

# Proposed Happy Valley Campsite

## Submissions received



Submission feedback received on the Wellington City Council's proposal to amend the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, to allow camping as a managed activity on part of Happy Valley Park.

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**Submissions received:** 128

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129	Aino Krumins	283	Oppose
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 Agent  
 Both
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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I operate the free camping app CamperMate which has had over 100k downloads and is used by between 7k and 8k users per day. We are seeing that there is a shortage of accommodation for non-self contained campervans in the Wellington region. Many of our users are searching for their campsite prior to arriving in Wellington, so having a campsite that was not so far south as Owhiro Bay would be a good solution, therefore CamperMate is supportive and believe this will help manage the freedom camping issue.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

An on-site camp manager will maintain the integrity of the campsite. If you look at other campsites that are similar (Reids Farm-Taupo) we see a lot of issues around non compliance with regard to rubbish/toilet facilities that could be better managed.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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Attached Documents

File
Allowing Camping at Happy Valley Park

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

It is a ridiculous site to choose for attracting campers to Wellington and will back-fire once bad reviews start flying in...

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

I support getting a proper camping ground in Wellington, which is properly managed. But it also needs to be in an attractive location not in a weather-hole next to the dump!

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Find a better site eg Shelly Bay!

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

If you want to extend the runway to attract more visitors then you need to also think smarter about other tourist attractions such as a decent camping ground.

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?



Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

This has to be the worst possible location for a campsite. The south coast is subject to extreme weather conditions, and is likely to create needless disruption for campers and locals alike given the variable nature of the weather in this area. It is also an unattractive location, with low quality housing and access to very few attractions for travellers. It is very far from downtown Wellington, and access to this location is not straight forward if arriving in the capital by plane, ferry, train, or road. I have no objection to freeing up land for a campsite per se but I would have expected there are much better locations to pick from. A better location would be Shelly Bay.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Any campsite should have a management function, to avoid needless issues for travellers and to ensure the area is kept safe and well maintained.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Putting visitors to Wellington in an out of way area next to the tip is bizarre. What sort of memories are they going to share online... not good I would think. It's quite bleak and I would have thought somewhere with a bit more life close by and a view would be preferable.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

We should use somewhere like Shelley Bay for this sort of thing there are already buildings to be utilised, cafes and what a view. Would definitely be a far better impression for photos and online blogs not to mention advertising the camping opportunity.

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- Submitter  
 Agent  
 Both
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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I think there should be more camping areas close to town-good for our tourism industry. Having a well managed camping ground at this site could enhance the area.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Retain sufficient sports field parking

Do you have other comments?

Comments

I would be happy to lose some sports field area to expand the camping/paring ground.

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**Fiona Lewis**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 September 2015 11:07 a.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Submission on camping at Happy Valley Park

## Have your say on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park

### Enter your name and contact details

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### I am making a submission

As an individual

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### We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

I would like to make an oral submission **No**

### Submissions are due by 5pm, Monday 12 October 2015

### You can have your say:

- submit online at [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz)
- email a submission to [happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz)

1. Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park? (Please circle)

**Oppose**

Why do you say this?

This is a totally inappropriate camping site for the following reasons:

1. There are no shops, cafes, food outlets or public amenities within easy walking distance.
2. Bus service is infrequent and non-existent in weekends.
3. It's a carpark on a busy road and too close to the landfill.
4. It's exposed to both southerlies and northerlies, has no views and doesn't get much sun.
5. The likely development and maintenance costs, as with all council initiatives, is likely to be astronomical and if it's user pays then the charges will be too high for a substandard location.

In summary - it's a desolate, exposed, sunless, isolated carpark on a busy road. Why would anyone want to pay to stay here when the south coast is so much more dramatic and appealing and has awesome views?

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed? eg self-service with daily visits – possibly, on-site camp manager – no, too expensive.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes

Your comments – choose another site where campers will actually want to stay! Improve the amenities at Princess Bay where freedom campers currently hang out, keep the toilet block open overnight and provide more rubbish bins that are emptied more frequently.

4. Do you have other comments?

If the council really wants to welcome and encourage freedom campers to Wellington then they have to be prepared to provide appropriate locations and facilities.

The current motorhome park on Aotea Wharf is an embarrassment – noisy, sunless, public, lacking in greenery and \$50 a night – what a ripoff! This proposed campsite is even worse.

*Rachael Findlay*

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

We fully support the development of a camping site at the Happy Valley camping site. Wellington does not have sufficient commercial camping options in the City area. Council should not allow free camping in non-self-contained vehicles outside of either a designated area with toilet and shower amenities, a DOC camp or a commercial camping ground/holiday park. This is consistent with the messaging developed by the Responsible Camping Forum.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

The best results for both visitors and the community will occur if the site is managed well. There have been some examples of self-service parks being established but in the majority of cases operators have reverted to having staff onsite.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

The Council should seek public interest in operating the park as a commercial venture. By keeping the lease costs low an operator should be able to develop a viable operation catering for visitors travelling in a wide range of vehicles.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

The Holiday Accommodation Parks Association represents the commercial holiday parks and camping grounds in New Zealand. We are very keen to assist and support Council in developing a low cost commercial holiday park in Wellington.

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I am concerned about the safety of the children at Owhiro Bay School and the increase of traffic down Happy Valley Rd. We had 1 child approached by strangers this week and this might increase if more strangers were camping in the area. I wouldn't let my children walk to school any more as we don't know who is camping there. I am concerned about campers using Owhiro Bay Stream to bathe, polluting the water.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes

No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I am concerned that the freedom camping location in happy valley will create a bad enviroment for the neighbouring school. At present children walk to school past this area and if they were approached by strangers from this site there is no safe place for children to get to from here. A child from Owhiro Bay school has been approached this week by strangers and it has happened before. Why not propose a camping area in Seatoun and see how far you get with that submission. Leave the Owhiro Bay residents with the problem of the eyesore that will be right where we can see it. We will end up with all the problems associated with freedom campers. Right now we have a peaceful outlook and this is threatened by having randoms abusing the site with rubbish and toileting next to our stream.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Use a different site. Red Rocks perhaps.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

Try getting this freedom camping in an area like Thorndon, Roseneath, Seatoun or Mt. Victoria. I am sure you would see an increase in negative submissions if that were the case. Leave our Owhiro Bay suburb free of this curse. We don't need an increase in petty crime here thank you.

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Wishes to be heard:

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

There is an increased requirement for camping in Wellington, which is not currently being met. As a result illegal camping is rife, particularly on the south coast and the environmental effects are important. Building some proper low cost camping options in Wellington is very timely.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Keeping it low cost will help it uptake as opposed to illegal camping. Also the same person could then police sensitive areas where illegal camping is usually found (south coast, Balena bay etc)

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes

🗨️ No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

Congratulations for taking a proactive approach to the camping issue in Wellington. Ideally we would like to see a few more of those schemes. Currently it's only freedom camping, the expensive one in town and out of town options.

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Locating a campsite so close to the South coast bays will provide more visitors have a location that is safe, has services (rubbish disposal and toilet facilities) and meeting place of fellow travellers. Without this there are rubbish issues. Beaches used as toilets. Possible break-ins with opportunist buglers in isolated areas. Also on stormy nights the coast can be a hazard and required SAR services for unaware travellers that are not locals.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
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 Other management

Why do you say this?

Low season possible Volunteers to do this. Or high season think it may require an onsite person. Issue is off course visitors not paying for staying.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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 Last Name: **Carpenter**  
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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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 Both
- 

**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Nice to have a bit more room for visitors to stay for cheap

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Will probably keep costs to a minimum for everyone - rate-payers, campers both - over the long term

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

More plantings around the site to make it a more pleasant setting and protect from wind and traffic noise. Possibly some big mural boards/walls to help with this as well - they could be painted by the local school with help from local artists.

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

Would be nice if there are a few more tent sites than currently proposed?

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Why do you say this?

It is most unwise and even irresponsible to operate a public cam site right next to a primary school. We have young children walking along and alone in the area. Camp site increases traffic, especially larger vehicles, and also more strangers in the area. We already experienced incidents of attempted kidnapping, one as recent as earlier this month, September 2015. As parents, we would like our children to continue be able to enjoy walking to and from school. But the changing traffic and dynamics in the neighbourhood will significant raise our anxiety, and adversely affect us as residents in the neighbourhood.

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- Self-service with daily visits  
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Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

Yes

No

Your comments

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Comments

The council seemed to have failed to take proper account of potential impacts on the community and the residents. The information provided by the council completely neglected the residents in the neighbourhood and potential impacts on our enjoyment of the neighbourhood. The information was all about the physical environments and camp users ability to enjoy. No mention whatsoever of the primary school operating a couple hundred meters down from the site. We believe residential areas such as the happy valley neighbourhood is not suited for public camp sites. The council should change its approach now and for the future.

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Why do you say this?

It is an excellent location, handy to both the centre city and the beautiful south coast.

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- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Most cost-effective

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

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Why do you say this?

Unsure at this stage . My only concern would be if the site became a home for permanents. It must be managed so that only tourists stay here.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

**Better to have campers contained than to have free campers anywhere**

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  Dr

First name\* Last name  
 Georgina Marie O'connor

Street address\*  
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Phone/mobile Email  
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Why do you say this? Wellington needs camping parks and this is a good place to put one

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Self-service with daily visits   
 On-site camp manager   
 Other management

Why do you say this? when it is big enough and we can afford it, Campers away from home often get carried away and need supervision



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Not yet

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

No not yet

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First name\* ~~Mr~~ Isa Last name Woolleston

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Why do you say this?

*taking up residence*  
The idea of campers, right opposite our property fills me with dread! Noise, rubbish, drinkers roaming around and the end of our peaceful neighbourhood. I strongly oppose campers here.

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

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Yes  No,

Your comments

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Why do you say this? *WATER NEEDS A DECENT CAMP FOR DECENT CAMPER. WITH AMENITIES TO MATCH. PLUMBING IN TOILETS. (PLURAL) SHOWERS (MENO WOMANS) A PLACE TO WASH CLOTHES UNDER COVER ETC.*

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this? *MONITOR ACTIVITY RECURRING CLEANING OF FACILITIES! PARTIES etc. KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN. - EVICT IDIOTS! MAKE IT ENJOYABLE FOR ALL!*



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments *Bins cleared each day as this is a windy area*

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

*a right hand arrow into park for cars going into park painted on road  
some times people coming from town in numbers will make campers wait at peak times of the day to turn right*

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Why do you say this?

Potential risk on safety issues

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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Why do you say this?

*Because I think that it is a good idea and will bring money into the local economy.*

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Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this?

*Because there are ongoing problems with freedom campers using facilities and leaving a mess behind them - including bodily waste. a manager will prevent this from happening and ensure that g-nomads are paid*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

obviously access roads into, within and out of the camp grounds need to be put in place. There will also need to be rules to prevent locals being

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disturbed by rowdy, disorderly parties and riotous behaviour which is disturbing to the local and nearby by Home Owners.

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Why do you say this?

Too much vehicles and more rubbish, may cause homeless people come. Build more motels or Hotels, not this type.

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Why do you say this?

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Your comments

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Cheap Camping is not a good business. Build more motels & Hotels can create more jobs and everyone happy. WCC got more rate.

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Why do you say this? *We need a camp site in Wellington but I hope you leave the school some of the field*

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Why do you say this? *It needs to be managed so that there is not a nuisance in the area. Especially for the school and the people living nearby*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

A wide entrance.

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Why do you say this?

*This has worked well at the Owhiro Bay site so see no reason why it would not work here. Cheaper than f/t site mgr.*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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Why do you say this? *Need for such a facility has been established. Ideal site - no neighbours on any boundary. Land currently not occupied. Enough vegetation remains to preserve rural appearance of Happy Valley.*

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Why do you say this? *Plenty of work required, particularly in summer when the occupancy is expected to be high. Insufficient supervision could allow influx of others besides genuine campers. We should avoid the area becoming an extension of the Happy Valley tip. (landfill).*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments *50 kph speed limit in the area.*

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*To my mind, a good idea by those who came up with it.  
Like all freedoms, the situation will need to be observed  
closely when campers start to use the area. Can we expect  
users to pay something towards upkeep of facilities?*

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DO NOT SUPPORT!

Why do you say this?

currently the community is re planting and caring for the stream and the areas around it. campers will leave rubbish, and damage the plant life. This is an urban area, it is not designed to have campers,

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Why do you say this?

This will be noisy and litter and I believe it is not a great choice for a camping site.

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again - people are working hard to build up the plant life here to support the stream, leave them to their great work.

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Why do you say this? This is a residential area. The Council's disdainful assessment of this area and community, and its irrelevant ~~of~~ mentioning of the proximity to the Souten Landfill, indicates a view this area and community are of less value and can have this dumped on them. Where will cars park on Sports days - the road is already full on these occasions. It is much more sensible to have people stay at Te Kapahou Reserve carpark where there is limited effect on residents, traffic or park users. Improve the facilities and policing there rather than create another problem.

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\* This isn't a NIMBY response. I strongly support freedom camping on the South Coast particularly at Te Kopahau Reserve carpark. But not here in the heart of a residential suburb. You seem to think this is just a shabby settlement. One wonders if you would have ever suggested such an option in Karori, Oriental Bay, Khandallah or Karaka Bay.

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Why do you say this?

IMPACT ON OUTHOUSE STREAM, ↑ TURBIDITY, LACK OF RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT  
 PARKING FOR USERS OF SPORTSGROUND COMPROMISED  
 CONCERN WITH NUMBERS + POTENTIAL NOISE ISSUES

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

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Why do you say this?

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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 Agent  
 Both
- 

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Why do you say this?

Dear Sir/Madam, Amongst other issues I am very concerned about contamination of the area. I can see people cleaning Owhiro Bay stream on the regular basis even without any campers. I'm afraid the camping ground will be too much for ecosystem of the area. Please don't put the camping ground there! Kind regards, Leo

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- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
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Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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Why do you say this?

I have read the various material and my opinion is that we shouldn't do this. I think the wider reputation of Wellington City will suffer as a result. I realise that this decision does not preclude other camp sites being opened, and this is about overflow from Red Rocks, and I still disagree.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

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Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

I don't believe it should go ahead.

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

I think that there are better sites in Wellington to put in a camp and rushing to get one in seems a little premature. As a camper, I've stayed in some really inhospitable places so I am not against staying in a wind swept valley with no sunlight. What I do, when I camp, is read the reviews of it before I stop in a town. My worry would be that people will read the reviews and be put off stopping in Wellington at all. Imagine the reviews: 'You'll find it next to the tip.' 'Cold, wet, windy, no sun.' 'One local dairy.' Surely it would be better to hold off and find somewhere a little better. I honestly wracked my brain and could not think of a worse spot to have a campsite in Wellington. Why did the Council not ask the community for ideas to help find somewhere? We all know once this goes in, another will never be funded. Can we please get this right first time.

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Why do you say this?

I'm not opposed to freedom camping but this is the wrong place for it. This is a residential area. The car park and changing rooms are community amenities which are well used in summer. The car park area has nothing to recommend it as a campsite - it is tiny, has no view and is exposed to the elements. Rubbish will inevitably end up in the stream right next door, which the community is working really hard to restore to health. Given problems with aggro at freedom camping spots elsewhere around the country I'm also uncomfortable with its location right next to a school. Perhaps my biggest issue, however, is that no one will use it. Self drive campers are super budget conscious - why would they pay to camp at an unappealing spot when they can park at a stunning beachfront location two minutes down the road at Te Kopahau.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits
- On-site camp manager
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Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Maarten Groeneveld <maartengroeneveld5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 September 2015 8:54 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** feedback on happy Valley Park

Dear Sir/Madam

Parking

We have run a BnB for many years at 25a happy valley Road .  
we feel it it would give Wellingtonians and tourists parking again for there walks to Red Rocks and the seals colony particularly for those busy Sundays.

Long Term

I believe looking over the long term future of the campsite as it grows, a council on site manager would keep the best standard of cleanliness and being a residential area would keep a good eye on things. There is such a need for a campsite in Wellington.

Bus Service

Having done BnB we know that during any West pack Stadium activities like "sevens" or any other activities round Wellington everything is booked full and there are a lot of people looking for cheap accommodation. These people could even be intoxicated. We really need to see a better bus connection from Owhiro Bay through the city to the railway station .

People do not want to drive a camper van into the city. Tourists walking on the weekend to red rocks have even stopped me to ask about the bus service in Owhiro Bay that goes back to the city.

Looks good Feels Great.

Enhance the landscape value of the local area is needed to make the local people feel happy to see 33 to 100 camper vans parked there at any one time . Directing tourist people to Wellingtons beauty of our South coast is a great move!

Kind Regards

Maarten Groeneveld





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Why do you say this?

The provision of camping within easy access of the CBD would be a positive addition to Wellington. We have travelled extensively throughout Europe in a camper and frequently stayed in dedicated campervan sites within city limits. These were local authority free or low-cost sites with services from basic ablutions (no cost) to powered sites, kitchen facilities etc. The Happy Valley site would offer an attractive alternative to freedom camping (low cost site fee for use of basic facilities) and enables easy access to the city, including by public transport.

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Why do you say this?

The Happy Valley site should offer a cost-effective alternative to those that would otherwise freedom camp.

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes

No

Your comments

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This will help attract people to Wellington and encourage them to stay longer and help our economy. It's long overdue, especially for tent campers. As long as it's 'sensitively designed to enhance the landscape values of the local area' and an attractive addition to the neighbourhood. It will add a new dimension to the neighbourhood.

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- Self-service with daily visits
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Why do you say this?

I don't mind either of the two options as long as it is managed properly and maintained.

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

can't think of anything right now

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*Wellington needs more camping spaces.  
Should not hinder sporting activities in the park.*

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*No opinion*

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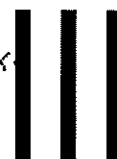
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3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

Have the toilets open during day light hours - NO toilets close and lots of people walk & Jog this safe route, & Use the Park

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

Don't want increased traffic making crossing the <sup>road</sup> difficult even now. Speed limit too high. Poor visability around of the bend. - Dust on the exposed driveway is a hazard in the wind,

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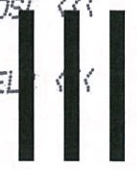
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### Enter your name and contact details

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Dr

First name\* *Kirsty* Last name *Taylor*

Street address\* *6 Rarangi way owhiro bay*

Phone/mobile *04 3835463* Email *w13131yellow@Aimail.com*

\* Mandatory fields

### I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation *Speaking for family*

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No *of 6 - people -*

### We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

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Why do you say this?

*almost every camp ground i've seen is dirty the campers wee, poo & leave rubbish everywhere will there be a full time ranger supervising them? will it bring any money to the community? the field is well used by my children bikes, kites ect*

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

*i do not want a bunch of strangers hovering around my community its a big No from our household -*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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The locals have put alot of time into doing up the stream it would be a shame for campers to ruin it - there has been problems @ the local school with strangers in vans stoping Kids i bet this would increase!!

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As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation Onyak Bin Hire

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

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Why do you say this?

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Your comments

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### Enter your name and contact details

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First name\* MIKE Last name KOOIMAN

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Phone/mobile 021 179 6970 Email mikekooiman@paradise.net.nz

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### I am making a submission

As an individual <sup>And</sup>  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation LANDFILL ROAD (CARLUCCI) LTD  
CARLUCCI MINI GOLF

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

## We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

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Why do you say this? I believe this is good for the area it will bring visitors to this area and business. It is a logical location for such use being both close to the city and easy to find for tourists. The site has good positioning being both close to South Coast and on the fringe of build up residential suburbs

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this? Expect should not bring management problems however, if later found to require additional control other management options may need to be considered. Carlucci mini golf is currently honestly not operating no staff during week and we have very little in the way of management problems with only occasional monitoring.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

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First name\* Last name

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\* Mandatory fields

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I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

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Why do you say this?

The more the merrier 😊

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

will hopefully bring more colour and maybe more shops / transport to area?

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

There should be a sting Conservation  
Sur-charge to help the local  
'Friends of Onhiro Bay Stream' to  
continue to

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

Rubbish disposal must be a  
~~major~~ paramount beauty

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First name\*

Last name

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Street address\*

16-20 Landfill Road - Happy Valley -

Phone/mobile

Email

021 0265265 /

\* Mandatory fields

I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation

Daily Waste Ltd

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

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Why do you say this?

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Why do you say this?

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Why do you say this?

Because it will make Orhino Bay become a more known and visited part of Wellington.

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

Because it will be a smaller scale campsite, self service would be sufficient.



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

*Not really a change, but to make sure they are enough picnic tables and shaded areas from sun and wind.*

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Why do you say this?

Control 'Freedom Camping' to an extent.

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Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this?

Doesnt turn into a slum.  
Keep camps under control - noise & rubbish etc

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Yes  No

Your comments

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
 I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
 Agent  
 Both
- 

**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Wellington needs an inner city camping area. This is the perfect spot near to the beach and the walking tracks. It is at present under-utilized, barren and empty. It will be a great asset to the Valley to have the vibrance and activity that international campers bring to an area. All we need now is a cafe closer at hand. I am also in favour of an on-site small shop once the camping ground is established, landscaped and up and running.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Eventually an on-site manager but I assume this would depend on the level of usage the camp gets. Going by the popularity of the Red Rocks freedom camping area I would expect this additional camping facility to become quite busy.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

In other countries camping grounds offer great on-site facilities, - eg a cafe with all types of refreshments and well kept grounds. Wouldn't it be great for Wellington to have something like this available near to the city and the beach!

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submitter Details

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 PostCode: **6023**  
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 Agent  
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### Submission

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 Support

Why do you say this?

don't think the area is right.. there are no amenities (shops) or even public transport on weekend..  
 don't think it will bring any benefits for the area, visually unappealing, rubbish, noise pollution. don't like the idea of my 5 daughters having to walk past a camp site to & from school/kindy everyday. I think there must be better places closer to CBD, transport (airport, train, ferry) that have more to offer travellers (shops, scenery etc)

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- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No



Your comments  
that the proposed camping site is limited to the carpark area only.. with no future possibilities of  
extending into the current sports fields

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Do you have other comments?

Comments  
speed limit needs to be lowered from 70 to 50km

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**Submitter Details**

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Wishes to be heard:

- Yes  
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Correspondence to:

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 Agent  
 Both
- 

**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

There is a need for more camping places in Wellington especially for tenting. This is a suitable open space to use although it does lack many amenities.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Appropriate to manage needs of campers and neighbours - maybe a weekend manager on site. Should be self funding.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

#### Your comments

There is insufficient public transport to this area. If a camp site is to be developed it should have 7 day public transport services with a late night option. There is a pleasant walk to Brooklyn shops but the footpath is often blocked by vehicles so better enforcement would also be required.

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

Free camping should be discouraged to maximise use of organised camp sites. Shelly Bay should also be developed as a camp site to provide good choices in suitable areas provided public transport is available.

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#### Attached Documents

File
Allowing Camping at Happy Valley Park

### Submitter Details

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Wellington needs more places where people can free camp, or camp cheaply. This should only be one of several. If we have too few, they will get over-used, which will upset the locals.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

This site is too small to justify the expense of an on-site manager. Someone who visits daily will be able to get very quickly on top of any problems such as insufficient capacity for recycling or garbage.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

#### Your comments

This site is exposed to strong winds, so plantings around the tent sites needs to be done to provide a measure of protection. Earth banks with low plantings on top might be better and more-immediate - these are common in Iceland (another windy country, popular with tent campers).

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

Please try to find more places where people will be allowed to camp. It's a popular mode of travelling for kiwis both here and abroad, and we should have facilities for visitors (both NZers and from overseas) in our capital city.

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 Oppose Neither support/ nor oppose Support

Why do you say this?

because I have mixed feelings

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

 Self-service with daily visits On-site camp manager Other management

Why do you say this?

no opinion

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

 Yes No

Your comments

Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

on the website (<http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/proposed-camp-site-at-happy-valley-park>), it states 'We currently have enough camp sites for self-contained motor homes and campervans, but there's increasing demand for camping sites suitable for non-self-contained vehicles or tents.' Yet it states the site could accommodate 18 campervan parks and only 5 tentsites. This doesn't sound like the allocations suit the needs.

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First name\* Bakhtawar      Last name\* Sattha

Street address\* 90 Happy Valley Road, Owhiro Bay, Wellington 6023

Phone/mobile 0273503200      Email bakjehsat@yahoo.co.nz

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### I am making a submission

As an individual    On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an oral submission    Yes    No

### We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

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& playground  
There is a school closeby and safety of the children walking to and from school needs to be ensured.

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Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this?

Any issues/concerns that arise can be dealt with immediately if there is an on-site camp manager.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

A pedestrian crossing would be helpful due to increased traffic, for safety of pedestrians.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

Issues around drinking at the campsite and security need to be adequately addressed so that nearby residents are not unsafe or inconvenienced.

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First name\* MARILYN Last name PROWSE

Street address\*

52, HAPPY VALLEY ROAD -

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1) Why Happy Valley? We have The Land fill Tip. Half way house and now proposed camping ground. We are a up and coming community. People are taking pride in there houses and its a beautiful spot with hills surrounding The valley. Lots of greenery.

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

\_\_\_\_\_



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

Put more effort in making the park, <sup>eg.</sup> sportfields more attractive such as advertising for cricket and football colleges.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

We have enough with noise as trucks go up and down some times early morning taking waste to land fill. I certainly don't want rubbish ~~for~~ from campers all over the park. We all know when campers get settled and as long as they are OK they have no interests in the rest of the community. One has to consider the school as well. (above)

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3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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BLOCK & LARGE RUBBISH BINS

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

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MUST CEASE AND BECOME ILLEGAL.

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Why do you say this?

It's too close to the main road, school and residential housing. On weekends the field is used for sports like cricket and rugby. This will make parking difficult for sporting people as campers also do tend to come on weekends. The area is potentially congested during most of holiday seasons.

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

It's cheaper, on-site camp manager is not necessary as the camping ground is (in my opinion) not going to be very busy except on holidays. I've been to bigger camping grounds where daily visits by the camp manager are sufficient.



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

Campgrounds should be created somewhere where the area is conducive to surrounding of quietness, leafy areas, tranquility if possible.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

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Why do you say this?  
SINCE WITNESSING + READING ABOUT DISGUSTING UNHEALTHY HABITS OF CAMPERS IN OWHIRO BAY. WHEN THERE IS SPORT ON EVEN NOW HAPPY VALLEY ROAD IS FULL OF CARS PARKED ON LEFT HAND SIDE (TOWARDS OCEAN) ALSO IT WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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LARGE EMPTY AREA AT MT CRAWFORD PRISON  
OR SHELLEY BAY SUITABLE FOR CAMPING

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Why do you say this? *My opposition arises because again you are re-appropriating an existing land function. i.e. carparking. This has happened at Te Kopahou Reserve, now at "Happy Valley Park car Park" but further through the information booklet, the proposed camp ground is on "Happy Valley Park" that is a designated green space and though it is not used greatly as a sports field, it is by other uses*

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this? *As I have said, this is designated green space - yes you can change that, but you could also leave it alone, as it was intended*

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

Please explore the options of Mt Crawford Prison grounds, Defence area ground. There is a large area once known as "the parade ground", or maybe the old recreation room on prison grounds could be renovated. There are other options. There don't have to be 2 camping areas in this suburb.

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*A lot of local kids play on the park. a lot of kids play sports on the fields which means the parents have to park on the road.*

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Why do you say this?



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

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As an individual    On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you say this?

*\*Extra traffic flows:   \*We have freedom site already in our area.  
\*Added potential noise  
\*Proximity to the school/kindergarden.  
If passed through, expansion into the future.*

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this?

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

The only comparisons you have are from sites that are in a higher noise and light levels eg. CBD waterfront and Evans Bay areas with constant traffic flows. This proposal site is in a complete residential area.

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I totally oppose this area to be used as a camping ground. Close proximity to Owhiro Bay School and kindergarten. This will provide a danger to the schoolchildren, increased noise, and vandalism. It would cause an impact on the residents in the area, affecting their property values. Traffic along the road would be substantially increased, and be a real hazard especially at school times. This area is already a playing field for Junior & college sports. What will happen to those users? Where will they park on such occasions? The current pavilion and toilet facilities are not designed to cater for campers.

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Self-service with daily visits    On-site camp manager    Other management

Why do you say this?

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Free camping should not be allowed anywhere. It attracts un-desirables and riff-raff. Such as at the Red Rocks car park where people were camping in their cars and under awnings between vehicles. They had inadequate, toilet facilities, rubbish removal, and a total lack of management.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

This is a total "cop out" by council. If Wellington had a proper camping ground this and free camping would not even be an issue. I am not opposed to campers camping. They should be able to stay at a designated campsite. It should be fully fenced have allocated sites with power points. For users who use motorised campers, and caravans. Other areas for those using tents, and a children's play area. Proper showers with hot water, toilet & washing facilities, somewhere for campers to prepare meals, and a community room. Should also provide cabins of differing sizes. All of which is properly managed and where people would pay for overnight stays.

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Why do you say this?

- It is a poor site selection, hugely exposed to either prevailing wind & southerly or northerly.
- Concerns about proximity to the local school, kindergarten & playing fields, and potential for disturbance to the neighbours quality of living.
  - Although it is an "open space", it is in a residential area and the two are not compatible

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

I believe all camp sites should be actively managed, and certainly the more so if it is placed in a residential area.



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

There is increasing freedom camping at Red Rocks, which is damaging visually & environmentally & stretching the basic public conveniences here - all of these items are unacceptable. By building a camp site at HV Park, Red Rocks will become an opportunistic non-permitted extension of this & increase camping & strain on Red Rocks. In time this will lead to conflict & high maintenance costs.

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Why do you say this? *This is an underused area & would benefit from the introduction of a new lifestyle - more activity. Carlucci Land could benefit from more custom & the local beaches & walkways provide outdoor activities, free. The Bach provides dining out. The size of the area would keep it contained & prevent sprawl.*

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Why do you say this? *Best to start with the simplest, if it doesn't work well it could be upgraded to an on-site manager or other method.*

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Why do you say this? *There is a desperate need for "inner city" camping.*

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this? *It is cheap. However my provision would be for a x2 day manager, one coming after 10pm, to ensure all facilities were paid for.*



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments *A really sound rubbish mgmt plan and a significant wind break.*

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Monday 5 October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of Owhiro Bay School I wish to oppose the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan which would allow camping as a managed activity on Happy Valley Park.

The proximity of the proposed camping area to Owhiro Bay School raises the following concerns/ issues in relation to student health and safety;

- Increased traffic due to cars/vans going up and down the road and potentially more parents dropping their children to and from school.
- Potential exposure to less than desirable behaviour for those students walking past the site on their way to and from school
- Increased potential for vandalism to school property and grounds especially when the busy period covers the 6 weeks that school is closed.
- Environmental impacts especially on stream which runs alongside the school

Furthermore based on the current camping site experiences of the Owhiro Bay community I have serious concerns regarding;

- Camp site management capability
- Fluid numbers with the potential for growth resulting in expansion onto the sports field
- Possible negative impact over time on school roll numbers

Given all of the above I do not believe that Happy Valley Park is the most suitable venue available to the Council and urge that you reconsider previous options as outlined by Amber Bill at our Board of Trustees meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Tineke Giddy  
-on behalf of Owhiro Bay School

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\* Mandatory fields

### I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation *Owhiro Bay School*

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

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Why do you say this?

*Please refer to additional page.*

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Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?



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Yes  No,

Your comments

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- Yes  
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 Both
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**Submission**

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 Support

Why do you say this?

As a resident of Happy Valley Road I am unhappy with the proposed campground plan. The group Friends of Owhiro Stream has worked hard to restore the stream which will no doubt be polluted by campers (and by the construction process itself). As a community member I do not want itinerants and other non-community members moving in and out of the area, this could damage both the reputation of the community and could make the area unsafe, particularly at night. As a parent I am concerned about the school and kindergarten facilities being used or abused by campground members, especially as the school is so close to the proposed campground. Owhiro Bay residents have already seen the problems so called 'freedom campers' have caused down at Red Rocks, we do not want the same lack of respect for land and facilities right in the middle of our community.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
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Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

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 Support

Why do you say this?

1. It is a cold, windswept site which is not attractive to campers. If it was, it would already be in use by 'freedom' campers. (It isn't!) 2. The money proposed for developing this site would be better spent on improved facilities at places (predominately Princess Bay and Ohiro Bay carparks) where freedom campers already stop. These improved facilities would then also be available to the ratepayers who are financing them! 3. High charges will simply deter freedom campers from using prescribed facilities anywhere in Wellington, and if coupled with an aggressive enforcement regime, will ultimately deter these people from staying in Wellington for any length of time, to our economic detriment. 4. I suggest contacting the Paeroa local body for an effective system of dealing with freedom campers: Provision of facilities in the middle of the town, and a \$5.00 per night charge which they seldom collect, nor expect to!

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- Self-service with daily visits  
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Why do you say this?

On-site management is too expensive. Daily services as required, according to load.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

It's all about attitude: We can rail against freedom campers because it fuels a need for 'righteous' anger, or we can accept that they are one category of international visitors, and welcome them to Wellington, where they will stay and spend on the items and attractions that matter most to them. There's more to NZ tourism than cruise boats and Chines billionaires!

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Why do you say this?

I have felt that there has been a shortage of camping facilities in the Wellington City region & am pleased that the Councillors have recognised this need. If costs for stays are realistic, the spin-off is that campers may well stay longer & this will result in a greater 'spend' in the region.

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Why do you say this?

This is rather depends on council resources available. As the site is close to the 'tip', I wonder if staff, from there (or from within all council depts.), might be 'rotated' to cover on site administration (arrivals & departures) and/or housekeeping duties. I know that there may be some staff who will accept an opportunity to earn extra income without impacting on their current duties. I would be happy to assist in the organisation of this if required. On 'on site manager' would be the preferred option but this adds to the expense of the operation & cost to campers unless there is a 'free rent' arrangement. On line booking through existing council web site or 'reception' would save costs, with a terminal at the camping site.

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments  
Not at this moment.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments  
I congratulate the Council on their initiative with this proposal.

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Why do you say this?

The proposed change would open the site for freedom camping without guaranteed consent or funding for a camp ground, or upgraded facilities. I oppose any change to the Plan without this funding and consent being secured, otherwise the Council runs the risk of creating a problem that will take some time to fix. For example without proper facilities, there is a very real risk of impacts on the environment, e.g. waste disposal and dumping. In addition the space being considered is not sufficient to move people from the Red Rocks parking area, and instead potentially creates two problem areas - both for the Council and the local community. I also have concerns about potential noise and behaviour issues, especially with regard to children using the park or walking to and from school and kindy.

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Why do you say this?

Most if not all freedom campaign or low cost sites in the city have problems. Without an on site



manager, it will be a matter of fixing these problems after the event rather than preventing them. Inevitably some of this cost will fall on the local community. As well as noise from parties, there are potential security concerns for the community, rubbish, etc.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

I understand that the Council is trying to resolve a difficult issue and that there is not an easy or obvious answer. I think the Council would be better placed to find a location that would accommodate more people, which would also make an onsite manager more economically viable, and resolve wider issues. If appropriate sites can't be found in Wellington City, I think the Council should consider a regional solution. There doesn't seem to be a compelling benefit for the City in establishing a low cost and potentially difficult to maintain camp site, that doesn't fix any of the current problems.

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 Support

Why do you say this?

1. I believe the existing use of the site and adjacent amenities is greater than outlined, especially parking for weekend sport. 2. The capacity and proposed management approach seem incongruent - the space/potential revenue doesn't warrant or support on-site management. 3. Without on-site management the adverse effects on adjacent school and community will be greater. 4. Pushing sport user parking onto a roadside that is often over-capacity exacerbates the problem. 4. The convenience/reduced cost of existing facilities (waste dump site and building) doesn't justify a potentially inappropriate site. 5. Without on-site management the burden of managing and enforcing appropriate usage and respectful behaviour falls onto the community, police, and out-of-hours support services (noise control, etc). 6. There's no adjacent retail support for food and camping needs. 7. Primary aged school children will have to navigate increased road and driveway traffic around the site.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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File
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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

This is a good idea if properly managed and traveller coming to wellington are limited in where they can stay. A campground is a good plan

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

On site supervision might be a good plan. While I'm all for self policing, at the campground at the red rocks car park there have been some issues to too many people camping there. Having someone on site would be useful to manage it

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

The amendment is a pragmatic and positive response to addressing the issues caused by excess demand for camping in Wellington. Annual international visitors exceeded 3m for the first time during 2015, and this annual number is forecast to grow. Many visitors are choosing to self-drive and within this are a growing number who also choose to camp. The TIA view is that camping should occur in Holiday Parks, DOC Campsites, or designated camping sites. Non-self contained vehicles staying in designated camping sites should only stay in those with a toilet. The provision of a camping site at Happy Valley Park will provide a positive and safe visitor experience for those coming to Wellington. It will build on the reputation of Wellington as a preferred destination, and address community concerns about overcrowding at the current designated sites.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

While the camping ground meets a functional need i.e. a place to park and sleep, we should also

consider the visitor experience. This experience is enhanced by having staff on-site. They can deal promptly with queries and issues as they arise, and contribute strongly to visitors having a favourable experience when they visit Wellington.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

We support the option of a private-sector response to running the facility. The tourism industry has a very strong holiday parks sector, with a lot of experience in running camping sites and holiday parks. Drawing on this capability makes sense and provides expertise and investment that is available within the sector.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I do not see evidence that the camping site will be monitored appropriately. My kids would need to walk past it each day to and from school and I would not feel safe in doing so if the campsite was not continually monitored.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

I think I would require 24/7 continuous management as there are a lot of residential houses in the area.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

The car park is used regularly by other traffic, school buses, trucks, campers to offload waste, sports parking, etc and the loss of this area for these purposes will cause significant issues. The bad management of the quarry site by the council last year does not bode well for good management here of the non self contained cheapo campers. The cost of upgrading the site and decent ongoing management will far outweigh the benefits and as budgets get cut, the management will undoubtedly be reduced in time, leaving the residents to manage the fall out. A far more sensible idea is for there to be some central management system, whereby campers can book their number of nights' stay in Wellington, be advised of the rules and regulations, facilities available, sign to confirm this is understood and provide passport and/or other identification documents, vehicle registration etc. They can then be provided with a ticket to display their camping nights granted and stay for that period of time in any site they choose that is allowed. They then have more freedom to choose where they stay, the council will get great stats on the number, type and nationality of campers for future planning and those who do not obey the rules can be more effectively managed, moved on or followed up on. No ticket, no park. After all, we have to pay every day for parking in our own city just to be able to go to work.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits



- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

If the above scenario were put in place, then yes, for a certain number of campers, the car park might be a place to overnight. But it would then be one of many more smaller sites around the city that could be patrolled on a 24 hour basis at a more reasonable cost. There would only be a few people at each site and the conditions for the campers and residents would be improved.

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I strongly oppose this proposal because it is as yet unplanned. I have copied the following from your website: 'We will also need to consider how the campground will be best managed. Options might include: development and management by a private provider a self-service facility with daily or twice-daily visits to manage it a Council-managed campground with an onsite camp manager.' If the council is not prepared to state how the proposed campsite will be managed and give residents some assurances about how potential problems might be managed then I am most certainly NOT prepared to support it. The freedom campsite at Owhiro bay is clearly very badly managed. I am no longer comfortable taking my dogs through that carpark for their exercise and I most certainly wouldn't consider taking visitors to the city down there. It is an eyesore and it doesn't feel like a safe area, There are people down there clearly living in cars with dirty washing everywhere and none of them give the appearance of being tourists. If I can see no evidence of the council being able to properly manage one campsite why should I expect another around the corner to be any better run?

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

The proposal is unclear. I agree that freedom camping should be restricted at Te Kopahou Reserve carpark but I do not support sending the overflow of campers to the un-developed and un-managed Happy Valley Park carpark this summer. I might support the development of a small-scale, capped, on-site managed campsite with proper facilities but I do not support a campsite which has the potential for unknown expansion into the fantastic green space the sports fields provide and which could also overrun the existing character of our small, quiet community.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

If camping is located in a residential area, and close to a kindergarten and primary school, it should have on-site management to ensure it is safe, tidy and appropriate for everyone, campers included! On-site management would be vital for noise control (esp. at night), ensuring the stream was not

abused, and monitoring vehicles which may want to park outside of the campsite (blocking up the roadside) but still expect to access the facilities.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

The proposal should not permit unrestricted camping or unquantified expansion of a campsite at Happy Valley Park.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

If there was to be a properly developed and well-managed campsite then careful thought and investment also needs to be given to signage and road markings in the area. Campers need to know that they have to be on the look-out for young children on bikes and scooters crossing the driveway footpath (carpark entrance). The road outside Owhiro Bay School becomes congested around 3pm and chaotic in wet weather. With increased traffic of large vehicles it would seem logical to install a pedestrian crossing at the school and more signage to encourage all drivers to slow down and be patient around our kids. I'm also concerned about large vehicles parking along roadsides in the vicinity of the proposed campsite causing blindspot hazards for pedestrians and drivers. To achieve all of this will require significant investment from WCC to then have the campsite run at an ongoing loss while only catering for a portion of the overflow of campers. Perhaps 'free/cheap' and 'close to Wellington CBD' is not a realistic match?!

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

My family and I are deeply opposed to the proposed changes to Happy Valley Park for a number of reasons. My main concern is that the parking lot will become an eyesore for the residents and people driving into the Valley. As we have seen at the Owhiro Bay Quarry site rubbish is left, the toilets are now filthy and there is a general air of transience as backpackers and travellers congregate with their tents, cooking pots and washing lines. From the campers perspective, the site is not the most attractive location, it's a carpark with no shelter from the wind, meagre facilities which is overlooked by residents and motorists and on the weekends is overrun with local sports teams. I am greatly concerned about the amount of rubbish which will inevitably end up in the stream which is used by the school, kindergarten and community garden. I also question the sense in locating a transient population so close to the local school and kindergarten.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I think this site has primarily been chosen as it might be easier to get through than the Tawatawa Reserve which would make a much better site. Next, this would make two camp site areas in the same residential area. It WILL devalue the properties in the area! The economic value is, in reality, negligible. Rate payers are effectively subsidising the campers. The proposition of a custodial role is currently not strong enough - it needs to be 24/7 and that means funding AND some form of office/accommodation. There will be significant increase in traffic. This camping area does not need to be on the south coast. These are transient people who could camp in Petone/Hutt/Eastbourne areas. It is too close to the school and could present an issue for kids walking through the area to and from school from a security perspective. I think the council is trying really hard to work this through, but this area is not really suitable for a camp site. Ultimately it is a residential area that has spread over the last 15 years and will continue to develop as residential. The usual issues of noise, rubbish etc are also a major concern.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

My biggest concern is that the locals in the area thought that freedom campers on the Owhiro Bay carpark wouldn't be an issue until it became a reality. So in this case, a camp ground could be created and then once the numbers are up and residents really get to see how it is working it could be another massive issue that is hard to back away from!!

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I fully support camping and believe it should be free for basic facilities, at least for an initial period of stay. Wellington has insufficient camping and this makes backpackers leave much earlier than they would otherwise. Let's help them and us by giving them a place to stay for a while.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Keep costs down

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No



Your comments  
More campsites in other areas

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Do you have other comments?

Comments  
Wellington should find somewhere closer to the CBD for low cost camping in addition to this for those without vehicles.

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

See supporting document

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

See supporting document

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

See supporting document

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Do you have other comments?

Comments  
See supporting document

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## **SIMON CRAGGS – ALLOWING CAMPING AT HAPPY VALLEY PARK**

I'd like to start off by saying that I am backing this project 100% and I think it's a great move by the Council to offer lower cost accommodation options for overseas travelers coming to Wellington. Especially with the growing trend of travelers spending more time in Wellington and bearing in mind there is a British & Irish Lions tour coming in 2017.

Furthermore I'd like to make some suggestions regarding the planning and implementation of the project and its potential impact on the local community.

### **On-site manager/caretaker.**

There is no doubt about it; this camp is going to be busy. With potentially 120 people utilising the site on a daily basis this is always going to raise issues that an on-site manager will be able to deal with on an ad-hoc, hands-on basis. Inevitable toilet blockages, campfires, rubbish overflows, cleaning issues and potentially small disputes are best dealt with by someone who is there at the time and not someone who is available via a 'hotline' or by someone that turns up once or twice a day to check for non-payers. This isn't going to be the equivalent of an outback DOC site where a pay as you go scheme and honesty box system will work. And as such the newer system proposed for this site utilising sensors in the ground is a very smart option. But I believe there is a lot to be said for a human presence: a host, a warm welcome, from a fellow traveler that's also a local, from someone who can answer questions on this that and of course, the other. Someone steeped in The Wellington Way.

Also, having an on-site manager or site leasee would also give the option of having a manned telephone line for bookings and availability enquires.

I feel that the local community would feel a lot safer and more confident about the campsite if there were someone on-site 24/7.

A small relocatable house (or large portacom style building/caravan) could be utilised to house the manager – this could easily be moved if the project was to be relocated or scaled up/down.

### **Public transport link improvement.**

The Happy Valley Road site that has been earmarked for this project is in my opinion very suitable. However the bus services that cover this area are very, very limited. The #4 bus only runs early morning and early afternoon (commuter bus hours) with no weekend service at all. And the #29 runs most of the day but only runs as far as Newtown and again has no weekend service at all. The majority of campers staying at the site will no doubt want to visit the city so they should be able to do this via public transport instead of adding to the congestion and parking issues that the city already faces by driving into town. I believe campers should be encouraged to leave their vehicles on-site whilst they visit the city and either walk, cycle or bus into the city and on these current timetables taking the bus is not really much of an option.

I would like to see an extension of the #29 route to include a city drop-off or adding a few daytime routes to the #4 route as well as a weekend option for one or both. The only other alternatives are taxis (probably more than a low-budget backpacker can afford) or walking for 20 minutes to Island Bay or Brooklyn. The latter is a good alternative but as we all know, Wellington's weather isn't always 'walking friendly'. I feel it's important to mention that an increase to the bus services from Happy Valley Road would also benefit the whole Owhiro Bay community as well as the campers.

**Ongoing engagement with the local community.**

Due to media exposure, backpackers have a pretty bad reputation for being untidy & disrespectful to the environment and the places they stay. I think it would be great to try and reverse this negativity by initiating some community/camper integration. I think it would be helpful to show the community that in general it is 'the few' spoiling it for 'the many' and that most campers are in fact, respectful, tidy people. Locally hosted talks and walks by members of the community for campers, story swaps, coffee evenings and adding an 'annex' to the Mokai Kainga: Owhiro Community Garden\* are just some of the things I would like to see happening.

\*A small 'un-camp-able' section of the area could be set aside for the growth of produce. Mokai Kainga could potentially sell or ask for donations for their produce to help fund their 2 community gardens projects.



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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

We strongly oppose this proposal. We own and operate The Wellington Container House as a holiday home, and our property is directly opposite the proposed site. Our property is unique in that it consists of three vertically stacked shipping containers, which although well insulated, the noise from motorhomes and their guests would be highly disruptive to our guests. One of the main reasons why guests stay at our property is that it is private, quiet and away from other people. This would of course no longer be the case if there was a camping ground opposite. We are also very worried about security. As the house is very unusual we already get people trying to gain access to look around. We feel that having a campsite opposite would only add to this problem as more people would then see it and be curious. As the whole purpose of this proposal is to move campers, and the problems associated with them, away from other properties, naturally we do not want to experience these problems ourselves. Even with a site manager we cannot see how these problems would disappear. Aside from the fact that our property is directly opposite the proposed site, the location really doesn't make much sense to us. Having rented motorhomes ourselves before, we would only choose somewhere with a pretty outlook. The proposed site is not pretty, and is some distance away from the water. The southerly also whips up the valley which is hardly ideal for tents. You want tourists to leave Wellington with a decent impression of it's beautiful scenery which they wouldn't with this site. Surely a better solution would be to expand and develop the area at the entrance to the Red Rocks walk? This already proves to be a popular site and doesn't affect other properties. We hope that you seriously reconsider this proposal and think of better sites more suited to the needs and demands of our tourism industry.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits
- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I only support it so long as it properly managed with an on-site manager to avoid potential problems. Without that, I don't support it.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

My support is conditional on this. I believe that there needs to be someone there 24/7 to manage and oversee it to ensure that there are no problems. Potential problems include littering, damage to the environment - particularly pollution of the stream, noise, and disruption to residents. The proposed area is close to residents and the scope of the proposal means there could be a lot of campers. It is essential that conflicts are minimised. We do not want to see the problems created at Te Kopahau reserve shifted to here - and on a larger scale. The only way to ensure this doesn't happen is to have an on-site manager.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

Yes

No

#### Your comments

The on-site camp manager needs to be there full-time 24/7.

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

Without an on-site manager, I don't think the community would support it (I am a committee member of the Owhiro Bay Residents Association). We already have one camp ground, and we have an expanding landfill - we don't want to always be Wellington's 'dumping ground' - somewhere to send all the problems to.

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File
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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Safety concerns with increased traffic movements close to a school and kindergarten. As suggested by the statement of proposal approximately 100 vehicles per day look for camping sites around Wellington, this needs to be verified by reports from an independent source like the AA with definite numbers to support this claim as it may be a conservative guess. A perceived disadvantage to cricket and foot ball clubs who currently use the car park and changing sheds all year around; including limitations to unloading all the gear needed to play the game. These grounds are well used despite what the officers say in the statement of proposal. Therefore the above mentioned sports codes who are permanent users of the grounds must each be consulted so elected members can get an idea of how much they actually rely on these facilities including the car-park. The Statement of Proposal suggestion only junior and college cricket and football teams use the lower grade sportsfields is incorrect. Both Island Bay and Brooklyn Football Clubs rely heavily on the availability of these grounds for their Senior and Social teams to play; because of the location of the fields they predominantly arrive by car mainly in the weekends. No plan B?

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management



Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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Correspondence to:

- Submitter  
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 Both

### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I have a number of concerns with the proposal - set out in the comments section below. However, my primary concern with an amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan is that freedom camping could be allowed at the site from summer 2015 / 2016. At the moment, with the exception of self contained camper vans, the site is completely unsuitable for freedom camping. There are very limited toilet facilities onsite and no kitchen or shower facilities. Permitting freedom camping to occur on that site before the site has been properly developed (with ablution and kitchen blocks, adequate lighting, rubbish collection, signage etc) will cause a detrimental impact to the local community similar to the impacts seen at the red rocks parking area last Christmas: noise issues, traffic issues, rubbish issues, waste water issues, inadequate toilet facility issues, overcrowding leading to freedom campers parking on the road etc.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

I would support the proposal if it was intended that the site would have an onsite manager. The proposal is for a large number of individual parking and tent sites to be on the area. Given the number of freedom campers who were using the red rocks car park over the Christmas period and the subsequent reduction in the spaces available there for freedom camping for this Christmas, there is the potential that a large number of freedom campers may be moved on from Red Rocks in the evening up to this site. I believe it is essential that a onsite manager is in place during the evening hours in order to minimise noise and disruption to local residents, ensure a pleasant experience for the campers and to prevent unauthorised camping on the road verges once the site is full.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

Any proposal to change the Reserves Management Plan should prohibit freedom camping until the site is properly developed with sufficient toilet and ablution blocks, kitchen facilities, adequate lighting and rubbish collection. It is not acceptable for the Council to come up with a short term solution to the problem of overcrowding at Red Rocks car park by shifting the problem elsewhere in the Owhiro Bay community. The proposal should be delayed until the results of restricting freedom camping at Red Rocks are known - and whether freedom camping at the site can be adequately managed with minimum disruption to the local residents. The Council should do more research with other local councils that offer significant freedom camping in their areas to learn more about how best to manage the sites.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

I have a number of objections to the proposal in its present form. These are: - What impression of Wellington does this site offer for freedom campers: it is important that all visitors to Wellington have the most memorable experience that the city can provide. In my view, this site would be unlikely to provide an optimum experience for freedom campers. The site offers no easy transport options - there are limited bus route options. To reach the cbd, you will ever need to drive or walk to Island Bay or Brookly to catch a bus. There are no shops nearby. The site is not particularly attractive. It is exposed and windy. In my view, it is not the best site for giving a great impression of the beauty of Wellington to freedom campers. It smacks of finding a cheap and easy place to put them. - Traffic: the site is very close to the Murchison Road intersection. That intersection is difficult at the best of times. There are a considerable numbers of school and kindy children walking along that road every school day. I am extremely concerned about the increased risks of large number of cars and campervan exiting from the site. - Risks of freedom camping happening immediately: For the reasons set out above, I am very concerned that the proposal will permit freedom camping from this Christmas. The site is not capable of supporting freedom camping there at the moment without adverse impacts on the local community. The stream: the local community and school has been working hard to restore and beautify the stream. I am very concerned that large numbers of people on that site will have a negative impact on the stream and natural environment there. Noise: the area surrounding the site is residential. There is the potential for freedom campers to be arriving at that site late at night. This is going to have an impact on residents' enjoyment of their homes. No economic benefit to Owhiro Bay: there are no shops near the proposed site in Owhiro Bay. Any shopping the freedom campers need to do will be done in either Brooklyn, Island Bay or the CBD. It seems to me that Owhiro Bay is being asked to share the burden that increased freedom camping may bring but there is no economic return to the local community / residents from doing so. The community is stretched: we already have one freedom camping site. There were a number of difficulties with the site last year. We are now being asked to take on another site. We are a small community - it seems a lot to ask when there are a number of other potential sites around the city. In my view, Owhiro Bay has been picked because it is a cheap and easy option for the Council. If the Council is serious about providing facilities that offer a memorable experience for freedom

campers, they should explore the other possible site options if more detail.

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

 Oppose Neither support/ nor oppose SupportWhy do you say this?

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

 Self-service with daily visits On-site camp manager Other managementWhy do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

 Yes NoYour comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I very much feel for Council officials who are trying to manage freedom camping in Wellington City - it is unfair that central Government can make a determination like this and leave local councils to enforce the situation. My concerns, and reason for my opposition to this proposal are: - increase in traffic in the area - impact on environment - there is already provision for freedom camping at Te Kopahou Reserve. It seems unfair to have two camping areas so close to each other - potential impact on children attending the local school and kindergarten.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes



No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Because I support this if there is an on-site camp manager, I don't support a self-service site.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Because it's next to school/kindy we need to ensure that users behave well - don't want kids too scared to walk past on way to school or seeing vomit/poo etc left behind by campers. And we don't want damage to the school or kindy.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

I don't think it is a very practical site - it's very windy, no regular bus service and nothing particularly great about it's location. Doesn't really showcase Wellington in any way.

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

The proposed facility is too close to a school and a kindergarten. It will result in increased traffic, discarded rubbish and unruly behaviour. It is not on the south coast and is unlikely to be supervised.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Living downstream from the proposed site I am concerned about litter and pollution to the stream that will inevitably flow down into our property. Also the only point of interest for families in Owhiro Bay is the school playground and I am concerned that it will become used and damaged by campers. The parent committee has spend a lot of fundraising money on the site and I would be unhappy to see an increased cost of maintenance and damage.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

My main concern is for safety of children at the school and kindergarten. Bearing in mind this is the first campsite of its kind, I don't think we should be experimenting in an area right next to a school and kindergarten where the safety of children could be put at risk. That risk alone should be enough to halt this proposal. In addition, we have already seen some of the problems associated with freedom camping in Owhiro Bay. This low cost, under-resourced, freedom camping model increases potential for increased litter, pollution into the stream and noise pollution with few benefits to the local community.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

The proposed site is an asset for the Wellington community as a whole. It seems under-utilised at the moment. Tourism is good for our economy and we should be providing services if demand exists. Why not here? A camp site will help to build vibrancy and a sense of place in this part of Owhiro Bay. Provided the site is well managed, I have no particular concerns about its proximity to the local school which my two children attend. Nor (again, provided the site is well managed) do I see any environmental concerns.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

I ticked 'other' only because I am not sure what would work best. The choice should be outcome driven. An on-site manager implies a certain scale to the site (possibly too large?). On the other hand, having someone on-site would reduce the risk of campers adversely impacting upon the amenity of surrounding houses due to noise etc.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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- Yes  
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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

In our recent survey on this matter 77% of responses do not support this campground proposal. This was also evident at the Oct 8 public meeting on the matter.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

If the campground does go ahead the locals feel that constant management is one of the key ways to mitigate the risks raised by the community.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes

☐ No

#### Your comments

The community has concerns about: Traffic Levels & Management (69%), Rubbish(87%), Impact on the Owhiro Stream (87%), Noise (56%) & safety for children at the school/kindy (66%)

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

The WCC consultation process is asking the community to provide support for a proposal which has little firm information. It would be good if after the results of this consultation, that if the thinking is to proceed further then a proposal with detail on management, fees, other site learnings etc could be worked through with the community. Also this proposal does not provide a solution for the impact of the Te Kopahou Reserve changes - where will the overflow from Dec go? Finally our organisation is disappointed that more options have not been progressed to address this important and ongoing issue for Wellington eg Princess Bay, Lyall Bay, Moa Point.

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

While I support a campground the proposal does not say what alternatives have been considered and seems to me to be overcrowded with 33 sites even though the drawing only shows 23. When I submitted a query on 4 October this was not answered after 5 working days and I had to get the WCC helpdesk to find an answer as submissions were due. As at 4pm on the last day my query has still not been formally replied to. I am therefore unable to properly consider. Perhaps an area such as that at the corner of Hanson/Stoke would be better as nearby facilities (shops, buses etc) are all there

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Cost of onsite manager probably too high but believe someone onsite during busy times would be appropriate

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

Yes

No

Your comments

Look at alternatives sites. Properly designate proposal for this site.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

WCC staff should be available to answer queries. If designated officer is absent then a replacement should be nominated

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Wishes to be heard:

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I am opposing the Camping at Happy Valley Park for the reasons below of safety, pollution, traffic consideration, decreased amenity value for neighbourhood The proposal does not state any benefit for the local residents - this proposal will cause a lot of negative effects with no business or wellbeing value to local residents - potential for increased rates to manage the overhead of maintenance Safety of the neighbourhood - there is school children who will be walking to school next to the proposed campground. campers can include people of no fixed abode who could potentially include persons who pose an increased security risk to school children. The proximity of the campground also increases the likelihood of strangers wandering around the school and potential vandalism and break ins Pollution - likelihood of increased pollution and littering to the campground, surrounding sports fields, in the stream. The provision of facilities for freedom campers means Management of campers - the proposal does not include any management plan - no details on cost, maximum length of stay, fines for pollution, on-site management, rubbish management, enforcement laws to stop people literally living there semi-permanently. Decreases amenity value of Happy Valley and Owhiro Bay - due to increased usage of vehicles, potential noise issues from uncontrolled events at the campground, increased litter (windy area) being spread around, potential overcrowding due to the noted demand on travellers, damage and pollution of the sports ground, loss if use of the changing sheds Traffic - increased traffic on the road especially since no food facilities or cooking facilities will cause increased trips to supermarket. Please can the local voice be heard and no camping facility be approved

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits,

on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits
- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

No management plans are proposed

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submitter Details

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### Submission

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I would be supportive of a well managed facility. I would want there to be environmental improvements with planting and the appropriate facilities provided.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

I believe that the facility would be best with an onsite manager during the day and easy to access security overnight.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

#### Your comments

There might be an opportunity to have a shop/dairy onsite that would improve the profitability and be of benefit to the community.

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

I am concerned that if the council permit freedom camping without adequate facilities that there will be a reproduction of the problems experienced at the Red Rock car park with too many people, too much rubbish, inadequate facilities. This would put the community off any longer term plans for a properly managed camp ground.

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## New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

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on the road again... "

09 October 2015

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### **SUBMISSION ON THE WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED CAMPSITE AT HAPPY VALLEY PARK AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association appreciates the opportunity to submit on this proposal. We represent the interests of over 60,000 New Zealanders who share a passion for exploring our country at leisure in their purpose-built motorhomes and caravans. Our purpose is to foster and advance the motor caravan movement by providing relevant services and information, promoting fellowship, vehicle safety, road courtesy and protection of the environment.
2. Local feedback suggests NZMCA members will stay at this campsite when visiting/passing through Wellington. We **SUPPORT** the proposed layout and amendments to the reserve management plan, in particular the new policy ensuring the site is sensitively designed to enhance the landscape values of the local area.
3. We commend the Council for continuing with this proactive approach towards camping, and its willingness to cater for the diverse needs of campervan visitors to Wellington. Please let us know how the NZMCA can help you promote responsible and safe camping on site.
4. At this stage, we would appreciate the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Yours faithfully  
New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

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Wishes to be heard:

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Correspondence to:

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 Both

**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

Safety of local students at close-by school - they walk past daily - see, hear, experience - unsupervised young people who are there to party with no respect for an area they wont return to. Vandalism to stream and school area esp during long holiday breaks. History of poor supervision and resources from council at other similar sites - hygiene challenges - due to limited toilet facilities, partying disturbing residents, overcrowding - no contribution to 'community' as 'pass through' visitor. evidence of poor planning as a viable well managed and well resourced venture from council - low cost = low resources = failure to work effectively as a long term solution. Lowering of desirability to live near this area which affects school growth possibilities. Have you considered a free bus/ transport service like a night bus into wellington from a sustainable business camp ground that exists already - where these travellers can stay & use appropriate facilities, come into the city to do what they wish then bus back to the camp site.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

Yes

No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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### Submission

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- Oppose
- Neither support/ nor oppose
- Support

Why do you say this?

Because it's apparently the best spot for it, from a citywide perspective, and the concerns do not outweigh the benefits . Many of the concerns are quite dubious, and are invalidated by safe and functional campground/community juxtapositions elsewhere in NZ.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

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- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

For the first few years, to set a good tone - then review and look at self-service with visits (and CCTV / call points or something similar)

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

Top-of-the-line sustainability services as the only option for waste, water etc

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I believe a camp site will increase road traffic, pollution and noise levels. I have two young children at Owhiro Bay school and do not want a camp site so close to their school.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

Please reconsider Owhiro Bay as an area for a campground.

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- Support

Why do you say this?

The space is already used as a car park for players on the sports field. If this is taken away it would force cars to park on the road which would lead to congestion of the road. The area is very close to a major road with a lot of traffic which would be dangerous for children and animals

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits
- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

**Comments**

A better site would be the old land fill on Murchison Road. It is bigger and more suitable.

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**Submission**

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

We are backpackers and we want to help you to find a solution. We have stayed in many campground around the new-zealand and we love the method you use to open this campground.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

The method use in red rocks works, you don't have enough place and facilities in the summer for both backpackers and local but that works good. You can't avoid some backpackers make noise and let the rubbish on the floor with a full time manager but other are respectful and if you put enough facilities, rubbish bin and information it will be great.

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

#### Your comments

- cabins with a place to hang up a solar hot shower like in the campsite of West Bay in St Arnauld - cold shower outside - big sink to clean dishes like in the Coes Ford campsite in Christchurch - many rubbish bin as you can put in many place like in the Coes Ford campsite in Christchurch - four simple closed toilet and one big open for boys is enough

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Do you have other comments?

#### Comments

The Coes Ford campground in south of Christchurch is a good example of self service campground. I don't know how you want to manage the financial part but you have to(!) put an honesty box with a fixed price or a honesty donations box or either someone who take the money at the end of the day. I have see on some documents that you seek about 35 place for campervan but you have to know that is not enough and the red rocks campsite steel used. For the red rocks campsite you need a big sink outside to clean dishes, one or two cold shower and two more toilets to don't have problem when local come on the weekend. Thanks again for this initiative.

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**Submission**

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 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

As a resident home owner and mother of two children each attending the school and kindergarten, I share the same concerns as the school and kindergarten have expressed: ? Student safety when walking to and from school ? Increased traffic on Happy Valley Road ? High occupancy rates during the summer break when the school is closed From my perspective there are many risks associated with this proposal however there is very little that will benefit the community if this proposal goes ahead. As a resident homeowner my concerns are that I purchased this house because of the location - school, kindergarten, beach etc all encompassed in a semi rural setting. I wanted this small, tight community setting to be where we could raise our children. This will change if there is a low cost campground placed in the middle of our community.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Propose this to the residents of the community in a way that 'sells' it to us. The way it has been presented is that the council, the tourism industry and the campers will all benefit from this, while the residents of Owhiro Bay will not. There have been a number of initiatives set up by members of the community to improve the natural environment that has been destructed by previous council decisions. I cant help but feel that the council throws its weight around to suit economic factors at the expense of communities and the natural environment with no thought of those it affects.

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submission**

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- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

It's an excellent solution to the demand, as opposed to the blanket ban on freedom camping. It solves the litter and waste concerns regarding non self contained vehicles, without imposing additional expenses for undesired facilities. It also will add tourist dollars to the city, as low budget campers stay longer and spend on food and activities. A very logical, unprejudiced and progressive approach by GWRC!

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Submitter Details**First Name: **Bonnie**Last Name: **Menzies**Organisation: **Resident of Happy Valley**

On behalf of: **As a resident of Happy Valley and a mother of 3 young children attending Owhiro Bay School I am opposed to a camp ground at the proposed site. The school being attached to this site there are obvious**

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**Submission**

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- Oppose
- Neither support/ nor oppose
- Support

Why do you say this?

As mentioned above, this is not the right area for camping.

If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits
- On-site camp manager
- Other management

Why do you say this?

Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Bonnie Menzies <bonniemenzies@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2015 4:35 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Camp site in Owhiro Bay

I am opposed to having a camp ground so close to a primary school. There have been cases of overseas camp grounds where young children have been sexual abused, taken or assaulted.

There is also the noise levels, distraction and litter to consider.

We live in the new development across the road, this would increase traffic and make it more difficult to get our children to school. As it is we are refused a cross walk and it's very hard to safely cross this road.

I am very strongly against this camp ground

Thank you

Bonnie Menzies  
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Bonnie Menzies



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 Both
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**Submission**

Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park?

- Oppose  
 Neither support/ nor oppose  
 Support

Why do you say this?

I am a mother to 3 young children who all attend Owhiro Bay School and Kindergarten. I do not like the idea of potentially over 100 'strangers' in our small community. This is a lovely quiet area. A campsite would bring noise, more traffic and rubbish. There also doesn't seem to be any limit to the length of stay so people might be tempted to do some 'long-term' camping. I can't see how it would bring value to our community so I don't see why we should support it.

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If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

- Self-service with daily visits  
 On-site camp manager  
 Other management

Why do you say this?

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Are there any other changes you think should be included?

- Yes  
 No

Your comments

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Do you have other comments?

Comments

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# Have your say on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park

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Wellington City Council  
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## Section one - details for the submission form

### Enter your name and contact details

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Dr

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### I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation

Resident

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

### We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

#### You can have your say:

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## Questions

1. Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park? (Please circle)

Oppose  Neither support/nor oppose  Support

Why do you say this? ① It would not be consistent with residential values of the area

② Better options would be available (see 4)

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this? \* A commercial motor camp with on site manager.

\* The coast should be managed by council for freedom camping limited stay monitored electronically. extra facilities

\* Plenty of room for expansion around coasts

\* Campers enjoy recreational values of South Coast.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments People using the sports ground for soccer and foot ball should have to park in this area as they currently obstruct Happy Valley Road which is a busy main road. ① Safety issue ② road of regional importance - access

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

③ This park is an important recreational facility for amateur sports and is well used - parking should be developed at northern end.

④ The tanatawa reserve on Murchison road is underused and could be developed as a commercial camping ground which could also cater for campers with Dogs.

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\* Mandatory fields

I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation OWHIRO COMMUNITY GARDENS

I would like to make an oral submission  Yes  No

We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

You can have your say:

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Why do you say this?

- A good site close to local attractions - South Coast, Red Rocks, 1B Marine Centre local cafe - Island Bay shopping etc
- Although it will cater for a small number would find good support from local community if closely managed.
- growing local population would welcome sharing available amenities and attractions

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

- Need for supervision of campers and upkeep of facilities and grounds.
- Developing future growth of facilities.
- Making this "first step" a successful enterprise and part of local community.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

- Planning for future growth and development: tent sites? cabins? kitchen/laundry facilities?
- Involving locals in preparation = development of the ideas and ideals.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

- Will there be any provision for long-term stayers who need a place to live.
- Campers would benefit from the provision of the local "Shoppers"-Bus during the weekend for trips to Brooklyn and Island Bay

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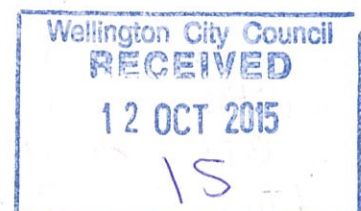
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Oppose  Neither support/nor oppose  Support

Why do you say this?

I support the idea of camping @ Happy Valley Park - it would be an asset to the development of the local facilities and community. Many local facilities available for campers eg South Coast Walks, Red Rocks trail, Taputurangi Marine Reserve Cafe, Island Bay Shops, Carlluciland etc etc

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

I think an On-site camp manager is the best option for overseeing grounds and upkeep of facilities. Developing and extending facilities as necessary.

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

Public transport would be ideal - with extension of the "Shopper" bus service to the weekend to allow easy access to Brooklyn and Island Bay services.

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

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**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Kirsty Henderson <w13131yellow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2015 3:42 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping

My husband and I plus our four children are completely angered by the fact you would put a camp site across the road from our family home it is so appulling for you to put r children at risk to so many strangers right next to a school and kindergarten it would ruin all the hard work this community has put into reserving the stream and community I have lived here my entire life and would defiantly be moving if this went ahead it's a disgrace

Regards Taylor family

**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Kirsty Henderson <w13131yellow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 October 2015 12:55 p.m.  
**To:** Fiona Lewis  
**Subject:** camping at happy valley

**Categories:** Submissions

hi Fiona

I keep getting emails from you or your staff thanking me for allowing the go ahead of camping at happy valley park I want to make it very clear that not only do I and my entire family feel this is a terrible horrid idea but that I don't know how you got my submission wrong I am completely against the idea and think it's disgusting to put our community's children at risk as I will no longer allow my kids to walk to school for fear of the strangers they would encounter on the one minute walk and the appalling view I would need to put up with if it went ahead we would no doubt be moving out of this area... If someone wishes to contact me about this that's fine my line is 043835463 otherwise please don't send me thank you emails its rediculas Iv tried to call your office but it seems a shambles no one awnsers the phone and there is no awnser machine how very unprofessional I'll be sure to keep copies of this email for further reference if the site goes ahead

Kirsty Taylor

**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** rob mcnicol <mcchuckle@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2015 10:21 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** that's a no from me

dear wcc,

please register me as a firm no for the proposed camping near owhiro bay school.

my primary concern is the traffic. this is already a highly dangerous road the passes a school with no pedestrian crossing and is frequented by (1) heavy traffic going to the landfill and (2) speeders looking for a quick way to town. adding a campground to the mix will throw the following into the mix:

- increased traffic driving past the school
- including campervans (which are heavier vehicles)
- with a higher proportion of drivers more used to driving on the other side of the road
- some of whom will not be familiar with their vehicles, having just collected them from the airport
- plus those drivers will be likely looking sideways at addresses trying to find the campground (or at a gps or map), instead of straight ahead at the road

so please show some common sense - a school is not the place to put a campground next to, especially one so already badly served by traffic safety

thanks

rob mcnicol  
022 341 8892



**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Anita Dahya <anita\_jeram@yahoo.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 10 October 2015 11:42 a.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Allowing Camping at Happy Valley Park

Hi

I am against this proposal. Please do not let this happen. My children are at Owhiro Bay School and currently regular walk to school. I find this is irresponsible to have a camp ground with many strange faces walking around our community where there are very young children around. I feel there will be anxiety for me. I am really against this. Also the rubbish around our stream and on the grounds, this is not a good idea

Regards

Anita





**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Matt and Helen <mattandhelen@xtra.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 11 October 2015 9:27 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission; Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Happy Valley Campground Proposal  
**Attachments:** owhiro bay proposal.docx

Hi there

Please find attached my submission on the proposed camp ground on Happy Valley Park.

Regards,  
Matthew Kyne  
15a Murchison Street  
Island Bay

I oppose the placement of the freedom camp site on Happy Valley Road. I am strongly opposed to any freedom camping at this site this summer.

The concerns are have are broken down as follows:

- Reduction in useable open space
- Increase in noise
- Increase in traffic
- Increase in traffic hazards
- Increase in risks for the Owhiro Bay Community
- No benefits for the local community

### **Reduction in useable Space**

As a resident I cannot send my children to play safely at the Tawatawa Reserve due to its status as an off lead dog exercise area. I would not feel comfortable sending my children down on their own to the playing fields if a camp site was nearby especially if there is no on site 24/7 management.

The proposal to introduce a camp site by the Happy Valley playing fields reduces the unsupervised safe and large open green space options for young people in the Owhiro Bay community to zero.

Furthermore the camp ground could “potentially” encroach on to the playing fields in to the future and will take away further precious open space from the Owhiro Bay community.

If the proposal goes ahead how does the council plan to protect the remaining open paying field space in the immediate vicinity? My understanding is that further public consultation will not be required if the council decided to expand a camp site into Happy Valley Park in the future. So should the Councils Happy Valley proposal be declared more accurately to reflect the council’s future intentions of using the playing fields at Happy Valley Park? This is not clear in the current proposal and I suspect that people in the community may not be aware of this.

### **Increase in noise**

Owhiro Bay is a family orientated suburb in a country setting. That is why I choose to live here. It is very quiet at night and I would like it to remain that way. The proposal will result in a regular and significant population injection. Some of these visitors are unlikely to have the same appreciation of our peaceful environment and this will cause significant disruption and alter the vibe of the Owhiro Bay community. Other current Freedom camping sites in Wellington are in the CBD and Evans Bay. These sites are not in quiet locations. Why ruin a key feature of this suburb?

If the proposal was to go ahead – how would the Council mitigate the increase in noise from the camp ground?

### **Increase in Traffic**

The introduction of a campground would mean a significant increase in traffic in the area. This will be compounded by the fact that there are limited facilities in the immediate vicinity so travel by vehicle for supplies will be required resulting in multiple trips for campers through residential areas.

### **Increase in Traffic Hazards**

The main road is very dangerous. In the area is a challenging intersection, with blind corners and a stretch of road that is already heavily policed due to speeding. Reducing the speed to 50Km/h may help but a lot more would need to be done to slow traffic by the entrance to the proposed site, for example, changing the intersection at Murchison Street and introducing traffic calming measures. The council will need to invest a lot more to make it safe for all road users including cyclists and pedestrians. Currently there are no safe to cross options for kids going to and from school in the Owhiro Bay area. There is also no street lighting in the lower parts of Murchison Street.

What is the councils plan to make the stretch of Happy Valley Road and the intersection safer? How is the council going to mitigate the risk of a campervan entering into Happy Valley Road on the wrong side of the road and potentially causing a serious accident?

### **Increase in risk?**

**I believe that the likelihood of the risks described below occurring is high and the council must demonstrate an appropriate level of mitigation for each risk.**

There will be a significant increase in rubbish and human waste and this will have the potential to pollute the nearby stream. How does the council plan to mitigate this environmental risk?

There is the potential that campers may use water from the polluted stream. How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is a risk that campers may hunt for long fin eels in the Owhiro stream. How does the council plan to mitigate the risk of illegal hunting of these eels that are in decline?

There is the potential for undesirable behaviour at the camp ground. How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is the potential for pedestrians walking past the site to be exposed to this undesirable behaviour. How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is the potential for pedestrians walking past the site to be in increased danger due to traffic movements? How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is the potential for Happy Valley Park to be repurposed as a camping ground. How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is the potential for “free riders” taking up residence outside the camp ground and parking in surrounding streets and utilising the camp ground facilities. How does the council plan to mitigate this risk?

There is the potential for more campers to be wanting to camp at this site than can be accommodated. How will the council mitigate this risk?

There is a potential over flow from the Te Kopahau Reserve as restrictions are enforced. How does the council mitigate this risk and where will the campers be accommodated later this year?

#### **Benefits to the community**

I cannot highlight any benefits to the Owhiro Bay community.

The planned capital and then ongoing operating investment from the council is unclear. I can only assume that if it is low cost accommodation the council would not be looking at investing large sums of ongoing operational funds to manage a campground 24/7 that this site demands.

Perhaps the Wellington City Council should work with other local councils to form a suitable campsite or use existing campsites in the region.

I will not be making an oral submission.

Matt Kyne  
15a Murchison Street  
Island Bay  
3835 223

**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Jodi Taylor <joditaylornz@hotmail.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 11 October 2015 9:50 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Oppose Happy Valley Park

Hi

Our household opposes the proposed campsite at Happy Valley road.

Reasons:

- Road safety - current speed limit is inappropriate for current intersection so adding another entrance/exit way seems dangerous
- We have a 5yr old & 2yr old at the School & Kindy. The footpath along that stretch of Happy Valley Road is very narrow and it is often difficult to get a pram past parked cars as people tend to park half on the foot path and half on the road due to space issues.
- There is no crossing at the school so increased traffic on that stretch of road is not desirable.
- House prices and suburb reputation
- We also use the park during the year to play with the kids - not sure how the access would work if the campsite goes ahead. Where do the people attending sports games park their cars without blocking the footpath as mentioned above.

If the park does go ahead we would prefer to know there is an on-site manager at night to avoid late night disturbances and ensure neighbourhood safety for locals and the visitors staying.

Thanks  
Chris & Jodi Taylor  
Rarangi Way  
021 022 65011





**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Rowenas Letterbox <rowenasletterbox@yahoo.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 11 October 2015 10:06 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** WCC Proposal for Freedom Camping on Happy Valley Park and other places around Wgtn.

### To WCC

Here is my feedback on WCC Proposal for Freedom Camping on Happy Valley Park and other places around Wgtn.

I regularly enjoy camping and tramping in Wellington and I am a campervan owner (not self-contained). I have travelled overseas campervanning extensively around wider Europe, Scandanavia and Russia for extended periods of time over a number of years. I used to live and work in Island Bay. I now live in Hataitai. I have worked in Owhiro Bay for over 10 years and have recreated there for even longer. I am involved in a lot of the conservation and regeneration work being done in the Valley.

### Camping in tents:

I love camping in New Zealand and find the Department of Conservation and local Council camping areas on the edges of parks and reserves around NZ fantastic. I do not think that camping is required within cities. If people want to go put up a tent and go camping then they can leave the city and go camping. People do not expect to be able to put up tents in cities, instead they book into accommodation.

I don't think that the providing of free or cheap campsites in Wellington adds to the economic benefit of Wellington. Many of those using free or cheap campsites are trying to live on very little money (for a wide variety of reasons) and are not spending significant money in Wellington. I think that the reverse is actually the case – that if free or cheap campsites are not provided then these people do still visit Wellington and that they book into accommodation in or around the city, providing economic benefit!

### Campervan park & Campsite size:

Providing campsites and campervan parks forces people to congregate in these areas and it is when people congregate that the issues arise. These can be issues of noise, rubbish and inappropriate behaviour. When vehicles or tents are just in ones or twos, then this group mentality behaviour does not occur. So, I believe that the numbers congregating together should be kept to a minimum and that this will significantly reduce the likelihood of and frequency of issues arising, thus reducing management costs and environmental impact.

### Self-contained campervans & Non-self-contained campervans (incl cars/vans with beds):

#### Carparks with public toilets:

Wellington has a lot of public toilets with carparks near to them. Allowing small numbers of campervans (both self contained and non-self contained) to park near to public toilets for a couple of nights should, in my opinion, be allowed. It should be clear stated that no waste (including washing up water) is allowed to be put onto the ground or environment (eg tipped in trees). Currently, many public toilets are locked from late at night to early in the morning. Basically, most people don't use the toilets between 11pm and 5am (or thereabouts) as they are sleeping, so I don't think that this matters much. However, it may be that the presence of campervans around means that these toilets no longer need to be locked during these night hours.

Other carparks:

I think that self-contained campervans could be allowed to park in some other carparks without toilets that are not used greatly overnight.

Restricted Hours Campervan Parks and Restricted Vehicle numbers per carpark:

I suspect that the number of campervans allowed in each carpark should around 2-8 campervans. I think that campervans should only be allowed to park from 7pm to 8am (or similar) and only for 2 nights at any one carpark with a total of (eg) 4 nights parking allowed in Wgtn. Restricting the parking times means that the carpark is not taken over by campervanners (and as they are meant to be tourists it encourages them to explore our city). At some carparks the hours might need to be different depending on the local use of the area. The plan would be for the area to be used by campervanners after the business of the day has subsided. Restricting the number of nights means that people are not taking advantage of permanent free accommodation, but they can explore Wgtn in 5 days and then move on or get a more suitable permanent location.

I believe that 'restricted hours' campervan parks are essential for success as they will reduce the likelihood of and frequency of issues arising, reduce management costs and environmental impacts – while increasing the economic benefit of these tourists to Wgtn.

I also think that carparks right next to the toilet blocks, walkway entrances or other features should be left free of campervans and always available for locals and visitors to use. Campervans can be large and intimidating and when people have chairs and tables out they can appear to 'take over' areas. I think it is important that the carparks that can be used by campervanners are clearly designated in appropriate places and that they can also be used as regular carparks.

Drinking water taps: I think that public toilets should also have taps to provide drinking water. I think that this is a good for locals, not just tourists. I think that the taps should be of a type that allows a drink bottle to be filled from them. This also encourages people not to use the hand basins to fill drink bottles which can reduce cross-contamination from hand washing and toileting.

Other facilities:

I definitely do not think that dishwashing facilities, hot water, sink benches, sheltered seating or other kitchen facility should be provided anywhere. If people do not have facilities in their vehicle then they can visit a supermarket, restaurant or takeaway shop and buy suitable food. If people need a shower, then they can visit a swimming pool facility or outdoor beach showers.

Dumping stations clearly do need to be provided in a few locations, but I believe that there are currently sufficient around Wgtn.

Rubbish bins – It's always difficult to have big enough rubbish bins, yet not become a spot for locals to get rid of their rubbish too. It will need to be managed.

**Te Kopahou Reserve Car Park:**

It's appalling. Local residents and members of the public using the carpark and coastal area have been negatively affected. Rubbish is regularly left behind by overnight users. Some rubbish is blowing away. The Marine Reserve is being negatively affected. Are you even allowed activity by a reserve that negatively impacts on the reserve?! Overnight users are toileting on the sides of the building and on the beach area. It's often noisy. Often the overnight users are loud late at night. Overnight users appear to 'take over' the area making other users of the area feel less welcome. It's not managed or very poorly managed. Just saying that 'the Council is learning about freedom camping and is making changes' is, in my opinion, not good enough. There is plenty of experience in the world and in NZ about running camping areas and campervan parking. It is not necessary to learn it all again from the beginning by trial and error. Instead, research and consult with those with the experience and propose to implement plans that may need 'tweaking', not developing.

Overnight users appear to be tourists primarily making use of a cheap accommodation option. They do not appear to be tourists who are primarily looking for scenic spots to overnight in and to enjoy the views and local environment.

Te Kopahou was trialed. Lots of issues have been identified. They have not been solved. Yet it has not been closed! Instead, apart from some more regular visits for rubbish pick up, not a lot appears to be being done. 'We're working on a plan to make changes' is not good enough. It's a mess and a really bad advertisement for a clean green environmentally friendly NZ. Close it, and if or when there is a good plan, then open it again for another trial.

It makes me shudder to think that the type of camping/campervanning option that has been available at Te Kopahou is going to be expanded to other parts of Wellington – together with the same people 'managing' it. Please get people experienced in developing and managing other campsites involved throughout the planning and managing stages.

### **Management of Sites:**

It is hard to comment on what I think should be the level of management in terms of daily visits or on-site manager in general, as I believe it would differ depending on the type of site. However, I have the following basic levels of expectation.

Management levels should start off much higher than is expected to be necessary and then be reduced after a year if possible – and definitely not the reverse of increase management as everything fails. Set up for success. Instill the campervan/camping culture desired from the start. Be heavy handed if necessary and set the standard. Encourage social media and freedom camping sites to include lists of 'rules' and be sure that the people whom we want are the ones being attracted.

I don't believe in having places for tents in Wellington, however, if you did then I think this should have a permanent on-site manager.

I don't believe in having campervan overnight parking sites without time restrictions, however, if you did then I think this should begin with on-site managers and that these should be reinstated at busy times of the year (even if not used at other times). The rest of the time there would need to be someone patrolling regularly and probably remaining on site for some time at busy times to encourage/assist people to set up appropriately – it all gets too hard if you try to take action when something is already set up or parked wrongly.

I think that people given the responsibility of managing sites must have the authority to implement and enforce the rules, not just security people. I gather that currently this would require more Park Rangers. I think that fining by issuing tickets probably has limited impact due to the fact the offenders are likely to be tourists, and that chasing tourist fines can be very expensive. I think that fining campervan companies is more likely to have success, but that it won't deal with all people/vehicles. I think that wheel clamping should be considered, as if people are aware that breaking the rules will result in wheel clamping and a hefty fine, then they're less likely to break the rules, as their vehicle is important to them.

Other camping sites have forums for sharing information about undesirable people. Using this information and sharing WCC information with others, should be a part of any management plan – and rules should state that those banned/reported from other sites won't be accepted.

Campervanners from NZMCA acting as hosts should be considered once excellent site standards have been implemented and management is going well, as long as these people are backed up by quick responding enforcement.

### **Social Media & Media**

I heard a lot of talk about the power of social media from the Council, and about the great way that people are getting to hear of sites very quickly via social media. However, I have not heard talk about how the Council have used social media to improve management of sites. Have the Council posted about better adherence to the rules being required and to acceptable site standards, about

what the rules and standards are, about the site being full and that people should look outside Wgtn, about the issues of rubbish, noise, marine reserves, toileting etc and solutions to visitors for these?

Social media does have power and so using it proactively needs to be part of any management plan, as would using all media, Council publications and pamphlets, websites, local newspapers and tourist publications.

### **Happy Valley Park Site**

My answer is 'no'. I am not in favour of allowing camping as a managed activity as part of Happy Valley Park.

I am never going to be in favour of the plans suggested as they allow for tents, kitchens, expansion, no on site management, large numbers, etc.

I would be likely to change my mind on allowing a few campervans to park their overnight with time restricted parking from 7 or 8pm to 8am if the Council could first demonstrate successful management of Te Kopahou first. These campervans would need to be managed in line with the suggestions that I have given above including time restricted sites and number restricted sites. .

### **Consultation**

I thank the Council for ensuring that the public had some time for consultation and for Council staff for making themselves available as part of this. As yet plans for the Happy Valley site could still change markedly before implementation, and if something does go ahead on Happy Valley Park, then I think that the Council should make the opportunity to consult with the public again on the finer details. This is only round 1! I think that the Council has heard many excellent ideas from the communities and submitters and that the Council should come back with these ideas, researched, included where suitable and developed into plans for round 2!

I also think that the Council should open this issue up to the rest of Wellington and put some informative information from all points of view and including the suggestions (like time restrictions) in the local newspapers and Council publications.

Thanks for your time.

Regards,

Rowena Johnstone  
RowenasLetterbox@yahoo.co.uk

**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** dug@sandyatoll.com  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 10:03 a.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Submission

I **oppose** the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park. You have provided no information on any revenue, expenses or capital costs thus this proposal cannot be assessed in the business sense. Are you asking ratepayers to subsidise campers?

Submission from:

Mr Douglas Trotter  
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Owhiro Bay  
049732228  
[dug@sandyatoll.com](mailto:dug@sandyatoll.com)

I am making this submission as an individual.





**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** jude@sandyatoll.com  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 10:27 a.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Submission  
**Attachments:** Submission Camping at Happy Valley Park.doc

Please find attached my one page submission **opposing** the Amendment.

Thank you

Jude Maich  
21 Robertson Street  
Owhiro Bay  
Wellington

Have your say on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

Submission from:

Ms Judith Marie Maich

21 Robertson Street

Owhiro Bay

049732228

[jude@sandyatoll.com](mailto:jude@sandyatoll.com)

I am making a submission as an individual.

I strongly **oppose** the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park.

Firstly, I am concerned at the order and timing of the need to change the Plan. Surely it would make sense to confirm resource consent and funding first, however it became clear that the council are rushing the submission process through to enable freedom camping this summer. I am alarmed that the issues that occurred over summer and still remain at Te Kopahou Reserve (Red Rocks quarry) will now happen at Happy Valley Park instead.

Furthermore the school is a hub of our community so the timing of the process is frustrating given that the information came out in the last weeks of term 3 and closes at the end of a two week holiday break when our community is not in it's usual rhythm.

I have done a lot of camping and tramping over the years however I am stunned that the council think they need to provide freedom camping in a city. Anytime I have arrived in a city looking for somewhere to stay the expectation is a commercial camping ground with proper facilities or you shout yourself a night in a cabin or backpackers and clean up for some city living. I query what research has been done on the numbers of travellers, what they expect and what they bring to our city. We always hear about what events (like WOW or the sevens etc) bring dollars wise to our city - what dollars do the travellers you are trying to cater for bring to our city? Where is the cost benefit information? Are you asking ratepayers to subsidise campers?

My main reasons for opposing are:

- Impact on the environment especially on the Stream
- Impact on school – possible increase in vandalism
- Impact on our small community
- Potential noise and behaviour as seen at Te Kopahou Reserve
- Traffic increase on an already truck filled road
- Lack of facilities
- Need to drive to shops/amenities
- Potential to spread out over park
- Low cost = low management = problems

I love living near the south coast of Wellington especially since it became a marine reserve. I am happy to share our beautiful coast with responsible people, who respect the environment and carry out activities appropriate to the area.

**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Sharon Bennett on behalf of BUS: Policy Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 12:05 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** FW: Submission on Happy Valley Camp site proposal  
**Attachments:** Submission on changes to Happy Valley Park to become a camping ground.docx

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**From:** [pm\\_noble@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:pm_noble@yahoo.co.nz) [mailto:[pm\\_noble@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:pm_noble@yahoo.co.nz)]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 10:36 a.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Subject:** Submission on Happy Valley Camp site proposal

Please find attached my submission on the proposed changes to the Happy Valley Park car park.

Peter Noble  
84 Happy Valley Road  
Owhiro Bay  
Wellington 6023  
022 0269 559.

Sent from Windows Mail

Submission on changes to Happy Valley Park to become a camping ground.

I wish to oppose the change in plan to make the current Happy Valley car park site into a low cost camp ground on the follow grounds.

### **Burden on community**

The Owhrio Bay community of 400 odd households has already embraced freedom camping in the Te Kopahou Reserve. This area will have 12 berths, and this represents about 12% of the total freedom/low cost vans that require nightly stays in Wellington (The consultation document states about 100 vans require berths each night).

The proposal to have an additional 33 berths for vans, mobile homes, and tents would take the Owhiro Bay's community's contribution to about 50% of the total berths required for the whole of Wellington city. This is a disproportionate and complete unfair burden on a small semi-rural community. It is not fair that this small community has to take on this burden for the whole of Wellington when we are already contributing with the Te Kopahou Reserve.

The size of the impact on the valley of Owhiro Bay is significant. There are about 120 houses on Happy Valley road from the current car park to the sea. The addition of 33 effective residences to this community is huge and unacceptable, roughly a 30% increase in population for the valley area.

### **Noise**

The public meeting raised the issue of noise pollution and the impact that it will have on the community. Unlike the other sites in Wellington which are either by the sea or in the case of the Te Kopahou Reserve, by the sea and at the end of the road, the car park site is in the bottom of a valley in close proximity to residential housing. The valley, being semi-rural in nature is generally quiet, but the addition of 33 more effective residences in a natural bowl of the valley will cause noise pollution. There is already evidence from the other camp sites of noise issues but in the case of the happy valley park car park site, the only place for the noise to travel is to the local housing disrupting the local community - both in the valley and on the hills.

### **Visual disruption**

Unlike the other freedom or low cost camp grounds in Wellington, this ground will not be situated amongst like type activities. The Evans Bay ground is situated on a mix use site, the Te Kopahou Reserve once reduced to 12 berths is at the end of the road and has lowish visual impact on those beyond close to the entrance and the harbour camp ground is right next to other car parks. This is not the case with the proposed Happy Valley camp site. For those across from the site and all those in close vicinity, either on the hills or in the valley it will be a big visual disruption. I doubt the council would be happy putting a car sales yard at the site, but the visual impact from the new proposed camp ground will be the same.

proposed site so they can use the facilities. We could well have a situation like what has occurred at the Te Kopahou Reserve where over 60-70 vehicles were using the area.

I would also expect that the presence of the camp ground would have a chilling effect on the usage of the park by the local children. I cycle home by the park and often see kids playing with kites or balls on the park. It is likely parents may feel uncomfortable about sending their kids down to the park to play knowing there is a large and unmanaged camp site next door.

### **Environmental impact**

The camp site is situated in a wind effected part of the valley and this will impact on the management of rubbish created and left by the campers. At the other sites and from comments from those present at the public meeting we would expect rubbish issues and that would mean rubbish blowing into the stream, and down towards the school or up towards the horse reserve area. The injection of 33 berths and probably 50-80 people per night will have significant environmental impacts with rubbish and waste

The stream is already somewhat polluted with the leaching from the tip and isn't a good place for people to swim and take dips. There would be a concern about oil run off from vehicles and any leaks from them impacting on the wider local environment and the stream. Both the council, the Owhiro Stream restoration group and the local school have focused a lot of energy on bringing the stream back to life and it would be sad to see the impact of this camp ground causing that work to be undermined.

### **Lack of onsite management**

I have already referred to the lack of any comprehensive onsite management as part of the proposal. The current proposal seems to suggest a programme of infrequent visits by either a Park ranger or security service. If the proposal goes ahead, this would be completely unacceptable. The provision of 24/7 onsite management would help to reduce the negative impacts of some of the areas that have been outlined in this submission.

From my perspective it would not make me support the proposal as there are just too many issues that on-site management can't address but it would mitigate the negative impact.

### **Decision making process issues**

#### *Consultation period and timing*

The timing for the announcement and consultation for this decision are concerning and showed lack of good faith by the council. The initial announcement was made during the school holidays in June 2015. The consultation period was mainly over the school holidays in late September and early October 2015. Both of these time periods reduced the ability of one of the key impacted parties, the school and its community to be able to the part of the process. This is a time when our teachers and parents in the community are taking holidays and a large number are away or unavailable so can't be involved in a discussion.

I work for the Department of Conservation and a large number of the staff are campers, a number commented that they also would not expect freedom camping sites to be provided in the city and that campers could easily use places like Catchpool DOC camp site and then travel into Wellington when needed or use car parks and stay at the Youth Hostels.

#### *Other options for Happy Valley car park*

What is disappointing about the proposal and the management of the current car parking area is that the community is being offered and Hobson's choice. We have either;

- An unmaintained area with limited community utility – the car park is in very poor state and not even great for car parking.
- Or an upgraded area as a camping ground that the community can no longer use and that imposes significant impact of the community.

Sadly the council has not come forward with any other options such as properly maintaining the area and beautifying the close vicinity to increase the utility value of the space making it a more accessible community and regional space. For limited investment it could easily be turned into a more family friendly picnic type area.

#### **Summary**

In summary, as a small community we are already doing our bit to support camping and Wellington tourism with the camping site at the Te Kopahou Reserve. Asking us to take on nearly 50% of the campers in Wellington is an unfair burden. The knowledge that in the future this site could well increase as it is the "easy" option for the council is also alarming.

I strongly oppose the move to change the Happy Valley Park car park into a camping site and suggest the council look to other parts of the Wellington region to take the fair share.

I would like to make an oral submission to the council on this proposal.

Peter Noble  
84 Happy Valley Road  
Owhiro Bay  
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022 0269 559.



Fiona Lewis

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**From:** Sharon Bennett on behalf of BUS: Policy Submission  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 1:37 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding 'Allowing Camping at Happy Valley Park'

**From:** Matthew Holloway [<mailto:matthew@holloway.co.nz>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 1:19 p.m.  
**To:** BUS: Policy Submission  
**Cc:** HOME Bronwyn Holloway-Smith  
**Subject:** Regarding 'Allowing Camping at Happy Valley Park'

I oppose the development of camping facility in Happy Valley.

Previously I was neutral with regard to the plan, and considered that much of the opposition was of the NIMBY variety, but after reading the proposal in detail it became clear that what's proposed doesn't adequately seek to give any benefits to the local community (Happy Valley and Owhiro Bay).

Other suburbs might benefit economically from increased tourism but this community can't because it has no shops. There will be an increase in traffic, noise, and the site will only have spot checks. Indeed, at the evening talk in the kindergarten officials could name no benefits at all other than helping the broader city. Helping the city is a noble idea, but on this single issue the proposal is 'all take and no give'.

I suggest that you come back with another proposal that has something in it for the local community. The unique problem of a lack of shops in this community means that the council needs to come up with a custom bespoke solution, and not apply rules or justifications that make sense in other suburbs.

I suggest that you investigate raising the price by 30% and giving that money to the school. Raising the cost from \$10/per-person to \$13 shouldn't deter campers, and the school is a communal area used by many in the community.

Please note that I do not wish to speak in support of my submission, and ask that the preceding submission be fully considered as-is.

Thank you for your time in considering my submission.

--  
Matthew Holloway  
<http://holloway.co.nz/>



**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** SEA Chair <sea.chairperson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 2:35 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** Re: Feedback on allowing camping on part of Happy Valley Park - Public Consultation  
**Attachments:** Submission from SEA to WCC on Happy Valley Park Campground Proposal, October 2015.pdf

Hi,

Please find attached a submission on the Happy Valley Park Campground proposal from Southern Environmental Association.

Regards,  
Ken New  
Chairperson, SEA  
021 054 3456

On 14 September 2015 at 09:23, Happy Valley Camping <[HappyValleyCamping@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:HappyValleyCamping@wcc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir

The Wellington City Council is inviting public feedback on a proposed amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan that will allow camping as a managed activity on part of Happy Valley Park.

Public consultation starts today, Monday 14 September 2015.

Wellington is a popular destination for campervans and motorhomes. We currently have enough camp sites for the self-contained motorhome and campervan (those with a toilet on board and at least 3 days storage capacity for drinking water, toilet waste and grey water) but there's increasing demand for camping sites that are suitable for the non-self-contained camper.

The Council has investigated sites for a campground and, subject to public feedback, our preferred site is the Happy Valley Park car park.

Please find attached an information brochure further outlining our draft proposal, and information is also available at [www.wellington.govt.nz/happy-valley-camping](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/happy-valley-camping)

We would appreciate it if you could read the information and let us know what you think by making a submission.

You can make a submission online at [www.wellington.govt.nz/happy-valley-camping](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/happy-valley-camping) or email [happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz) or fill in the attached submission form and post it back to us.

Submissions close at **5pm on Monday 12 October 2015**

Kind regards

**Amber Bill**

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## Submission from Southern Environmental Association, on Happy Valley Campground Proposal, October 2015

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I would like to make an oral submission

Yes

No

I am making a submission

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on behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

**Southern Environmental Association**

### General comments about the proposal

This submission is made to Wellington City Council (WCC) on behalf of the Southern Environmental Association (SEA).

Following the problems encountered in Owhiro Bay last summer (2014/15) as a consequence of central government's freedom camping legislation, SEA generally supports WCC's attempt to find a suitable site for campers within the city. However, SEA's support for the proposed site at Happy Valley Park is conditional on certain very specific provisions, outlined in this submission.

In particular, SEA strongly opposes the suggestion that freedom camping could be permitted on this site during the coming summer (2015/16).

### Issues raised by the proposal

SEA has canvassed the views of its members and people in the area and the concerns raised included:

- the likelihood of noise, litter and pollution, especially in the adjacent Owhiro Stream
- the likelihood of erosion and other potential damage being caused by campers descending into the stream bed
- the loss of parking for other users of the park, especially at weekends
- the likelihood of freedom camping being permitted during the 2015/16 summer.

#### *Noise, litter, etc*

If the campground is properly managed, we believe that problems of noise, litter and pollution should be no greater than at any other urban campground or caravan park in New Zealand. However, at almost all such sites, there is a *full-time*, usually resident, manager. We believe that a full-time manager is an *essential* provision for the proposed campground.

## Submission from Southern Environmental Association on the Happy Valley Campground Proposal

Provided there is a full-time manager, we believe that it would not matter greatly whether the campground is operated by WCC or by a private company (and in any case, WCC would ultimately be in charge as land owners).

We note that there is no apparent provision in the plans for accommodation, or even a small office, for the manager. An office will be required as a minimum, but for the manager to be truly full-time, there should be provision for on-site overnight accommodation.

### ***Erosion, etc***

SEA notes that, in the WCC proposal, there is provision for continuous planting along the perimeter of the campground. As well as slightly reducing the impact of Wellington's winds, this will go some way towards preventing litter being blown into the stream, but we suggest that the provision of a wire mesh fence between the new trees and shrubs and Owhiro Stream would further reduce the amount of litter escaping into the stream and would also discourage campers from going down into the stream bed.

In the interests of protecting the natural environment (and the considerable amount of effort invested by both WCC and the Friends of Owhiro Stream over the years, planting trees in this area), we suggest that the provision of such a fence is *essential*.

### ***Loss of parking area***

The use of the existing parking area will have a considerable impact on the weekend users of the park who come from all parts of Wellington to participate in sports fixtures.

We presume that weekend users will have to park on the road. Happy Valley Road is quite narrow and with parking on both sides and its proximity to the end of a 70km/h zone, there will be a considerable safety problem, especially with the number of children who take part in weekend sports activities. (There is a separate WCC proposal to reduce the length of the 70km/h zone, but its acceptance cannot be taken for granted at this point.)

We can see no way of completely eliminating this particular problem. However, some steps can be taken to reduce the danger:

- in conjunction with reducing the speed limit in part of the current 70km/h zone to 50km/h, WCC could implement a temporary 30km/h limit around the entrance to the sports fields; this speed limit could apply only when the sports field is being used, reinforced by flashing speed limit signs that operate only at these times
- WCC could provide alternative off-road parking for sports field users.

Other possibilities, such as road-widening, or the provision of parking spaces off the main thoroughfare, may well be impractical, but if they were possible, they would go some way towards improving the situation.

### ***Freedom camping in 2015/16***

We understand that there is no way any campground development can be undertaken before the coming summer. A WCC go/no go decision is scheduled for late November 2015 and then, if the proposal is approved, a resource consent will be required — if that is granted, there will then be a few months' construction work. We would expect it to be a tight timeframe to have work completed even by late spring in 2016.

However, in a throwaway comment on page 5 of the proposal document, WCC notes, "*If camping is permitted at this site, then freedom camping can occur this summer 2015/16.*" This is unacceptable, and in our view it would undermine the whole proposal.



## Submission from Southern Environmental Association on the Happy Valley Campground Proposal

We have already seen the problems that resulted from freedom camping at Te Kopahou Visitors' Centre, where a combination of large numbers and the poor behaviour of a very small minority of campers resulted in a miserable summer for some Owhiro Bay residents.

If WCC allows freedom camping at Happy Valley Park while the formal proposal is going through due process, there is a real risk that it will generate such opposition to the proposal that it will never get a chance to prove that it *can* work, even when subject to the provisions we have already mentioned. Residents may see all their worst fears confirmed and will not be sympathetic to a future "non-freedom" campground, even if it is extremely well run and causes very few problems.

### Summary

SEA **strongly opposes** the proposal to operate freedom camping at Happy Valley Park in 2015/16.

SEA **conditionally supports** the proposal to operate a fully-managed camping ground, subject to the provisions that:

- users pay an overnight fee
- there is a full-time manager (essential)
- the manager is accommodated on-site
- there is substantial fencing around the campground (essential)
- WCC takes steps to reduce significantly the risks to weekend users of the sports field if they need to park on Happy Valley Road.

In the event that WCC opts *not* to have a full-time manager at the campground, SEA would **oppose** the proposal in its entirety.



**Fiona Lewis**

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**From:** Martin Payne <martin.p@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 October 2015 3:01 p.m.  
**To:** Happy Valley Camping  
**Subject:** FOOS submission on proposed Happy Valley Park Campground  
**Attachments:** FOOS submission on proposed Happy Valley Park Campground.pdf

Please find attached Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) submission on the proposed Happy Valley Park Campground.

Thank you,

Martin Payne  
For Friends of Owhiro Stream

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### I am making a submission

As an individual  On behalf of an organisation, Name of organisation Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS)

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Why do you say this?

See attached submission

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Why do you say this?

See attached submission



**Friends of Owhiro Stream**  
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Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) appreciate the opportunity to submit on this proposal and look forward to constructive engagement with Wellington City Council in resolving the issues we have raised.

Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) think that there is insufficient information has been provided in this proposal to allow the Owhiro Bay community to make a considered assessment of the impacts of establishment of a camping ground at Happy Valley Park.

The consultation documents appears to propose amendments to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan (SRMP) allowing establishment of a camping facility on reserve land, specifically at the Happy Valley Park. Given the supplied timetable, it also suggests that approval for managed activity status for the campsite establishment will be sought from the Environment Committee in late November 2015.

Given that this proposal envisions that freedom camping will commence on the site this summer (2015-16) we can only assume that planning process for this activity is well advanced. It is our understanding that the SRMP requires any application for a managed activity approval will provide relevant information including:

- a description and/or plans of the proposal with enough detail to determine all potential effects
- an assessment of the impacts the development/activity will have on the immediate and wider environment
- the purpose of the proposed development/activity and why it needs to take place on the reserve network
- an explanation of how the development/activity is aligned with the objectives and policies in this plan
- details of other approvals or consents required (eg if consent is required under the Resource Management Act 1991)
- consultation with affected parties
- identification of health and safety issues and how these will be managed



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- where required, a business plan for concessions, leases, and licence applications

Given that this level of details is not provided in the community consultation documents, we feel somewhat on the backfoot in our understanding of the thinking and planning that has gone into this project. Our following comments are therefore made on the basis of a lack of relevant information and hope that the Council Officers and Environment Committee ensure that this is corrected in further community consultation and before any final decisions are made.

### **Lack of detailed information**

- No substantive analysis is evident for the likely scale of requirement for this camping activity. On one hand, the consultation document suggests that self-contained motor homes and campervans are well catered for in Wellington City. The ongoing requirement for non-self contained camping is not quantified. This is concerning as future camping site expansion potential is indicated in the proposal but no upper limit is suggested.
- No explanation has been given for the selection process of the Happy Valley Park site as the preferred camping site for Wellington City
- We see that day-to-day management of the proposed camping ground will be critical to its success and acceptance by the community. We are aware of difficulties in the previous arrangements made for the Te Kopahou Reserve carpark but do not see evidence that WCC has committed sufficient resources to ensure that issues are avoided at this new site.





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## **Environmental concerns**

The proposed site for the camping ground directly adjoins one of our Owhiro Stream restoration sites so we have a keen interest in any activities that may have negative impacts on the stream's ecology.

No acknowledgement is given to the close proximity of the proposed campsite to the stream and we are concerned that the following issues might arise from the campsites establishment:

### **Rubbish**

Campers not carefully managing their rubbish and it being carried by the wind into the stream. We also have some difficulty with fly-tipping in this area and would not like this issue being exacerbated.

### **Disturbance of stream environment**

The layout plan shows vegetation creating a level of containment around the camping site. Given the very exposed nature of the site, establishment of this barrier could take some time and may need to be supplemented by fencing if both shelter for the site is to be provided and access to the stream environment is to be managed.

### **Stormwater management**

Patterns of use on site would suggest that contamination of campsite surface and hence any stormwater runoff is likely to occur. As there is no separate stormwater network in this area, this stormwater would be discharged directly into the stream. Given the potential impacts on the stream environment, particularly from detergents and oils, we would suggest that careful design and stormwater treatment features will be required for this site.

### **Interference with wildlife**

Given the fragile balance of the stream's ecosystem, human impacts can be significant. For example, if campers start feeding the birds, larger populations of ducks, seagulls or pukekos could be attracted to the area. This pressure could be detrimental to the stream environment.



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## **General Comments**

### **Traffic issues**

Road access to the designated camping area is close to the 50kph to 70kph speed limit boundary on Happy Valley road. We have noted the care needed when turning from Murchison Street onto Happy Valley Road and would suggest that the proximity of the campsite access to the speed limit change needs to be investigated as a traffic safety issue. This is particularly important if foreign tourist drivers are involved. Traffic management for sports field user vehicles displaced from the existing carpark also need to be considered.

### **Site Accessibility**

Public transport access to the site seems poor. The Southern Shopper bus (#29) has very limited frequency. There seems to be an implicit assumption in the proposal that campers will be travelling in their own vehicle.

### **Project timing**

We believe that the timetable outlined for the establishment of the campground is unrealistic in terms of the detailed planning and community consultation that still seems to be required.

### **Viability of the campground**

Given the proposed size of the campground we have to wonder about the economic viability of the activity. For this activity to be successful and to integrate well with the community it will require committed resources from the Council.



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Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) think that the protection of one of Wellington City's few remaining freshwater streams needs to be given priority. The community is highly invested in improving the prospects for this stream in the Owhiro Catchment and we need the strong and considered support of the Wellington City Council to make this a reality.

Given the lack of background information and a clear proposal, Friends of Owhiro Stream currently oppose the proposal in its present form and hope to work constructively to find appropriate solutions to the issues raised by the Owhiro Catchment community.

We wish to make an oral presentation to the Environment committee.

**Yours environmentally,**

**Martin Payne**  
**For Friends of Owhiro Stream restoration project**

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Why do you say this?

Because it would need to be very closely managed.

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3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

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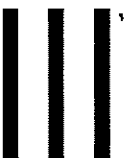
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Why do you say this?



3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

Need a school in the vicinity than a camping ground. The area is surplus with strangers coming around will be a hindrance, not safe for young children.

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## We are keen to get your views on allowing camping at Happy Valley Park.

### You can have your say:

- submit online at [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz),
- email a submission to [happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:happyvalleycamping@wcc.govt.nz)
- complete this form, detach and post back to us (no postage required)
- request an opportunity to make an oral submission.

Submissions are due by 5pm, Monday 12 October 2015

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## Questions

1. Do you support the amendment to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, which will allow camping on part of Happy Valley Park? (Please circle)

Oppose  Neither support/nor oppose  Support

Why do you say this?

WOULD LIKE BETTER IF UP "TIP VALLEY"  
WANT FREEDOM CAMPERS AWAY FROM "QUARRY"  
END OF OWHIRO BAY PARADE.

2. If you support camping as an activity in this area, do you have an opinion on how the camp site is managed, eg self-service with daily visits, on-site camp manager?

Self-service with daily visits  On-site camp manager  Other management

Why do you say this?

IF goes ahead

3. Are there any other changes you think should be included? (please tick)

Yes  No,

Your comments

CHANGE TO TIP ROAD

4. Do you have other comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)

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" " FOR ACROSS ROAD RESIDENTS

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by 5pm 12 October 2015.

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**From:** Aaron Alexander  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 October 2015 11:30 p.m.  
**To:** David Perks <David.Perks@wellingtonnz.com>  
**Subject:** Happy Valley Campground

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the Wellington City Council proposal to establish a campsite at Happy Valley.

According to MBIE data, Holiday Parks currently represent around 20% of the commercial guest nights market in New Zealand, peaking to around 27% of the market over summer (Dec-Feb). Wellington city's current campground facilities, operating at 100% occupancy 365 days a year, could only provide perhaps 6-7% of the city's guest nights. While the city is unlikely to become the kind of long-stay summer holiday destination campgrounds thrive on, it seems reasonable that there is potential in offering more options to this visitor segment.

Wellington's key tourist drawcards are attractions like Te Papa, Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, plus our retail sector, bars, cafes restaurants and the waterfront precinct. The vast majority are located in our walkable CBD and inner suburbs. However, for tent and motorhome visitors, there are limited options in close proximity to the city and its attractions.

The Wellington Waterfront Motorhome Park is in a prime CBD location, however has a capacity of 39 spaces currently and is likely to be reduced following relocation next year. Operating at +90% capacity through the summer months, it clearly indicates a demand for motorhome camping in central Wellington, (to say nothing of tent demand) which it cannot supply singlehandedly.

In Petone, the TOP 10 Holiday Park in Petone is also an excellent facility, with ample capacity and a variety of tent and motorhome options. However, it is comparatively some distance from Wellington city, and those key attractions, decreasing the potential economic benefit of these visitors to the city.

The provision of 'freedom camping' spaces has also served a particular market segment. However, unbookable and offering few support facilities, these primarily suit visitors who are price-sensitive, on limited budgets and happy to be flexible in their travel planning.

I believe an opportunity exists in Wellington for a medium-cost, bookable campground catering to both campervans and tents. Such a facility, as proposed at Happy Valley, would be, in my view, a welcome addition to current operations. It would provide a 'middle ground' between the WWMP and the TOP 10 in Petone, plus provide better forward planning and additional facilities as compared with freedom camping.

By establishing this facility we will broaden our appeal to the holiday park market, and increase our capacity to host them.

On the secondary question as to whether or not the Happy Valley Campground should have an on-site manager, this would require market comparison of pricing structures resulting from either approach. However, the most important consideration, whichever approach is taken, is

we are able to offer a quality experience to visitors, to ensure positive reviews, recommendations and return business.

Regards

David Perks  
Chief Executive  
Positively Wellington Tourism  
Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency

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