

**LATE ITEM - Ratana Cemetery Extension****Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to update the Ratana Community Board on progress with the extension of the Ratana Cemetery. The existing cemetery is approaching its maximum capacity and will require expansion to accommodate future requirements for use of the site.
- 1.2 RDC became aware of an adjoining parcel of land that has become available for purchase. This parcel of land is in an ideal location to be considered for the extension of the cemetery. It is adjacent to the existing cemetery and 1.82 Hectares in size. A portion of the land is on a steep gradient, but at least half of the total land area is flat and ideal for use as a cemetery.
- 1.3 RDC approached Ratana community leaders to gather their views and comments on the option of RDC purchasing this land to extend the current cemetery. RDC met with community members on Thursday 23 September at the Rātana cemetery to discuss the potential purchase of the land. Those present were:  
Charlie Mete (Chairperson of the Rātana Community Board)  
Waru Panapa (Southern Ward Councillor)  
Jamie Nepia (Member of the Rātana Community Board)  
Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Community Representative on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa)
- 1.4 A conversation was also had with the Chairperson of the Rātana Marae who agreed that purchasing the proposed land was appropriate.
- 1.5 All Ratana community leaders supported the option of purchasing the land.
- 1.6 RDC is now in the process of negotiating with the landowner and will hopefully be able to agree on terms and progress with the purchase of the land.
- 1.7 Included as Attachment 1 is map showing the terrain and location of the land.

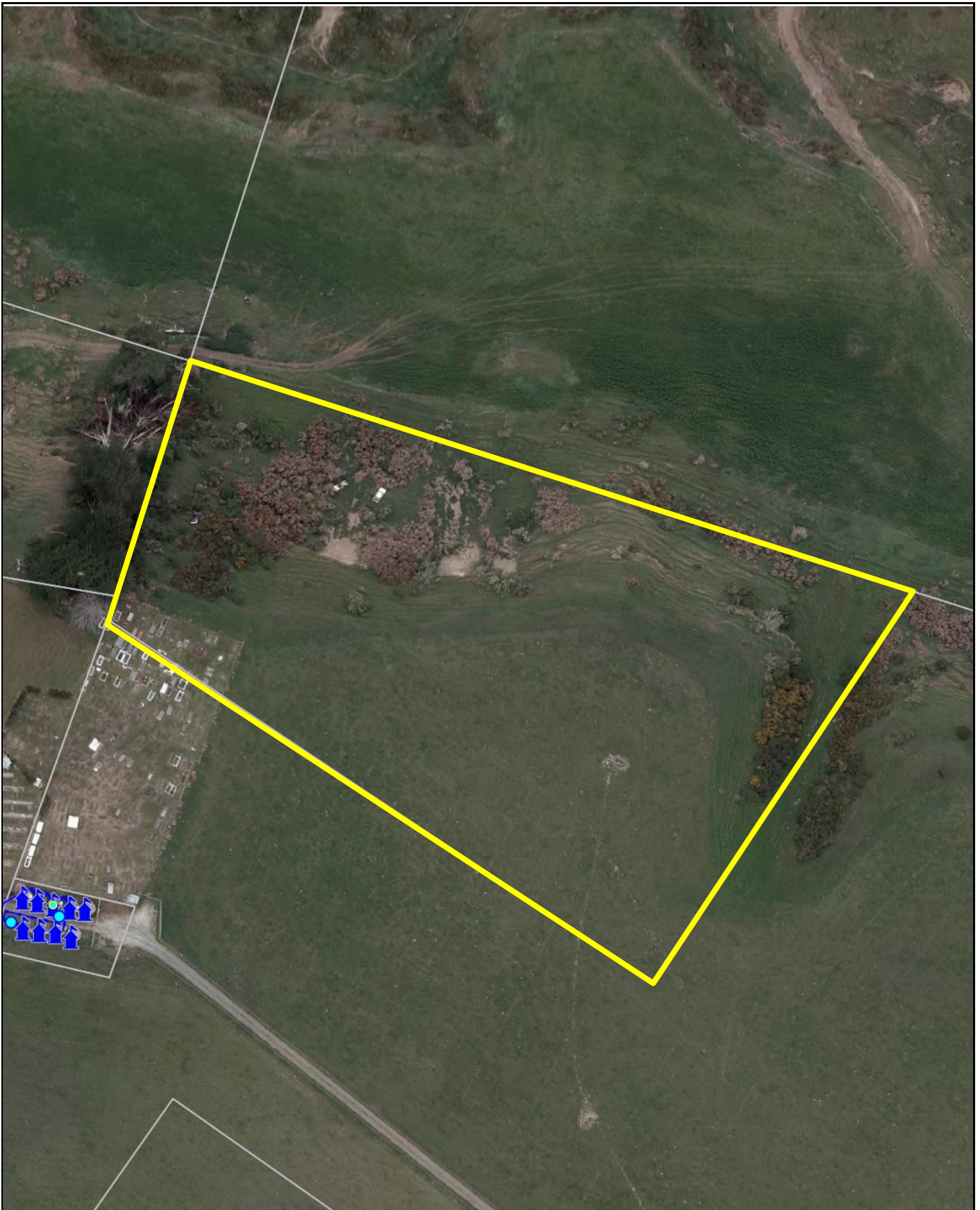
**Attachments**

1. **View of Ratana Land option**

**Recommendation**

That the Late Item "Land Purchase Ratana Cemetery Extension" be received.

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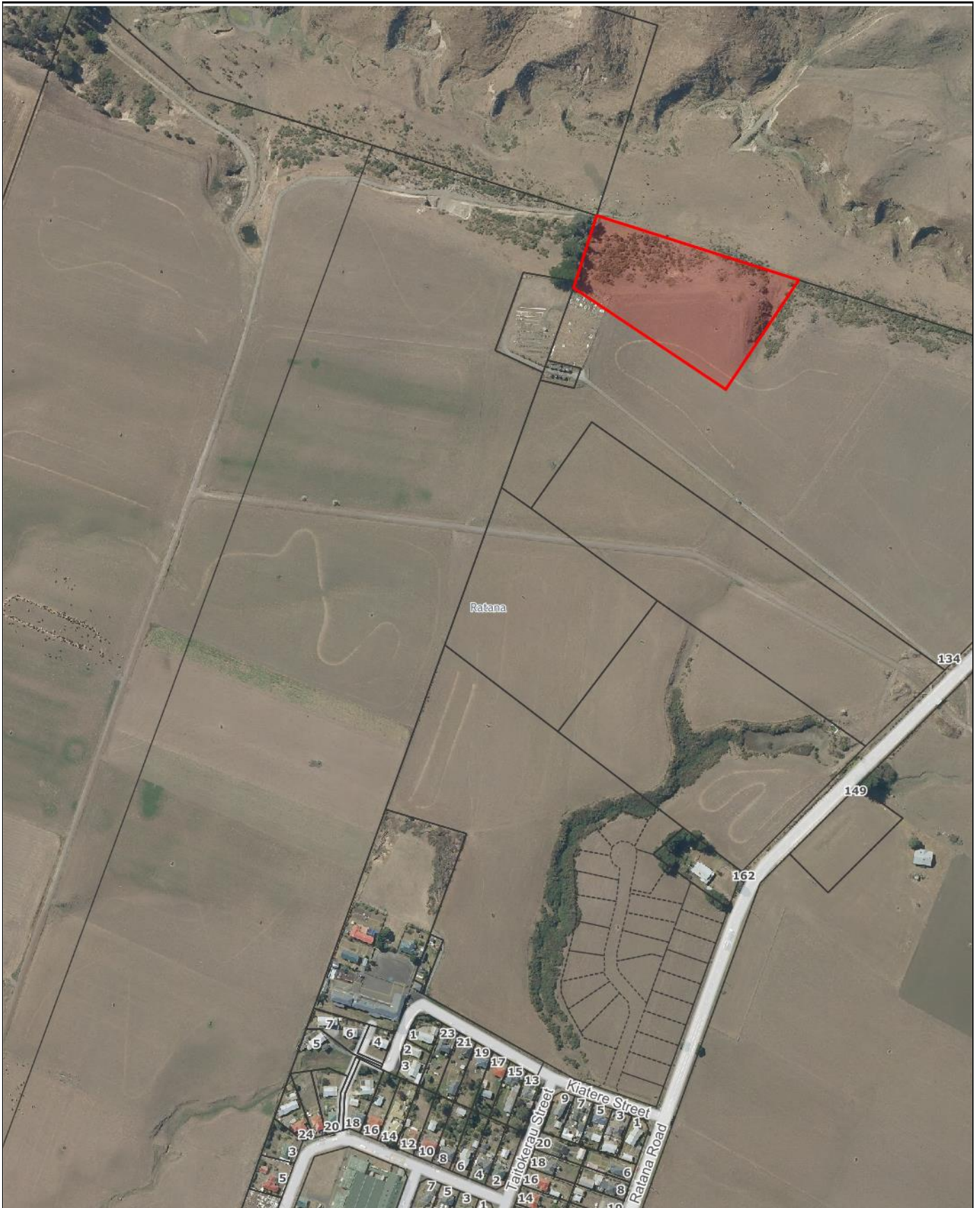


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