

5. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Social

The sale of the land is seen as due compensation to the community for the loss of public land. It is inequitable for property owners to derive private benefit from public land, without due compensation to the community.

5.2. Economic Viability

The income from the sale of the land is seen as due compensation to the community for the loss of public land.

5.3. Environmental Responsibility

There are no sustainability implications in terms of environmental responsibility.

5.4. Cultural Vitality

There are no sustainability implications in terms of cultural vitality.

5.5. Policy and legislative implications

The sale of the land is in accordance with the Council's discontinuance and sale policy.

5.6. Resource implications

The cost of selling the section of land will be absorbed within current operational budgets.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1. Reject the application to purchase. It should be noted that the land at the rear of 7 Rainsford St, Elwood is landlocked and has been incorporated within the property for a long period. Rejecting the application to purchase the land will not provide any community benefit.

7. PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- 7.1. Council had communicated with the public through a "Public Advertisement" in the local newspaper during the statutory process in 1993. No objections were received.
- 7.2. No internal consultation was required as the land was discontinued in 1993.
- 7.3. External consultation to Service Authorities was previously undertaken and no objections were received.

8. RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategy and Policy Review Committee recommend that Council resolve:

- 8.1. That the statutory procedures be completed. That the land be sold to the owners of 7 Rainsford St, Elwood, subject to the land being consolidated to the property.