



Community

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News

Changes projected for elderly persons housing

As a result of issues raised, the City Planning Team is undertaking a review of the Elderly Persons Housing (EPH) provisions included in the City Plan. At present the plan allows for EPH units to be built as an exception to the residential site density rules in low-medium density living zones.

A draft plan and questionnaire was circulated for public consultation between 8 December 2006 and 9 February 2007. The purpose of this consultation was to invite feedback and generate discussion. It wasn't an opportunity to make formal submissions.

Should the Council decide that amendments are justified, proposed changes will be publicly notified and interested parties will be given the opportunity to make formal submissions.

It is intended that the proposed changes will address the current issue of increased residential site density and the subsequent adverse effects this is having on the character, amenity and integrity of the low to medium density living zones. In part, the change is also intended to address inadequate provision of on site manoeuvring space.

It is proposed that :

- There will be different standards that apply to EPH units (3-10 units) and larger EPH com-

plexes (units and health facilities).

- Changes to the residential site density rules will include the removal of the 80m² maximum floor area for all EPH units. This will be replaced with a 300m² maximum net site area for those EPH units not contained within an EPH complex. Each unit will still require 30m² of outdoor living space with a minimum dimension of 3.0m.

- There will be no maximum floor area or minimum net site area for EPH units in EPH complexes.

- Open space rules will be amended and be calculated at the same maximum percentage of site coverage for the living zones in which the units are located.

- EPH housing units will be limited to a height of 5.5m (single story) instead of 8.0m at present.

This brief summary of proposed changes is based on consultation documents released by the City Planning Team. Affected residents should view these documents in full before jumping to any conclusion based solely on this article. This is the beginning of a process to clarify and implement standards for future EPH developments. It is anticipated that the City Council will consider text changes to the City Plan within

the first half of 2007. If Council is supportive of the changes recommended by the City Plan Team, a plan change will then be publicly notified.

LIGHT UP DALLINGTON COMPETITION

At the end of last year the Dallington Residents' Association sponsored a *Light up Dallington* competition when residents were encouraged to decorate their homes and gardens for Christmas. There were fewer entries than for previous years so we especially thank those that played a part in brightening our community for the festive season.

We congratulate our winners:

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(Lynda and Gary Jayet) |
| 2nd | 175 Gayhurst Road
(Andrew Brunsdon) |
| 3rd | 65 Gayhurst Road
(Karyn and Robert Belam) |
| 4th | 7 Snell Place
(Tony Moore) |
| 5th | 60 McBratneys Road
(Ray and Ann William) |

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Dallington Friends

A group for all ages, called "Dallington Friends", meets on the third Tuesday each month at 1.30pm at the Biddick Court Hall in Claydon Place. For more information contact Shirley on Tel. 385 3843, call in to the Community Centre or come along (gold coin donation).

Walking Group

A walking group meets outside the Community Centre/Shop every Monday at 10.00am. Walks are arranged in the local area and last about an hour. To join this group all you have to do is turn up.

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DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE/SHOP

We've lived in Dallington now for 33 years and think it's the best place to live in Christchurch. Where else could we live that has such good schools, is close to two shopping malls, on bus routes, with a beautiful river running around it? There are lovely walks, playgrounds and playcentres, and it's free of traffic hassles. We have tennis courts, playing fields and a rowing course. We're close to town, to the sea and to bush walks, but what makes us really unique is our Community Centre.

Other suburbs may have Community Centres but none have a Craft Shop and offer the same programmes.

We have a friendship group, gardening group, walking group and art group. I was looking round the craft shop today at the wonderful variety of things we have for sale and all made here in Dallington. What a clever bunch we are. We have a wonderful range of cards, knitted goods, children's clothes and uniforms, ceramics, pictures, garden signs and plants, jewellery, dolls and toys, bags, cushions, pots, dolls' clothes, novelties, etc. What's more, many of our crafts people are willing to teach people how to do their crafts.

We're always on the look out for people with art or craft skills who would like to join us, so why not call in and have a "cuppa" and chat about it. You may not have a craft but would like to be part of the Centre anyway or you may want to join one of our groups. Either way, it's a really good way to make new friends and get to know people in the area.

So if you are looking for something unique or practical, make the Community Centre your first port of call and support our 'locals'. You'll find our prices are highly competitive and the quality is good. Also if you would like to learn a craft, call in and leave your name and tell us what you would like to do. We'd love to hear from you.

Best wishes to all.

Jayne

A family that makes music

Some readers may recall the community concert arranged by the Residents' Association in 2003. Featured in this programme were the Bell family of Halberg Street in their band *Barock*. Formed in 1989 this group plays mainly for weddings and dances and sometimes for corporate events.

Barock plays all sorts of music styles including classical, jazz and rock. Membership varies but there are normally about five involved. Other musicians, according to their availability and the requirements of a particular engagement, augment the Bell family. Members of the band play a variety of instruments including double bass, guitar, saxophone, flute and trumpet. Greg Knowles and Judith share the vocals with Tim adding vocal harmony.

Judith's answer when questioned as to how their boys came to share their interest in music-making was, "When they were little I taught pre-school music for nine years. Most little children are interested in music. Ours have just grown up with music. We haven't pushed them. It was always an option and we've been happy to play together." Judith's own father played piano in a dance band and also the bagpipes.

Judith is a music teacher at Chisnallwood Intermediate School in Wainoni where she is the Specialist Music Co-ordinator. She looks after all the extra-curricula music outside of the classroom and also arranges the learning of instruments with the help of 14 itinerant teachers. About 300 students are catered for. She also runs music groups that learners can play in, like the orchestra, jazz band, chamber group, rock bands and percussion group. Her involvement extends to computer music and a composition and theory club. She also taught music locally at Shirley Primary and Banks Avenue Schools.

The Bells moved from Shirley to Dallington about 12 years ago. Their older son, Michael, was born in Canada where Tim was working at the university at Calgary on a post-doctoral fellowship. They laughingly

recall that Michael was born two weeks before the Calgary Stampede and he was taken along, much to the consternation of the grandparents! Tim is now an Associate Professor of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Canterbury.

Tim and Judith are involved with other local musicians in the activities and music making at the Emmett Street Christian Centre in Shirley. Judith also teaches some private pupils but is not looking to expand this involvement at present. As Tim puts it, "We're not looking for extra work!" Besides music, Judith has an added interest in photography.

It was as university students in Christchurch that the Bells first met in the context of the University Chapel. They lived in student hostels and as Tim put it, "My usual guitarist had left and my friends told me there was a girl next door who played guitar and we've been together ever since." At university Tim did computing with a little music while Judith did music with a little computing.

Their son, Michael, does a lot of composing, arranging and recording and Judith is also into arranging and recording. Both Judith and Michael have produced pre-school CDs with Julie Wylie. They've also done some arranging for the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. At 19, Michael already has a music degree and has done music arrangements for radio and television. He is currently working on a feature film musical comedy that he has written the music for, himself. Michael plays bass in *Barock* and the piano for the improvised comedy of *Scared Scriptless* in the Court Theatre on Friday nights.

Younger son, Andrew, plays drums for *Barock* and is learning the piano. At 14 he likes singing, song-writing and acting. He also has his own rock band called *Pneumatic Respirator* and is acting in *Bobby*, a musical by Mark Walton.

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Renowned Kiwi celebrated in name of Park

Although Porritt Park is on the other side of the river from Dallington it is within the Dallington Residents' Association boundary. This is because our boundary follows the original course of the Avon round the loop adjacent to Kerrs Reach.

Porritt Park was named after Arthur Espie Porritt who was born in Wanganui in 1900. His father was a doctor and Arthur also pursued a medical career. In 1923 he became a Rhodes Scholar and was the first such scholar to study medicine. At Oxford he developed into a track athlete and represented New Zealand at the Paris Olympics where he came third in the 100 metres final. This race was featured in the film *Chariots of Fire* though its third place-getter was called Tom Watson as Porritt refused to be named in the script. He captained the NZ Olympic team in 1928 and was the manager of our 1936 team in Berlin.

Sir Arthur Porritt returned to NZ in 1967 as the first NZ-born Governor-General. He had previously been appointed surgeon to King George VI and later sergeant surgeon to Queen Elizabeth II. He died as Baron Porritt of Wanganui and Hampstead when 93 years.

The 10 hectares of Porritt Park are used for hockey and cricket and also provide access to rowing facilities on the Kerrs Reach.

Action needed

The Dallington Residents' Association welcomes suggestions and encourages participation in its activities. Letters and items of local interest are also sought for this quarterly publication

Letter to the Editor

SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH

In our last issue the following paragraph appeared in an article on the 140th anniversary of the Shirley Methodist Church, headed *Church Anniversary Celebrated*:

"The site where the church now stands was known as Craddock Corner. Mr. Craddock was a very generous member of the congregation and he donated the land before he became insolvent. The Church trustees had to pay the official assignee for the property they had been given!"

This brought the following response from one of our readers. He also raises a concern about the current status of the area previously identified as Windsor.

Dear Sir

I read with interest the article in the Dallington Community News, 4th Quarter 2006, about the Shirley Methodist Church. It states that Mr. Craddock donated the land on which the church now stands. Official land transfer documents do not support this.

The first titled owner was a Mr. Thomas Lauga Laine who purchased on 7 August 1856 Rural Section (R.S.) 557 and R.S. 231. He also purchased R.S. 880, 887 and 1456 ct 13/29. The church is on part of R.S. 557 and not R.S. 880, which is on the other side of New Brighton Road.

On 13 November 1875 Mr. Craddock purchased part of R.S. 880 ct 16/165 from Mr. Laine (The Palms now stands on part of this R.S.). On 20 June 1877 Mr James Rowe purchased part of R.S. 557 ct 25/233 from Mr Laine. A Mr. McGill purchased part of R.S. 880 ct 16/241 on 20 November 1875.

On 12 July 1916 Mr. Rowe transferred pt R.S. 557 Lot 8 D.P. 3856 ct 295/35 to the trustees of the Methodist Church. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Craddock were among the trustees. At no stage, according to the records, did Mr. Craddock own the land where the church now stands nor did he own the previous Golf Links Road site. Shirley Methodist Church's One hundred years of Christian witness states that the Golf Links Road site was purchased from Mr. McGill for 100 pounds and the old site was sold for 50 pounds.

The names of Shirley and Windsor are associated closely with the early pioneers in the specific area of R.S. 557 and R.S. 880. It is disturbing to see the boundaries of Shirley being shifted to the North West and the name Windsor disappearing from the map with the historically inappropriate name, Dallington, taking their place.

I would ask your committee to consider this very recent move and retain the district names in their historically correct geographic areas. This is our history and heritage. It is particularly important to those of us whose families – seven generations in my case – have been settled on part of this land in Windsor for over 130 years.

*Yours faithfully
Roger Allen*

What's happened to Windsor?

In a letter on this page Roger Allen states that he is disturbed that the name Windsor is disappearing from usage and maps of this part of Christchurch. This reflects that place names do change over the years and it often proves very difficult to revert to former designations.

In this country as an example there are countless examples of Maori place names that have been usurped, though some are kept alive, even though they are not in popular use.

It seems that the area north of Birchfield and Strathfield Streets and was known as Windsor while Dallington ended at McBratneys Road. The boundary became confused when Gayhurst Road was extended northwards about 1961.

The name Windsor is now preserved in the Windsor House Retirement Community that is situated in the original suburb, Windsor School to the north of it and Windsor Golf Course that's well to the north beyond Prestons Road.

A library Fact File contains the contains the comment, "For a time it looked as though Shirley would disappear and be replaced by Windsor, but Windsor lost its popularity when it was said that property sold quicker if it was advertised Shirley and not Windsor."

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