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## **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan: Whirinaki Crescent Stopbank Upgrade**

### **1. Purpose**

To update the Advisory Committee on progress with the design and consultation for the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **3. Background**

The Flood Protection Operating Plan provides for completing the Whirinaki Crescent stopbank upgrade works by June 2007. Investigations were started in late 2003 with the design and resource consent works scheduled for the 2005/06 financial year, and construction scheduled for 2006/07.

The Wellington Golf Club (WGC) is no longer pursuing the flood wall option on their land and we are now progressing with the option of upgrading the stopbank on the existing alignment. This requires the acquisition of land off WGC, St Patrick's College Silverstream and St Joseph's Home of Compassion to accommodate the wider stopbank footprint.

A resource consent application for the proposed works was lodged on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2006, and the pre-notification consultation was completed with a public meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.

We are still continuing land purchase negotiations with WGC and St Patrick's College.

## **4. Consultation**

Public consultation on this project started in August 2005 with meetings with 8 individual landowners to talk about encroachments onto UHCC land.

In March 2006, three meetings were held with adjacent residents to obtain their feedback on the proposed design.

On 11 April, a public meeting was held in the St Patrick's college hall. Newsletters were distributed to residents and stakeholders in December 2005, March and June 2006. The main concerns of the residents are as follows:

- Removal of vegetation currently on the stopbank down to the stream edge.
- The reduction in privacy due to the increased height of the stopbank.
- Possibility of disturbing nests of ants in the stopbank.
- The perceived increase in run-off from the stopbank into adjacent properties exacerbating existing drainage problems.
- Loss of shelter from the prevailing wind by the removal of existing trees from the stopbank.

We have made some changes to the design to reduce the above effects.

## **5. Changes to the Design**

Changes incorporated into the design following public consultation include:

- Additional planting along the residential boundaries with the stopbank.
- Improving stormwater drainage to prevent stormwater from the stopbank entering private property.
- A revised stopbank alignment along the boundary with Wellington Golf Club.
- Installing stormwater pipes to drain a stagnating pool of water near the Home of Compassion land.

The detailed design is in its final stages. We have also commenced the preparation of tender documents.

## **6. Land Purchases**

Land will have to be purchased off St Patrick's College, the Home of Compassion and Wellington Golf Club to reconstruct the stopbank. Each of these parties has been approached individually over the last two years.

The Home of Compassion is in tacit agreement with Council purchasing land off them. Council had worked closely with the Golf Club and in a recent meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2006 we agreed a process which should lead to the acquisition of the required land.

An agreement for acquiring land from St Patrick's college is yet to be finalised. At this stage we are awaiting the acceptance of an offer made by us for the required land, a temporary stockpile area and for access to the site through school land.

## **7. Resource Consent**

The resource consent was submitted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. It is likely that the consent will take at least two months to be approved.

The resource consent was prepared on the basis that it would be notified. After submission we were advised that only permission from one affected party, Upper Hutt City Council, was required.

Copies of the resource consent application are available at both the Upper Hutt City Council and Greater Wellington offices.

## **8. Programme**

The detailed design and tender documentation should be prepared by the end of the July 2006. The works will then be tendered for construction over the coming summer. This construction season broadly runs from September to the following May.

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Expected completion Date</b>
Resource Consent	End of August 2006
Detailed Design and Tender Documents	End of July 2006
Call tenders and appoint Contractor	End of October 2006
Construction	End of May 2007

## 9. Budget

The Flood Protection Operating Plan provides a total of \$ 611,000 in 2006/07 to complete the upgrade works

We are currently in the process of reviewing the cost estimate for the works. At this stage we do not expect there will be significant changes to the total cost estimate.

## 10. Communication

There have been communications to the parties involved through newsletters and individual and public meetings. The next newsletter will be to advise the residents on the outcomes of the resource consent application.

## 11. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.

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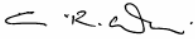
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