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Feedback closes on **Friday 30th October**.

Please send your comments to: "Possible Leithfield Reserve", PO Box 13, Amberley 7441, email submission@hurunui.govt.nz or fax to 03 314 9181.

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Possible Reserve Purchase – Leithfield Township

What do YOU think?



The Council has received an offer to purchase two adjacent blocks of land as a reserve within the Leithfield Township, as shown on the maps below and on the pamphlet cover.



The proposed reserve area is part of the estate of the late Rev. M. Coppard, and is Lot 1 of a subdivision recently approved by the Council, as well as an adjacent title on the corner of Ramsgate St & Old Main North Road. The subdivision decision relating to proposed Lot 1 took into account the potential for the future use of the land as either a reserve space or as a residential section.

The site is an attractive area with several mature trees – nine walnut trees, one chestnut tree and one large elm. The site also contains part of the Leithfield outfall drain. Within the Leithfield Township, the only reserve area is the Coulbeck Reserve, of 2474m² in area, located at the northern end of the township on Leithfield Road. The potential reserve area would be located in proximity to the school and also to newer residential areas that have been developed down Old Main North Road. If the land was purchased it would be vested as recreation reserve and would likely be developed for passive recreation.

The Council has decided to undertake community consultation before making a decision on the purchase of the reserve given that the matter has not been considered by the wider public and is likely to generate interest in both the local and wider community. Additionally, there are financial considerations, which will have an impact on persons who have not had an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Do YOU think the Council should purchase the areas proposed for a reserve?

If yes, HOW do you think this should be funded?

Option 1 - Development Contributions

Estimated 2010/2011 contribution per new allotment: **\$150.00**

Estimated amenity rate portion (over 10 years): **\$9.50 per annum**

Explanation: Development contributions are taken at the time of development, (subdivision or building) towards the cost of purchasing this reserve area, where this can be shown that the need to provide it is a result of, or partly a result of, expected growth. In the above example, it is assumed that 50% of the purchase cost would be funded from development over the **Amberley Ward**, and the remaining 50% from existing ratepayers or other means. This percentage split is an estimate and the Council would need to develop a robust rationale for what portion of the cost could be attributed towards growth.

Option 2 - Targeted rate over Leithfield Township

Cost per ratepayer (over 10 years): **\$238.22 per annum**

Explanation: The above example is based on a targeted rate across the **Leithfield Township only**, which assumes that the benefit of the reserve is to the immediate township as an amenity reserve.

Option 3 - Targeted rate over Amberley Ward

Cost per ratepayer (over 10 years): **\$19.00 per annum**

Explanation: The above example is based on a targeted rate across the **Amberley Ward**, which assumes that the benefit of the reserve is to the wider community.

Option 4 - Use of Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools Reserve surplus

The opportunity cost of the Council under this option is the lost revenue derived from the funds used for the purchase. This is estimated to be **\$9,225 per annum**.

Explanation: The purchase of the reserve could be funded via the HSTPR surpluses. However, it would need to be demonstrated that this was more appropriate than other options and that this purchase would not result in a precedent for all other Townships in the District.