# Proposed Land Sale – Section of QEII Park

# **Background**

Christchurch City Council is consulting the community about a proposal to sell approximately 11.5 hectares of land in the southeast corner of Queen Elizabeth II Park to the Ministry of Education, for use as the site for the rebuild and relocation of Shirley Boys' and Avonside Girls' High Schools.

The QEII site is the preferred site for the two schools because of the size of the available land, its accessibility to transport, its future flexibility and the potential for community partnerships.

Purchasing this land will allow the Ministry of Education to build the two schools in close proximity, with each school benefiting from the efficiencies this would create. Operating alongside Eastern Recreation and Sports Centre will also allow for further efficiencies by creating shared community spaces.

The Council is consulting the public on the proposed sale of the land and it will make a final decision once submissions have been heard. The law requires the Council to consult on this proposal because it relates to the proposed sale of part of a park (see Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2002).

Public consultation runs from Wednesday 2 March to midnight on Sunday 3 April 2016.

## **A Community Hub**

QEII Park would become a focal point for the community in the northeast of Christchurch. With much of the land close to the current school locations red-zoned and local populations shifting post-quake, a move north will return both schools to a central location in relation to the surrounding population. Creating a shared campus alongside the planned Eastern Recreation and Sports Centre will further activate the area and create opportunities for increased community use of the park.

Shared spaces are part of the proposals and while the detail around these is yet to be decided, both the Council and Ministry of Education are committed to identifying as many mutual benefits to the colocation of facilities as possible.

### The Site

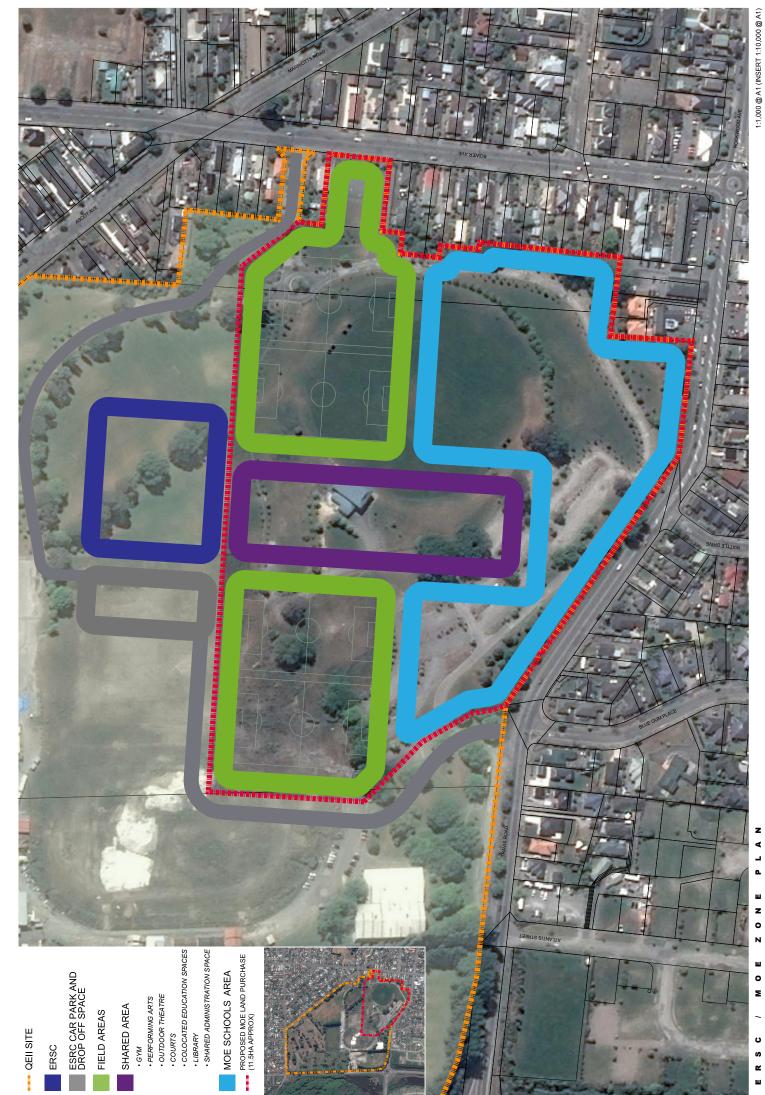
The Council-owned, 49 hectare park is in North New Brighton, and is bordered by Travis Road, Frosts Road, Beach Road, Ascot Avenue and Bower Avenue. Prior to the 2011 Canterbury earthquakes the park was occupied by a multi-use stadium, driving range, golf course and QEII Recreation and Sport Centre. Earthquake damage in February 2011 led to the demolition of the main buildings in the park.

The Ministry of Education wishes to purchase a portion of land in the southeast corner of QEII Park. This leaves a large amount of greenspace still available to the wider community to enjoy for informal recreation and other activities.

## **Local Impacts**

Council staff have been working closely with the Ministry of Education to plan a shared space that works for both organisations, for those using the buildings and for the local community. The sale of the land and future development will have an impact on the local area, as well as the suburbs where the schools currently operate. The Ministry of Education will be required to assess the environmental impacts of the school development as part of its consenting process. The process will be made available for the public to provide feedback.





M A S T E R P L A N Z O N I N G D I A G R A M

# **Making your submission**

Christchurch City Council would like your feedback on the proposal to sell a section of land in QEII Park to the Ministry of Education. Please submit your views by midnight on Sunday 3 April.

To submit online:

Use the form at www.ccc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay

To submit by email, send to:

qe2park@ccc.govt.nz

To submit in writing, either using the print submission form or in any other written form, post to:

Freepost 178 (no stamp required) **QEII Park Land Sale Consultation** Christchurch City Council PO Box 73017 Christchurch 8146

We must get your submission by the closing date. To ensure we receive last-minute submissions on time, please hand deliver them to the Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central, Christchurch 8013.

Please call if you would like a submission form sent for you to complete:

**03 941 8999** or **0800 800 196** (Banks Peninsula residents)

#### Drop in for more information

The Council will host two public drop-in sessions for anyone interested in hearing more about the project.

Wednesday 9 March

Wednesday 16 March

4.30pm-7.30pm

3pm-6pm

Ascot Community Centre, 12 Ascot Avenue

Shirley Library, 36 Marshland Road

#### **Contact details**

*Name:	
*Postal address:	*Post code:
Phone: (home/work/mobile)	Email: (if applicable)
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I am completing this submission:	
For myself	
On behalf of a group or organisation	
If you are representing a group or organisation,	how many people do you represent?
Organisation: (if representing)	
Role in organisation:	
Signature:	
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### Do you want to be heard? You can ask to present your submission at a public meeting. These hearing(s) are scheduled for May 2016. Please identify in your written submission form whether you wish to make an oral presentation, and whether it will be in person or otherwise. You will be contacted by phone to confirm the date and time of the meeting. **Do you wish to present your submission at the hearing?** (*Please tick*) Yes No Daytime phone number:\_ **Email:** We encourage you to combine your hearing presentation with other submitters – please discuss this when we contact you to arrange a hearing time. Are you submitting a supporting petition? Others may support your submission by signing a petition. All petitioners need to supply their full name and address. You need to email, post or deliver petitions, along with your submission. A sample petition form is attached, but you can design your own. The submission will count as one, but due consideration will be given to the petition as well. If petitioners wish to be heard (see below), they need to make an individual submission. Submissions are public information Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, we will make all written or electronic submissions publicly available, including the name and address of the submitter. If you consider there are reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, please contact the Hearings and Council Support Team Leader, phone (03) 941 8999 or 0800 800 169.

What do you think of the Council's proposal to sell 11.5 hectares of land to the Ministry of Education for the rebuild and relocation of Shirley Boys' and Avonside Girls' High Schools?

Do you:
Agree
Disagree
Don't Know
Please tell us your reasons

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this proposal or consultation process, please contact:

#### **Simon Battrick**

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