the pole and cable layout in the park, as built, within two months of the work being completed.
5. The applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the lighting system.
6. The applicant will be responsible to ensure that the lighting system is maintained in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
7. The training lights are not to be operated after 8.30 pm at night.
8. The applicant, or principal contractor will be required to pay a bond of \$2,000 to the council before any construction commences on the park.
9. The area to be restored to its previous condition following completion of the work. The bond will be refunded, less any costs incurred by council, after the as built plan has been lodged with council and any necessary restoration work is completed to an acceptable standard.
10. Approval to lapse if the development is not completed within 2 years of the application being granted.

**Recommendation:** That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board supports the Parks and Waterways Managers decision to approve the Halswell Soccer Clubs application to erect 5 training lights on Halswell Domain subject to the conditions 1-10 as outlined in the report.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the Officer's recommendations be adopted.