

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Manager Property  
**REFERENCE:** 51720  
**DATE:** 21 November 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Exchange of Land – Jubilee Park, Richmond

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## PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To consider a proposal to undertake an exchange of land pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 at Jubilee Park, Richmond.

## BACKGROUND

Council has been approached regarding a possible exchange of land at Jubilee Park, Richmond. Although the two areas of land are some distance apart, the land adjoining in both instances is owned by the same persons. The two areas of land are shown on the plan attached to this report.

The Council has previously approved the purchase of part of the land which is proposed to be exchanged.

## COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Staff support the proposal for the following reasons:

- The land proposed to be added to Jubilee Park will create a better and more manageable boundary.
- The sports field layout at Jubilee Park will be able to be improved with the additional land.
- The land proposed to be disposed of is currently licensed to the adjoining owners who have promoted the exchange. The land is not required for any recreation purpose.
- The land proposed to be disposed of does not compromise the proposed tennis court expansion which can still be accommodated within the remaining land.

The proposal is subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and as such will have to be publicly notified with any submissions being heard by the Council and the Department of Conservation making any final decision.

The two parcels of land would be valued and any difference funded either by the Council through Richmond DIL's or the other party.

## **AFFECTED PARTIES**

This proposal would be publicly notified in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and this is considered to be appropriate consultation. Other than the two parties involved no other person has been identified as being affected.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

The proposal is not significant in the terms of Council's policy on significance.

## **OPTIONS**

- 1 Proceed to notify the proposed exchange of land as indicated herein.
- 2 Do nothing and remain with the status quo.

It is considered that the advantages of proceeding to notify the proposal outweighing the alternative option of doing nothing.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the proposal to exchange part of the land known as Part Section 100, Waimea East District for part of the land in Part Section 104, Waimea East District be notified as a proposal to exchange land in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and that Councillors ... and ... be appointed to hear any submissions to the proposal and be delegated the authority to make a recommendation to the Minister of Conservation on those submissions.

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