

Management Plans

A management plan is a working document which sets out the objectives and policies of management and how these should be achieved. It also records changes and additional information as it becomes available.

A management plan provides the framework within which all future management of a property will be carried out, and describes it in a way which will be readily understood by all who might be affected. If the plan is not understood it may be set aside and ignored.

A management plan is not just a record of what is being done now. It should draw together all the relevant descriptive information on the property, re-examine current practices and provide a foundation on which all future management practices are based.

A management plan has several requirements:

- 1** It must be comprehensive. Omissions may give rise to ambiguity and misinterpretation.
- 2** It must be practical and permit some flexibility within prescribed limits. Without flexibility it will be self-defeating.
- 3** It must be clear, concise and easy to understand with a simple and effective message.
- 4** It must provide for review so that changing circumstances can be taken into account.

A comprehensive management plan for the Town Belt will ensure continuity of management in a planned direction. It will also explain to interest groups and the general public alike the reasons behind the decisions made by Council.

In terms of the Reserves Act 1977, reserve management plans should be kept under continuous review. As a general guide a plan should be reviewed every ten years.. 1994. A call for public submissions was made in 1991 when the Council notified its intention to prepare a comprehensive Town Belt Management Plan. At that time the Council produced a pamphlet, *The Town Belt and its Future Management*, which outlined some background information and raised some key questions for the community to consider.