

Proposed Landfill at Smooth Hill - Saddle Hill Community Board

Thank You for the time to share some of our Communities thoughts and concerns with you.

The Saddle Hill Community Board's role is to positively represent our communities and advocate to the Dunedin City Council on behalf of our communities and residents.

The Saddle Community Board have a number of concerns that they have shared with the Dunedin City Council on a number of occasion including:

- Our submission to the Long Term Annual Plan Process
- The Annual Plan Process
- Various Community Board Meetings
- And a number of meetings of the Community Board Chair with Senior Staff and Councillors.

Our stand has been simple and straight forward; ***we will accept nothing less than an Open and Transparent fully notified Resource Consent Hearing.***

To the Commissioners and Otago Regional Council staff involved – Thank You for allowing this process we are currently in.

Some of our concerns and concerns the community have raised with us:

We know there was a significant process' undertaken in the early 1990's to re-designate Smooth Hill as one of thirty possible sites for a future City Landfill, this was narrowed down to three sites across the city of which Smooth Hill was one of them and at that time their preferred one.

We appreciate the Dunedin City Council may have felt that Smooth Hill was a suitable site 30 years ago but let me share with you, it certainly is not now. In 1993 Brighton residents were considered affected parties and significant consultation was undertaken. We truly hope that positive interaction and consultation still stands today.

In the past 30 years we have seen a significant change to not only our wider community but the work in the way we dispose of waste around the world – we ask is this really where and how the Dunedin City Council want to dump their rubbish?

In 2017 on National Radio, our now Mayor Aaron Hawkins said we wouldn't need a Rubbish Tip in the mid 2020's as all our rubbish would be recycled or reused.

Big Stone Road in the 2020's is now a vibrant community, an area that has a significant number of homes, lifestyle blocks and some of the most advanced farming in Otago. Has the Dunedin City Council asked these people what they would like and are they comfortable with this significant change to their backyard? The potential re-designation let alone proposed landfill wasn't even on the local residents LIM reports 5 years ago.

The Dunedin City Council don't appear to appreciate the recreational value the community place on this area that are carried out every day in this area, Mountain Biking, Walkers, Horse Riders, Hunting and Trial bike riding to name just a few.

If the Smooth Hill Landfill goes ahead what is the Dunedin City Councils plans in regards to protecting the significant forest surrounding it from a potential fire? Where will they access the water to fight any potential and actual fires? We know FENZ are concerned about this and there is no immediate water supply other than the occasional rain shower.

Other community representatives and experts have/are going to talk about the Environmental concerns and impacts – we share their concerns.

We know the Dunedin International Airport, CAA and Air New Zealand have justifiable concerns in regards of the risk of Bird Strike – again we support their concerns.

The Saddle Hill Community Board biggest concern sits around a true lack of public consultation and communication with the local community and the wider Dunedin City:

We asked the Dunedin City Council for copies of all community consultation and engagement from the era of the early 1990's:

The entirety of the information held on Council records are two minute excerpts from two Saddle Community Board Meetings :

Reference

The Dunedin City Council Second Generation Plan:

We understand the area was actually formally designated during the 2GP process – the Community had two briefing meetings with Dunedin City Council staff working on the Second Generation Plan on the particular changes in our community board area and how the 2GP changes would affect us.

The re-designation of Smooth Hill was never discussed nor raised by staff to allow the community to raise their concerns at that time.

Dunedin City Councillor Andrew Whiley will testify to this.

Some thoughts on more recent Communication and community consultation

On the 12th of March 2020 at the Saddle Hill Community Board Meeting held in the Edinburgh Room. Mr Chris Henderson (the Dunedin City Councils Waste Services Manager) gave our community confidence and commitment that the Dunedin City Council will be consulting and coming to our community and would hold open community information forums prior to the Resource Consent is lodged.

Why was there no community consultation nor engagement carried out?

Instead, an application was hurried through to get in before the change to the Freshwater Regulation Changes.

On Monday the 27th of July 2021 the Brighton community called a meeting and invited Council Representatives to attend and present the development along with answer questions and concerns that the Community have.

Thank You to Ms Sandy Graham and Mr Simon Drew for attending this meeting – unfortunately they were not in a position to speak openly with the Community as the Business Case was in front of the Councillors.

At this meeting the Community raised a significant number of concerns with the staff in attendance as have the Community Board and Community Representatives at various Council Meetings, Long Term Plan Meetings and Annual Plan Meetings but still no discussion has taken place.

Having Ms Graham and Mr Drew attend that Public Meeting was as close as we got to Community Engagement – is this fair??

Surely to develop a brand-new state of the art landfill funded by the rate payers there must be clear evidence of community consultation and engagement.

Thank You to the Commissioners for your time today – and Thank You to our Community for raising your concerns and engaging in this process.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Scott Weatherall

Chairman
Saddle Hill Community Board

The options outlined are the installation of a new three hundred millimetre replacement pipeline, the construction of a second reservoir at the Fairfield reservoir site or the installation of a suitable booster pumping station beside the Wingatui reservoir.

It was moved (Polson/Wilson):

"That the Saddle Hill Community Board recommend to Council that a booster pumping station be installed on the Fairfield pipeline adjacent to the Wingatui reservoir estimated at a cost of \$50,000 and further that this work be programmed for the 1993/94 financial year."

Motion carried.

PART A:

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was moved (Wilson/Fisher):

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board held on 30 January 1992 be confirmed as a correct record."

Motion carried.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board considered the Secretary's report for the period ending 19 March 1992.

Fairfield Hall Heating

The Board is to request the report on the Fairfield heating for its April meeting.

Smooth Hill - Landfill Site

The Chairperson reported on the on-site meeting held at Smooth Hill that afternoon.

Mr A Shooter commented that he believed Council should not be concentrating on two sites only and that some of the other sites should also be considered.

Mr R Polson replied indicating that Council had asked consultants to investigate the two preferred sites and that other sites had been reviewed and had been discounted for various reasons.

The Chairperson intimated that he felt the Board should withhold any comment or recommendations on the Refuse Management Strategy Discussion Document until such time as the Environmental Impact Report is undertaken and completed. Mr R Polson signalled to the Board that it may be involved in the future in planning hearings on this matter and may have to in the long term remain independent on this issue.

Mr C Fisher expressed his concern that Council had indicated last year that it wished to proceed with the Green Island Tip site development and while it is entitled to change its mind he believes that the credibility gap had increased because of the change of stance.

It was moved (Polson/Wilson):

"That the Secretary's report for the period to 19 March 1992 be noted."

Motion carried.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson reported on the following matters:-

(a) *Community Board Charter*

It was reported that it was intended to promote the Community Board Charter to Council in either the May or June meetings of this year and the Chairperson indicated he would be promoting a three to five year community plan for the Board's area in conjunction with the charter.

Mr R Polson suggested that the Board should move around the Ward holding public meetings to seek input from the public as to what may be required to be included in the community plan.

(b) *Community Clean Up Day*

The Chairperson reported that a Community Clean up Day was held recently and that four truck loads of rubbish had been collected from the Brighton/Ocean View area.

(c) *Brighton Development Rate*

The Chairperson reported that the Brighton Development rate proposed for the Brighton area for 1992/93 was \$185 compared with \$225 the previous year.

7. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Mr M Wilson reported that he was working with Mr J Ware, Community Development Worker on some community initiative proposals as it relates to the unemployment problem within the Ward. One of the schemes suggested was a proposed Labour Pool but Mr Wilson would be in a better position to report at the next Board meeting.

8. BUILDING STATISTICS REPORT

It was moved (Wilson/Shooter):

"That the Building Statistic reports for January and February 1992 be noted."

Motion carried.

PART B:

9. REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The Board considered a report from the Drainage and Refuse Manager detailing the cost of Refuse Collection and supply of refuse bags together with the options available for refuse containers within the Saddle Hill Ward. The Chairperson reported that the next distribution of refuse bags was scheduled for April being a further 6 months supply and if the Annual Plan was adopted in its present form this would be the last supply available to residents.

Mr C Fisher commented that if the Council is not supplying rubbish bags after 1st October then residents in the Saddle Hill Ward should have the same options available to it as other residents in the City Council area.

It was moved Mr R Polson seconded Mr C Weatherall that the report from the Drainage and Refuse Manager be noted and that a bags only policy be continued.

The motion was then put and lost.

It was moved (Fisher/Wilson):

"That the Saddle Hill Community Board recommend that Council negotiate with the contractor that the option of either of using a tin or bag be available as from 1st October 1992."

Motion carried.

10. ANNUAL PLAN - SUBMISSIONS

It was agreed that the Board would consider its submissions to the 1992/93 Annual Plan at its next meeting to be held on Thursday 9 April 1992.

11. COMMUNITY HALL RATES

The Board considered the Budgets and proposed Community Hall rates for the Fairfield, Brighton and Ocean View Halls for the 1992/93 year.

It was moved (Polson/Wilson):

"That the Saddle Hill Community Board recommend that the Community Hall rates for the Fairfield, Brighton and Ocean View Halls be set at \$12, \$15 and \$15 respectively for the 1992/93 year."

Motion carried.

12. OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL - RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO REMOVE SAND

The Board considered a letter from the Otago Regional Council advising that Fulton Hogan Ltd has reapplied to that Council to remove 15,000

cubic metres of sand from Kuri Beach, Brighton and asking for submissions by 6 April 1992.

It was moved (Weatherall/Polson):

"That the Saddle Hill Community Board recommend that the permit be renewed for a further period of a year subject to the same conditions being imposed as apply for the current year."

Motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 8.25 pm.



CHAIRPERSON

