

## Assessment of Lease Proposal – Support and Funding Policy

In considering an application of a for purpose organisation to use public space, and particularly where there are competing applications for the use of public space or high demand for a public space, the Council will assess the applications against the criteria set out in both policies.

**Date:** 14 August 2023

**Group Name:** Te Whatu Raranga o Highbury Weavers

**Proposed Lease Location:** 119 Highbury Avenue (part of Tui Park), Palmerston North

### Use of Public Space Policy

Criteria	Assessment
Supports the achievement of the Council's goals	Activities of Highbury Weavers are consistent with goals two and three of Council's strategic direction.
Is accessible to the wider community	Highbury Weavers activities seek and support the Palmerston North community.
Adds to the variety of events or activities available in Palmerston North	Highbury Weavers provides opportunities to promote confidence and create connections within the community.
Enhances any precinct identities (e.g. Broadway as a hospitality precinct)	Highbury Weavers supports and enhances the range of community activities at 119 Highbury Avenue (part of Tui Park).
Provides an experience (rather than a simple commercial exchange)	Highbury Weavers are focused on personal development and community engagement.
Does not significantly limit the availability of space for general community use	The lease does not affect the availability of the space for general community use.
Rangitāne o Manawatu feedback on the proposed activity	Rangitāne o Manawatu representatives have considered the proposal and have no comment.
Potential impact of the occupancy and proposed activities	Highbury Weavers has been occupying the site since 2013. The lease has no negative impact on the public's benefit and enjoyment of the land/reserve. The lease will not affect the availability of space for the general community use or other for-purpose groups, as it is an existing use.

## Reserves Act 1977 Considerations

Criteria	Assessment
Meets the defined purpose of recreation reserve in Section 17(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.	Highbury Weavers are providing an organisation to the local community. It is undertaken in people's leisure time and contributes to the community. This activity is consistent with the purpose of community reserves.
The public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, except for the ability to lease areas under Section 54.	The area is proposed to be leased under Section 54 and therefore public access is not required.
Where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, geological, or other scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife are present on the reserve, those features or that flora or fauna or wildlife shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve.	No trees or vegetation are required to be removed by the proposal.
Those qualities of the reserve which contribute to the pleasantness, harmony, and cohesion of the natural environment and the better use and enjoyment of the reserve shall be conserved.	Highbury Weavers, as an existing occupier will not negatively impact the existing pleasantness and enjoyment of the reserve.
To the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.	The proposed lease will not impact on soil, water and forest conservation.
Does not significantly limit the availability of space for general community use	The lease does not affect the availability of the space for general community use.

## Impact on the locality and Park operations

Criteria	Assessment
Aesthetics	Highbury Weavers currently occupies the site. There are no additional impacts from the continuing occupation of the site
Security	Highbury Weavers will be responsible for security of their buildings and assets
Cleaning and Offensive litter	Highbury Weavers are responsible for managing litter within its leased area
Vegetation	No trees or shrubs would be required to be removed
Carparking	Existing car parking is available. No new effects are created in approving a new lease
Affected Parties	Parties identified include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Members of Highbury Weavers</li><li>- Neighbouring residents and tenants</li><li>- Local Community</li><li>- Rangitane o Manawatu</li></ul>