

13. New Regent St Extension - Land Purchase Opportunity

Council Comment

1. Council Officer Bruce Rendall, Head of Facilities & Property, joined the table to present the report.
2. Councillor Gough moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cotter, the Officer Recommendations with the addition of clauses 6 and 7.
3. During debate, Councillor Templeton Moved an amendment to Recommendation 6 to include the preservation of the line of sight. This amendment was accepted by the Mover and Seconded of the motion and when put to the vote Recommendations 1-7 were declared carried.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

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Council Resolved CNCL/2025/00153

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6. Agrees in principle to the purchase of Lot 2 (378m²) from the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch for the purpose of legal road extension and public thoroughfare, subject to preservation of the line of sight and further due diligence.
7. Requests an updated independent valuation that explicitly factors in:
 - a. The requirement for the land to remain a public access laneway,
 - b. Any covenants, easements, or restrictions proposed by the vendor regarding access rights for adjoining lots, and,
 - c. Any limitations on Council's ability to control or develop the laneway in the future.

Councillor Gough/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Councillor Johanson requested his vote against resolution 6 be recorded.