

Managing vehicle access in the Town Belt

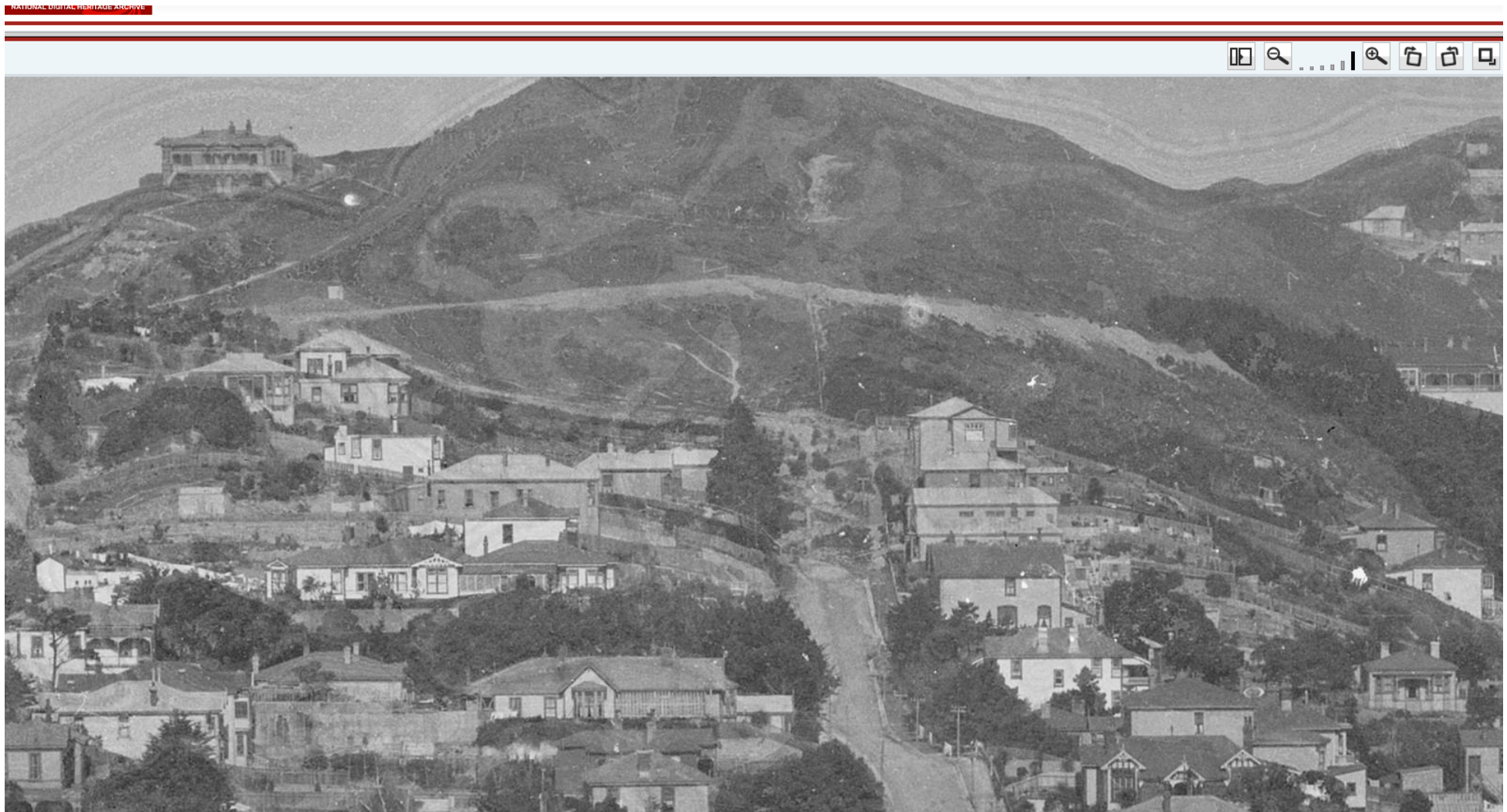
Carmichael Reservoir Rd

56 submitters
from Coromandel St community

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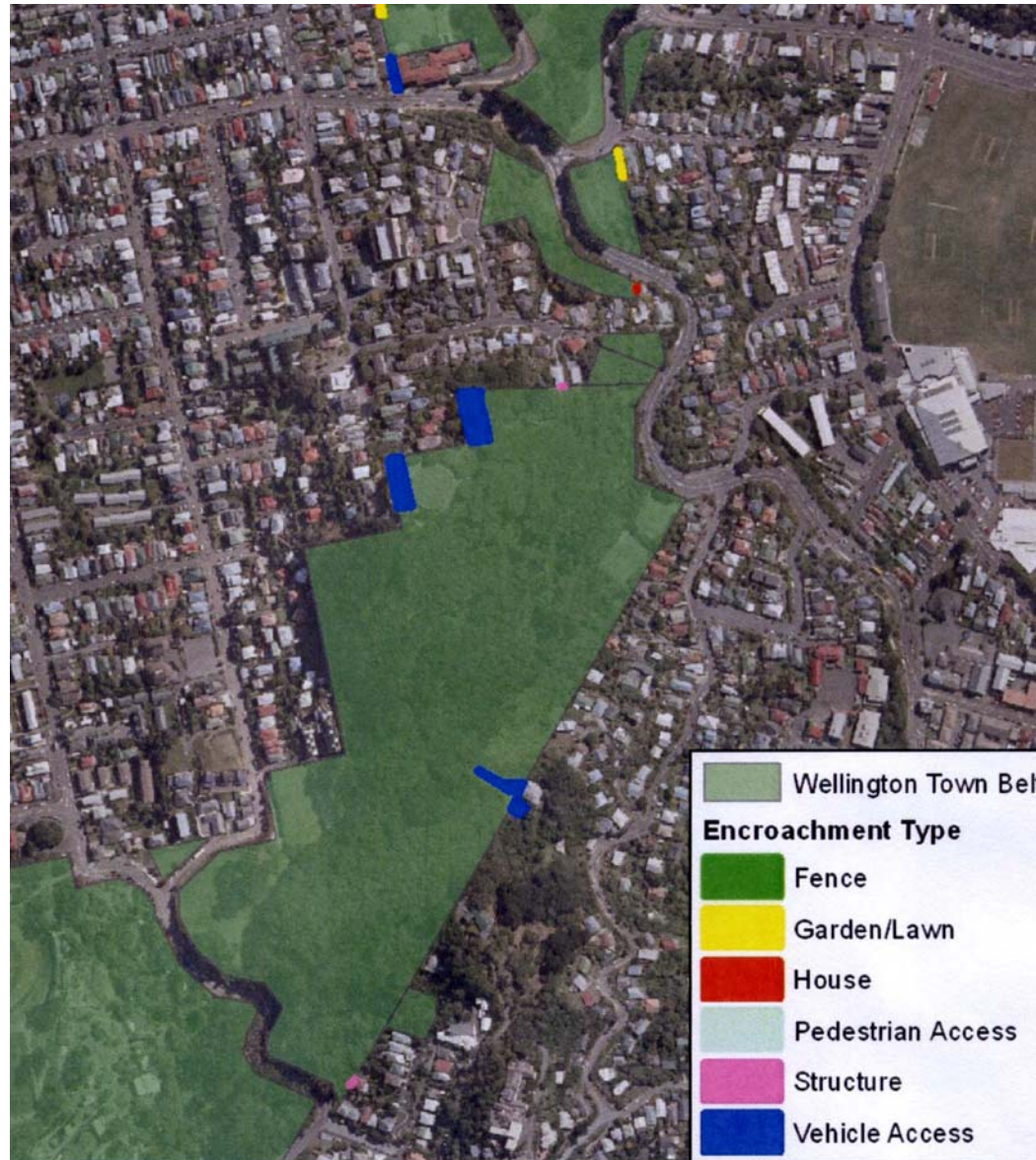


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Encroachment or utility?



Draft Plan Issues

8.7.6 A vehicle track, which provides access to the water reservoir off Owen Street, is also used by local residents for drive-on access to several nearby local properties.

As the Southern Walkway passes along part of this track, vehicle traffic is not only inappropriate but presents a potential safety hazard.

This track also attracts rubbish dumping because it is secluded and accessible by car.

A gate has been installed at Owen Street with private vehicle use being phased out over time. No new access is being permitted.

9.6.0 Encroachments ... 35 vehicle accesses from parking places through to larger access routes, such as Carmichael Reservoir

Residents' Issues

- Access pre-dates construction of houses
- Utility road will remain in place
- Lawrence and Coromandel St are paper roads only, with poorly maintained walking tracks
- Parking shortage spills over to surrounding streets – and will get worse with intensification
- Community contributes to maintenance of both Town Belt and paper roads
- **Gate has resolved Plan's issues: status quo allows Council to manage access.**

Proposals

- Move “private vehicle access” to *managed* activities (9.6.8)
- Confirm that gate access to utility road solves Council concerns
- Council to confirm gate access available to new tenants and residents

Drafting changes

- 9.6.9.1 Encroachments are a ~~prohibited~~ *managed* activity.
- 9.6.9.2 The Council will resolve the existing encroachments with a view ~~to regaining lost land.~~ *increasing the usable area of the Town Belt.*
- 9.6.9.3 The Council will protect the Town Belt from new encroachments.

Drafting changes

9.6.9.9 If the encroachment is associated with private vehicle or private pedestrian access and ~~immediate removal~~ is complicated by long-term historic use, then a longer term ~~removal~~ agreement such as a fixed-term licence may be negotiated. This will allow agreement of reasonable terms while also ensuring that the access encroachment is ~~removed~~ *resolved* as per policy 9.6.9.1, 9.6.9.2 and 9.6.9.3.

Drafting changes

~~The maximum period of time for this type of agreement will be until there is a change of ownership or occupation in the property associated with the encroachment.~~

The Council may limit access to manage the removal process by, for example, installing gates, specifying access hours and days, limiting numbers of people and/or vehicles.

Summary

Build on the current situation:

- Manage vehicle access
- Gate controls access to utility road
- Resolve issues by continuing to work with residents to improve the Town Belt

Discussion

Thank you

Personal Submission

Flexibility in land swaps

- Permit transactions that result in net increase

“Vehicle access prohibited”

- “Vehicles” include bicycles and skateboards

Cycle commuting

- Create cycle routes through Town Belt