

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C3

PROPOSED OFF LEAD DOG EXERCISE AREA IN MARTINBOROUGH

Purpose of Report

To provide the Council with information about the potential off lead dog exercise area at Roberts Street, Martinborough.

Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *By resolution designate the unformed area of Roberts Street, Martinborough, as an off lead dog exercise area*

1. Executive Summary

In July 2007 South Wairarapa District Council adopted its Control of Dogs Policy and Bylaw. Clause 5.3 of the Policy and Clause 9 of the Bylaw gave Council the ability to designate off lead dog areas by resolution.

The specified area is situated at the southern end of Martinborough on the urban fringe adjoining Ferry Road. It is unformed paper road reserve approximately 200 metres in length and 20 metres wide. The area is in a grassed finish and would be suitable as an off lead area if it were fenced at both the Weld Street and Ferry Road ends. Gates would need to be installed for pedestrian users, and additional repairs would be necessary along the northern boundary to ensure the fence is dog proof.

2. Background

There has been pressure from the community and support from the community boards to have an off lead dog area formally set aside in Martinborough and Greytown. Featherston's off lead dog park at 48 Johnston Street has been very well received and utilized by the public. There is now some urgency to set aside a comparable site in Martinborough, especially as Council officers have recently enforced the prohibition of dogs in the Martinborough rugby grounds.

Officers first identified potential off lead areas in a report to the Martinborough and Greytown Community boards in June 2011. The Martinborough Community Board indicated in minutes from the meeting that their preferred option was the Roberts Street paper road, and that fencing may need to be considered.

3. Discussion

Council has the ability to pass a resolution designating the road reserve as an off lead area. It is unclear whether Council intended this responsibility to be passed to the community board.

The Martinborough Community Board has indicated Roberts Road as their preferred option. For the purpose of clarity it is requested that Council formally pass this resolution.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 –Map of Proposed Off Lead Area

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