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Committee Council
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Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan – for adoption

1. Purpose

To consider adopting the *Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan*.

2. Consideration by Committee

The matters raised in this report were considered by the Regional Sustainability Committee at its meeting on 15 October 2009 (Report No. 09.579 refers). The recommendations contained in this report have been endorsed by the Committee for the Council's consideration and decision.

3. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

The process followed for consultation of the draft Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan (draft Plan) has closely followed the Special Consultative Procedures of the Local Government Act 2002.

4. Background

4.1 Deliberations

On 16 April 2009 the Regional Sustainability Committee heard 15 oral submissions on the draft Plan. The written submissions were considered at the Committee's meeting on 12 May 2009. The Committee deliberated on the submissions at its meeting on 3 September.

The deliberations were undertaken by the same five Councillors who heard the oral submissions and considered the written submissions. As a result, officers were requested to incorporate the Committee's directions, **Attachment 1**. A copy of the draft Plan with these changes is in **Attachment 2**.

Changes to the earlier draft management plan are highlighted in yellow.

As part of the deliberations, the Committee requested officers to remove references to the proposed Puketiro wind farm from the draft Plan. References have accordingly been removed in the revised draft Plan, **Attachment 2**.

5. Communication

Formal replies will be sent to all submitters who have supplied their contact details soon after Council has made its decision on the Plan. It is proposed that the replies include a brief summary of the reasons for Council's decision.

A press release will be issued and copies of the Plan made publicly available.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Revokes the Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan adopted in 1992.***
4. ***Adopts the Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan subject to any minor technical or editorial amendments to be approved by the (Regional Sustainability) Committee Chair.***

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Attachments

- 1: Committee's directions table
- 2: Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan