

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SEPARATELY ENCLOSED

ATTACHMENTS

Time: 9.15am
Date: Thursday, 12 February 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

Business

3. Operational

3.1 Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan Oral Hearings

Written Submissions

Antoinette Bliss

From: Jo Coffey <jojo@actrix.gen.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 November 2014 10:45 p.m.
Subject: Submission - Jeypore Street Playground

The Jeypore Street playground needs to remain for the following reasons:

1. this is the only WCC playground in Berhampore; 2. it is one of the few playgrounds in Wellington city which is for tiny tots. This enables children of that age to interact and not have to compete with older kids to use the playground equipment; 3. locals get to know each other when they meet at the playground, share and support each other and creating a sense of belonging and community; 4. local facilities of this type are better than large facilities some distance away; 5. families can walk the short distance to this playground, in many instances not needing to cross busy roads; 6. local facilities mean less traffic on the road as the playgrounds are part of the neighbour; 7. the playground is small, requires little annual maintenance and is a perfect size for tiny tots.
8. the playground is in a great location, set on the corner of a quiet street, pleasant surroundings, protected from the worst of the Wellington weather and a great place for both young and old to spot the tuis; 9. removing a perfectly good playground for car parks, which are not needed, is such a short sighted measure. One can only assume that the carparks are required because the council intends to remove car parks off Adelaide Road as part of the cycleway development; 10. When our grandchildren come over they walk with us to the playground where they have fun and then amble back to our place afterwards, looking at nature on the way. What better experiences can we give these grandchildren.

Any council that wants to replace local playgrounds with super playgrounds has a very short sighted vision for our communities.

Richness in communities come from having a sense of well being and having a say in what is important for the community. The council should be working on a bottom up approach i.e. the local communities should be driving what should be happening in their area and not the council imposing their view on what is good for us.

Do not remove our Jeypore Street playground.

Jo Coffey
021 689 997

Have your say

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

October 2014

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We need your feedback and ideas

You can comment on the Draft Plan by completing a submission form or writing down your comments and sending them to us by:

- **Visiting our website:** Wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say
- **Email:** suburbanreserves@wcc.govt.nz
- **Post:** FREEPOST
Suburban Reserves Management Plan
Parks, Sport & Recreation (REPLOI)
Wellington City Council
PO Box 2199
Wellington 6140
- **Fax:** 04 801 3155

You may also like to make an oral submission to Councillors in support of your written submission. To do this please let us know and provide your contact details.

What happens next

1. Comments on the draft plan are due Friday 5 December 2014.
2. Submissions will be analysed. Oral submissions will be held in February 2015. Amendments to the plan could be made based on submissions.
3. The final Suburban Reserves Management Plan will go to the Council for approval in April 2015.

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Making a submission

I am making feedback as an individual on behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation
EASTERN SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB, MARIST ST PATS RFC AND MARIST AFC

I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors Yes No
If yes please provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

Comments are due by 5pm, Friday 5 December 2014.

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Questions

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan? (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 1*

- 1 strongly oppose
- 2 oppose
- 3 neither support nor oppose
- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

a) Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 1*

- 1 strongly oppose
- 2 oppose
- 3 neither support nor oppose
- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

b) Sector 2. Trelissick Park (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 2*

- 1 strongly oppose
- 2 oppose
- 3 neither support nor oppose
- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

c) Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 3*

- 1 strongly oppose
- 2 oppose
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- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

d) Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 4*

- 1 strongly oppose
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- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

e) Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston (please circle) *See Chapter 3 - Sector 5*

- 1 strongly oppose
- 2 oppose
- 3 neither support nor oppose
- 4 support
- 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

f) Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 6

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

g) Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 7

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

SUPPORT SUBJECT TO THE ATTACH CONCEPT PLAN FORMING A KEY PART OF THE LONG TERM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KILBIRNIE PARK.

h) Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 8

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included? (please circle) Yes No

Your comments

THE ATTACH CONCEPT PLAN LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF THE KILBIRNIE PARK SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CLUB BASED AT KILBIRNIE PARK IS SEEN AS A NEW, EXCITING AND KEY PART OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AT KILBIRNIE PARK

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority? (please circle) Yes No

Your comments

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan? (please circle) Yes No

Your comments

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan?

Name of the reserve and legal description	Your comments relating to the proposed classification

7. Do you have additional comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to)
THE CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE KILBIRNIE PARK SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CLUB HAS

- STRONG FOUNDATION CLUBS AND AFFILIATE SUPPORT WITH A COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH EACH OTHER
- NEW FACILITY FIT FOR PURPOSE THAT REPLACES EXISTING CLUBROOMS AND IS WITHIN THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT
- LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE MODEL
- COMPLEMENT AND UNDERPINS SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT ALREADY MADE IN THE AREA
- AN ATTRACTIVE AND EXCITING COMMUNITY ASSET AND COMMITTED ST PATS COLLEGE SUPPORT
- SEEK TO BE FULLY FUNDED, WITH NO DEBT

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Thank you for your comments.

Please return this feedback form by 5 December 2014.

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The Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club

Concept plan - Working Document



INTRODUCTION

Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC wish to develop a joint Sports and Community Club at Kilbirnie Park (“Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club”). The three clubs, together with its affiliate members believe there are strong relationships and resources among the group to ensure a long term viable sports and community club to serve the Eastern Suburbs.

CONCEPT PLAN

Key highlights of the concept plan;

- Formation of the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club initially comprising Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC, as founding members. Have SMOG, Capital Swim and St Pats College as affiliate members. Membership open to other sports and community clubs.
- Sell existing clubhouses at Kilbirnie Park and Hataitai Park.
- Proceeds from Clubhouse sales together with other funding sources to be used to build a two level approximate 350-400 square metre new club house at the South Eastern corner of Kilbirnie Park, to replace existing cricket clubrooms.
- Relocate No 1 cricket block and the practice nets to the South Eastern corner.
- Relocate soccer field to the South Eastern corner of Kilbirnie Park.

BACKGROUND OF FOUNDING CLUBS



Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club was established following the merger of Kilbirnie Cricket Club and Midland St Pats. Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club and its predecessor club, Kilbirnie Cricket Club, has been based on Kilbirnie Park for 125 years. It has won the Wellington Senior Championship an unprecedented 12 out of the last 13 years. 29 New Zealand Internationals and numerous first Class players have played for the club, including the following internationals over the last 40 years Jeetan Patel, Bruce Edgar, Stephen Fleming(Capt), Roger Twose, Barry Sinclair (Capt), Rodney Redmond and Richard Collinge). It is the only cricket club in the Eastern Suburbs.



Marist St Pats Rugby Club was established in 1971 following the merger of Marist Old Boys and St Pats Old Boys. Current Swindale Shield holders, it has won 13th Jubilee Cups. It has produced 8 All Blacks (Jeffrey To'omaga-Allen Victor Vito John Schuster Brian McGrattan, Tu Wyllie, John Fleming, Grant Batty and Joe Karam) and numerous Wellington representative players.



Marist AFC is the oldest football club in NZ established in 1896. Marist AFC has won New Zealand's premier club competition, the Chatham Cup, in 1932 and 1946, and were runners-up in 1945.



MEMBERSHIP

Initially, the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC will form the foundation of the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club. The three clubs are all highly successful in their respective codes and have a long and proud tradition in Wellington as well as being recognised nationally. We also have a number of affiliate members. We would seek interest from other community groups who may wish to use the facility on a casual basis or become full or affiliate members of the Sports and Community Club. It is envisaged that the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club will become a key asset for both local sports and community clubs and schools.

The membership of the initial foundation clubs is as follows;

	Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club	Marist AFC	Marist St Pats RFC	Total
Playing adult members	276	100	330	706
Non Playing adult members	150	75	300	525
Junior members	370	20	250	640
Total	796	195	880	1,871

MEMBERSHIP

- In addition to the above member numbers of the foundation clubs, we also have the full support of
 - St Patrick's College who have 78 students involved in cricket, 141 in football and 230 in Rugby.
 - SMOG Netball with 96 players (8 teams).
 - Capital Swim with 250 swimmers (mostly Junior) and 60 non swimmers.

Location of New Facility



KEY BENEFITS

Key Benefits of the concept plan are;

- Underpinned by strong foundation clubs with strong desire and commitment to work together.
- Fully funded and a financially responsible approach to also ensure its long term financial viability.
- Consolidation and rationalisation of existing resources.
- Complements and underpins significant investment made in existing artificial turf facilities at St Pats College and the playing facilities of Marist St Pats RFC at Evans Bay Park, as well as the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre and ASB Centre.
- Greater opportunity to improve membership of individual clubs, cross-code membership.
- Provides strategic options for further development of Aquatic Centre.
- More efficient use of Kilbirnie Park fields and release further land for playing fields. Footprint not bigger than existing clubrooms and utilisation of ground unchanged.

KEY BENEFITS

- A new built facility that is
 - Right sized;
 - Meets the needs of all clubs at the outset;
 - Long term environmentally sustainable and efficient; and
 - An attractive community asset.
- Move away from congested traffic areas at existing sites and proposed traffic route along Kilbirnie Crescent under the Public Transport Spine Study.
- Better Parking.
- Strong stakeholder support – Cricket Wellington, Wellington Rugby Union and Capital Football.
- Cost Synergies through the sharing of common costs (insurance/utilities/maintenance). As well as other opportunities to rent facilities on an ad hoc basis.
- Strengthen existing working relationship with St Pats College, Rongotai College and other schools in Eastern Suburbs.
- Access to future funding under new combined Sports and Community structure.

INDICATIVE CONCEPT DRAWING

Two level clubhouse incorporating multi purpose lounge facilities, meeting room, four changing rooms, storage room, viewing balcony facing North West. It would also house the existing groundsman shed.

Two alternative concept drawings are shown. The final design continues to be worked on and subject to further discussions with all stakeholders and funding.

A proposed floor plan is also shown in Appendix 1

INDICATIVE CONCEPT DRAWING 1



INDICATIVE CONCEPT DRAWING 2



INDICATIVE COST

Subject to final design and quantity survey, an estimate of a 2 level structure with a total square m2 footage of 350-400 sq metres, which involve a total capital cost of between \$1.6-\$1.8m.

Total Square M2		350	400
Cost per Square M2		\$3,500	\$3,500
Build cost		\$1,225,000	\$1,400,000
Professional Fees (Architectural/Engineering/QS/Legal/Permitting)	20%	\$245,000	\$280,000
Contingency	10%	\$122,500	\$140,000
Total Building Cost		\$1,592,500	\$1,820,000

Costs GST exclusive

The above costs do not take account of any savings likely to be derived from using available building expertise within the foundation clubs.

NEXT STEPS

Develop work plan to consider following issues;

- Formalise working party through memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) and seek formal mandate from each club.
- Sale of Marist St Pats RFC clubrooms at Hataitai Park.
- Negotiate with NZTA and Council re impact on Kilbirnie Park.
- Engage with other interested group outside of the existing founding and affiliate members to become part of the Sports and Community Club.
- Working Group with Council on concept approval re location, design, consent process.
- Detailed design drawings and costing.
- Financial Feasibility.
- Funding - Sale of Existing Clubrooms, alternative funding and approach funding agencies.
- Governance Structure – Trust Structure, Independent Board, Founding and Affiliate membership.

KEY MESSAGES

- Strong foundation clubs and affiliate support with a commitment to work with each other.
- New facility fit for purpose that replaces existing clubrooms and is within the existing footprint.
- Long term sustainable model.
- Complements and underpins significant investment already made in area.
- An attractive and exciting community asset and committed St Pats College support.
- Seek to be fully funded, with no debt.

Appendix

Key Contacts

Proposed Roading Impact

Illustrative Example of NZ Cricket High Performance Centre

Proposed Floor Plan

KEY CONTACTS

- Ronnie Nathu – Eastern Suburbs, President
- John Holden – Marist St Pats RFC , Board Member
- Mark Lavery – Marist AFC, Chairman

PROPOSED ROADING IMPACT

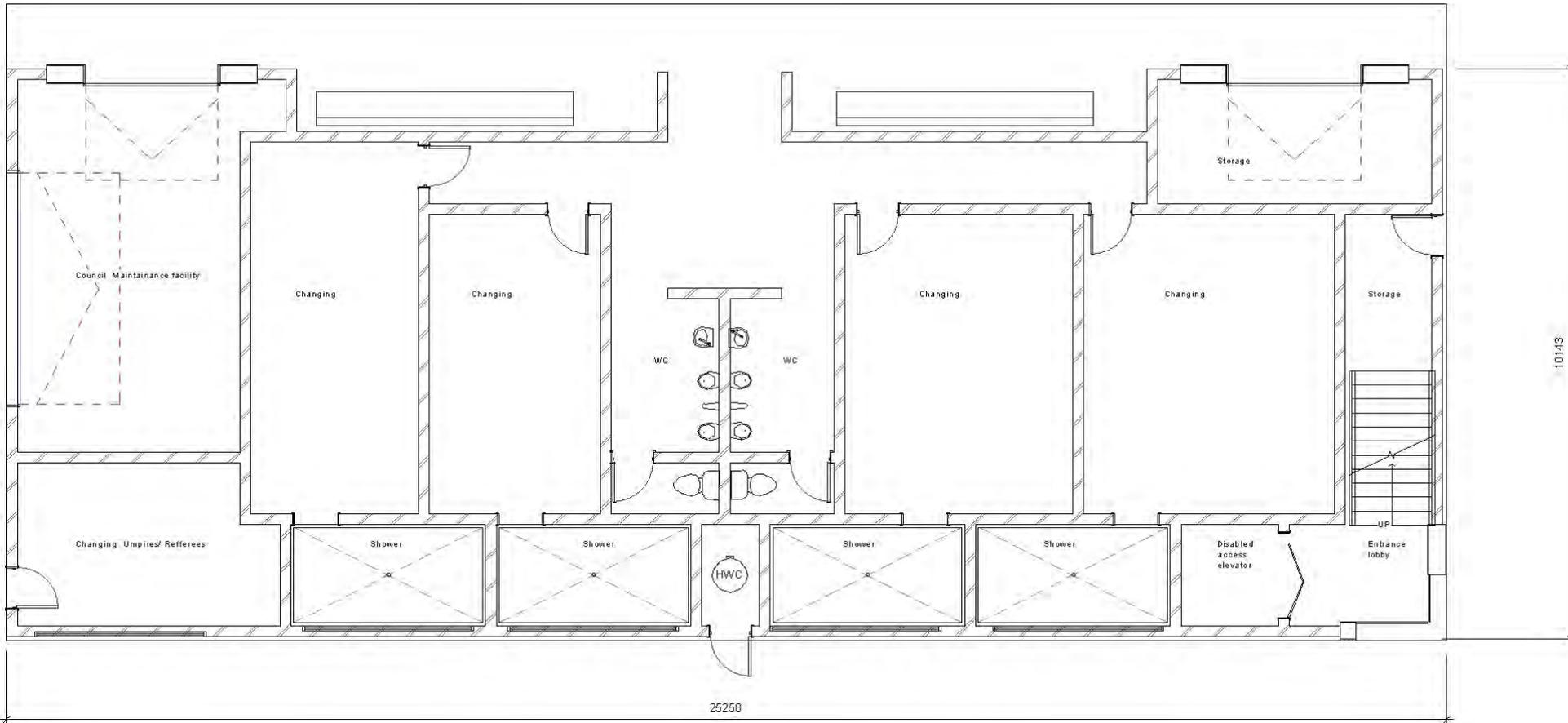
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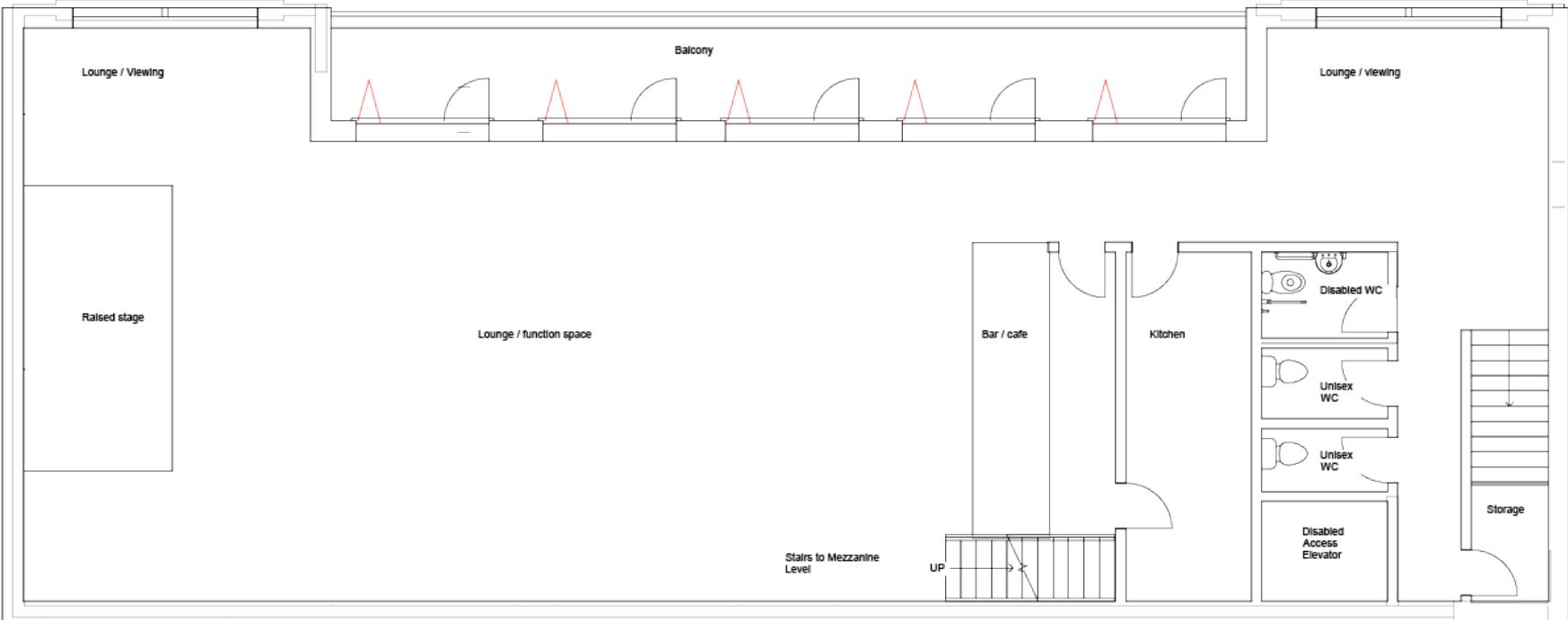


NZ Cricket High Performance Centre -Lincoln University– Illustrative example

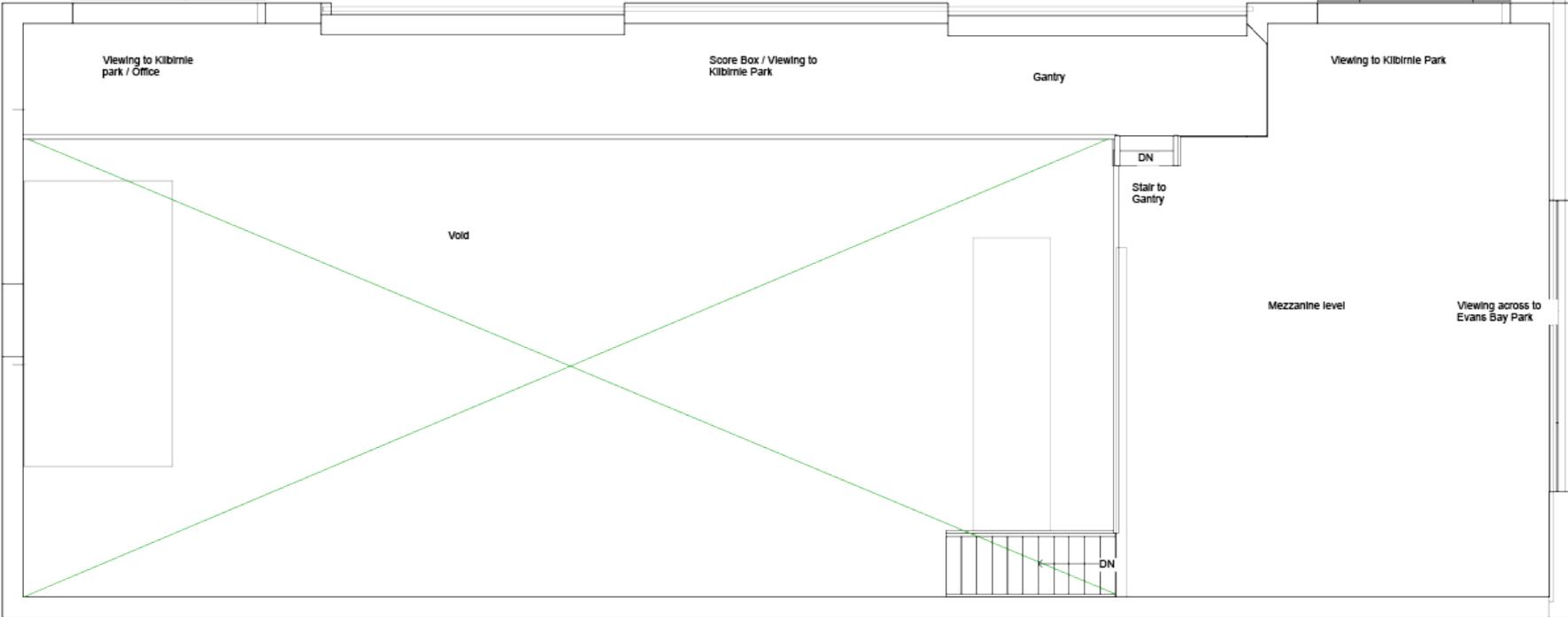
Ground Floor



Level 1



Mezzanine Level



Submitter Details

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Ratepayer Resident Non-resident ratepayer Other

Which Community Board Area is your property in?

Eastern Ward Lambton Ward Northern Ward Not indicated

Onslow-Western Ward Southern Ward

Trade competition and adverse effects:

I could I could not

gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

I am I am not

directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that :

a. adversely affects the environment, and

b. does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competitions.

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.

Preferred hearing location:

February 2015 - Oral Hearings

Hearing Needs:

Correspondence to:

Submitter

Agent

Both

Submission

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

It is of enormous importance that WCC continues to ensure access to free, informal sport and recreation activities for all age group for a range of health and social reasons. It is fantastic to see the long-term planning that is going into protecting these vital parks and reserves.

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 1](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 3](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
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- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Otari-Wilton's bush, Zealandia and Trelissick Park are fantastic assets to the City and excellent work goes in to maintaining, protecting and improving these. The direction these parks are heading is commendable. However Ian Galloway Park leaves a lot to be desired and needs more attention.

Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
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- Support
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Why do you say this?

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
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- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

- Strongly oppose
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- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro

Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

- Yes
- No

Comments

Upgrading Ian Galloway park into a multi-purpose social recreational facility including UCI standard BMX track, pump track and playground.

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
- No

Comments

The bike track at Ian Galloway Park is in the process of being upgraded to a UCI standard BMX track. This should be mentioned in the plan, where the bike track is currently listed as a mountain bike jump park. Currently this park does not meet the standard for providing sports and recreation activity opportunities. It is not maintained, it is under-utilised and it is a dangerous eye-sore. Capital BMX Club Inc are working hard to create a new BMX facility at the location, revitalizing the area and

allowing this public park space to become available to riders 4-50+. We will bring the park to a high quality standard that meets the goals of the Suburban Management Plan by ensuring that there are increased opportunities for social recreational riding, organised, structured training, and competitive racing. The track has been designed to be inclusive of all abilities and will be open to the public anytime the Club is not using it for practice or racing. Additionally we plan to have a cache of bikes available so that members of the public can join in should they wish to partake in club days. We plan to have regular events including school sessions, scout/girl guide races, have a go days etc in addition to regular club racing, inter-club meets and larger competitions such as the Wellington Champs, North Island Titles and the National Champs. We have support from other local cycling groups including the Wellington Mountain Bike Club, Makara Peak Supporters, WORD and Revolve, further strengthening the sense of community between these groups. Our plan includes inviting local Iwi to be involved by blessing the site, providing a Maori name for track that is relevant to the local area, and also perhaps providing some traditional artwork for display. We plan to have native plantings on the backs of the berms and in the surrounding area should we gain appropriate Council permission to contribute to the ecology and biodiversity of the area. In time we envision a playground and pump track to be included in the facility to complement the existing skate park and soon-to-be BMX track, all increasing the value of the park to an even wider range of people.

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan? Please provide the name and legal description of the reserve and your comments. See [Appendix 2](#)

Comments

7. Do you have additional comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to via the 'Your Supporting Documents' Tab.)

Comments

Attached Documents

File
Capital BMX Club Track Project
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan



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Capital BMX Club Incorporated

Capital BMX Club Incorporated Track Building Project

Ian Galloway Park, Karori

Wellington

November 2014

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Project Overview

The Capital BMX Club has been established with the following goals:

- To create a great new free recreational sports facility for Wellington.
- To provide a place where children and adults can learn, have fun and compete in the exciting sport of BMX.
- To deliver opportunities for Wellington youth to develop skills in an Olympic sport.
- To make better use of an existing public area that has not been fully utilised or supported.

Mission Statement

Capital BMX Club is dedicated to providing people in the community the opportunity to learn and participate in the fun-filled recreational sport of BMX. We will provide a positive, team oriented environment that enables riders to personally grow, challenge themselves, build self-esteem, and achieve their full potential on and off the track. Through competition and goal setting riders can learn valuable life lessons helping keep kids off the streets by providing them with a safe and healthy social environment.

Executive Summary

This project is being run by a group of dedicated individuals aiming to see a return of high level BMX to the Wellington region by building an international standard track. The Wellington region has a strong history of BMX, hosting the New Zealand Nationals twice, last in Karori in 1992. We aim to hold several BMX events per year and hope to host the North Island titles or the NZ Nationals again within the next 5 years.

The track will be a free, safe and exciting attraction for the BMX Club and the local community. We expect it to be used by children, teenagers and families of the entire Wellington region. It will be popular for birthday parties, family picnics and outings. Mountain bikers will also be welcome to use the track, along with teenagers regularly enjoying the facility, and pre-school and school children learning to ride. Estimations are that the track use will be approximately 75% public and 25% Club members.

The BMX season starts from September and runs through to the Easter holidays the following year. The track will be open for use year-round although riding in high winds and wet weather is not recommended for safety reasons.



Club Structure

The Capital BMX Club is an incorporated society, established by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

The Club is managed by a committee comprised of:

Club President:	Rebecca Maresca
Club Secretary:	Leonie Gordon
Club Treasurer:	Simon Smith
Committee Members:	Raffaele Maresca, Leasa Carlyon

History of BMX

BMX was introduced to NZ in 1979. In the early 1980's tracks were being built and Clubs formed all over the country as the BMX craze took off.

In 1984 BMXNZ had over 5000 licensed members and there were 70 tracks being ridden. That year, 1400 riders registered for the National Titles in Wanganui. In 1986 Wellington held the nationals at the Karori BMX site at Ian Galloway Park.

By 1987 BMX racing in New Zealand started to slow down. Free style BMX had emerged and was popular with ex-racers. However, in 2008 BMX was introduced to the Olympic Games and has gained popularity once again.

New Zealand's very own Sarah Walker finished 4th in the 2008 Olympic finals and the potential for world class New Zealand riders was further proven in the 2012 London Olympics with 3 BMX riders in the New Zealand team and an outcome of a silver medal.

New Zealanders have been taking over the world stage, with Sarah Walker, Kurt Pickard, and three-time World Champion Rico Bearman all making their way into BMX superstardom.

Old tracks are now being transformed into world class tracks to support the future generation and the current champions are proving excellent mentors for these young riders.



Kapiti Track in 1979

Statement of Need



An example of an older standard track

The Wellington region has a strong history of BMX with the last national event held at the current proposed site in Karori in 1992. It is time the event returned to Wellington for a third national event. These events can bring 1200 riders plus their supporters to the city requiring accommodation, food and entertainment.

There are currently four tracks in the BMX Wellington region – Hutt Valley, Wainuiomata, Kapiti and Levin. These tracks have maintained the same standard set in the 1980's whilst the majority of the tracks in the Upper North Island have upgraded their tracks to the higher International Cycling Union (UCI) track standards.

The 1980's standard is great for young kids and inexperienced riders but is inadequate for older, more experienced BMX riders. Talented Wellington riders, lacking adequate training facilities tend to relocate to northern clubs where their chances of succeeding in the sport are greatly increased. In addition, with the new national level standards and regulations, the existing tracks in the Wellington region are not capable of holding national or international events and therefore misses out on the opportunity to benefit from hosting such events.

Track Location

The site for the new BMX track is Ian Galloway Park, Karori, the site of the original Wellington BMX track. It was converted to a mountain bike jump track in 2009 but the area is not well maintained and the difficulty of the jumps excludes most riders.

Our vision is to revitalize the area and make it available to a wider range of people, to make the site a landmark destination for kids and their bikes from all around the Wellington region.

Our goal is to build an UCI standard track for the BMX Club and local community. We expect the track to be used by children, teenagers and families of the entire Wellington region in addition to riders from other Clubs wanting to train at a superior facility.

We plan to hold several annual BMX events and hope to host a national event in the next 5 years.



Current Karori Site

The track would service a region which includes 115 schools with 39,000 students and 180,000 residents. The parks surrounding suburbs have a population of approximately 25,000 people*. This is a family oriented community as demonstrated in the high level of junior sport participation.

The BMX track would not cause traffic problems in the area as the BMX season runs opposite to the rugby season and the area copes well with the traffic associated with the West's Rugby Club located on the next field.

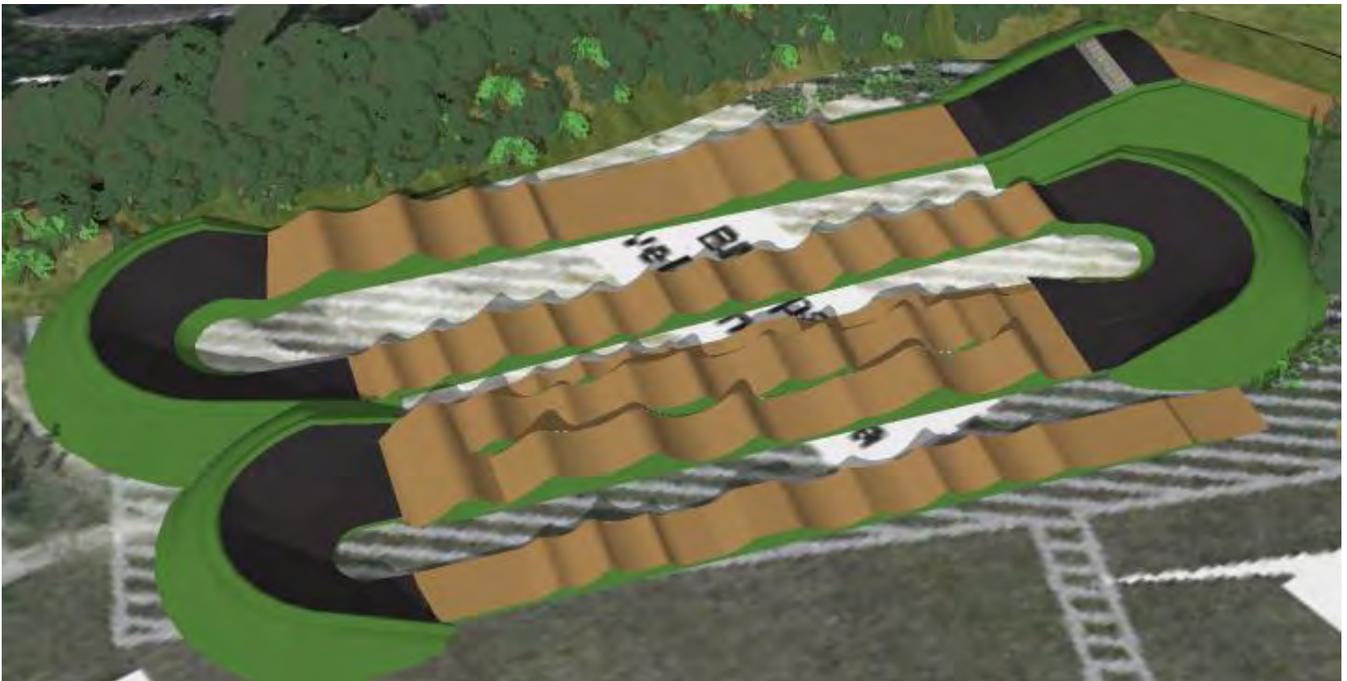
Considering the space available in Wellington City, the local community, the location and the physical site of Ian Galloway Park, this is the ideal place to situate this project.

* Statistics from Ministry of Education website and Statistics New Zealand website July 2013

Project Description

The entire project will take up to three years depending on funding and will include installation of lighting, asphalted berms and re-vegetation. We hope in the future to arrange for public or club toilets, a points hut and a storage shed to be built and for significant planting to be undertaken to improve the aesthetics of the area. Our aim is to completely redevelop the leased area over this period and to transform it from a dangerous eye sore into a functional facility which will be able to accommodate the entire community, help establish the new Capital BMX Club and re-introduce BMX to the region.

The track has been designed by experienced BMX track designer, Brett Barnes of Dirtz Trax n Trails based in Sydney, Australia. BMX tracks are highly specialized and as such it is appropriate that a suitably experienced builder be commissioned to undertake the build. The track will meet the new UCI standards and will have length of approximately 400m, consisting of a 5m high start ramp, four straights, one split to include a pro-section and three asphalted corners.



Concept Drawing of the Track

Lease

Wellington Parks and Gardens have agreed to the redevelopment of the current site. A lease has been signed with the Wellington City Council for an area of land at Ian Galloway Park of 8000m² with an initial term of five years and a right of renewal for a further five years. This area is large enough to support a Club of up to 150 members and is suitable for holding National and International events.

Costs and Funding

The cost of the initial track build will be in the vicinity of \$245,000 depending on the final construction and design. At all times measures will be taken to keep costs to a minimum without compromising the final result. Cost minimization will include using volunteer labour as much as possible, utilizing the broad practical skill base of the members of the Committee and Club. Where possible, two quotes will be obtained for each phase of work to ensure costs charged are fair and reasonable.

Funds are being raised through grant applications, grass-roots fundraising activities undertaken initially by the Committee, and in time other Club members, Corporate sponsorship.

Fundraising to date has included donations from committee members, a raffle and a BBQ at Thorndon New World which have raised \$5870.

Funding Requirements

Funds will be raised through grant applications, grass-roots fundraising activities undertaken initially by the Committee, and in time other Club members, and Corporate sponsorship. A fundraising plan has been established and is attached to this application.

Key Phases of Work and Approximate Costs

Phase #	Description	Approximate Cost (exc GST)
1	Drainage (sewer, stormwater and water services)	\$77,550
2	Earthworks and earthworks consent	\$5,040
3	Electrical Cabling	\$13,360
4	Concrete Start Hill	\$27,000
5	Start Gate Purchase, Installation and Testing	\$19,880
6	Track Building: Site preparation, corner formation and track shaping	\$101,650
7	Landscaping	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$245,480

Community Benefits

The BMX track will bring many benefits to the local, and wider community as well as the general cycling community and particularly BMXers.

Social Benefits

- BMX is a great family sport; often a child shows an interest and soon the whole family are having a go, all supporting each other and sharing the excitement of the high energy sport and strengthening family bonds.
- BMX facilities provide a place for kids who aren't attracted to traditional team sports a place to go and express themselves in an individual and athletic manner. Getting kids involved in a personal and esteem-building activity like BMX riding helps build the confidence to do well in other aspects of their lives.
- BMX tracks provide a place for local youth to meet, socialize, and develop friendships based on a common, healthy interest.
- Good facilities attract participants of all ages who enjoy their form of exercise in a fun and safe environment.
- Kids who are involved in sport get a great start to life and being involved in a sport that is competed in to Olympic level gives children in the community positive role models, great motivation and inspiration.
- A BMX track will add to the existing recreational/sporting amenities with the City, in particular complementing the mountain bike tracks and parks around the area. This creates another avenue for connecting groups within the wider community and the opportunity for cross-discipline training.

Health and Developmental Benefits

- Providing recreational opportunities to young children helps them develop healthy, active lifestyles, and the growing popularity of BMX is encouraging more people to go participate.
- BMX is physically active and requires, at times, great concentration. It encourages children to spend time outdoors, tests their endurance, sharpens their senses, and develops their creativity. Many people who started in their teens still enjoy BMX well into their 50s and beyond. Developing a habitual desire for physical recreation is essential to a healthy life.
- Sport plays a positive role in youth development, including improved academic achievement, higher self-esteem and fewer behavioral problems.
- The discipline of training, following the leadership of coaches and captains, learning to win and lose gracefully provide lifelong skills for athletes and instill values by providing lessons and goals that are worth achieving.

Public Comfort and Safety Benefits

- Offering teenagers sporting opportunities within their area helps them to keep healthy and helps them to stay away from negative influences within their peer groups. Therefore the new track will not only improve the health of the young people in the community but could also help avoid anti-social behavioral issues by giving local youth a sustainable diversionary activity.

Economic Benefits

- We plan to hold several annual BMX events and hope to host a national event in the next 5 years. There is potential to host some high profile competitions in Wellington that would add to our City's reputation as a centre of sporting excellence. These events can bring 1200 riders plus supporters to a City.
- Regular Club racing events, training and bigger inter-club events will have a positive effect on businesses in the surrounding area. The track will draw people from the outlying communities to come and bring their kids to ride. Whilst there they may do some shopping, have lunch, buy petrol etc. The track will attract patrons to local businesses who might not otherwise be in the area.

Community Development Benefits

- When people join Clubs, they develop a sense of ownership, pride, and community engagement. The very existence of the facility is the result of their hard work and interaction with the broader community. These experiences cement the sense of belonging and strengthen communities.

Benefits Specific to the BMX Community

- This track will allow BMX riders in the Wellington region to ride regularly on a track of a newer standard to those currently available in the area. This will allow them to be more competitive with their Northern counterparts who currently have a distinct advantage at race meets. This may stem the flow of talented young riders to the far North where training facilities are currently superior.

Conclusion

This BMX track will be a fantastic asset to the wider Wellington community and will be a vast improvement of an area that is currently inaccessible to most. The free facility will allow people to visit as often as desired without cost being a factor. Those wishing to participate in the sport of BMX will be rewarded with a track that is of a standard not seen in the Wellington region to date.

The Capital BMX Club track will enable a return to national events for the Capital City and will put Wellington back on the BMX map.

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Why do you say this?

The Council Officers should not change the Jeypore St Tiny Tots park. It is beautiful and well used as it is. I have submitted a written submission and wish to attend council and speak to my submission. It is very very wrong if you change this playground.

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
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Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

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- Support
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Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

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- Yes
- No

Comments

see my written submissions. a) make all parks smoke free b) make all parks booze free

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- Yes
- No

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Don't change Jeypore St tiny tots playground

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- Yes
- No

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Commonsense

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See my written submission

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You may also like to make an oral submission to Councillors in support of your written submission. To do this please let us know and provide your contact details.

What happens next

1. Comments on the draft plan are due Friday 5 December 2014.
2. Submissions will be analysed. Oral submissions will be held in February 2015. Amendments to the plan could be made based on submissions.
3. The final Suburban Reserves Management Plan will go to the Council for approval in April 2015.

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Making a submission

I am making feedback as an individual on behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

-

I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors Yes No
If yes please provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

YES - I will
attend council

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1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

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Why do you say this?

b) Sector 2. Trelissick Park (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 2

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Why do you say this?

Need greater clarity of intentions.

c) Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 3

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Why do you say this?

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Why do you say this?

e) Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 5

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Why do you say this?

Greater support must be given + for Council
offices to listen to the needs of Vogel town
Mornington + Ridgway School.
Be commission "Rogers Corner" rather than
Teypose Tiny Tots corner

f) Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 6

1 strongly oppose

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Why do you say this?

I am very angry if Council officer go near Teypore St
 Tiny Tots Playground. STAY AWAY FROM IT. IT IS
 BEAUTIFUL AS IT IS AND REALLY WORKS FOR THE
 AREA - GO LISTEN TO LOCAL PEOPLE POST UP PRESENT

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1 strongly oppose

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Why do you say this?

h) Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point (please circle) See Chapter 3 - Sector 8

1 strongly oppose

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Why do you say this?

Well the planning by council officer is
 appalling for miramar.

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

Yes

No

Your comments

① Make all parks + green areas SMOKE FREE.
 ② " " " " " BOOZE FREE

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Yes

No

Your comments

Have Council officer comply with you own
 COMMUNICATION PLAN.

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Yes

No

Your comments

Common sense.

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Name of the reserve and legal description	Your comments relating to the proposed classification

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YES - Teypore St Tiny Tots is the BEST playground in Wellington. 25 yrs ago I went there often with my niece. 3 yrs ago I used it with my grandson. It is a very well used & loved playground. For the small space of the area the BCA & RRR would be the highest of all playgrounds. More playgrounds should be made like this rather than your attitude of making Big projects. If you can waste \$10m on digging up Manners Mall, \$30m to give to a property developer for a hotel, & \$11m to up silly Victoria St you can leave this park alone.

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Thank you for your comments.

Please return this feedback form by 5 December 2014.

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Why do you say this?

Because I value the open spaces and reserve areas we are lucky enough to have around us in Wellington. Everyone should be able to access green spaces, for recreation and education. I personally have an interest in improving the biodiversity, encouraging back some of the species that are reducing in numbers (both flora and fauna) and in weed control where necessary. I have undertaken a vast amount of this work around the Owhiro Stream in the last 10 years and am already seeing an increase in bird and insect life which is extremely rewarding. From a club (WCLHC) perspective, the mention of the aim to 'connect local communities and open space and increase participation in sport and recreation' is excellent, as recreational areas should be available for all disciplines, and we urge consideration of equestrian activities as recreation as well, as horses are also an important part of the community that seems to be excluded from council plans. Thank you in advance for considering this submission on behalf of WCLHC and me, and apologies for any information that is not in the correct field!

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Why do you say this?

Unfamiliar with the area, but general idea to get community groups involved and increase links to access reserve areas, improve biodiversity and play facilities is good. It would be a shame to lose the pool, so would support the upgrade of this, or a similar alternative rather than the closure of it when the time comes.

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Weed control and ongoing restoration of Trelissick park is important as this is a large ecologically

significant area. Increasing recreational use would be good, including bikes if there is space for a separate track.

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- Strongly oppose
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Why do you say this?

Moving the playground will be good if it makes it more accessible. Playgrounds could also feature 'eco stations' , or some areas where children can learn about what's around them, plants, animals etc. Also include more 'real' play apparatus rather than the plastic fantastic numbers. Moving the dog park to a larger fenced area seems a good idea, but have not visited these areas to test the reality.

Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Getting community groups more involved is a good idea. Support the cycle shop and kids tracks. Would like consideration of horseriding access to these tracks as well where safe to do so.

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Why do you say this?

Link tracks between Ohiro Road, Mitchell street and Ashton Fitchett would be great, but please make them also accessible to horseriders as the WCLHC is part of this community and would like to share these recreational facilities. Please also ensure that the reserve at the top of Quebec Street remains accessible to the horses. Fully support FOOS work to continue.

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Why do you say this?

Happy as long as the residents are! :)

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Why do you say this?

The statement in 3.7.5 'There is currently horse grazing on public reserve land in this sector but no additional grazing licences will be supported due to impact on ecological values'. requires clarification, does it mean that it will not be possible to renew the current lease when it expires, or just that there will be no further land available for grazing? The WCLCH would like to discuss this further before any decisions are made as the club and the horses have been a valuable part of this community for over 60 years, keep alive some of the history of the area (they were originally the light cavalry horses that grazed at Government House after the War and moved to Owhiro Bay in the 1950's) and contribute to the diversity of the area, enhancing the residents' sense of community and pride in their 'special place by the sea'. They are a big drawcard for the area, this is especially evident at local events and any time we get out an about. There is no denying the part of the reserve that the horses occupy is not the beauty it could be, however, there is scope for native planting within gorse areas on the slopes that the horses cannot access. The gorse nursery will protect the saplings until they are large enough to withstand a small amount of browsing by the horses, if they can even reach them! THE WCLHC has a network of people who would be willing to help with planting if this is required, and we are happy to work with local groups, to do this as well. As long as some clear, grass areas can be maintained, and access tracks, (which we have been working hard to maintain and keep free of gorse) then there is no reason the reserve area currently grazed could not be improved. There is a real sense of community in this area with several groups working on restoration projects and enhancement of the natural beauty of the area. All these groups network well and have made a massive difference to the community, encouraging individuals to act as Kaitiaki for the reserves around them. Whatever management plans are put in place need to account for the good work that is currently being done and will continue to be done by the many people out there who have been managing and caring for 'their' reserve spaces, doing work clearing and replanting in the last 20 years or more, funding this out of their own pockets,

putting in the time that the Council has not had to find or fund, to create areas of native, natural beauty from the flytipped wastelands they once were. The biodiversity of our city is improving thanks to the work that is being done, whether it be by the Council, or those who see it as a labour of love, so please make sure that these people and groups are not trampled and alienated by rules and regulations in order to 'improve' management of the reserves. A heavy handed approach to apply the 'rules' could put an end to the amazing work that is being done. Personally, I have restored/transformed a willow/blackberry/gorse/convolvulus/tradescantia smothered area of the Frobisher reserve into a small paradise, where the eels and the koura are safe, (several larger eels have been poached from more accessible areas in recent years) red bullies have been seen (especially by the kotare!), and the birds; including a young karearea, bees and other insects are flooding back. The neighbours have started to join in, and between us, something that was neglected by the Council (I didn't even know there was a stream when I bought in 1997!) has turned into a space we can all (and others) enjoy. The council has helped, as we all apply for and are given, reserve plants every year, but we have also planted some non-invasive, exotic species to help attract birds and insects and produce fruit that will benefit the community one day. Frobisher Street Reserve - classify Scenic B Reserve. Given the above information, I would personally like some clarification on the proposed track, I presume it will be from the community gardens to the North or West, as south of this area the terrain is very steep and narrow and unsuited to heavy foot traffic. Also on the management proposed for this and other reserve areas

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Why do you say this?
As per sector 6

Support or Oppose

- Support
- Oppose

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

In general, any tracks that are suitable for walking, dog walking and cycling should also, where possible, be considered suitable for horses. Horse-riders are rare, sadly, but are still an important part of the Wellington community and something that helps make it such a special place. It is better (and safer) for everyone to have equestrian access on tracks and trails than on roads, but in recent years, with signs portraying walkers, bikers and dogs only being erected on the trails horse-riders have historically used, the non-horse riding public have become confused about our rights and can be taken aback when they meet us out and about. It's not that they don't want to see us, but that they don't expect to. Any areas that horses are allowed, need to be clearly marked to ensure that the general public are aware of any potential encounter. Having said that, in most cases the surprise for people who encounter us unexpectedly is a pleasant one. In all our years of riding, there has not been any injury caused to horse, dog, bike or human on the tracks we use, we are courteous, and try where we can to make space for people to pass. We want to share the spaces

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- Yes
 No

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- Yes
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The inclusion of horses in the plans and their access to the tracks and reserve areas. Signage is important to ensure everyone is aware that they may encounter horses on the tracks. This might even increase the recreational use of areas! Also to make sure that those individuals and groups who have acted as kaitiaki for the reserves are respected for their extremely valuable input to date and worked with, not against, for the future success of the reserve areas.

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Regarding Frobisher Street Reserve, please clarify management plans and proposed track location through this area. Lot 1 DP 81196 47C/673.

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Comments

Attached Documents

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Why do you say this?

I would like to see the retention of the old bowling green land as public open space, as it currently is, irrespective of the future use of the bowling club buildings. The loss of public open space in the area is under threat, and has already occurred from the sale of land at 11 Vennell St, next door. Please retain the Vogelmorn Bowling Club as public open space.

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

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Why do you say this?

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Support or Oppose

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Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Why do you say this?

Unbelievably the draft action strongly implies Welland Place Recreation Park is to be disposed of. This reflects a clear misunderstanding of the Park's long term use and value to both local residents and others. No evidence is provided to support the proposed action which is in fact inconsistent with the objectives of the plan and inconsistent with the Councils previous upgrade to the park's fencing and plantings. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SUBMISSION FOR A MORE COMPLETE STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION AND REQUEST TO RIGHT THIS DRAFT ACTION ASAP

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

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Welland Place Recreation Reserve Supporting Doc of RA Pfeffer
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Submission re: Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014
Welland Place Recreation Reserve: Lot 2 DP 58958, 29C/640

The management plan's recommended action for the Welland Place Recreation Reserve is to:
"Review the future role and use of the reserve and dispose of it if no appropriate use is identified."

The implication is that there is "no appropriate use" for this longstanding reserve in the context of the Council's stated objectives. These include the:

"Provision of a wide range of quality open space and outdoor recreation opportunities close to where people live".

In addition, the park is categorised by the WCC as providing:

".....for local neighbourhood informal recreation....." and ".....may also provide neighbourhood amenity alongside a specific function (such as a play area or a dog exercise area)";

The draft pan presents no reasoning or evidence to support the implicit proposition that there is no appropriate use. The only reasoning that can be found in the report is:

"The Welland Place Reserve is a pleasant place, however the use for this space needs to be considered, especially since the recent upgrade of the play area at Owhiro Bay"

We respectfully submit that this longstanding reserve is far more than just a "pleasant place" with no apparent function. It is:

1. A small recreational park adjoining where people live with a stunning natural outlook, being an elevated and accessible open space that directly faces out over the picturesque village of Owhiro Bay to Red Rocks and the Kaikoura Mountains;
2. Frequently visited by photographers and others, to witness the elevated vista, whether it be the raging sea following a southerly storm, the incredible sunsets over summer, or the magnificence of the outlook on any day;
3. A place for local children to regularly engage in play and social sport that is far more convenient than a supervised trip down the very steep Severn or Robertson Streets to either Owhiro Play Park (>600m walk, small, occupied by play equipment suitable for younger children) or to Island Bay's Shortland Park and Play Area (>1200m);
4. Often used as a picnic spot by adults during the summer period;
5. Well established within the fabric of the local residents who will in all certainty oppose disposal
6. Presents the only uninterrupted views of the south coast and South Island for 4 immediate houses

It is surprising that such a negative recommendation can be reached for a park that continues to meet the needs of the local community given the Council:

1. At the time of subdivision required the park to be established;
2. Several years ago invested in establishing fences, plantings and signs in response representations from local residents.

Presumably there was no reason to question the role of the park at the time of the park's upgrade and there has certainly been no change in the actual role and use of the park over the subsequent period.

The suggested disposal of the reserve therefore raises questions:

1. Is this a minor cost cutting measure (the park only requires lawn mowing and minimal plant maintenance, something the local community would be more than happy to participate in)?
2. Or does the Council have some unstated desire to turn a well-established residential and regional resource into a one-time relatively small revenue opportunity.

That would result in just another dwelling taking away a well-established nearby place for the recreation of neighborhood children, blocking the uninterrupted views for locals and visitors and adding to the current pressure on residential parking spaces (to service both the cul-de-sac on which the park is located) and Welland Place in general).

We respectfully submit that the draft action for the Welland Place Reserve has been made in the absence of an informed appreciation of its long term community value and its implicit disposal is clearly inconsistent with the stated objectives of the councils draft plan.

It is strongly suggested that this inflammatory draft action either be withdrawn or replaced by one that underpins the long term availability and maintenance of the park after further consultation with local residents.

If there is an opportunity to make oral submissions in support of retaining the status of the Welland Place Recreational Reserve, please contact the writer.

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- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

The club is supportive of the general directions and objectives of the draft plan.

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 1](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Why do you say this?

We are strongly supportive of the initiatives to develop track linkages in this area. Polling of our club membership shows a real desire for tracks that are open to MTB use in this area. Our club would be interested in supporting these initiatives utilising our volunteer build workforce, design experience, and funding networks. Currently many riders in this area need to commute to other areas, such as Makara, Polhill, Wainui, Mt Vic or Miramar to ride.

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Our club would support a review of the Open Spaces Plan to look to open up this area for riding. It would be of significant advantage to off road commuters. We would be open to a discussion and consultation about the concerns opening up such an area to riding and look to see if any accommodation could be made. Moving cyclists off the Main road in Ngaio Gorge to off road commuting routes means a safer commute, and we believe, would see an increase in cycle commuting.

Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 3](#)

- Strongly oppose

- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
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Why do you say this?

Our club strongly supports the Capital BMX plans to revitalise the BMX tracks at Ian Galloway Park. It is our expectation that there will be significant cross over between our two clubs, and riders in general. We would like to see the council support this initiative in anyway they can.

Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
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Why do you say this?

The Club is strongly supportive of the plans to develop a track in Karori Reserve. Our club has interests in the trail network in this area, in particular the 98 DH track that our club actively maintains and uses for down hill racing. As we are losing access to our traditional home for DH racing, the club would like to ensure that any existing DH tracks are not impacted by any trail development and remain open for use.

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
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- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

We are very much in support of the plans for tracks to link into the existing Polhill / Te Kopahau Trail Network. This is a very busy and highly used track network. Additional links would help spread the load, opening up shorter loops that are attractive for local users.

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

- Strongly oppose
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- Neither support nor oppose
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Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
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Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Why do you say this?

We would like the council to consider provisions for cycling, in particular from Houghton Bay, through Sinclair Park and through into the town belt on Mt Albert. We are very much in support of the plans for the Plantation Reserve Cycleway to append, if not replace the cycle access from the Airport Tunnel through to Kilbirnie, and then on from Kilbirnie through Kilbirnie and any development in the Wellington Road area through to Mt Vic. This would provide a fantastic connector between the track networks that would be used by both commuters and recreational MTBer's to connect between trail networks. It is our understanding that a perimeter path is proposed for Kilbirnie park. We would strongly support this as an area that is ideal for learning to ride.

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Why do you say this?

The Miramar Track Project is a project under the umbrella of our club. We are in agreement that the track network within Centennial Reserve is complete. The MTP plan to continue their maintenance work in the reserve and this may involve the rerouting of some sections of the original farm bench to make them more sustainable. We believe there is significant opportunity to link the Mapuia Walkway, Carter Reserve, Centennial Reserve and Scorching Bay Reserve with a marquee dual use track. This track would provide links into the Shelly and Shark Bay areas. We would like to explore opportunities for such a track with the council. We strongly support any initiative to convert Watts Peninsula into a heritage reserve and look forward to the possible opportunities for dual use track development in this area. We appreciate that this is a long term initiative but are supportive on

Support or Oppose

- Support
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3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
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Comments

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Comments

The club would like to see the Watts Peninsula plans advanced and public access to the area secured for the long term.

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
 No

Comments

The club would like to see greater provision within the suburban reserves and in particular playgrounds for areas to learn to ride. Good examples are the paved walkway around Karori Park and the recently upgraded playground at Crawford Green. There are far too few safe areas for especially our young to learn to ride in the city. Our streets are steep, and pavements narrow. More and more schools are closing their grounds to public use outside of school hours, reducing the area with large safe areas free of other traffic. Initiatives as simple as a lime chip perimeter path around sports ground can meet this need. The award winning South Coast Kids Track is a fantastic example of how the community and the club partnered with the council to meet this need. We would love to see this model extended to other areas, in particular the northern suburbs where there are no such facilities.

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Why do you say this?

The Miramar Track Project appreciates the support of WCC has shown over the past 5 years of the project including the recent completion of the Grade 2 / Kids / Beginner dual use trail. That track is already getting significant use and is one of our most popular trails. We strongly support the development of a heritage park on Watts Peninsula in conjunction with the Crown and the development of an integrated track network at the northern end of the peninsula and would like to see the Council take an active role in the planning, development and management of those trails. We are also prepared to assist with our volunteer works, networks and funding sources as appropriate. Further, we agree that the completion of the Grade 2 beginners / intermediate track in Centennial Reserve will finish the track network in Centennial Reserve. The Miramar Track Project will continue to actively maintain and where appropriate enhance existing trails, plant native plants and assist with other activities including rubbish removal and weed control as we have over the past 5 years. However, we do believe there is potential for appropriate trail development outside of Centennial Reserve on WCC land including Scorching Bay Domain and Carter Park. The Miramar Track Project continues to hold the view that there would be significant benefit in East / West trail connection from Scorching Bay to Shark Bay in the West (at the bottom of the Maupuia Walkway in Carter Park). Such a trail would utilise existing trails in Centennial Reserve but require new trails in Scorching Bay Domain and Carter Park. In both cases those trails in those reserves / parks would also naturally connect into Watts Peninsula as that land becomes available for public access. Further, the Miramar Track Project would like to develop a technical, Grade 5 trail, in Carter Park that allows riders to descend from Main Road / Prison Road down to sea level adjacent to Shelly Bay (one Bay South). Initial exploration indicates this trail is feasible and would fill a gap in the riding options in Wellington by providing a technically challenging trail for advanced riders. Wellington currently lacks legal Grade 5+ technical trails in the same way it also lacks Grade 2 beginner trails. The Miramar Track Project intends to propose a design to WCC within the next few months for discussion for both the Grade 5 and for the suggested East / West Connecting trails which would be targeted to be Grade 2 or Grade 3 depending on terrain.

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Why do you say this?

I do not support the proposed decommissioning of the Jeypore Street Play Area.

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
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- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Supporting document (from Tim Waldron)

I am writing with regards to the Draft Plan proposal for Sector 6 to:

“Decommission Jeypore Street playground and consider alternative uses for the site to complement the high amenity of the street.”

Firstly, I note the following statement in the Draft Plan:

“...there is a gap in playground provision in southern Berhampore and the northern part of Island Bay that could be resolved with the construction of a community playground on Wakefield Park. At the same time it would be possible to decommission the Jeypore Street play area.”

There is a gap in the provision of playgrounds – this must be addressed

I agree there is a gap for the provision of playgrounds for this area. Yes, development of a park at Wakefield Park would be a means of redressing this imbalance. However, it is utterly illogical to remove the Jeypore Street playground in the process of trying to address this gap. We should be **adding** to the stock of playgrounds, not decommissioning playgrounds.

As far as I can see from reading the Draft Plan there has been no attempt to understand the usage of the Jeypore Street play area. The implicit assumption seems to be made that ‘it isn’t used and even if it were it would only be a 10-15 minute walk there and the same back again’. For the record, it is extremely well used. I have lived on Jeypore Street since 1999. Over that time I have been amazed at the usage this small playground receives. On summer days on returning from work I can almost guarantee children and their parents will be using the modest play equipment (two swings and a slide) or just running around.

Playgrounds are an important part of creating healthy communities

Over the years I have seen children grow up in this park, including my own two children. I have made many friendships with neighbours as a direct result of this park being so intimately built into the fabric of the neighbourhood. Having small and accessible areas, such as the Jeypore Street playground is a model for building strong communities. If anything, the Wellington City Council should look to see where it could similarly build small hubs/meeting places like this to build neighbourhoods.

I note the following recent press release pertaining to the 2014 Good Neighbour Survey:

<http://community.scoop.co.nz/2014/10/kiwis-want-to-know-neighbours-but-rarely-see-them/>

Some of the key findings:

- 90% believe it’s important to have an easy way to communicate with their neighbours
- 85.5% want to know their neighbours better
- 70.8% cite ‘not seeing their neighbours around’ as the reason for not knowing them better
- 42.4% know a few or a lot less neighbours compared with when they were growing up

These statistics would seem to support the notion that playgrounds and local meeting points are vital.

The residents of Berhampore do not want to see Jeypore Street playground closed

I attended the Public Meeting on 1 November 2014. Firstly, I would like to thank Councillor Paul Eagle for helping with the organisation and providing guidance. I have been totally impressed with Paul's ability to listen to residents and take the time to engage. Also, I was very impressed that Hon Annette King attended, spoke and listened. It is a great shame that the discussion was not formerly recorded as part of the Consultation process, as many extremely good points were made – hopefully these have filtered through to those considering submissions.

The thing that resonated with me was the story about the original group of residents that worked with the City Council to get the play area built and plant trees. Their efforts have benefited several generations of families. I now look in awe at the mature trees that attract a growing population of native birds and thank them for their foresight. Forty years on the need for this small playground is the same.

The Wakefield Park development is welcome, but this does not need to be done at the expense of the Jeypore Street playground

One older resident told the story of how her family would have to go all the way to Shoreland Park, prior to Berhampore getting its own little playground for its smallest residents. It is actually quite disconcerting that nothing has been done in the intervening forty years to increase provision of playgrounds to Southern Wellingtonians. The Wakefield Park development is a great idea – it will serve an older clientele (i.e. over 5s) – which Jeypore Street playground was never designed for or could cater for given its small size.

A playground fits with the amenity of the area

I note a point in the Draft Plan:

“...consider alternative uses for the site to complement the high amenity of the street”.

The Resource Management Act define amenity values as;

“...those natural or physical qualities and characteristics of an area that contribute to people's appreciation of its pleasantness, aesthetic coherence, and cultural and recreational attributes.”

From my perspective a small play area fits in perfectly with the amenity values of the area and has been doing so since the 1970s. I think improving it further would be fantastic and I would support any further investment (of which there hasn't been any since 1999 as I understand, beyond maintenance). Trying to find another use, where residents are already happy would seem a futile waste of time and resource. There are better things to direct our collective efforts on – like traffic calming in built up residential areas.

A more considered approach to planning is required

I understand the Council has a guideline for access to Park's being within 10 minutes walking distance or 600 metres (or something to that effect). This seems to have turned this into a “we can only have one, not the other” debate. By this planning assumption the park at Waitangi Park should never have been built because of its

proximity to the park near Freyberg and it isn't that far to Frank Kitts Park. I would like to think that analysis around such decisions involves factoring population, demographics, socio-economic factors, etc.

In addition, actually talking directly with residents will provide amazing insight into their needs. Berhampore is a high density housing area (=small sections or no sections), is relatively diverse with lower socio-economic status (than say Oriental Bay) and so forth – a wider view is required.

No rationale for decommissioning the Jeypore Street playground has created unnecessary angst for residents of Berhampore

When a proposal of this nature is made, please put more effort into providing a rationale. No context or rationale provides a vacuum which creates distrust in organisations/institutions. Without information, idea such as the ulterior motive is to create carparks to accommodate those that may be lost on Adelaide to accommodate cyclelanes, etc – many ideas and theories emerge. My suggestion would be engage early, with honesty, seek views from as many people as possible.

Where is the voice of children in this whole process?

My children have been very upset by the prospect of losing this park. My daughter, who is 8 years old plays with friends from around the Berhampore area most days. My son, who is 12 years old is upset from as the playground holds so many memories for him – he doesn't want other children to not have that same chance.

Every single person who has used this playground inherently has a strong emotional connection to it – this is where they have spent precious time with their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in those early but fleeting years. That transcends the cost of replacing swings every 20 years or so.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

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Which Community Board Area is your property in?

Eastern Ward Lambton Ward Northern Ward Not indicated

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Trade competition and adverse effects:

I could I could not

gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

I am I am not

directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that :

a. adversely affects the environment, and

b. does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competitions.

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.

Preferred hearing location:

February 2015 - Oral Hearings

Hearing Needs:

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Submission

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 1](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 3](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose

- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Please see detailed written submission.

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
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Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose

- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

- Yes
- No

Comments

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
- No

Comments

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan? Please provide the name and legal description of the reserve and your comments. [See Appendix 2](#)

Comments

7. Do you have additional comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to via the 'Your Supporting Documents' Tab.)

Comments

Please see written submission attached

Attached Documents

File
MPS Suburban Reserve Plan Submission
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan



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Submission of the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park Supporters

To the WCC Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

The Makara Peak Mountain Bike Supporters are a local community group with a membership of approximately 400 people. We work with Wellington City Council to manage the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park with a goal to creating a “world class mountain bike park, with dual use tracks, in a restored native forest”. Our Mountain Bike Park attracts close to 100,000 visitors a year and is well known for its setting in a regenerating native forest, its founding environmental ethic and its contribution to cycling culture within Wellington.

We would like to submit the following all in regards to 3.4 Sector 4:

3.4.1 Assessment of the Network

- The Supporters have existing Native Plantings on the reserve at 102 Hazelwood Avenue and adjacent road reserve. ~~As a bottom line t~~These plantings, which are on a steeper face, should be preserved to protect the character of this part of South Karori Rd as it switches from a ~~suburban to a rural n-urban to rural~~ landscape. There is little urban development on the steep face adjacent to the road for 200 metres before this point as you descend South Karori Road
- The Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park has an existing need for overflow car parking. We believe the reserve at 102 Hazelwood may be suitable as a sunny flat spot slightly above the valley floor. ~~It also ashas that h~~has a fantastic ~~aspect over view of~~ our stream restoration project. A ~~small~~ car park could be designed to include a significant planted area that would improve the narrow ecological corridor in this vicinity between Makara Peak and Zealandia. If a car park is not considered appropriate we believe the Reserve should be designated an Ecological link reserve and planted in native vegetation.

3.4.2 Playgrounds

- The Supporters would like ~~to~~ see a greater sympathy ~~towards~~ “place” and “stories” exhibited in playground design. In the case of playgrounds adjacent to Makara Peak, particularly ~~that~~ ~~the playground one situated on a~~ Allington Road which is adjacent to an exit to the Mountain

Bike Park, we would like to see cycling or nature themed play equipment [or interpretation](#). [We would be happy to work with the WCC in making this happen.](#)

3.4.4 Track Network

- The Supporters would like the plan to recognise [the importance of Karori Park as a central open space that connects our community with each other and the open space around. The connection between Karori Park and surrounding roads should be improved for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly taking into regard the relocation of Mud Cycles to the Terawhiti Bowling Club site.](#) ~~Karori Park's possible future place~~ [role in a cycle network should also be provided for.](#) There is a [great](#) need for a safe cycle route from Karori South to [Karori Mall and](#) the City. This may be provided ~~for by using from Makara Road,~~ [via a](#) Karori Park to ~~link Makara Road with~~ Fernlea Avenue (and then on to Ranelagh, Darwin, Friend, etc).
- The Supporters ~~believe do not accept~~ that the ecological link reserve at Chamberlain Rd is ~~not~~ too steep ~~to provide for~~ access [as stated](#). This reserve is ~~much less not as~~ steep ~~as than~~ ~~some~~ other reserves that have access. There is potential for a dual use track through this reserve from Victory Ave to Darwin Street which could be part of a future cycle network and would also substantially shorten the walk between much of Karori West and the Karori Mall area/bus route [improving suburban connectivity.](#)
- The Supporters also note that the Chamberlain Rd reserve also currently has a substantial pest tree problem [for](#) which there might be a greater incentive to resolve if the reserve had increased usage and appreciation.
- The Supporters submit ~~than an additional action point should stipulate~~ that public access to the existing private tracks between South Karori Rd and South Makara Road should be negotiated. ~~It is a travesty very disappointing that t~~ The residents of New Zealand's biggest suburb ~~should be are un~~ able to follow their local stream to the sea, [to do so is important to their sense of place.](#) Resolution of this access issue would provide a family friendly [walking and cycle](#) route between Red Rocks and Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park.

3.4.5 Ecology and Biodiversity

- The Supporters recognise the important ecological connection that Kaiwharawhara stream provides between Zealandia and Otari Wilton Bush. We submit that the draft plan does not go far enough and that ~~given its limited utility as a sports field,~~ Appleton Park should be [progressively](#) replanted as native forest. As well as the ecological benefits, the forest ~~would in time would pp~~ provide an attractive and historically appropriate native belt between Wellington City and Karori.

3.4.6 Community Groups and partnerships

- The Supporters endorse the developments at the former Terawhiti Bowling Club site, particularly the proposed lease of the site to a [Cycling cycling Shopshop](#). It is crucial to

Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park and our local cycling community that there is a cycle shop close to [Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park](#) ~~the park~~ to provide cycle rental and servicing. [We hope there will be more community uses possible on this site](#)

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- The Supporters are also keenly behind the development of the proposed Grade 2 cycling and walking track connecting to Karori Park. The Supporters are actively investigating how we can contribute to the further development of this track in [the](#) adjacent Outer Green Belt Reserve, and its connection to the network of tracks in Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park.
- The Supporters are exploring to what degree we would like to be involved in the management of the mountain bike tracks and reserve land surrounding the Karori Park fields. The integration of Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park with this area would arguably be a big step towards our “World Class” aspirations. Integration would provide us with a staging area for big events, access to facilities (including a café, bike shop and changing sheds), it would extend our range of tracks so that we have tracks for all levels of rider, it would raise our profile within the wider Karori Community and it would provide a boost to our visitor numbers. We would like the plan wording to reflect the possibility of this occurring.

To: Wellington City Council

From: Highland Park Progressive Association

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014

Our Interests

The Highland Park Progressive Association is a local residents' association. One of our key objectives is to support local parks in our community. We have a strong interest and key supporting role in:

- Fort Buckley
- Trellissick Park
- Anne Street Trig (with Waterworks and not covered by plan).

In addition, local residents are involved with:

- Phillip Meyers Park through the Village Green Trust
- Otari Park and Wilton Bush (not covered by plan).

In addition, Te Ahumairangi, while not covered by this plan, is highly valued by the community. Of the large parks, it's the one easiest to access on foot by most residents in the community (even if further than a 10 minute walk for many in Highland Park).

Furthermore, many of our residents look out over Khandallah, Ngaio, Crofton Downs, and Kaiwharawhara (including the reclamation and ferry terminal).

General Objectives and Direction

Highland Park Progressive association sees the provision and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities as a core role for local council that should not be diminished. We generally support the broad objectives and direction set out in the plan. We see discussing the wider central city area in one place as useful. Specific comments and concerns are outlined below.

Community Groups and partnerships

Working with community groups is good. However, it should not become a mechanism for reducing the relative resources committed by the city in supporting parks, reserves, and associated recreation opportunities.

Priority for Trellissick Park

We support Trellissick Park receiving its own focus within the plan.

The main issue we have is that while the park adjoins with Highland Park, in practice there is no access to the park from Highland Park. The closest access is Hannover Street which is some distance for most residents of Highland Park. Most residents would expect to drive, if they wished to use the park. We believe investigating options to improve access from this part of the suburb would be consistent with a number of policies and objectives of the Suburban Reserves Management Plan and other Wellington Plans and should be a priority. While the Oban Street Access appears the easiest as there is already a right of way, it is probably not the only option. For example, there may be other options that could be pursued with Kiwi Rail and local residents (purchasing a new right of way as distinct from land may be feasible).

While not part of the current management plan for a range of reasons we understand, the Association would be interested in the Council remaining open to investigating future options which would allow access to the Kaiwharawhara Stream mouth and the Harbourfront as part of further development of Trellissick Park or a new coastal park.

Sector 3: Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn

Consistent with the point made above, many parts of Highland Park do not have easy access to either green spaces or the waterfront. The most significant space available to our residents in this part of the sector is Fort Buckley. Our association has worked with the city to develop this Reserve. In recent years, there has been a focus on improving access and providing opportunities for people to use it for scenic and recreation purposes (a tables and various benches). Fort Buckley is primarily a Cultural and Heritage Reserve and as such is classified appropriately. We also recognise that the site does require significant maintenance. The Association has taken on a role in keeping it accessible to the public through basic maintenance. There are, however, areas where improvements could be made that the council could support such as changing parts of the track to incorporating rises/steps in some places which would make the site more accessible for a wider range of people.

In addition, we would recommend that the Council keep an open mind about further developments in this space in the future. Historically it was accessible from the Hutt Road. While steep, that is not unusual for tracks and parks, in the Wellington region. In the future, it may also form a link to potential developments in Kaiwharawhara and/or the harbour front.

Large Tree Policy

The objectives and implications as it relates to this plan were not very clear, and therefore, it was not obvious whether we should have a view. The management of trees is often an area of dispute between neighbours and that is expected to apply also in the case of reserves, including road reserves. Large mature trees are a beautiful addition to many neighbourhoods and for walkways, etc. However, as the trees grow they can also change the environment adversely for some residents – blocking out sun and views – that they have become accustomed to. We expect that how to balance different people’s interests will need to be managed on a case by case basis.

Oral Submission

We would appreciate the opportunity to make a short oral submission.

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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN, OCTOBER 2014

FROM CRESWICK VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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I am making this submission on behalf of the Creswick Valley Residents' Association (CVRA).

SUBMISSION

This submission will provide comments on the relevant sections of the draft Plan.

Creswick Valley Residents Association has an interest in the following reserves: Old Karori Road reserve, the Chaytor Street reserve, the Creswick Terrace Play Area, Ian Galloway Park and the Albermarle Reserve. All of these reserves are located within the Kaiwharawhara catchment and contribute to the amenity values of the Creswick Valley, overlooked by parts of Karori, Northland and Wilton.

Chapter 1 Introduction

In section 1.4, the statement is made that “retaining flexibility of use and providing for multiple values in each space needs to be a key attribute of all reserves to maximize the value of each space”.

We would submit that for some reserves, the attributes of ecology and connectivity will be of higher priority than flexibility of use.

We recommend that the statement above be augmented to state that for those reserves where connectivity is a key attribute, there would not be the same level of flexibility of use that other reserves may have.

In addition, CVRA values open spaces for their undeveloped character and that attribute should be an important part of landscape values of reserves.

Chapter 2 Objectives and Policies

In general the objectives and policies for reserves look sensible and practicable. Comments on some policies follow.

Policy 2.1.1 Protect and enhance corridors of vegetation to provide visual coherence and unifying themes across the landscape.

CVRA agrees that focusing on the connectedness of ecosystems and enhancing the ecology of individual reserves (p9 Summary Document) is of vital concern to the city and should be strongly reflected in the proposed actions in this draft Plan and in the day-to day management of each relevant reserve.

We also consider that the policy should refer to corridors of open space as well as to corridors of vegetation.

Policy 2.1.2 The Council will work with developers to establish reserves that recognize significant landscape and amenity values and contribute to a wider landscape connectedness and coherence.

The policy is laudable but there are some real constraints as to whether reserves can be established without firstly, a system of early warning from Council’s planning teams to Council’s reserves planners that such an opportunity may exist. Council planners do not seem to have given effect to any of the “Future Initiatives” published by Council in 2004 for potential new or added reserves.

Secondly, it requires a “willing” developer to work with local communities and with Council and to appreciate the value of the vegetation on their land, and the value of adjacent reserves of regional or local significance.

The policy should be amended to read “communities and developers” to identify and establish reserves.....”

Thirdly, developers may allege that the vegetation on a particular piece of land is of no value and can be removed, whereas the ecological function of such vegetation can be significant and can “buffer” an adjacent reserve.

If Council is serious about implementing this policy, we submit that early consultation with communities and developers is required and where regionally significant vegetation with connectedness values are identified, then a developer is required to seek expert advice in order to establish a new reserve and to consult with local communities and with Council.

Chapter 3

Section 3.3.3 Dog exercise area in Ian Galloway Park

There is a proposal to relocate the dog exercise area in Ian Galloway Park to the adjoining larger training area to the north.

Although CVRA supports the relocation of the dog exercise in principle, in practice, however, drainage at this site needs extensive work before the area is suitable for a dog exercise area.

In addition, Council should investigate the provision of a pedestrian crossing from the residential side of Curtis Street to the Park side in the vicinity of the relocated dog exercise area, for the safety of residents and their dogs.

As the draft Reserves Plan envisages that Karori residents would also use the relocated dog exercise area, provision of additional car parking on the western side of the road would be required. However, the provision of parking will need to be considered with some care, given the parking requirements for regional BMX events so that the safety of all park users and local traffic is not compromised and any negative impacts on local amenity values are avoided.

The CVRA would be interested in contributing to the detailed design of the dog exercise area in due course.

Section 3.3.5 Ecology and biodiversity

Old Karori Road Reserve

The CVRA has taken a particular interest in the Old Karori Road reserve and the potential for this reserve to be compromised by an application by a developer to fill the valley adjacent to the reserve.

The Wildlands Report (Ecological Assessment of 55-85 Curtis Street Stage Two, prepared for the Wellington City Council, November 2012) emphasizes the tenuous nature of the connectivity corridor between Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush at the 55-85 Curtis Street site that is adjacent to the Old Karori Road reserve.

The proposal to remove much of the vegetation on the western escarpment of the 55-85 Curtis Street site would, if granted, have a significant effect on the Old Karori Road reserve by opening up the vegetation to sun and wind, thus affecting the glow worm colonies that are present in the seepage wetlands.

The relevant action: "Protect and enhance the biodiversity values of the Old Karori Road corridor and the contribution it makes to connectivity between Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush", is insufficient in CVRA's view and should be strengthened to include protecting the buffer vegetation on the western escarpment as well.

The CVRA urges the re-classification of this area is progressed from legal road to a reserve as a Council priority. It is 26 years since the road was stopped and the area planted. Given the regionally significant ecological values of this area, greater protection of this actual reserve is urgently needed.

Section 3.3.7 Community groups and partnerships

Albermarle Reserve

The CVRA supports the action in this section to work with the local community and adjacent schools to restore the native vegetation in Albermarle Reserve.

The CVRA also supports the re-classification of parts of Albermarle Reserve to Scenic B, as a priority action, to better reflect the restoration of native vegetation and the landscape values of this reserve.

Creswick Terrace Play Area

The CVRA has been instrumental in planting native vegetation on the bank of the Creswick Terrace Play Area so that, in time, the bank will be stabilized and will enhance the reserve's current values.

There is a proposed action to provide a second point of access from higher up on Creswick Terrace to improve access and better connect the park to the local walking route network.

CVRA does not support this proposed action. A set of steps would be costly to build and save perhaps 3 minutes of walking to the Play Area.

Section 3.4.5 Ecology and biodiversity

Chaytor Street Reserve

Although not mentioned in the text, the Chaytor Street reserve is a critical connectivity link between Zealandia and Otari-Wilton’s Bush. The CVRA endorses the statement in the draft Reserves Plan that

“Protecting and enhancing opportunities for ecological connectivity in the spaces between them [Zealandia and Otari-Wilton’s Bush] is essential.”

The CVRA supports the reclassification of the Chaytor Street reserve to Scenic B to better reflect the ecological and connectivity values of this reserve in this context.

The CVRA would also support the classification of the western escarpment above Appleton Park which is contiguous with this reserve, to Scenic B to protect the connectivity values of Appleton Park.

We consider both these reclassifications as high priority actions for the Council.

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To: [BUS: Suburban Reserves](#)
Subject: Submission on the review of Alexandra Road Play Area
Date: Saturday, 29 November 2014 5:43:58 p.m.

We live in 20 Ariki Road Hataitai and our property is adjacent to the Alexandra Road playground. Our view is that Council should retain this play ground. It is used frequently by families and people of all ages - as this is the only flat, grass playing surface in the area. Even the local school - Hataitai primary school has no grass.

An important value of Council is "to create valued experiences that grow healthy communities and healthy environments. And also to increase participation in sport and recreation"

The playground at Alexandra Road helps fulfill these objectives.

Our strong view is that Council should retain this important area of open space.

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Dear Sir/Madam

DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 (the Plan) .

The Hataitai Residents' Association (the Association) has been in existence for many years. The Association's primary purpose is to represent the interests of Hataitai residents – primarily to central or local government agencies. The Association is a very good point of contact for parties, such as the Wellington City Council, who wish to introduce proposals that may affect Hataitai residents.

We have read the Plan, and were surprised (and somewhat alarmed) by the proposed actions in the Plan that may affect the Hataitai community. Specifically we have noted the following proposed actions:

- *Alexandra Road Play Area - Work with the local community to review the use of this reserve and the possible relocation of the play area. If alternative neighbourhood park space and play provision can be provided consider disposal.*

We are very concerned to read that the Alexandra Road Play Area could be disposed of. We have already received comment from some Hataitai residents about this proposal. The comments are included in the Attachment to this submission.

- *Treasure Island / Kainui Reserve - Install better signage identifying the park and the track route through the park. Consider opportunities to diversify community use of the park.*

We do not understand what "Consider opportunities to diversify community use of the park" means.

- *Hataitai Community House and Waipapa Play Area - Potential to discuss public use of the disused bowls green to diversify outdoor recreation and informal play opportunities at the site.*

We are certain that the Hataitai Community Recreational Trustee (the HCRT), the organisation with responsibility for the future of former Hataitai Bowling Club, would welcome a discussion with Council in advancing the HCRT's plans for the former Hataitai Bowling Club land and buildings. However, to read about the Council's interest in the bowling green for the first time in the Plan is a little unsettling.

Rather than reading about (and being surprised by) the proposed actions in the Plan, we would have preferred discussing such matters with Council representatives as part of the process of developing the Plan. As an alternative we would like to meet with Council representatives as soon as possible – see further details below.

Our Association strongly supports the retention of green space in our city, and in Hataitai in particular. As the Plan correctly notes much of Hataitai is a steep hillside suburb. As a consequence flat green space is a rarity. What the Plan does not acknowledge is that Hataitai has a large number of families – as evidenced by the local schools, kindergartens and playcentre overflowing with children. And there is no sign of this trend abating in the future. It is therefore essential for families that the amenity value of the existing green space in the Hataitai community is retained. It follows that the Hataitai community would strongly resist any action to dispose of the Alexandra Road Play Area, or any other action to reduce the green space within Hataitai.

We would therefore ask that the Council work closely with the Hataitai community in progressing the actions in the Plan. We are strongly of the view that any proposals must be supported by a significant majority of the affected residents in the form of positive agreement. Consultation alone, in our view, is insufficient.

We would appreciate meeting with Council representatives to discuss the aspects of the Plan that directly affect the Hataitai community. This will require us to arrange a special meeting of our Association that I am happy to organise. We would appreciate having this discussion before making an oral submission to Councillors in February 2015. In arranging this meeting please contact Roy Glass on 970 2481 (home) or on 917 1510 (work).

Yours faithfully



Roy Glass
Treasurer
Hataitai Residents' Association

Attachment – Comments Received from Hataitai Residents about the Possible Disposal of the Alexandra Road Play Area

- I value Alexandra Road Play Area very much and see it as important to retain green space and large safe places for children to run-around widely and freely without risk of being run over by cars reversing from driveways, or motorbikes, or buses... This space is safe as it is viewed by nearby houses, doesn't have a 'rough' element, is free (largely) from graffiti and vandalism.

Keeping Wellington as a child friendly city is important to make it an attractive place for talent to live. We will have better economic growth if we have an attractive city.

My neighbour allows us to pass through his property with the children, to access the park. There are many who access it through 'shortcuts' kindly provided by neighbours. It is a true neighbourhood asset, and is well supported by neighbours.

Let more building go on in brown-fields sites, not green-fields.

- I would like to let you know that my family relies on the Alexandra Rd play regularly, especially on weekends, and think it should be retained as a park. We live on Alexandra Rd, on a steep section with no flat outdoor space to speak of, for kids to kick a ball on, ride their bikes safely, have a good runaround etc. The park has some got some great play equipment, it is the perfect nearby place for meeting neighbourhood friends and it has a soccer goal! Our local bus #20 only runs on weekdays so on weekends it's the only park we can reach on foot and with babies/toddlers the Crescent in Roseneath is too far without a car. The green belt isn't flat, nor fenced, nor is it an intimate family friendly space conducive to free-range play (especially with young children).
- Well this is all news to me about the council selling off the park. That would be so wrong as so many people use it. I mainly see families up there and people walking dogs. Also men exercising and boys kicking balls around. The park is also a young mum's hang out during the day. Gosh! I would so hate to see it go as the park is my back access to my property and is such a big help when lugging groceries home. I can't imagine it being developed or sold off which would also mean that the small amount of street parking up there on Alexandra Road would be so limited - worse than it is now.

Have your say

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

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You may also like to make an oral submission to Councillors in support of your written submission. To do this please let us know and provide your contact details.

What happens next

1. Comments on the draft plan are due Friday 5 December 2014.
2. Submissions will be analysed. Oral submissions will be held in February 2015. Amendments to the plan could be made based on submissions.
3. The final Suburban Reserves Management Plan will go to the Council for approval in April 2015.

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Making a submission

I am making feedback as an individual on behalf of an organisation

Name of organisation

HATAITAI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors Yes No

If yes please provide a phone number above so that a submission time can be arranged.

Comments are due by 5pm, Friday 5 December 2014.

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Questions

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan? (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

We do not know enough about the process for progressing the actions under the draft plan to know whether to support or oppose the general direction of the draft plan.

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

a) Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

b) Sector 2. Trelissick Park (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

c) Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

d) Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

e) Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston (please circle)

- 1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

f) Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook (please circle)

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

We do not know enough about the process for progressing the actions under the draft plan to know whether to support or oppose the direction and policies for Sector 6.

g) Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay (please circle)

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

h) Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point (please circle)

1 strongly oppose 2 oppose 3 neither support nor oppose 4 support 5 strongly support

Why do you say this?

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

Yes No

Your comments

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority? (please circle)

Yes No

Your comments

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan? (please circle)

Yes No

Your comments

The proposed actions are difficult to understand and very cryptic. The process for progressing the proposed actions is not explained at all.

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan?

Name of the reserve and legal description	Your comments relating to the proposed classification

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

We would like to meet with Council representatives to discuss the aspects of the plan that directly affect the Hataitai community. We would appreciate having this discussion before making an oral submission to Councillors in February 2015.

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Thank you for your comments.

Please return this feedback form by 5 December 2014.

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Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 ***4 December 2014***

Mt Cook Mobilised is pleased to offer this short submission in response to the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014.

We support the overall direction and objectives of the draft plan and consider that the three areas defined as reserves within the Mt Cook area (Torrens Crescent, Myrtle Crescent and Hospital Road), although small, are important to the suburb and are pleased that there appears no intent to reclassify the status of any of them.

We note that recent planting has enhanced the sites and urge the Council to consider further improvements, particularly to the Torrens Terrace site that is somewhat scruffy, overgrown and there has been rubbish dumped among the trees on the border. We urge the Council to regularly maintain the reserves to ensure they are people/child friendly and conform to highest CPTED standards.

We also submit our view that the Adelaide Road upgrade will be an opportunity to expand green space(s) on the border of the suburb and look forward to this being a key feature of its design.

We note that the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan includes an action point to support a community garden at the Hospital Road park. Capital Kids Co-operative and Newtown Kindergarten are neighbours of the Hospital Road Park, they may be interested in deriving educational opportunities from a community garden initiative. The Hospital Road park is partially bordered by a large wall that is often covered in graffiti. The site would be enhanced if a street art mural was painted on this wall. This park would be more attractive for people to spend time in if seating was provided.

We would also like to take this opportunity to comment on two green spaces in Mt Cook which are covered by the Town Belt Management Plan and where partnership between Council and the Mt Cook community has enhanced these spaces. Papawai Reserve, which is below lower Prince of Wales Park, has been planted and cultivated by the Papawai Reserve Group, a Mt Cook community group. We very much appreciate the assistance and support that WCC Parks and Gardens has provided to the group. The Mt Cook Play Area in Hutchison Road was developed by Council in consultation with members of the Mt Cook community. It is now a pleasant children's play space, and a place for families and students of the neighbouring Te Whaea complex to meet. This area was formerly little used.

We appreciate the Council's intention to manage the suburban reserves on behalf of and in partnership with the wider community and remain committed to being involved in any further developments in Mt Cook.

We would like to thank the Wellington City Council for the opportunity to comment.

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To: [BUS: Suburban Reserves](#)
Cc: c.anstey@paradise.net.nz
Subject: Draft suburban reserves management plan
Date: Thursday, 4 December 2014 12:08:39 p.m.

My name is Toni Izzard.
My address is 67a Rakau Road, Hataitai.
My phone number is 027 5480 989.
My email address is tizdawiz@gmail.com.

My submission relates specifically to the Alexandra Road reserve (pages 31 - 31 of the draft plan).

I strongly oppose the suggestion to "Review the role of Alexandra Road play area for play and outdoor recreation and assess alternative sites and options for this area".

Ever since I discovered this wee gem of a reserve, I have held fears that its attractiveness and wonderful views would expose it to developers' demands.

I use the reserve almost every working day, walking though it on my way home. There are very often children playing in the reserve, and toddlers with their parents who appreciate the sanctity and shelter of this area. Council's low key maintenance means the grass often grows long and wild, which adds to the feeling that this is a little oasis in a big city.

It is also one of the very few reserves on the eastern flank of Mt Victoria (see map, page 31), and as such should be retained for the community which lives in the higher parts of Hataitai/Roseneath.

I would urge you to preserve this area as a reserve. It is quiet, secluded, sheltered, attractive and very special.

I would like to be heard in support of my submission.

Thank you.

Toni Izzard

Sent from my iPad

submission in regards to the Suburban Reserves Management Plan.

My name is Tim Harrod and I'm a rate paying permanent resident of Wellington residing in Berhampore, should you wish to contact me regarding this submission my phone number is 021 277 7797.

I also wish to present this as an oral submission to Council.

Kind regards,

Tim.

timothyjharrod@gmail.com

My name is Timothy James Harrod, I reside at 33 Chilka Street and am a rate paying Wellington resident. This is my part submission in respect of the actions recommended for the Jeypore Street Playground ("the Playground") described within the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan (the "Plan").

This submission **does not** support the Management Plan's recommended action to decommission the playground, nor any other action that would result in the decommissioning of the playground on the following grounds:

The Jeypore Street Playground is a focal point for our community's parents and their children. It often receives visitors from beyond the immediate streets who are drawn to its picket fenced enclosure, mature trees complete with abundant native bird life, clean and well kempt swings, slides and shock absorbent playground surface. With the latching gates, small gardens and park bench it is a safe and accessible complete package and loved by all who take the time use it.

Use is high with babies in strollers to toddlers, primary and intermediate school kids to early teenagers all finding something attractive and enjoyable within the playground to make it their own. The kids are accompanied by mum and dad with a watchful eye who might also be looking for respite from a walk or just to meet others to chat with and the haven provided by the playground fits their purpose too. Our community includes some infirm and aged people who also find access into the Playground a boon and they, like their younger neighbours, find something enticing within the Playground that they too call their own, though it may not be the playground but more the pleasant and serene environment found year round within it or the activity and antics of the kids frequenting it.

It is a playground for all ages through all seasons.

The Playground is far more than its simple descriptor implies. Berhampore's only other community focal point is the small selection of shops located to north where Playgrounding is poor and shop selection and variety is limited. The Playground is a destination which costs nothing to visit, you go there in the full knowledge that you'll be there for a while, expecting to meet others from the community or surrounds and knowing you have things in common; kids at play and the community we call home. Those common interests are the easy openers for conversation, where you will learn more about your neighbours in 5 minutes than you would by simply residing in a street for a year.

Connections are made, strengthening the sense of community, belonging and togetherness. The foundations of community care and resilience have been seeded in the Playground as the agreement to form Neighbourhood Watch was made while watching kids play from the park bench overlooking the slide.

New residents often find their first neighbourhood friends at the Playground, forming bonds that last the years and distance as some people have moved on making their way in the world with enduring memories of their kids playing in the Playground.

It is a playground essential to developing and maintaining community.

It might seem to those who don't visit the playground or even know it exists, that the haven I describe is used by only a few, and that my wistful description may be protecting a secret jewel for a few who use it rarely and on a whim? Those thoughts are far from the truth.

During winter the playground provides some limited shelter and brings pockets of under-fives throughout the day. A classroom of primary and intermediate school aged children visit, often daily, and once the school bell rings for the end of the day children of all ages congregate until their parents call out it's time for tea. The weekend activities and numbers can easily triple, quadruple or more depending on the winter weather. Summer with the days longer, the weather more clement and more time to relax with public holidays and annual leave being taken, sees a huge influx in the frequenters of the Playground.

Though anecdotal, it would be fair to think that the total hours of use by all those who use the playground would exceed 10,000 per year. I know that taking account of increased summer use and good and bad weather, essentially an average of our family's use, that my partner, our daughter and I visit our Playground often twice a weekend together for at least an hour, my partner and daughter visit the playground at least twice during weekdays for an hour and my daughter and her care giver will visit a least twice during weekdays for an hour. The simple interactions of our family alone accumulate to around 700 hours of use per year. We are one family, recently the street held a street party with well over 80 people joining in and more than 15 families, this is the third street party we have held over the last three years and the numbers attending from the neighbourhood has grown every year. Many of the families have more than one child, but being conservative, if my family spends 700 hours and the other 14 families do similar, the potential hours of accumulated use can easily top 10,500 hours without accounting for the time spent by the local school when it comes to visit.

It is a playground that is well utilised.

You might think that all this use might increase the cost to manage the playground, surprisingly officers indicated the annual maintenance of the playground was around \$2000 per annum, in the context of council expenditure, considering it thinks nothing of throwing \$20,000 at a sand pit in the CBD for only a few weeks of use, the cost is miniscule and equates to less than \$0.20c per hour of use. I find this to be exceptional value for money as a rate payer. This view is considered against the 12 minutes of entertainment provided by the circa \$200,000 a year Sky Show. If viewed by 150,000 people this community activity costs around \$6.70 per hour per person.

Further, the capital cost of the playground has been bought and paid for through previous annual plan processes, to waste this investment by removing it seems on the face of it to be ludicrous. Particularly as it will cost a further \$10,000 to decommission the playground and reinstate it with something else that may

end up as operating funding not capital. So the potential to fund five years of maintenance is used up in the removal of something already paid for, why spend money to lose money?

The community takes pride in the playground and often cleans the playground of the leaf litter, even though the leaves are fun for the children to run through in winter, and is often cleaning the kerbs and grated sump covers of vegetation as Council rarely seems to do this. This pride contributes to the low cost to maintain as vandalism and wilful damage is not common, the playground is well respected.

It is a playground that costs little to maintain, providing a great return on investment for rate payers.

Though small our playground provides a point of connection to the wider reserves and town belt, though for us the town belt is essentially a golf course, so use by children comes with physical risk as well as the occasional verbal ones, contributing to the sustainability and diversity of this network of valuable assets.

In considering the appropriateness of the playground within this network, we are reminded how well it contributes to achieving the objective of the Playgrounds Policy 2002. This Policy is to provide a “Range of safe and enjoyable and stimulating playgrounds across the city in a way that best meets the needs of children, care givers, communities and the city for access, safety, amenity and maintenance.” Our playground contributes to every element, but in so doing, also contributes to objectives within the other policies the Suburban Reserves Management Plan (the “Plan”) is required to deliver upon.

It is a playground that contributes to a range of objectives.

Finally, there was no engagement with us prior to publication of this Plan, unlike the people who use Mercy Park in Newtown and Carrara Park whose communities considered their spaces as “...important outdoor spaces for people living in higher density accommodation” we may not have “higher density accommodation”, but unlike those residents we were not engaged with prior to this plan’s development and wonder why we were discriminated against?

It could be argued that Council officers failed to understand the very nature of a playground where people interact within a safe and gated environment. I say this as the notice to the public advising the Playground was subject to consultation on this Plan, was posted on a single A3 sized notice, and affixed to the road frontage of the playground. This might sound reasonable unless you visited the playground and you would notice the gates to enter are on the opposite side and that people interact inside the fence not outside of it. So the sign has no visibility to users, further, the sign is adjacent to a road intersection, so vehicular traffic cannot observe the sign safely while turning or driving past and the size of the print means it is illegible from more than 3 metres. If the sign had been inside adjacent the gates, it would be visible to the target audience and we would have been aware of the issues earlier, rather than have the first indication of something being afoot coming from our Councillor via a casual conversation in the Street.

Eventually the Community met with a Council Officer in November, where Council could listen to our concerns and discuss the Plan. However, there was repeated reference by the Officer attending to what other amenity the Community might want. It felt to us as though there was no listening to or acknowledgment of our desire to retain the “amenity” we have. And we wonder still, what other amenity could possibly replace the Playground, car parking was touted by the officer, however the neighbourhood would argue there is surplus of that already.

Clearly this approach to engagement and public consultation does not reduce the feeling or perception the community might have that Council has predetermined its position and will decommission the playground, and will do the least it has to, to satisfy its legal obligations and the least it can do to raise public interest. Heaven forbid the community that the Council serves might have an alternate view or needs?

To close, Council, retain an open mind and don't stick doggedly to the Plan that sees outliers to policy scrapped. Look instead to the benefits that outliers might create and for a moment consider that bigger and centralised might not always be better, that perhaps the Jeypore Playground is the model that could be fostered across the Clusters to help create community and make the reserves a more sustainable and connected network. We implore you to leave Jeypore as it is and help us to continue to be a community together, with small assets like this creating focal points and benefits that punch well above their weight, rather than undermine the very spirit of our community by destroying one of the keys to its success.

The creation of a great community asset at Wakefield Park need not mean the demise of our treasured playground, in fact, seize the opportunity, understand why Jeypore is a success, obtain some facts, ignore our imperfect fit into your imperfect Plan, embrace the diversity and have both!

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3 December 2014

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Submission - Seatoun Park Playground

Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached is our submission **objecting** to the third bullet point "Key Action" on page 39 of the Wellington City Council's Summary Draft Suburban Management Plan, namely:

"Gradually decommission play equipment at Seatoun Park....."

One or both of us would like to be heard at the Environment Committee meeting on 12 February

Yours sincerely

The image shows three handwritten signatures in blue ink. On the left, there are two overlapping signatures, likely for Derek and Judy McCorkindale. To the right of these is a single signature that reads "JA McCorkindale".

Derek and Judy McCorkindale

Submission - Seatoun Park Playground

Position

Derek and Judy McCorkindale ("we") are **opposed** to the "Key action" on page 39 of the Wellington City Council's ("Council") Summary Draft Suburban Management Plan 2014 to:

"Gradually decommission play equipment at Seatoun Park...",

for the reasons set out below:

Reasons

600 metre proposal.

1. At the public meeting on Saturday 29 November held at the Seatoun Park Playground, councillors advised, and parks planning officer (Bec) confirmed, that the Council has a draft policy criterion for playgrounds to be no closer than 600 metres from each other and with Churchill Park playground 230 metres away to the north there is a potential breach of this draft policy. To the south the nearest playground is in Breaker Bay approximately 2,000 metres away from Seatoun Park.
2. While we agree it is appropriate for councils to have planning rules, one based on distance is arbitrary, flawed and fails to give due recognition to existing use. Other measures such as playgrounds per household or per head of population would be more scientific than an arbitrary and subjective distance test (perhaps the distance test is sufficient when planning large new subdivisions). Even if the 600 metre policy is adopted surely Council is allowed to make exceptions to policy?
3. The Seatoun Park Playground has been in existence for at least 40 years and to propose a decommissioning because the draft policy says there shouldn't be two playgrounds within 600 metres of one another is unfair. Why should families who have enjoyed this playground for generations be deprived of this asset because of an arbitrary policy?
4. If the demographics of the suburb show that the population has contracted significantly then perhaps a case for decommissioning is more understandable but we do not believe Seatoun's population has fallen so dramatically that such an action would be justified.

Health, safety and wellness.

5. It is ironic that Council is proposing to decommission an existing asset at a time when levels of childhood obesity are increasing while other countries are containing or reducing these levels. Enjoyment and use of the playground and its equipment by children are outcomes which must assist in the country's fight against obesity. Rather than decommissioning playgrounds the Council should be building more and also providing fitness equipment (see suggestions further below).

6. We are not aware whether the current equipment complies with Health and Safety guidelines, but even if it does do not, as parents and grandparents we consider the low level risks posed by the current equipment acceptable and consider the Council should take a medium term approach to complying with their obligations under the Health and Safety Act rather than close non-complying playgrounds in haste.
7. As a fully fenced playground the Seatoun Park playground is a very safe space for toddlers, compared to Churchill Park playground with no fences and bordering onto the beach.

Usage.

8. Our family has lived at 22 Burnham Street Seatoun, which is diagonally across the park from the playground, for the past 34 years and we are still there! We used the playground regularly with our 3 children in their toddler to young teen years and now we are doing the same with our 2 grandchildren who live in Miramar but come to us on a weekly basis.
9. In addition to specific outings to 'play at the park' (which generally means 'to go to the playground'), on Saturday mornings (mainly in the summer) when our sons were playing cricket at the park, our daughter would go and play on the playground equipment. Playgrounds and sports fields are complementary and create opportunities for more use (see suggestions further below).
10. The playground equipment is in poor condition and while we consider children don't need elaborate equipment to be able to enjoy themselves, investing in some new items and maintaining the current ones will increase usage and enjoyment of the playground.

Costs.

11. It is evident from the state of the equipment at the playground that little or nothing has been spent on maintenance for many years, just lawn mowing. Meanwhile Churchill Park playground does appear to be the beneficiary of an active maintenance and replacement regime. However, according to the DomPost, the Council recently spent \$20,000 on a temporary sandpit in Civic Square. While this initiative presumably had its own objectives this is an example of funding for playgrounds/physical recreation. Decommissioning the equipment will incur expenditure and still leave the cost of lawn mowing so there will be no cost savings in this area.
12. At the public meeting we were advised that there is a figure of \$125,000 in the budget for Churchill Park playground equipment replacement/upgrades. Some of this could be allocated to the Seatoun Park playground as the two playgrounds cater, to some extent, for different users. More out-of-suburb users enjoy the beach front playground at Churchill Park, while Seatoun Park is a neighbourhood playground and also enjoyed by families and supporters of sports teams who are on the playing field.
13. Ongoing maintenance need not be onerous on Council. While we cannot speak for other members of the Seatoun community we would be prepared to assist in periodic maintenance working bees organized by the Council (an example of a "public- private partnership"!)

Suggestions

Rather than decommission the play equipment we consider the Council should invest in Seatoun Park playground on the grounds of existing usage, health, safety and equity, as follows:

Fitness stations

14. Co-location with the sports field presents an ideal opportunity for the Council to install some low cost, simple and safe fitness stations in the playground area (and conceivably around the perimeter of the sports field) as a health initiative and a simple way of increasing usage of the park generally. Sports players, fitness enthusiasts and 'boot camp' operators would all make use of these pieces of equipment while at times their children can be enjoying the play equipment.

Barbecue

15. We consider Seatoun park users to be responsible people and the playground area would be the ideal location for the Council to install a free public gas barbecue along the lines of those found in Australia. This may be a first for Wellington but we feel it would be a worthy initiative to pursue in a location where users are well behaved and where the neighbourhood maintains a sharp eye on public activities.

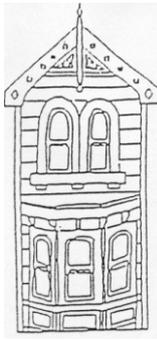
Disabled access

16. We would support the installation of equipment for the disabled in the Seatoun Park playground. The playground is very accessible being a flat site adjacent to the roadside and presents an ideal location for the Council to demonstrate its commitment to accessible facilities for people with disabilities.

Additional plantings and outdoor furniture

17. The Seatoun Park playground area is marginally more sheltered than Churchill Park playground on the beachfront and could be made more inviting by sensible wind break plantings and installation of additional 'street furniture' such as seats and picnic tables. These enhancements would contribute to a more enjoyable recreational experience for playground users.

Derek and Judy McCorkindale
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Submission on: Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

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Submission on behalf of Newtown Residents' Association. Views of the Association were gathered at two Association meetings and via notices in the Association newsletter. The draft submission was circulated to the Association executive committee.

The Newtown Residents' Association would like to make an oral submission.

Submission:

The Newtown Residents' Association (the Association) appreciates the opportunity to have a say on the draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan, and congratulates Wellington City staff on a well presented and readable document.

Newtown Residents' Association interest and context:

1. Our Association represents Newtown, Beramphore and Mt Cook, and falls within Sector 6 south of Basin Reserve, although our area of interest is more extensive.
2. The Association represents an area of relatively high population density by NZ standards, with generally small residential land parcels that were laid out in the 19th century. Recent trends of infill housing and multi-story residential development has resulted in relatively small areas of private open space. This means less space for recreation, ornamental and vegetable gardens, fruit trees and large specimen trees and reduces opportunities for daily physical activity as well as habitat for birds and other species in the urban environment. This places greater importance on the quantity and quality of public open space as a contributor to the quality of urban life.

3. This trend is likely to continue. The Association covers areas identified by Council for more intensive residential development along the southern transport corridor. The 2013 census for areas within the Association area shows the population is around 17,750. Intensification is spreading outwards from Te Aro into our area, albeit so far at a more modest rate than closer to the CBD. Between 2006 and 2013 there were population growth rates of 16.5% in Newtown West, 5.4% in Mt Cook Wallace St, 8.3% in Adelaide and 3.4% in Newtown East. This accounts for nearly 950 additional residents.
4. The Association area has pockets of high socio economic deprivation with relatively high levels of social housing and is also culturally diverse. There are also a number of facilities for the elderly in the area. All these factors mean that it is important to have public open space for people to recreate and interact socially close to their homes, that are safely accessed by children within sight and earshot of homes and have open space to run around in, natural and imaginative play opportunities as well as standard play equipment and accessible neighbourhood reserves with paths, seating and shelter from wind and sun.
5. Neighbourhood reserves also have a role connecting neighbourhoods and providing short cuts between neighbourhoods. This encourages people to walk as they move through the area in their day to day lives with health benefits. Examples are Carrara and Mercy Parks and Myrtle Crescent Reserve. The latter is a small grassed area with two trees, but has potential for improved amenity with higher quality materials e.g. the boundary fence. Relatively small gestures would lift the role and character of such small reserve areas, enhancing the neighbourhood.
6. Planning for reserves in this part of the city needs to take a long view. It needs not only to continue to cater well for the current population, but also to provide for public open space to meet the needs of the ongoing increase in population and density expected over the coming decades. The Association acknowledges that the Town Belt is accessible to many residents and provides for casual recreation as well as organised sport and opportunities for people to be in the natural world. From a community point of view, the distinction between land that comes under the Town Belt or is a reserve under the Reserves Act is generally not made as both contribute to public open space available for residents.
7. We also acknowledge that provision of additional public space is difficult given the intensive development in the area. However, we believe in the value of having small,

quality open public areas sprinkled through the urban setting and integrated into the street setting.

Key Actions Proposed for this Sector

8. We support the actions proposed in the draft management plan for this sector except for the proposal to decommission Jeypore Street playground. In particular we support:
 - Improvements to Hospital Road Park to attract use. Use of this reserve is likely to increase with urban intensification along Adelaide Road
 - Initiatives at Mercy and Carrara Parks
 - Community gardens/orchards and edible plants in public open space such as at Carrara Park, Mercy and Hospital Parks
 - Protecting and enhancing the street tree network
 - Classifying Mercy Park Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act.

9. **Jeypore Street Playground:** Our Association strongly opposes the proposal to decommission the Jeypore Street playground. We encourage pocket parks like this because it is particularly important to have safe places where small children can play close to their homes. They also provide a focus for the community, contribute to amenity and enjoyment and encourage physical activity. The Association supports development of a playground at Wakefield Park, and encourages the Council to consider incorporating adventure, natural or imaginative play opportunities as well as standard play equipment. However, we note that Council policy is to provide play opportunities within a 10 minute walk or 600 metres from most homes. To walk to Wakefield Park from homes around the Jeypore St playground takes longer than the recommended 10 minutes. People in the area are less likely to walk to Wakefield Park with small children than down the road to the Jeypore Street playground. In addition, decommissioning this play area will mean loss of the particular neighbourhood character of this part of the area the Association has an interest in, and we strongly support the Council in continuing to maintain this playground.

Other Comments and Suggestions

10. The Association notes that that some pieces of land that are used as public open space are not identified in the document. Two of these are Quirk's Corner at the corner of Normanby and Daniell Streets and the small park at the corner of Wilson and Daniell Streets. We are unsure of the status of these small areas and are

interested in plans for them and how their protection as public open space can be assured. We support steps to protect these small parks, for example by declaring them reserves and classifying them under the Reserves Act 1977, bringing them into the Suburban Reserves Management Plan and managing them under the policies of the plan.

11. We recommend and would support the Council in identifying and ensuring future provision of more such neighbourhood/pocket parks in areas that are to intensify such as along Adelaide Road. We suggest:
 - Planning to provide neighbourhood reserves or pocket parks for Adelaide Road from John Street to the Basin Reserve as part of urban intensification and the anticipated increases in population
 - Include provision for dog exercise areas, as demand close to people's homes will grow as urban density increases
 - Providing access to the Town Belt from the Adelaide Road area between Basin Reserve and John Street for casual recreation and dog exercise, demand for which is also certain to grow. Currently, access is difficult because of Government House and Wellington Boys' College grounds.

12. The Association draws attention to potential for temporary parks on sites that are often vacant for a year or two awaiting redevelopment. There is potential and considerable value in the interim use of these as temporary pop-up parks or gardens at minimal cost in conjunction with local communities and the private land owners. A current site is the corner of Newtown Avenue and Daniell St.

13. The Association area has the Town Belt on three sides. This is a great benefit to the community and the community is involved in Town Belt initiatives such as Papawai Stream restoration, Truby King House and Gardens and Coromandel Street Reservoir re-vegetation. While the Town Belt has its own management plan and these areas fall outside the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, the NRA takes this opportunity to signal that we believe the association has potential for a greater level of involvement which we would like to explore with the Council.

Antoinette Bliss

From: susan livengood <susan.livengood@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 5 December 2014 6:40 a.m.
To: BUS: Suburban Reserves
Subject: Submission on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your time on the telephone this week in relation to the possible closure of the Alexandra Road Play Area. I really appreciate you taking the time out from your course to chat me through the rationale and the process.

Please find my submission below. Note that I did not use the submission form as most of the questions related to reserves that I had not considered in enough depth to submit on. Let me know if this is a problem.

I also have two video submissions from two of my children - not sure of the best way to include this in the submission process, but I think it is really important that children's opinions are heard on this matter as they are the ones who are actually using the play area. What adults think children appreciate in an area to play is often quite different from what children actually enjoy. For example, my children far prefer the wide open space of the Alexandra Play Area to the enclosed, concrete and matted environment of the Hataitai Community Centre playground.

In a nutshell, you explained that the main reason the council thinks the playground is "not ideal" is because it **does not have road frontage**. Apparently this is based on it being difficult to find and an international safety standard based on the idea that people are less likely to indulge in bad behavior, e.g. graffiti, in places with road frontage.

In response:

1. Erecting new signs on Alexandra Road and Marewa Road would make it easier to find the play area - I spoke to a mother yesterday who has tried unsuccessfully to find it because it is not signposted from Marewa Road.
2. The play area is safer than those with road frontage - there's a reduced risk of kids running on to roads and balls being kicked onto roads.
3. The play area is overlooked by a number of houses. People in houses are probably more likely to notice unsavoury behaviour than drivers who need to focus on the road.
- 4.. I have used the play area for six years and never noticed any vandalism/tagging

Your second point was that there was **"not much of a catchment"** e.g number of kids who can walk to it in 10 minutes compared to those who might surround a play area in a grid city like Christchurch.

In response:

1. 1. There are many families in the Alexandra Road/Marewa Road/Upoko Road areas and beyond - let me know if you are interested in this and I will try to extract the statistics from the Census
2. 2. For many children, the play area is their only chance to play in a large flat area as – unlike people who live on the flat - most sections around the play area do not have large lawns. It is the only place to kick a ball around.
3. 3. For these children, Alexandra Road is the only playground that can be reached by walking in 10 minutes. The next closest is in Hataitai – fine to walk down to – but getting home involves climbing 160-metre Mount Victoria - the equivalent of asking a toddler to climb a 43 storey building. I have tried this with my three children and the journey home is gruelling for all concerned.
4. If the play area was to close, my only feasible alternative for a play area would be to drive. This would have a direct negative impact on the environment by creating greenhouse gas emissions. It would also take my children out of their neighbourhood and deprive them of an opportunity to meet people who live in the area (whom they might need to rely on in an earthquake for example). In contrast, our regular walks to the Alexandra Road Play Area are an opportunity to meet neighbours and learn how to manage the hazards, e.g. cars, driveways, in the immediate proximity to where they are growing up.

You mentioned that there are few alternative areas to put a play area. One suggestion was near the Mt Vic toilets but this would need extensive fencing to kick a ball around – and even with fencing could be dangerous to motorists, and is often

frequented by off-leash dogs. There is also no proper, formed footpath to the Mount Victoria toilets so pushing a buggy to this area can be dangerous.

Finally, I am concerned that not many people seem to know that the play area may be at risk. Most of the people I have spoken to did not know about it - but once told were strongly opposed to it closing. I noticed that the sign advertising the review that is near the play area had fallen down.

I would like to make an oral submission in support of my submission.

Once again, thank you for your help in this matter. I have also contacted Iona Pannett and Cr Free to let them know of my concerns.

Best wishes,

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a. adversely affects the environment, and

b. does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competitions.

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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Submission

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

We strongly support all objectives outlined in 2.1.1

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 1](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the ares under discussion.

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
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- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the ares under discussion.

Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 3](#)

- Strongly oppose
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Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the areas under discussion.

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
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Why do you say this?

We strongly support actions in Sector 5, especially the Scenic B Reserve classification of the Adams Terrace Reserve, due to it being part of an important bird corridor between Zealandia and the city, similarly we support managing and vesting the Highbury Road site as Reserve. We also support other actions under section 3.5.5 (Ecology and biodiversity), in particular retaining (and planting) large trees in suburban reserves and working with private land owners to protect sites of ecological significance.

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
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Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the areas under discussion.

Support or Oppose

- Support
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Support or Oppose

Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park

Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
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Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the ares under discussion.

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not familiar with the area under discussion

Support or Oppose

- Support
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3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

We feel that this plan could include actions to identify and acquire land that could become vested as suburban reserve, for example the wooded escarpment on the north side of Aro Street (below Landcross St) and an area of partially occupied and rundown social housing adjacent to the Aro Street Park. The removal of buildings that are no longer required is covered in section 2.1.2, and we suggest that removing these buildings (and rebuilding on a site with an aspect better suited to housing) would increase space in one of Wellington's most used parks and improve the connection between Aro Street, the Terrace and Te Aro School. We refer to Part Section 38 TN of Wgtn, now partly Aro park and partly under- used social housing.

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

- Yes
- No

Comments

We would like to see actions around protecting and increasing ecological values have priority in the Suburban Parks Management Plan - large trees take a long time to grow so we need to start now. While not directly mentioned in this plan tackling sycamores wilding cherries, old man's beard and other invasive weeds should be a priority as the dispersal of these species are impeding regeneration of native plants and ecosystems in the Aro Valley. Another priority area is the creation of tracks, for example in the Highbury Reserve, to support recreational enjoyment and native species restoration projects.

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
 No

Comments

While the plan discusses working with private landowners to protect 'areas of ecological significance', we believe that greater protection of individual, large native trees on private land needs to be addressed as these are vital seed sources for nearby reserves.

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan? Please provide the name and legal description of the reserve and your comments. See [Appendix 2](#)

Comments

Adams Tce Reserve - Proposed classification is highly desirable as this reserve forms part of a bird corridor from Zealandia to the edge of the city. Restoration and replanting will enhance its ability to feed the native birds now repopulating the Aro Valley, due to the halo effect from Zealandia in the next door catchment.

7. Do you have additional comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to via the 'Your Supporting Documents' Tab.)

Comments

We would like to see funds available for the purchase of additional land for reserves in the Aro Valley, as this area has one of the highest population densities in the city. In particular the purchase of any property that comes up for sale adjacent to Aro park. This popular multi-purpose park will be in even greater demand as a open space in dense, inner city housing in the future. Already this Valley, so close to the city, is very well used by walkers, mountain bikers and sight seer,s as well as residents, every day.

Attached Documents

File
Aro park map
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan



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Why do you say this?

playgrounds are essential for the emotional and physical wellbeing of our youth, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, they will also be the ratepayers and consumers of health services, taking playgrounds away means increasing carbon footprint, inconvenience, decrease in safe communities because locals will have no 'hub' to meet in, also altering the environment means impacting wildlife

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Why do you say this?

see q 1

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

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Why do you say this?

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Why do you say this?

It is admirable that the council want to add additional, playgrounds, their lack of foresight is similar to that of the supermarket chains that decided to build big, thinking to do away with dairies, they are now building larger supermarkets in smaller areas to service locals. You take away the palyground you diminish the community ties, the safety and what make new zealand unique which is the simplest of things, knowing who your neighbours are, and facilitating friendships and connections that can be relied upon in natural disasters and times of need, and being free in nature

Support or Oppose

- Support
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Support or Oppose

Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park

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Why do you say this?

q1

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3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

council might consider not following through with super parks and 'consolidating but updating what they have, i.e. the old adages ..i'f it aint broke don't fix it' and also 'make do with what you have or do without'

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

- Yes
- No

Comments

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
- No

Comments

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Comments

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Comments

I plead with the council to hear my voice and those of others, this is not about finding an alternative for the current playground in jeypore street, it is about keeping what we have, I am disheartened by the lack of consultation and the rational for it, and that things might look good on a draft plan but really did anyone even bother to see the playgrounds, how they are used , talk to locals, NO NO NO, decisions made arbitrarily like pop up beaches should NOT take precedence of what has serviced a community for over 40 years and continues to do so,Take away the playgrounds and you take away the heart of our community.. This should not even be at the draft stage..STOP THIS NOW, you have the power to do it

Attached Documents

File
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Recipient: Councillors and Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Letter: Greetings,

Wellington City Council is planning to decommission the Jeypore Street playground. It is a highly utilised and treasured community asset providing a safe, fully fenced and sheltered area for children to play. It is located in a quiet area, where many people do not have backyards. The Jeypore Street playground is used regularly by local neighbourhood children, children in the wider community, and children from Berhampore School. We are strongly opposed to the Council's plan to decommission this playground because it is a living and breathing example of a community hub in action.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ann Thomson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-16	My family and neighbours value this playground greatly. It is a community hub, and a place for our children to play safely.
Jane Byrne	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-16	That little park is so special for the community and adds color and personality to the area it must stay. It is a safe and lovely place for the toddlers and their parents. Please leave it be!
Peter Frater	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-16	I support Wilhelmina van der Aa and the people of Jeypore Street in their campaign to retain the Jeypore Street playground.
brendan quinlivan	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	The playground provides a vital hub for building community
Ben Waldron	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I live in Jeypore Street and I don't want the park to go.
Sarah Hewitt	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	This is a great sheltered park - perfect on a windy Welly day. And just right for preschoolers unlike many of the other playgrounds in the area.
Gordon Hewitt	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-17	This is my grandchild's park. Please leave it alone.
Tim Waldron	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	It would be wasteful to decommission this sanctuary for children and their caregivers.
polly bradford	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	i live opposite the park and have used it almost daily since having children, this is 9 year now. The park is well-used and valued highly by our local community. We need more little parks like this, not less. It should be viewed by the WCC as an investment in our children's future and in the health and wellbeing of people. We face a global obesity epidemic, we must encourage children to be active, reduce the time they sit in front of a screen, this means "making the healthy choice the easy choice" i.e. having lots of recreation places readily accessible to everyone.
Zen Yates-Fill	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	Proposed council policy makes no provisions for established playgrounds and play areas that fall in-between a planned "600 metre" optimum area. These longstanding playgrounds have not only provided sanctuary to families young and old alike over decades of use but have become an epicentre for the socialisation, integration and communication of the community. The rationale behind the decommissioning of the equipment at the Jeypore St playground is flawed, and compromises the council's current community and neighbourhood initiatives. The Jeypore St playground is a model that the council should be looking to replicate not replace.
charles humphreys	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	My children play there all the time and it has made the street a safe place and my children do not have to go far and I can see them from my window.
Ganesh Cherian	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	Have enjoyed that little park often over the years.
charles Turner	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	my kids play there and we need parks.
Chelsea Stevenson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	taking away this playground will take away some of the streets character and take away valuable enjoyment from families who live here
VIVIENNE GRAHAM	WELLINGTON, New Zealand	2014-11-17	a necessary play area in a safe secure place for small children and parents to enjoy the outdoors. To include this in a larger park for all age children is a nonsense and will discourage parents to gather in safety with their little ones. More small tot lots should be built not removed to be replaced with more trees and unkept gardens.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Bill Neal	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I read the council's plan, which was basically "rip it down, then think what to put in its place that would be better". Children play there all the time. Can there even BE a better use of space than that? (I don't think you could actually fit a hospital or a school there.) So what would it become? A couple of parking spaces? Having parked there on scores of evenings when everybody is home from work, I know for a fact that parking in that area is not especially difficult.
Jan Daley	Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, New Zealand	2014-11-17	When I visit my grandchildren in Jeyore St, I spend hours with them at that palyground. Learn from Christchurch - whencommunity venues are destroyed so are communities. No Need for this to go.
niamh barraud	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I'm signing this because the Jeypore street tot lot is unique in that area, and much needed by parents and toddlers. It is safe, enclosed, quiet, sheltered by trees. It fits perfectly with the area, and has been a saving distraction for many parents for generations. It is ridiculous to suggest it should go, in favour of a huge anonymous park further down the main road. Families with small children will not benefit from a far away, crowded and overused playground because it doesn't suit their needs. Jeypore st tot lot suits the needs of this demographic perfectly; why get rid of it? A bigger new playground down the road is a great idea, but why does it come at the cost of this small, practical, well loved and well-used toddler playground up the road?? It does not cost much to maintain, and there seems nothing to gain at all from removing it, especially as the locals are so against its removal. It tightens that community. Keep it.
Jacinta Trolove	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	It's a fantastic park utilised by many!
Dr Pamela Hyde	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-17	This playground is a highly valued community amenity. It brings children and their parents together. That is what community is all about. Please support communities having a place to play and meet Wellington City Council.
Jim Baltaxe	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I am appalled at the bizarre values and standards that seem to be driving this council and many of its decisions. This is going directly against what the mayor campaigned on and promised us.
Stuart McKay	BERHAMPORE, New Zealand	2014-11-17	<p>As a resident of Chilka Street I oppose the decommissioning of Jeypore Street playground. It is well used by the neighbourhood children and has provided a focus for our community to get to know each other through providing a venue for activities such as our annual street Christmas party. Loss of the playground will result in a loss in the amenity of the area and a loss to our community identity.</p> <p>I would welcome policies for this area that recognise the value of the playground to our community and make provision of it to be maintained and improved. Potential improvements to the site could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •infrastructure to support community gardening; •native tree planting to support our indigenous natural heritage; and •installation of picnic and barbeque infrastructure.
Flavia Machado	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I'm signing because I rather have the money that will be used for Xmas/summer decorations used in something that will be for our community all year around that only for a month.
Lucy Watson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	Playground important for my community
Nikki Whyte	Auckland, New Zealand	2014-11-17	I'm signing because my daughter spent many many hours playing safely in this playground as a toddler and young child. It's a lovely spot to sit and rest and meet local families. As well as generally being a safe area where there aren't people loitering. Please keep it!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ben Sutherland	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-17	The play ground is used, it a place for informal community gatherings, its promotes physical well being and safe communities for parents and children. The houses in the area have smaller yard or no areas. Including the 100 apartments in walking distant.
Mariah Brunt	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	I frequent the park with my 3 children very often, and look forward to gathering there with friends in the neighbourhood over summer. Even if there is a "superpark" at Wakefield (which would be great), this small park, right IN our neighbourhood, is indispensable! It's part of how we do things!
Anna Welch	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	Children need a place to play.
cassandra connolly	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	I think local parks should be available no matter how small. If they are important to local children it should be important for everyone!!
yanos fill-dryden	Australia	2014-11-18	It's a great pocket park!
Juliet ramson	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	my toddlers enjoy this playground
Cindy Young	Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, New Zealand	2014-11-18	My kids plays in the playground with their cousins whenever we visit them. Valuable little space in the neighborhood! It is well used and loved!
Hannah Lee-Darboe	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	The playground is an important part of our community. Berhampore doesn't have enough!
Joe Bleakley	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	This playground slowly and quietly builds community resilience. In an ideal world every street would have a playground where neighbours could get together and get to know each other.
Sarah Wright	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	i used to live across the road from this playground and used it almost daily with my small child. There is a real shortage of play areas in south Wellington, and it would be a huge loss to lose this little one. Many families in the area do not have a car to easily get to other playgrounds. Let's keep this one, why not expand it?!
Maree Cordell	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	I've seen the happiness this playground brings to the local children. It is loved, used and maintenance wise costs the council next to nothing. Why change a good thing? Local areas like this are important. Let's retain the community spirit rather than removing it to fund a supersized overcrowded playground a kilometre down the road.
Melody Thomas	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-18	It's such a beautiful little playground!
Lisa Martin	Berhampore, Wellington, New Zealand, New Zealand	2014-11-18	As a child I was allowed to go to a playground close to my home ON MY OWN. I nervously allowed my children to do the same. This was especially important to me. Having playgrounds close to home is vital for families.
Janice Swanwick	Brooklyn, Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	Small, friendly playgrounds that are a part of their community and within easy walking distance for children and parents are just as important as big, sophisticated destination playgrounds such as Frank Kitts Park.
kim chappel	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	I take my little boy to this playground. It's a great place for the community to meet up.
Lauren Fantham	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	This playground is a treasure of our neighbourhood and community. My 2 year old daughter calls it 'her' playground and that's how many of the children in the area feel about it, a sense of ownership!
Deb Potter	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	This little park provides a community gathering spot. Why is this important to you? (Optional)
Graham Snadden	Nelson, New Zealand	2014-11-19	It's such a safe, place for a small community living there.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Sarah Barnaby	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	As a new Mum, I have experienced the value of this gem of a playground as a hub for the community. As a place to meet our neighbours and to make connections, and for play for our little children, it is unique in this part of Wellington.
Brenna Sharpe	Blenheim, New Zealand	2014-11-19	I'm moving back to welly, this area. And I love this park!!
Matt Buck	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	All parks are great we love our park
Rebecca Brown	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	The Jaypore playground is such a wonderful oasis for parents & children alike & I know of families with teenage children who still wax lyrical about spending time there. It is a very special place in one of the most neglected but colourful vibrant & diverse communities in Wellington. You would be doing an enormous disservice if you removed it, what a terrible shame. Please preserve this very special place & spend some time here so you too can discover its charms.
Geraldine Eagle	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	I love taking my two kids around the corner to this little playground. The playground up on Liardet St is really exposed and windy whereas Jeypore St is sheltered and perfect for preschoolers.
Victoria George	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	i live locally, I have a 1yo boy who loves the playground, and it is perfectly sheltered on sunny days by trees
Kim Thwaites	Auckland, New Zealand	2014-11-19	In this day and age it is more important than Eve to have places where children can play safely and feel part of their community
Catherine Cameron	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	Every suburb needs somewhere for mums and dads to take their kids to play and socialize!
Susy carr	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	i believe in community and this is what makes community, building relationships around family happens at the park!
Kirsty Ferguson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	The voice of those using the park needs to be heard. Collaboration is important, I'm sure when the need for a larger park arises, the community and users will speak.
Adria Boyce	Blenheim, New Zealand	2014-11-19	My son and niece use this playground all the time when we're in Wellington and I know it is widely used by the local community. Shame on you council, you should be actively working to enhance communities coming together.
briaane d	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	I used to play in this playground.
Ben Sedley	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	my kids love this playground.
Eileen Mueller	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	<p>Jeypore St Playground serves a local neighbourhood community, a localised community, and helps to create an intimate and familial atmosphere among the residents in the surrounding streets. I do not live in this area, but have often taken my young children there, as there is always a warm and friendly atmosphere. There are several larger playgrounds further away, but this small neighbourhood playground creates a unique atmosphere in this city suburb. A suburb which is on the borders of several rougher, crime-laden areas, creating a safer more connected community. Maintaining this playground is not a huge outlay for the council, considering it helps to maintain happy, healthy connected community, where young children can play a few steps from their homes in safety, and mothers, fathers and caregivers can get to know the residents around them.</p> <p>Three kids have recently been hit by cars on Adelaide Road, a dangerous nearby street. Having kids go further afield across this road to another playground would be much more dangerous.</p> <p>The trees in the playground provide shade etc. The community wants the playground, not an alternative. We love what we have, and want to keep it.</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Leonie Brunt	Newtown, Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-19	For a small investment, Wellington keeps this successful neighbourhood hub in Berhampore. And keeping neighbourhoods connected is an absolutely positive step in the right direction.
Carolyn Morris	Rotorua, New Zealand	2014-11-19	I take my very little ones there lots when visiting family. It is the only thing local that is not graffitied or dirty and safe.
Louisa Talbot	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-20	It's a lovely playground for our littlest people, there is absolutely no good reason to remove this facility.
Heidi Wruck	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-20	I love meeting friends at this playground. When I'm out with young my son, and he needs a run around, this is my 'go to' place to stop in and relax. Beautiful on a sunny day, and fun in the rain. Please don't let this playground go; WCC you should be making more of these playgrounds in every suburb, not decommissioning them! Put more money into our children!
Ruth Kiel	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-20	This playground is unique and very special! I have been there many times with my children.
Carol Comber	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-20	Wakefield Park is a long way to go for families with small children who prefer to have a neighbourhood park near their house. Jeypore Street families can meet neighbours, play, and walk to the playground in a short time. Please keep this neighbourhood playground.
Julia Ravji	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-20	Children need playgrounds
Jonathan Ramsay	Wellington - Wellington City, New Zealand	2014-11-20	I live in the area and think this is a very valuable resource for the nearby families.
nicola jackson	berhampore, New Zealand	2014-11-20	we use the playground all the time!!!!
Nick Saville	Upper Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-20	It seems as though Councils across the region are selling and/or downgrading local community open spaces across Wellington. They are vital to community wellbeing. I fully support your cause. Kia kaha
AJ Feist	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-21	I'm signing because it's a great little and safe playground that I use with my child, and it should be preserved.
Esther Hamilton	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-21	I think playgrounds are worth investing in.
Lynda Miers-Henneveld	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-21	I'm signing because I believe the council must support the maintenance of strong communities. A sense of belonging is a basic human need, and this playground obviously provides that. I believe that in the long run the cost of closing this playground will be greater than the cost of maintaining it. Namaste. Lynda.
eileen watson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-21	Large suburban areas make the most of small, safe playgrounds not only by actually having more people/children use them than if they were a house, shop or office because they build communities of families in the area who can then look after each other in a variety of ways that is hard to develop any other way. It is small provision with wide ranging benefits.
Hilary Eade	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-22	The playground is an essential part of the area. It is frequently used by families in the area and given the Council themselves identified the need for more playgrounds, I am strongly opposed to it being decommissioned.
Lucy Hodge	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-22	So many people use and enjoy this playground! It makes no sense to 'decommission' it. If another project has been suggested for Wakefield Park, that is great, but it should be in addition to, not instead of, Jeypore St.
Anna Jackson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-23	Small local playgrounds are the most important thing for a council to support. These bring communities together and are tremendously important to the quality of life of families in these neighbourhoods.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Yvonne curtis	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-23	I support this petition as a resident in the area. I know it is a well used and important playground for parents with small children living nearby. A play area at Wakefield park cannot met the same needs.
Alex Clark	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-24	My son loves it!
Bibi Hawkes	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-24	Oue family loves this park and would hate to lose it!
Katy Pownall	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-24	Jeypore playground is just down the road from my house. It is a beautiful wee playground which is lovely and safe for my son and other neighboring children!
Lizi Eade	Levin, New Zealand	2014-11-24	I have lived in Chilka st opposite the playground. It was constantly used by families, and also small groups of elderly friends gathering for a chat in a lovely urban parklet.
Duncan Neilson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-25	I live around the corner from this park. It is regularly used by locals and is a great point of get together for people with families in the area. I appreciate the councils need to critically evaluate it's assets and decommission assets no longer in use, however feel a mistake has been made in this case in targetting a playground that is regularly used. Removing this playground will have a negative effect on the sense of community that has been fostered as a result of it.
sun hermon	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-25	I love this playground and visit every second day with my 1 year old son. We celebrated his first birthday at the park and hope to enjoy many more happy celebrations and playtimes. It is beautifully sheltered, full of birdsong and set in a lovely, safe and happy street. Perfection.
ben goodwin	auckland, New Zealand	2014-11-25	I celebrated my nephews 1st birthday here and I want to celebrate many more with him, his friends and his family at this wonderful community playground.
Cherry Hermon	Whangarei, New Zealand	2014-11-25	My children And grandchild use this park. It is so important to retain social interactive spaces like this in communities.
Phillipa Mills	Masterton, New Zealand	2014-11-25	Jeypore sStreet playground is my 16 month old grandsons favorite place to play. Please look after our families and children and leave this precious playground.
Norrie Gibson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-25	I love this playground. I take my grandson (who lives just around the corner from it) there regularly, and notice that it's always busy with local children playing happily and safely. We need MORE - not fewer - such spaces in our communities. Please don't take away this little jewel of a playground.
Joe Hermon	Whangarei, New Zealand	2014-11-25	My 17 month grandson uses this playground, which he enjoys very much, and would be heartbroken if it was no longer there.
zoe hainge	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-25	I use this park with my 6th month old son. The best this is the shade! Baby's can't wear sunscreen and all the other parks in the greater neighborhood are great but exposed to the elements. So the trees over the playground ate the best. Also it's a low level park perfect for babies and toddler's finding their feet without bigger kids running around. Also the sitting bench is fantastic. Just to sit in the shade and relax! It's what every mama needs! Please save this park it is really valuable to my community of mums and bubs.
Dion Howard	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-25	...because I used to live in Berhampore, on the corner of Jeypore st, and while I did not have a family, I witnessed the usefulness of the park to many in that neighbourhood. I doubt this has changed.
judith Maxim	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-26	I have sent in a submission. I am shocked that a Council that campaigned on the 'vibrant community' tag would even consider this idea. Of course the playground must stay.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Mauriana Brown	Lower Hutt, New Zealand	2014-11-26	my kids spent many days playing on this playground, it was a great site for toddlers as its away from traffic, enclosed and not full of beer bottles. Please dont get rid of the little playgrounds like these
Paul maxim	Berhampore, Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-26	i am a local resident who cares about keeping low cost community assets like this. Almost every time i drive by (which is every day) children are playing there. Our two children loved it.
Ira Bailey	Auckland, New Zealand	2014-11-26	I used to live in the house closest to the park a few years ago with my newborn son and watched him learn to walk and climb in it. It is perfect for parents, as it is fully fenced and small enough to be able to easily watch over small children. As someone who used to live about 5m from this park I can definitely say it is used constantly and provides a safe space for small children to play.
Pam Blakemore	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-26	I'm signing because I know it is well utilised and a real community asset.
Jenny Setchell	Christchurch, New Zealand	2014-11-26	235 Ilam Road
Cherie Berkers	Winton, New Zealand	2014-11-26	Community's are important, what is so important that you would take such a treasure away?
louise grant	wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-26	important for children to have a safe and familar area in a neighbourhood that they can play. also a great place for neighbours to meet to create a community
Jane Young	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-26	As people are living in smaller and smaller living spaces reducing access to parks is the wrong way to go. Keep the park and help maintain children's wellbeing (and that of their parents). Many small parks close to where children live is better than fewer larger versions.
Susan Kerr	Picton, New Zealand	2014-11-27	I visit my grandson and his parents frequently in Jeypore Street. As I turn the corner, I smile because the playground gives the street an air of friendliness and care for our young. It is an icon.
Lesley Patston	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-27	Urban communities need a place for kids to play and parents to chat.
Stu McKinlay	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-27	it's a great wee park and who needs another piece of empty concrete, or worse, a car park.
Megan Angell	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-28	I love the little playground and so do my children. It's a little hub were they all meet and play. It's safe, shady and close to so many houses who use it.
Catherine Thelwell	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-28	My son attends day care in Chilka Street so the Jeypore Street park has been an important part of his environment and learning with his friends.
Jeff Beggs	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-30	I believe that the Jeypore street playground provides a much needed facility for under 5s.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jim Shaw	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-30	<p>I am amazed that in a world where climate change and other environmental issues are looming larger and larger in our lives, the council is considering closing down a small community facility (potentially to allow more car parks to be implemented). It appears that a new bigger playground at Wakefield Park may be offered as an alternative.</p> <p>I have regularly walked two of my grandchildren to Jeypore Street from my house when they have visited since not long after they were able to walk. Their youngest sister will be joining them in a few months when she can walk that far. They have had a lot of enjoyable hours there. I would not expect them to walk the additional distance to Wakefield Park and I won't drive them to a local playground - that misses the point, and I can't fit three car seats in my car anyway.</p> <p>I would note that my grandchildren live next to a small local playground in Karori that is currently being completely upgraded. That playground is only a kilometer from the larger one at Karori Park (comparable with Wakefield Park from Jeypore St). Why is a small playground in the backblocks of Karori being upgraded when there is talk of removing one in our suburb?</p> <p>Berhampore again appears to be getting a raw deal.</p>
Brydon Tweedie	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-11-30	Just listen to how silly this sounds "We are digging up a playground to make more carparks" Since when have cars been more important than children? Come on!
Mike Speirs	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-03	We need more, not less, playgrounds
Shirley davies	christchurch, New Zealand	2014-12-03	this is my grand daughters play ground and she loves it. It is well used...please leave it
Tama Kirikiri	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	I feel that community playgrounds like this one are few and far between and it gives so much pleasure to the children of the neighbourhood especially as so many of them do not have backyards!
Rita Murphy	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	Its a lovely little park on a quiet street and I can't see any better public use for this space.
Kate Lee-Gleisner	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	We love our simple, safe little community playground. It is impossible to understand the importance of two swings and a slide within walking distance until you have small children... they are so precious and greatly loved!
Tony Lee	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	My granddaughter loves this wee park and when her 6 month old sister is able, she will to. It's great to have for locals, keep it. Remember when....don't let it be that.
Anita Olsen	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	We need all the play grounds we can get and I have seen this being used a lot by young children and there mums and dads
Francesca de Gregorio	wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	im for keeping the playground
Nina Cuccurullo	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-04	As a previous kindergarten Head Teacher at Berhampore Kindergarten I very much know the value of this playground to children, parents and the community.
Mark Potter	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-06	We need this playground for the very small children and their parents. Its central location is better for families than the proposed playground by Wakefield Park
Laurie Foon	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-09	I believe the Playground structure contributes to a the community and family friendly aspect of this neighborhood. There is no point in decommissioning it when it is contributing o many aspects to the community.
David Gibbons	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-09	It's ridiculous to take kids fun away. Yes kids fun .

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Blair Polly	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-09	Community wishes should be listened too. The neighbourhood wants the playground to stay as it is a safe place for local kids.
Rena Kohere	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-09	We lived across the road from the Jeypore Street Playground for two years before our oldest child started school. My husband and I worked full time and our daughter was in daycare on the other side of town. Taking our daughter across to the playground during the evening and on weekends allowed us to meet other families in the area with young children and absolutely fostered a sense of community that would otherwise not have developed. I believe that the Jeypore Street Playground is an asset to the community and should not be only be retained but it should be further developed.
Stefan Pishief	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-10	I frequently used this playground with my kids when we lived in Berhampore, and we still make special trips to it now all the way from Newlands. It is such a unique playground, and really adds to the feel of community in the area
Angie Stainer	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-13	This is a valuable community asset I do not want to lose
Allison Clark	wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-13	Raising a family in Berhampore.
Claudia Campbell	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-14	I'm signing it because we use it!
Willow Henderson	Wellington, New Zealand	2014-12-14	We cherish this play area and the sense of community it fosters in our neighbourhood!



Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa - Wellington
Wellington Suburban Reserves Plan

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Submission

Living Streets Aotearoa support recognition of the importance of open space for our liveable city, and the need to maintain and enhance this as our population grows.

Goal for open space

Living Streets Aotearoa see a need to increase the amount of reserve area to cater to our growing population. A measure of, and goal for amount of open space needs to be developed - perhaps in terms of percent of the whole city, and, access by a range of different people. The 600 metre or 10 minute walk zone to a reserve is useful but a crude measure considering the topography constraints, differences in urban density, and population characteristics.

Increase open space

We see the need for increases in reserve to improve amenity and cater for anticipated increases in population and density of development. If there is no ability to increase reserves by purchasing land then this should be a development requirement.

Some areas are in need of more open space now, including the Adelaide Road development area, and parts of Kilbirnie and Rongotai.

We support reclassifying some open spaces to increase the level of protection and protect special values, particularly improving and protecting connectivity and walkways.

We do not support removing any open spaces, e.g. Jeypore St playground.

Clarity and simplicity in plans

It is difficult to see how the classification of suburban reserves in this policy ties in with the District Plan classification and the Reserves Act classifications (p5, p7 and p10). A simpler and consistent classification would be useful.

There are a plethora of policies to address reserves and it is very confusing to try and match them all into a coherent whole. Are so many really needed?

Priority actions –

1 Space close to where people live and work p7 – there is also a need for space that is accessible to all people, and not assume that steep hilly space is suitable for all. It would be good to see a measure of accessibility to open space developed, and a goal for this type of accessible space in each area.

Similarly there is a need for more seating, shelter, toilets and drinking fountains in key areas (such as play grounds) to facilitate the needs of different people. A measure or goal for these services would be useful to develop.

2 While we appreciate the benefit of classifying spaces into categories we agree that it is not appropriate to determine all the activity that happens in all spaces p8. Informal recreation should be just that.

‘Play areas’ for instance are concentrated areas of equipment for children but play activity should be able to occur in more than just designated play areas. Play opportunities should be encouraged in all areas – for example, leaving some large tree stumps in place for children to explore. Swings are often a community-driven and erected play activity with low impact on the surrounding space, and as long as they are safely anchored should be allowed. Innovative uses of space such as low-level ropes to walk along, or leaving some long grass to disappear into can also add to informal opportunities.

3 Tracks accessible to all ages and abilities p8 – accessible tracks should include walk-only, dog-free spaces suitable for walkers without fear of vehicles or dogs. After the steepness of many reserves, these are the two most often cited reasons we know that people do not use open space. We would like to see a network of walk-only tracks to meet the demand for safe and relaxed walk spaces. The term ‘walkways’ implies walk only access.

We are not aware of any demand for more or new ‘shared paths’. The lower walk amenity term ‘shared path’, rather than walkway, should be used if cyclists are also allowed on them. We are not aware what a ‘beginner’ walking track is.

There is some confusion in terminology in the policy – bicycles are vehicles and some clarification is needed in 4.3.2. which refers to parking vehicles. Adequate controls are required on bicycles and which paths they are allowed on.

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

For more information, please see: www.livingstreets.org.nz

37 Hector St
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5 December 2014

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to support our community's bid to retain Seatoun Park as a children's' playground.

At a time when ageing Baby Boomers (and I include myself in that category) are bemoaning record level rates of child obesity and diabetes, I am flabbergasted to discover that our local council are seeking to de-commission playgrounds instead of preserving and upgrading the existing ones.

It's not just about obesity. Childhood is a time you'll remember vividly all your life, even when you're old and forget why you came into a room. At a time when children lead such sheltered, claustrophobic lives, the humble community playground is one of the few places left in the suburbs where children can play imaginatively, unencumbered. Scientific literature informs us that there is a direct link between imaginative play and the kind of creative, original thinking that the country needs to give us that economic edge.

The Seatoun playground has many advantages that Churchill Park lacks. It's fenced, so parents and grandparents can relax while supervising their children. There are two fantastic climbable trees at either end and it's considerably more sheltered from a strong northerly than Churchill Park, which becomes uninhabitable on those days. The park's location adjacent to the sports ground gives it a natural advantage for parents who play at the club. The inclusion of barbecue facilities would transform this space into a real community asset that would be valued and used.

With imagination, Seatoun Park can be transformed into a space that reflects the dynamic thinking that Wellington and the Eastern suburbs has become famous for. Which begs another question: why are children's playgrounds generally so boring? One of the reasons they are under-utilised is their lack of appeal. They are all very similar and utterly utilitarian.

Why not try a completely different approach, similar to this Danish company:

<http://www.monstrum.dk/>

"At Monstrum we design and produce unique playgrounds with a focus on artistic and architectural quality.

We create thematic playgrounds that fascinate and inspires both adults and children.

All our products are handmade of wood in our workshop in Copenhagen. Our skilled craftsmen and designers work closely together throughout the process, to ensure that our playgrounds are fun, safe and unique.

With a background in art and design we create playgrounds, which are not just playhouses, slides and swings, but elements that will start the play by being a place with plenty of room for the imagination.

Why play in a playhouse, if you can play in moon rockets, submarines, giant snail shells, clown heads or Trojan horses?

Monstrum believe that good playgrounds reflect the world. Children should be allowed to experience a sense of danger and feel the thrill by taking a chance and landing on your feet again. We love playgrounds that look dangerous but are safe."

In hearing my concerns and those of the community, I hope the council will reconsider their decision to close Seatoun Park.

Thank you for hearing my submission.

Kind regards
Gillian Bonjers

From: [Susan Stanford](#)
To: [BUS: Suburban Reserves](#)
Subject: Submission objecting to closure of Seatoun Park Playground
Date: Friday, 5 December 2014 1:50:08 p.m.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please find below my submission objecting to the decommissioning of the Seatoun Park Playground as outlined in the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 page 39.

The Seatoun Community wish to request a time to present a group oral submission to the Environment Committee meeting on the 12th of February 2015.

Submission:

Today's world is full of rules, regulations, guidelines and policies, these are black and white, stating what can and can't be done. Someone sitting behind a desk has followed a set of black and white rules when making the decision to close our playground. We have heard this playground is too close to the Churchill Park playground, it costs too much to maintain, it's too expensive to upgrade it. And therefore based on the black and white rules the Seatoun Park Playground must go.

This decision once made is outlined in a 40 page document called the 'Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014'. This document is advertised by a tiny A4 'Interested in your local parks' sign, down at the Seatoun Park playground facing the street. If you did happen to read the small sign, you needed to go to the Council ask for the 40 page document and read it all the way through until page 39 where you will find out that the Seatoun Park playground is to be decommissioned. If it wasn't for our supportive Councillors Paul Eagle and Simon Marsh the Seatoun Community wouldn't have even been aware that the playground was to close until the day it was gone.

Sometimes decision making people need to put the black and white rules aside, and show a sense of grey. You needed to come out to our community and see how this playground is actually used and how it serves a completely different purpose to Churchill Park. You needed to come to Seatoun Park playground in the middle of winter and see the children playing on it while watching family play soccer, you needed to come out on a beautiful summer day when Seatoun is full of visitors and those visitors are at the beach and using the Churchill Park playground. You needed to come to Seatoun on a strong Northerly and see how much more sheltered this playground is. If that had happened what you would have seen is a very well used and well loved playground serving a different purpose to Churchill Park.

We'd love for our playground to be upgraded, but first we seek assurance that the playground will be saved.

I'm asking for you the Council when making important community decisions like this, for a human approach with open, honest communication and a little sense of grey.

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Regards,

Susan Stanford

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Antoinette Bliss

From: Susan Stanford <susan@rubbermonkey.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 5 December 2014 4:53 p.m.
To: BUS: Suburban Reserves
Subject: Petition objecting to closure of Seatoun Park Playground

Dear Sir/Madam,

Along with individuals writing submissions we have also been collecting signatures on an online petition, those signing being in favour of keeping the Seatoun Park playground. We currently have 531 signatures. I would appreciate if this could be noted along with our submissions please.

https://www.change.org/p/councillors-save-seatoun-park-playground/share?just_signed=true

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Regards,

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Name	City	Country	Signed On	Comment
Aaron Wright	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Abbey Hammond	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because you should be looking to upgrade our parks. People travel from all over wellington to enjoy this coastline. There are many b&b's in Seatoun also. A lot of the community children use this playground while their dad's play football and I see St Anthony's school children here most weeks also. Upgrade our parks. Don't destroy them.
Ailsa Campbell	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Alasdair Coull	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	My son plays at this park nearly every day.
Aleksandra Waskiewicz	Auckland	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Alex Aubrey	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I grew up in Seatoun and my sister and I played at this park all the time
Alex Bennett	London	United Kingdom	2/12/2014	
Alex McIntyre		Australia	2/12/2014	
Alice Alexander	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	I'm sick of the council closing things just because they 'assume' they are no longer required. First your trying to close my daughters crèche (wellington regional aquatic centre) and now your trying to take her park too!
Alice Hearnshaw	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Alicia bennett	London	United Kingdom	2/12/2014	
Alicia Pierson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Alisha Werry	San Diego	United States	29/11/2014	Please save this park playground!
Alison Rowe	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	It is the best park to go to in Seatoun on a windy day. The park on the sea front it very exposed and virtually unusable, when a song northerly is blowing.
Allanah Kalafatelis	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Children need playgrounds
Amanda Burke	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Amanda Pierson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Amber Haley	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I will be coming home to this area very soon, and this playground is amazing. Kids need more spaces like this
Amber McGrath	QUEENSTOWN	New Zealand	24/11/2014	i used to live in wellington and visit my friends in seatoun now i have moved away and had kids but still come back to visit my friends and their kids in seatoun!
Amy Maxwell	Blenheim	New Zealand	26/11/2014	I grew up in Seatoun and have fond memories of this playground. Can't imagine going to watch sport at Seatoun Park and this being there!!
Anastasia Theodorou	Welligton	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I live nearby the park and I remember having such good times! I totally disagree with the Council. They should NOT close it down, its a great place to meet up with friends, stay active and have FUN!
Andrea Chapman	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	

Andrea Crawshay	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	I believe this park is an integral part of the community and needs to be saved
Andrew Couper	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Andrew Dunning	wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Andrew Gallagher	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Angela Haddon	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	This is a well used family park.
Anita Dayal	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Anita Edwards	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Anna Appleby	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because I have 3 boys and I live in Seatoun and I have used this playground for so many years, my boys love it! Let's not destroy outdoor adventure for our Kiwi kids PLEASE!!!!
Anna Gordon		Australia	24/11/2014	
Anna Simonsen	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Anne Dowden	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I want the playground retained and kept available to the local kids - its the only fenced playground in the area. So its much safer for preschoolers and special needs kids. Its the only one that's consistently out of the wind. Its next to the football ground - kids play safely there all weekend while their dads, mums, older siblings stay fit and healthy playing football, and during the week while older/younger primary school siblings are at practice. Its the only playground close to our home - close enough and watched over by heaps of homes, lots of foot traffic and neighborhood families and buses going past. So I am happy to send 8-10 year-olds out to play together there. NO WAY would I let them head down to the water front park alone. That park is way too isolated from over looking housing, and footpaths, car/bus traffic and is also too near to water for kids to explore unattended.
Anne Wilkinson	London	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	
Annette Norgrove	Auckland	New Zealand	25/11/2014	we need more playgrounds not less
Annie Newell	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	It is an outrage that the council have neglected this park for so long and have no idea how important it is to our community - shame on you
ariel prentice	Lower Hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Arlene Oliver	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	Awesome children's park but enjoyed by many many people both from within and the wider community! We lived on Hector Street for over 15 years and saw many happy faces coming and going from this park, as did our four children enjoy for a lot more years than that! Let's Keep Seatoun Park!
Ashlee Passmore	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	My children use the park most weeks and in an era where we are seeking to keep children healthy why would we close a park

Ashleigh Taufale	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My childhood playground
B Sinclair	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Barry&Jane Boothby	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Belinda Wallace	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I have used this playground frequently with my 3 children over the last 12 years. It is more sheltered than the beachfront park and is fenced, which is very useful for toddlers.
Berenice Barlow	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I have lived in Seatoun for most of my life and I love the park and I still want to be able to visit it when I'm older.
beth arko	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Beverley Stanford	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My family use it
Bjorn Christensen	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	The park should be saved
Blake Winder	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Seatoun Park playground is a great and convenient little playground which is not exposed to the wind, which is very important for little kids. Just moving into the area in the next couple of months and this park was one of the selling points of the location we are looking at.
Bradley Peckler	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	save it
Brenda Leighs	Carterton	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Brian Bethell	Seatoun	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I want to watch my grandchildren play close to home.
Brian Smyth	Belfast	United Kingdom	23/11/2014	I used this often when supporting members of the community who have learning disabilities, it would be badly missed by the service users and staff
Brian Wolf	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Briary Crawford-Zachern	Dunedin	New Zealand	4/12/2014	investing in free public amenities to help communities remain connected aids resilience and wellbeing of families and individuals, and New Zealanders are New Zealands best asset. Investing in nurturing New Zealanders particularly at the age of kids using playgrounds is a high yield time for having a large impact on outcomes.
Bridget Kidd	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My younger kids use the playground when my older child is doing soccer or cricket training nearby.
Bridget Stubbs	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Bronwyn Poultney	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
carol McKee	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because Churchill park is too exposed to the prevailing wind so often not used while Seatoun Park is nearly always used. The co-location with the sports field gives a safe place for young children to play while older siblings or parents play sport. The site is already allocated, fenced, just needs a basic upgrade having been left to benign neglect.
carol mcmillan	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I take my children to this park all the time.
Carolyn Bevege	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Carolyn Chrisp	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	

Carolyn Gliddon	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Carolyn Newman	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Please keep our playground! It's a well loved and well used space. It is used by younger children whilst older siblings and/or parents are playing sport on the park, and is perfect when a northerly is blowing and Churchill Park is unusable. My girls are always over there and love it, as well as all their friends, please don't take it away.
carolyn sellens	wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	I want this playground to remain open do my children can continue to play there. It keeps them exercised and amused whilst their sibling is either practising or playing cricket/soccer
carrie dreverman	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
cassandra connolly	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	Seatoun park is one of the best. we regularly visit this one and it MUST stay.
Cath Peebles	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	I want the Seatoun Park playground to remain open and maintained by WCC.
Catherine Burford	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	This park is adjacent to the sports field at Seatoun Park and is much used while the adults play soccer and cricket, and by the local children. Also, the alternative site at Churchill Park is very exposed and often too cold and unpleasant for small children. It is coincidental that this push to close parks comes as the council plans to spend up large on the Island Bay cycle way.
Catherine Peek	Upper Hutt	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Catherine Usher	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Parks for children are really important and this is the one we prefer to use when it's windy!
Catriona Campbell	Upper Hutt	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Charlotte Blake	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Charlotte Hema	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Chelle davies	south Island	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I like seatoun
Chelsea Morrison	Waikouaiti	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I loved this park growing up, especially when I was stuck watching my brothers playing soccer. I think it's worth keeping for the little members of my family still living in Seatoun as I know they will grow up loving it too.
Cheryl Winsley	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
chris hall	Seatoun	New Zealand	3/12/2014	Nice to have an alternative to Churchill Park and location close to Seatoun Park is handy when other children are playing soccer.
Chris Osborne	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Chris Werry	San Diego	United States	29/11/2014	I'm signing because this playground is a terrific asset to the entire community and it should be kept for generations to come.
Chris White	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

Christelle Vorster	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Christian Hipp	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Christina Paulin	Levin	New Zealand	28/11/2014	My grandchildren live in Seatoun and we enjoy the park whenever I am down. Please keep the playground.
Christina Toulis	wellinton	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
christine manning	Nelson	New Zealand	2/12/2014	For all the reasons listed. I lived in Breaker Bay for 30 years. The park was used by my family regularly. I taught Sunday School at the Presbyterian church and would take the children to the park for lessons outside the church - no wind. n
Christine Pounsford	Te Anau	New Zealand	26/11/2014	Please keep the playground to keep the kids outdoors in the fresh air instead of inside playing on the computer / playstations / xbox etc !!!!
Christine Smith	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	There can't be too many outdoor play areas!
Christopher Moss	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	It would be madness to close this playground down.
Christopher Price	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	My 18 month old daughter delights in clambering up to the top of the slide and I delight in her sense of fun achievement and growing confidence. There should be more of these areas not less
Cinny Jones	New Plymouth	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Claire Graeme	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I want the playground to stay open. I don't think upgrading is essential though.
Claire Martin	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Claire Takacs	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I used to play there as a child! It is such a great sheltered location.
Clare Macintosh	Auckland	New Zealand	24/11/2014	i grew up in that park & now have nieces & nephews who love it there. It's close to home & grandparents for them
clyde brown	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	When I play footy with my (Oldies) team a lot of our kids play at the park. The cost of maintaining the park (\$2000) per year is about half the rates of my house. GET REAL!
Colin Morgan	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Craig Oliver	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	Long time Seatoun Resident whose children have all used the park and who wants grandchildren to have the same option.

craig thornton		Australia	2/12/2014	When I was growing up in Seatoun this was one of our favourite places to hang out and play. Especially because of Seatoun Park field right next door. I dont think we would have used the play area on its own. The space is far too small on its own with added bonus of encouraging interaction between childs of different ages and certainly encouraging more families to come down to the park on weekends during childrens sport
Craig Vanston	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
dale alloway	Christchurch	New Zealand	24/11/2014	As a former resident of Seatoun and where my children grew up and played on this playground, I think it is a great asset to the community.
Damon Hope	wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Dan Smith	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	The Seatoun Park playground is sorely in need of an upgrade. Please don't use the cost of this and the lack of patronage of a run down play area as an excuse to close it down! Good parks are a real asset to our community and once they're gone it's really hard to get them back, so let's hold on to what we have and upgrade it for the kids of today and tomorrow.
Dane Allchorne	Sissinghurst	United Kingdom	25/11/2014	
Daniel Crawshay	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Danielle Farrell	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Darrel Jackson	Wellington	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Darren Mirhan	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Darryl Nichols	Lower Hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My children used this playground a lot. It's a local identity!
Dave Condon	London	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	Spent many happy days in Seatoun park!
Dave Farrelly	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Dave Moskovitz	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	All of my 3 children have enjoyed this park immensely. I hope it can be a great resource to get the next generation outside and away from their computer screens.
David Giera	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
David Gray	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
David Leong	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	We need MORE parks.. leave this one alone or better still upgrade it.
David Pugsley	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Whoever at the Council whose idea it was to close this park must be crazy!
Dean Croucher	Seatoun	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Dean White	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	It's vital it is saved. All very well the council spending \$550k wrapping the railway station up as a present but not saving this assess?

Deb Hurdle	Waikanae	New Zealand	28/11/2014	Until 6 months ago I lived in Seatoun for close to 18 years & I have seen just how popular both parks in Seatoun are. They don't need to be of the same standard. This one is simpler than the one on the waterfront but is great for children to use when other family members are playing sport on the sports field beside the park.
Deb Teikamata	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Deborah Mcnaught	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I like the park & use it an
ded brough	wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	we.need.neighbourhood playgrounds as well as.festation playgrounds. WCC spent twentysix.grand on a temp play sandpit in.Civic Square
Dee Lambie	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Deirdre Walsh	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	I think the playground is worth saving.
Derek McCorkindale	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	This playground has been enjoyed by my children over many years and now by my grandchildren
Di Williams	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Diana Sarfati	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I'm all for outdoor areas where children can play, families can gather and physical activity is encouraged.
diane conway	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	so often I have passed to see older children playing ,waiting , a safe off the street parent pick up place after school , sport etcbeen used by 2 generations of my family , council , Seatoun rates are high, surely the up keep of this valued and well used corner is covered in that !!#! ...
diane newson	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Dianne Cran	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm a local resident and the park gets used a lot by locals when attending games or activities at the sports grounds or on the way to and from school to drop off and collect children. There is only one other park on the flat in the area and it is more sheltered than Churchill Park .
Dianne Stout	Waikanae	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Children need this facility.
Donald Anderson	Wellington	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Donna Williams	Auckland	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Dorothy Oldfield	Hamilton	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I think this park is very important for my grandchildren who often use this park
Douglas Campbell	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Duncan Boennic	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Dylan McKee		Australia	27/11/2014	

				Our family has lived in Seatoun for over 50 years and our four children greatly enjoyed using the Seatoun Park area and their children have also done so. It is a good size particularly for smaller children (Seatoun Plunket many years ago persuaded WCC to get rid of the very high slide with its dangerous ladder and replace it with the lower one built on the grassy hill - the Plunket rooms used to be in the building alongside). It is a pleasant area for parents to meet up while the children play together, positioned as it is in the 'centre of things' as opposed to Churchhill Park; the latter is also frequently very windy (when the Kindy was located nearby, it nearly lost its roof, and the doors of the new Seatoun School on its first day or so could not open its front doors because of the wind - the architects just did not believe when they were told about the ferocity of the wind in that part of the suburb !) As was said at the meeting on site, some good maintenance would make a tremendous difference to the attractiveness of the place; of course the surrounding fencing makes it reasonably safe. Probably the basic equipment which is already there is adequate - maybe one or two more simple features could be added. Maybe a few small bushes could be planted near the perimeter to add to the colour - the tree has certainly grown over the years giving a bit of shade. With the new housing recently added to the area there are certainly a lot of families to use the Park as a meeting place - even slightly older young people can enjoy it as a compact space not as large as the playing field. Although all the houses in the area have gardens round them it is great to have an interesting 'destination' when going for a walk especially if taking children - gives a change of scene - in the evening an open space to look at the stars ! Apart from the beach (again windy) there are very few 'open' spaces in the suburb, and while presumably if the equipment were removed, the space would remain, it would just be the corner of the playing field rather than a recognisable place to congregate socially. It would certainly be a big loss for the residents if this portion of Seatoun Park were no longer a playground!
Edith Campbell	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Edmund Mackay	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Edward Broad	London	United Kingdom	2/12/2014	The park is awesome!!
Eileen Mueller	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Elaine Newson	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Elizabeth Tuala	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I live in Seatoun, my kids play there. You spend wods of money on a stupid windometer that's ugly and was zapped by the thunder!
Ella Baigent - Brown	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	When I was younger my siblings and I always used go down the road, play on it and walk my rabbit there as it is all fenced in. Now it keeps my youngest sister entertained while the family plays soccer.
Ella Newell	Seatoun	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I had so much fun at this park when I was younger and my sister was playing soccer and I think every child should be given the same chance
Emily Burmo	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My kids love that play ground
Emma Dench	Lower hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This park was my childhood and would be very sad to see it go.

Emma Gough	Dunedin	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Erena Pele-Toalepai	Pukekohe	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Erica Dawson	Melbourne	Australia	24/11/2014	
erica lowe	London	United Kingdom	4/12/2014	
Erin McCloskey	Wellington	New Zealand	5/12/2014	
Ermanno Lubich	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	We love this park. It is a great opportunity to have the kids with us when there are activity on the main field for the grown up.
Felicia Elliott	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	As a long time member of Seatoun AFC which is also based at Seatoun Park, I personally see the joy the children have being able to play in a safe area
Felicity Connell	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I ask that Wellington City Councillors on the Environment Committee VOTE to keep the Seatoun Park Playground OPEN on Thursday 12 February 2015.
Fiona Cockerill-Ghanem	Island Bay	New Zealand	24/11/2014	It is a disgrace that council wish to get rid of small community parks. We should be preserving these to create resources that are accessible by foot in a community. Saying that there are other playgrounds to use only encourages people to drive to them!!! I did not think this council wanted people using their cars!!! It will destroy community consolidating!!
Fiona solomon	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	It's a great place for siblings to play when older children are playing sport on the field.
fiona white	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This is such a valuable asset to Seatoun and provides many happy hours for the children
Fleur McCorkindale	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Flynn O'Leary	wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Francesca De Gregorio	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Because community parks are a asset and should not be taken away from our children. They are often a meeting place for lots of young people, a place where life long friends can be made. This park is used by children all over Wellington.
Gabrielle Elliott	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	
Gabrielle Meech	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This playground is well used by local families and much more sheltered than Churchill Park.

Gary Weeks	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	My children played here as kids when visiting there grandparents and still use the park now to throw and kick a ball around. They still use the playground but wonder why it's so old compared to most others in Wellington. There needs to be a couple of options in Seatoun as Churchill Park is very exposed in a Northerly!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When the kids get bored with watching a junior or senior soccer game the can play in there safely as it is fully fenced!!! Please don't let this playground go it's more important than you think and not just to the residents of Seatoun!!!! Ask for community assistance please.
Geo Rodie	Blenheim	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I grew up in Seatoun and visited this park A LOT!! I loved growing up in Seatoun and all it had to offer, including both parks!! It is basically like an icon to the suburb and taking it away would be taking away some of Seatoun's heritage. It's also great because it is so central in a large area of houses so children can play safely there as it is very open and public.
Geoff Davis	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because I think it's a short sighted decision to think about closing this great little community facility
Geraldine Shaw	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I grew up at this park and I love it - would hate to see it go!
Gerhard Peetz	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	When my kids were young we used the playground several times every week - no doubt to new generation would want to continue that tradition
Gill Newland	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because we use the playground on a regular basis. It is wrong to close it.
Gina Lousley	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	The playground on Seatoun Park needs to be upgraded and improved not closed down. It's an important part of our community and should be saved.
Gina Moody	picton	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I grew up in seatoun and used to come play here with my grandpa. I dont think there can be too many playgrounds!!! Let's keep kids from watching from TVs and get them out into the fresh air by PROMOTING these awesome playgrounds.. Rather than destroying them!!!
Giri Dinamani	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Glen Debreceeny	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Grace Xue	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Grant Mackay	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Greg Hunt	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Hamish Beschman	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
hamish mcleod	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Hannah Gale	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Hannah Ormsby	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Harriet Hull	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

Hazel Rostron-Wood	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Whilst I can understand the council's logic, I feel they are being rash in closing this venue. It is well utilised, and is an asset to Seatoun and the surrounding area. The fact that it is sheltered from the sometimes harsh sea winds means that it often the only viable place for the local children to play.
Heather Clegg	Upper Hutt	New Zealand	3/12/2014	I'm signing because family members use this park and closing parks seems counter productive to other council initiatives designed to get people outside and active and using the facilities the city offers.
Heather Macpherson	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Heather Rathod	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Helen Golds	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	It is a fantastic and well used may park
Helen Pinson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I live in seatoun and our children played in the park when they were little. It's enclosed and safe although the equipment could be upgraded. I see children using the playground all through the year and think it would be a shame to lose a sheltered play area.
Helen Waddington	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Hetty Vink	Lower Hutt	New Zealand	27/11/2014	
Ian Apperley	Wellington	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Idris Corap	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Imery Watson	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Inga Fillary	Auckland	New Zealand	23/11/2014	we often use this playground when we're in Wellington and I know it's important to local residents.
Inger Deighton	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	Closing community playgrounds and other community facilities - is irresponsible, and not very creative - in these enlightened times. Holding community together is society's real strength to combat all the craziness that's happening in the world - we need to know & value our neighbours. This playground let's kids play - they don't mind that it's not modern and as others have said - it's in a good location where kids can play while older kids & parents play sport or socialise in the clubrooms. But also - this is Seatoun - a well off area in a suburb that is VERY community orientated. Why not see what the residents are able to offer? There are some very creative and generous people through the tunnel :) I grew up in Island Bay - but this playground was a special trip when Shorland Park was too exposed and we had time for a Sunday drive. (20 mins drive is a big adventure when you're 4!) Don't be short-sighted, look at the options. Council says it prioritises health, well-being, strong, creative communities, "green" philosophies - so prove it!
Jacqueline Rowe	Truro	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	I'm signing because if you destroy play-parks, even little ones, you start to destroy the neighbourhood. We're in the UK for the moment, and we've seen it happen.

James Beard	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	Our children need somewhere to play while brothers and sisters play sport. It is a small playground and the marginal cost is small.
James Prescott	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	Kids need options of where to play.
James Spencer	Heelands	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	I grew up in Seatoun!
Jan Sainsbury	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because we use the playground.
Jane Byrne	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Pleased don't deny the children yet another play area!
jane crichton	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jane Gibney	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Safe, no wind, great for my children who use it most days especially week ends.
jane hufton	Kelham	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	
Janeen Gray	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jasmine Werry	San Diego	United States	29/11/2014	This is a great playground - please save it!
jason galeon	wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Jason Lindsay	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jaya Govind	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jaya SOUTHAM	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jayne O'Sullivan	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	memories from childhood and it shouldn't be closed!!
Jayne Tranter	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My children play at this playground!
Jayshri Dayal	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Jeanne Stuart	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I'm signing because you can NEVER have enough safe, fun places for kids to play outside
Jen Bhula	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Jenn Burford	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I grew up in Seatoun, live here now and want to play there with my kids one day where I played growing up.
Jennifer Bloomfield	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	my 4 year old son and I love this playground and go here all the time!
Jennifer Renwick	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

				The Seatoun Park Playground needs to stay. Churchill Park can be very unpleasant in a Northerly. Seatoun Park provides children with a place to play while other family members use the field, while waiting for the bus, or on the way to kindy/school. There are only two parks in Seatoun for a huge number of families with children - please don't deprive us of the sheltered playground. Seatoun Park is the only fully-fenced playground - important when you have multiple small children. It is sad that no money has been spent on upgrading this lovely resource when so many other parks in neighbouring suburbs have been supplied with upgraded equipment in the past few years. It would be great to have a multi-age playground to give the bigger kids somewhere to play too (e.g. skate/scooter ramp) rather than at the village shops intersection. Please keep the playground open - it is a well-used, well-loved Wellington resource. P.S. We have noted that playground fixtures are being removed from Churchill Park and are either not being replaced with downgraded equipment.
Jenny Taylor	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jenny Trotter	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Jeremy Ball		Australia	2/12/2014	Many special and great childhood memories there!
Jesse Davies		Australia	25/11/2014	I grew up there...
Jessica Geden	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jim Pinson	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	perfect little playground. safe and importantly, sheltered. This suburb is a "young families" suburb and areas like this are really important!
jo dundon	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Jo Graham	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Jo Grey	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
jo stevens	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I am signing as I strongly believe there is immense value in this park for the community. It is constantly always being used and is a facility that compliments the football clubs facility.
Jo stokker	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Joanne Becker	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jocelyn Hill	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	A well sheltered popular park for local families, Sports park children and visitors and grandchildren.A very special place.
Joe Greenwood	SEATOUN	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Joe Porter	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Johanna Stewart	Christchurch	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
John Foreman	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

				I grew up in Seatoun, and have returned to the suburb to raise my children. One of the key reasons is that it has an incredibly strong community. Community assets such as the Seatoun Park playground contribute to this. The park has already been 'downsized', surely what is left is not a great burden. My parents still live in Seatoun and have contributed rates all their lives. As elderly people, they enjoy taking their kids to Seatoun Park Playground, taking them down to the waterfront at Churchill Park would be too taxing at their age. Final point, as Seatoun residents, our property values are such that the rates contribution is high. Surely there should be some consideration of contribution against return - isn't everyone always complaining about "what do I get for my rates"? Saving Seatoun Park playground would be a great start.
John Gerondis	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
John Oldfield	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
john thomson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	sheltered, close to kindy and school, we used it nearly every day when the kids were between 2 and 5
John Tritsarolis	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	My kids play here as did i when i was a young fellas :)
Jon newell	Seatoun	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Jonathan Klouwens	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	The park receives a large amount of use - should it be closed the usage of Churchill park would be unacceptable. Please keep it open!
Jonathan Rowe	Wellington	New Zealand	5/12/2014	I want my children to be able to play there when I'm playing football and it's only a 10 minute walk from home
Jonathan Usher	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	The closest playground to the school, it's already well used and could be even greater with some investment.
Josh peckler	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Josie Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Joy Hewett	Gisborne	New Zealand	26/11/2014	it's my Great Grandchildrens playground! keep it please!
Joy Stanford	Upper Hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Jude Taylor	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	
Judy McCorkindale	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I'm signing because my children have used and enjoyed and now my grand children use and enjoy this playground on a regular basis as we live across from the playground.
Julie O'Brien	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Julie Rolinson	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Julie-Ann Young	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This playground is used extensively and is used by all people using Seatoun park.
Juliet Crane	London	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	I have lived in Seatoun for 25years and the playground is in a great location next to the sports field. It is convenient for family's who play sport and the little ones have the chance to play and are kept entertained. It would be a shame to see it go.

Justin Rakena	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Justine Carey	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Justine Crawford	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I live in Seatoun, use this playground with my children and value it.
K Taylor	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	I used this park as a child and would hate to see it go - many happy memories!
Kaori Tada	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Karen Newton	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I use this park often with my niece and nephew, just as I did with my two grown up sons and for it to close means there is no park for them to enjoy to and from preschool and school.
Karen Oldfield	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
karl hewlett	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Karyn Carter	Featherston	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Kate Geany	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	i grew up using this park and would like my kids to as well!
Kate Harris	Miramar	New Zealand	24/11/2014	There is limited parks around Seatoun. The other one on the waterfront has diminished in size as well!
Kate Hodgetts	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Popular green spaces that are community orientated should be retained.
Kate klouwens	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This park is used at least three days a week by my family while older siblings and my husband have sport practices or games. It's a great way to keep the whole family healthy
kate sutherland	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Kate Williams	Wellington	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Katherine Beauchamp	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Katherine Maxwell	Napier	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I'm signing because I grew up in Seatoun and I have wonderful memories at that park, I think it would be a shame for the next generation not to have the same opportunity to enjoy it!
katie baker	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	why close a great park that kids use all the time
Katrina Charmatz	Romford	United Kingdom	3/12/2014	
Katrina cosgrove	Masterton & Districts	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I agree
Katy Ellis	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	We love that playground - older kids play cricket and younger ones enjoy the swings!
kayla peckler	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Kaz Denby	Gisborne	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Keeley Farrell	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Kelly Baker	Porirua	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I love this park and think it should stay
Kelly Miller	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Kelly Smith	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Kerry Dellabarca	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	

Kerry-Anne McGrath	Tauranga	New Zealand	28/11/2014	We have only recently moved here from Miramar in Wellington and I still feel strongly about supporting the wonderful areas there that make it great for families
Kevin Davies	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because tyhe park is a great asset at Seatoun Park and needs to be updated and kept for the local children to enjoy
Kieran Oliver	London	United Kingdom	2/12/2014	I am from Seatoun and spent my childhood playing at this park
Kim Davidson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
kim hewson	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I used this playground after dropping my daughter off to school as it is so handy when walking my young son & daughter to school. As we live on the hill the incentive for my son staying in the buggy is the playground after drop off. Please do not close it.
Kirsten Bouras	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This is a great small park to go to on windy days for a bit more shelter when you still want the kids to get out and play. Our kids really enjoy stopping off there after kindy and school.
Kirsty Focas	Seatoun	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My family with children aged 4 and 6yrs use this park frequently. As it settled from the strong winds and fenced for safety
Kirsty Withell	WELLINGTON	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I remember well the park near us where I played when I was a child. The warmth of the sun, running barefoot in the grass, picnics, fun and laughter. GOOD TIMES! I want my children, when they are adults, to remember well the park they played in when they were children. THIS IS THAT PARK! This is their memory and this is also their future. Let them and all children hold onto it. Please do not take away such a special place. This is our community's place. It is a safe place where children play, families meet, friendships form and memories are made. Let all our children be as lucky as the Robertson boys whose words found at the park speak louder than ever. "Donated by the Robertson boys in memory of their parents Graham and Lorraine. For the many happy years spent by the family in Seatoun."
Kristen McCourtie	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
kristin mcguigan	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	We use this playground
Kristjan Lepionka	London	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	
Kristy Lemmon	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Kristy Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	I'm signing this petition because I have four children and live in Seatoun and my children love this park!
Kyla Cresswell	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This playground provides a great playspace for any siblings of older children doing sports at the grounds as well as neighbourhood children. Children learn so much through play - lets not reduce their opportunity to access safe fun and engaging, safe playground equipment.
L De Jong	Delft	Netherlands	24/11/2014	

Larisa Oldfield	Hamilton	New Zealand	24/11/2014	When we stay with close relatives in Seatoun, this is a favourite place for us to play.
Lavinia Gilbert	Auckland	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My grandchildren play at this park. It's a lovely sheltered area
Leah Anderson	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Leigh Overton	Kilbirnie	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Leigh Thurston	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Because this park is important for families who have little kids who are using the field for sports for other kids.
Lennart Wrede	Kreuzberg	Germany	24/11/2014	
leslie fitt	Winnipeg	Canada	25/11/2014	
Libby Butcher	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	The park is a safe place for school children after school.
Linda Hall	Waikanae Beach	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Linda Larsen		Australia	26/11/2014	I lived there as a child and children all need the green space in their neighbourhood!
Lisa Aukett	Kerikeri	New Zealand	30/11/2014	
Liz Abrahams	Auckland	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Liz Rhodes	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Liz Ritchie	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Because it is important to keep community playgrounds so our children can play outside & be active whilst mixing with other children. Places like Seatoun Park help communities like Seatoun stay a friendly & happy place.
Lorraine Boennic	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Louise Grace-Pickering	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My children enjoyed and still enjoy many many years at the lovely, sheltered playground. I also love that it's a safe place for kids to play while adults or older siblings are watching or playing soccer. I think it would be used more if the grass was mown regularly (bees). Please please keep it.
Louise Harness	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	It's a great, simple little playground perfect for when the Northerly is too tough at the reserve. Don't take it away from the community.
Louise Noble	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This a well used resource by community, clubs and schools.
Louise Rodie	Blenheim	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Louise Whitaker	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Lucas Carroll	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Its a family suburb....we need the park for when my Dad's soccer game becomes
Lucy Clark	London	United Kingdom	24/11/2014	
Luke Bonjers	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	
Luke Pierson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I grew up in the area, live in the area, and love that park – we use it with my son, and with family and friends.
Lyndon Burford	Auckland	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Lynette Merry	WELLINGTON	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Lynne Maennchen	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
M. Janice Cardona	Brooklyn	United States	24/11/2014	Parks are important to the health and well being of our children
Mai Nguyen	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Kids need outdoor equipments and to be encouraged outdoor activities

Malcolm Bethell	Gothenburg	Sweden	24/11/2014	I'm signing because I grew up across the road from that park and many find memories. My brother and his kids are moving to Seatoun and u wish for them have the chance to enjoy the park as well.
malcolm macaulay	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	Seatoun really only has the Wahine Memorial playground but this gets hit by the wind. And its not as if we don't pay a lot of rates.
Malcolm Standage	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	This play area is important to our community because it is protected from the prevailing Northly winds and with increasing numbers of young famlies
Malcolm Woods	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Manish Kaushik	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	We need playgrounds for our future (Nz kids). Outdoor entertainment is better than closing these parks and push then for video games.
MARCIANO PATAFILO	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Marco Spitoni	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This is how you show your level of civilization. Please, keep it civilized, don't close it.
Marcus Hull	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	This is a great family park .The other one can be quite busy with people having BBQ's etc over summer. Also while parents play sport at the park , it's great for kids to have the playground .
Maree Maddock	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	
Maria Castello	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	It's great for pre-schoolers and children who use it to and from school
Marika Uelese	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Mark Leone	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	There are better places to cut costs. This playground is especially important for families with older siblings who use the sports field. More generally, encouraging kids (and families) to be active yields long term benefits for a very modest investment.
Mark Webley	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	I have grown up in Seatoun and this park is special heritage to the suburb. It has served 4 generations in my family so long may it stay
Martin Osborne	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	
Mary Tapp	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	There should be lots of places for kids to play.
Mary Varnham	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	Seatoun has a large population of young children and outdoor exercise is increasingly important for a generation being brought up in the digital world. Seatoun needs more playgrounds (and sheltered ones like this one), not fewer.
Matt Haimes	Auckland	New Zealand	4/12/2014	I grew up playing on this playground, and now bring my own children when we visit. It's iconic to Seatoun and needs to stay.
Matt Holland	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Matt Smith	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	This is a great park, especially for parents who play sport at the park and can watch their kids playing at the same time - save the park!
matthew adams	strathmore park	New Zealand	4/12/2014	i have a 3 yr old son who plays there every week

Matthew Appleby	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Because both the outdoor and family environment are the fabric that make Kiwis and NZ what it is. We are an outdoor nation which is increasingly trending towards other larger nations with obesity and health related issues. Globally over 2 trillion is spent on addressing poor health. Lets not add to it. I know this is only one little park but its the trend and the principle as much as our community. We need to have options for our kids and families to play, learn, get fit and simply live. If I wanted a crappy grassy area I would have stayed in London, lets NOT become London!
Matthias Zeller	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This play ground is ideally located for the local community. It should remain OPEN.
Meena Parbhu	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	My children use this park often, especially while one is waiting for the other (e.g sports practices). Anything that encourages children to play outside and with other children is good for their health and social connections.
Melanie Kesry	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Our children use this all the time especially when siblings are playing soccer and cricket on the adjoining field.
Melanie Quirk	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I grew up in Seatoun and this is where my friends and I used to meet to hangout! And where my friends kids who now live here are continuing to enjoy the park!! It's a cool little playground and so in keeping with Seatoun's quaintness and community spirit.
Melissa Connor	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Mere Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	This park continues to provide a valuable service to all families whether they live in the area or are visiting. This is particularly true of those that come to support sport played on Seatoun park. Very little has been done over the years in terms of maintenance yet it has remained a popular destination.
Merrin extra	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Miae Kang	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
michael christianson	limerick	Ireland	24/11/2014	
Michael Mckee	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I want seatoun kids park to be reinstated and the benign neglect the WCC has done for 5-7yrs to stop. The WCC never properly consulted the community and have destroyed a community asset with deceitful behaviour. Mike
Michael Steemson	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	The Seatoun Park playground is greatly enjoyed by children living in the streets surrounding the park; a play area safely away from the potential hazards of the harbour-shore.
Michele Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Michelle Allan	Hastings	New Zealand	24/11/2014	You need to keep, and upgrade, the playground. I grew up in Seatoun and a playground is essential and the location is perfect.

Mick Kealy		Australia	1/12/2014	Previous Seatoun resident who valued the park and playground enormously when son was playing soccer and had extras to look after. Please retain this humble park for children and parents to come.
Mike Oldfield	Hamilton	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My wife & kids visits Seatoun regularly to visit my brother John Karen & their kids. We frequently use the park & especially enjoy the playground. It's a particularly memorable & happy place for us all. It's a shame council priorities aren't set on outdoor activities for kids like they use to be in my day. Closure of the park would further recluse kids to the IT dominating world.
Mike Peetz	Auckland	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Miranda Far	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Monique Lepionka	Raumati	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Murray Newman	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	May kids use this playground.
Nadene Hawley	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	I'm a resident with a 2 year old who loves playing at the park!
Nadine Bott	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Nadine Gray	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Natalie Stephen	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I played on that playground all the time as a child. I think it needs to stay!
Natasha Giera	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Natasha Zaicek	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Nic Preddle	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Nicholas Law	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Nicholas Plunkett	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Kids need good safe parks.
Nick O'Halloran	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Who gets rid of playgrounds?! Madness.
Nicola Dench	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This park is a huge asset to the community it allows children to play whist siblings or parents are involved in sport at the park and also it is an alternative when we have windy days as it is relatively sheltered
Nicola Swain		Australia	24/11/2014	
nicola waters	Wellington	New Zealand	27/11/2014	it's an awesome spot for a playground and we use it whenever we are over that way!
Nigel Stanford	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Nike Sharma	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I think that little playground good to entertain young kids while the siblings doing some sports in the park. Please keep the park...
Nikki taylor	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Nikki Taylor	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Nikki wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	its a very useful playground
Nish Bates	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Our kids have been lucky enough to enjoy using Seatoun Playground at the park, safely over the last 7 years, it would be a massive loss to our community to take it away from future generations!
Nolene Douglas	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My grandchildren use this playground and it is a safe place, near to their home, to let off steam and socialise with their friends after school.
Olivia Nicols	Palmerston North	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

Paddy Payne	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Pamela Oakley	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I think it should remain.
Pamela Tramoundanas	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My daughter loves that park - particularly
Panayotis Focas	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	We use the park all the time
Parameswara Dinamani	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Parvati Parbhu	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	I enjoying pairing at the park with my grand children. It is a healthy pursuit.
Patrick Tuohy	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Paul Coote	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My child play at this park all the time.
paul rae	Mangawhai Heads	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My children spent years playing here, my grandchildren now play there. leave it green and alone
Paul Sainsbury	Seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Penny Swain	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Penny Zaicek	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	Kids need play grounds . This one could also do with an upgrade but it is used a lot
Peter Chote	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Peter Connelly	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Peter Hurndell		France	24/11/2014	
Peter Servos	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I am signing because Seatoun Park playground is wonderful place for my kids to play. The park location is ideal for the local Seatoun residents to meet up with kids.
Petra Spearman	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I have lived in Seatoun for 28 years and this plauground at the park has always been well used. Football and cricket are played at the park all year with families watching the games and their children using the playground as well as all the local children using it daily . As it is a few blocks back from the beach it is sheltered from the wind. Why take away a fenced playground adjacent to a sports field. They complement each other.
Phillip platt	nelson	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Awesome playground for the kids and beach for the dog, love spending time there
Phillipa Troy	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I'm signing because this park is an important asset to the Seatoun Community. We don't want to lose it!!!
Phoebe Fabricius	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Children are our future and play is an essential part of being a child. Someone needs to care about our future, because obviously the council don't give a hoot
Pip Eagle	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I am signing this, as I was one of the kids that too played on it during my child life. My two kids have also played on it lots too. You will find that kids DO play on there quite a lot and enjoy their time. It will be of great sadness to see this park to be closed.
Pravin Kesry	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	

Rachael Shaw	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I live in Seatoun and have 2 young children (age 3&6). We use both parks regularly. The Hector st park is more consistently usable as it is more sheltered. I believe it would be used even more if the play equipment was upgraded. Please do not close it.
Rache Noble	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rachel Carr	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rachel Jones	Guilfield	United Kingdom	2/12/2014	
Rachel Lee	Wellington	New Zealand	5/12/2014	
Rae McNair	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Raphael Hilbron	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Why are the council trying to get rid of another playground? First Berhampore and now Seatoun! We live in Island Bay but my children love this playground when my Husband plays football at the park. Please keep it open!
Rebecca Brown	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rebecca Jackson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rebecca Johnston	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rebecca Power	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	It is better for the council to spend money on a playground that will last for 10 years and be enjoyed by children and families who pay rates in Wellington. Compared to the huge amount of money that the council spent on a 'sandpit' in the center of town-300m from a real beach which will last 1 summer and is for tourists who don't pay rates.
Renee Coghlan	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	I grew up on this playground and don't see any point in it being destroyed for something else when it's had years of good use
Rhonda Samoa	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rhys Morgan	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	if you can spend 20K on putting a temporary sand pit in civic square... you should save this park!
Rich Swain	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My sons use the playground and I live in Seatoun
Richard Cassidy	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	The park is a great asset for local kids and complements the one in Churchill Park as kids can ply in it while parents are at soccer/cricket/running in the park etc it is also sheltered. But please upgrade it!!!
Richard Newell	Seatoun	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Robert McDougall	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Playgrounds are essential for childrens well being to have a safe space to play in. Not everyone is able to easily get to Churchill Park as conveniently.
Rochelle Wallens	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I loved this park as a kid and want to be able to take my child there when she is old enough.
rodney O'Sullivan	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	

Roger Hayes	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	At times the foreshore is too windy and the park playground offers a safe alternative. Kids need a variety of playgrounds they get board going to the same ones. While older children are playing sport the younger ones can play in this safe spot. Supply better equipment that requires less maintenance
Roger Stanford	Upper Hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rosalind NEWSON	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rose Geden	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This playground is used regularly, it is sheltered, provides an alternative to Churchill Park and it is a great location next to the field. I strongly believe it should be retained. Thanks
roselyn wilson	wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	this park has been run down for years and it's high time it was given a complete refurbishment, including maybe some adult exercise equipment and some innovative play equipment.positively should not be removed!
Rosemary Williams	Whakatane	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Rosie Hilbron	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Ross Thurston	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My grandchildren love this park - and so do I when I am with them and we are playing, giggling, having fun together. This is a hallowed place where I have spent many years developing grand parenting skills and whanau bonding.
ruth Collingham	New Zealand	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Ryan Street	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	More play areas the better. Get kids out side playing like kids should
Sabine Nowotny	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sahana Dinamani	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Sally Connell	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sally Talbot	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Please keep this excellent children's playground
Sam Werry	San Diego	United States	29/11/2014	
Samantha Aubrey		Australia	25/11/2014	
Samantha Donaldson		Australia	28/11/2014	Because I always used to take my kids there and when we go home on houlday we go there leave it aloneits for the kids it cant always be about money
Samantha Smith	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I grew up in Seatoun and we used this park/playground all the time, when it had a lot more equipment than it does now. My kids still use it and it should definitely be saved.
Sandra and Maurice Har	wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	The wind is too strong most of the year. As a Plunket mother we worked hard to get the special matting for that playground and I think we should save it. 75%of the year you cant use the foreshore one and this is a safe alternative
Sanjay Dayal	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Sara Williams	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	Public spaces are a cornerstone of a healthy democracy
Sarah Bacon	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Seatoun needs this park. It is an asset to the community and allow children time outside in a safe environment.

sarah holtom	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I live in Seatoun and have just had a baby and would like to be able to take my child to play at the park with other families.
Sarah macintosh	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	we is wit all the time with our school kids. There are always kids playing on the park
Sarah Pennell	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sarah Purdy	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Scott baxter	miramar	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Scott Dudley	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Scott travers		Australia	24/11/2014	It's a neat little park full of fond memory's,Closing the park due to cost is shallow, not only will future generations miss out, but you will also be doing people out of work.
sean kearney	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I live in Seatoun and out five year old uses the park on windy days.
Sean Snyders	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Live in the area and have children.
serena naramore	strathmore park	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Shane Oliver	Wellington	Australia	2/12/2014	
Sharon Berry	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	This playground is fully fenced, and when my children were young I went there all the time. They can run around, and can't venture outside the fence. It is a safe park, and surely must be fairly low maintenance for the council. The park is out of the predominant northerly wind, which blows directly onto Churchill Park along the beach front. Churchill Park is not pleasant to use on big wind days, which is a often in Seatoun, and Seatoun Park is an excellent alternative. Please keep this park.
Sharon Davis	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	
shaun chait	wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Shaun Linehan	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
Shaun Workman	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	more parks the better plus it is a great spot for a park
Shelley Cheriton-Weeks	Wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	I grew up playing on this playground and loved it! It was also somewhere to go that was safe and secure when I didn't want to have to watch my brother playing football anymore!!! When my kids were younger and visiting their grandparents it was perfect as they could play in the playground and then venture out to the park to kick or throw a ball around. It's also nowhere near as exposed as Churchill Park. The only reason this playground is not as well used is because it hasn't been upgraded since I began playing on it 38 years ago!!!!!! Please don't abandon this park and blame it on funding and lack of use when it as been left untouched and unloved by WCC for years!!!
sheryl miller	wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	I am mother who regularly plays, and watches, sport at the seatoun ground. The playground is a godsend for keeping a child entertained, for ensuring he isn't sitting on the couch and getting his daily exercise. The play ground is also sheltered when the other playgrounds aren't. Please retain the Seatoun playground.
Shiori Koyama	Miramar	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
SHONA KAVANAGH	wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	

Sian chapman	masterton	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Silila Tuiletufuga	wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	It's a children's playground that accommodates families that don't necessarily want to go close to the beach to play. During summer the other playground gets packed so this is another option plus next to soccer fields that families can also use rather than getting covered in sand.
Simon Cross	Auckland	New Zealand	25/11/2014	We should have more safe places for kids to be kids, not fewer.
Simon Hardy	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Simon Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Agree with the petition I would be sad to lose this park that our children use a lot.
Smita Scaria	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	It just seems to make sense.
Sonya Ford	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sonya Talbot	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Stefan Lepionka	Auckland	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Stefan Wahrlich	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
stephanie croft	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Stephanie Wilson	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	The Location is perfect. My younger children have enjoyed using the park when older siblings have cricket practice at Seatoun Park.
Stephen Brooke	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Steve Drummond	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	The Playground provides an important Social meeting place for local kids and family. My younger children always use Seatoun Playground when my older son plays football. It is a local playground compared to the waterfront park which is often busy with people from out of the area. The equipment however is old and needs upgrading. The waterfront playground isn't suitable when it is windy
Steve Farrell	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	I'm signing because the cost of maintaining it must be a pittance. Shame on the council for not upgrading it sooner, imagine how well used it would have been then. Provide poor services, people don't use them, close them down! Well done WCC.
steve moon	auckland	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Steven Kerekes	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	I believe that there should be more than one option of a play ground in seatoun. Younger children love this park
Steven Webb	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sue Bibby	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	Kids parks are fantastic for them and their families, you can never have too many playgrounds for free active fun. This one is sheltered and away from the ocean making it important to many families. Also more and more families no longer have the classic kiwi large garden and play areas are important.
Sue Hope	wellington	New Zealand	30/11/2014	I agree with all of the reasons to keep it open

				<p>REASONS:</p> <p>1.Children see a very visible sign every day that their neighbourhood cares for them, and wants them to have fun playing in the fresh air.</p> <p>2.More than ever, we need to promote the fact that healthy outdoor exercise is imperative for young children, to ensure they receive the daily fresh air and exercise essential for brain development</p> <p>://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/10/08/how-exercise-can-boost-the-childs-brain/?_r=0</p> <p>3. When you played there as a child yourself, it is a special link between all the generations, to see families still enjoying the park every day. Please restore it to it's former glory.</p> <p>4.While so many sports teams and groups practise on the park, every day younger siblings can play in the playground.</p> <p>5.It is a very safe park because it is so visible, surrounded by homes, with cars buses and pedestrians going by regularly.</p> <p>6.The playground is sheltered from the wind-an ideal location.</p> <p>7.It's a place where families meet. Because it's so visible, it's easy to see when your friends are there, and join them.</p>
Sue Luxford	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Sue McGregor	Gisborne	New Zealand	25/11/2014	My Grandchildren use it and would miss it like others. Even I go here with them when visiting.KEEP THEIR PLAYGROUND!!
Sunita Parbhu	Wellington	New Zealand	29/11/2014	
Susan Bilbie	Pyrmont	Australia	25/11/2014	huge number of families in Seatoun - kids need the variety different playgrounds offer.
Susan Burns	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	
Susan Macaulay	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
				I have 2 nieces in that area that would use this as nearly a daily basis and I have taken them there myself when visiting. I have never been part of the sole family there it has always had multiple users and I see this continuing for the minimum of the next 20 odd years
Susan Oldfield	Hamilton	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
Susan Plunkett	wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	Friends use this playground due to it's convenient location
Susan Stanford		New Zealand	21/11/2014	
Susanna Joe	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	
Suzanne Stew	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	

				<p>I'm signing for many of the reasons already given by others as well as from two perspectives,. Firstly both my children and my grandchildren have had many happy hours playing there, it's a great location very central, safe, in the heart of Seatoun and adjacent to large green area where some of the older ones could kick a ball, run around , non stop cricket or watch a game etc while the younger ones played. Also close to a bus stop and as others have mentioned much more sheltered from prevailing wind , all quite different from Churchill park area and the one in breaker bay is isolated, caters for a relatively small community of the local breakerbay residents and can be very cold , in the shade and exposed to wind and yet has recently been upgraded. Would be good to be given the rationale while likewise Seatoun park, which has much more justification can not likewise be upgraded.</p> <p>My second reason comes from the perspective of a health professional, where there is a strong justified commitment to promote more enjoyable physical activity in children , where it becomes very much a regular everyday part of their lives rather than an occasional outing, for both long term physical health and well being as well as mental health, social interactions etc and much preferred to playing computer games etc, or hanging round the streets. In fact way not make the most of the opportunity to include something also for older children as well as the yponger ones. Perhaps a good community in conjunction with the city council project.</p>
Suzi Penny	Wellington	New Zealand	4/12/2014	
				<p>I think it is so short sighted on so many levels to even think about closing the park. People have bought into this area for the amenities Seatoun has for young families, so they can ride bikes to the park etc at great expense and pay rates accordingly. Not only does it benefit the health and enjoyment of the children, it's a place to learn to socialize and for young parents a much needed destination from the enclosed home environment to also socialize for mental health and well being for people of all ages. We so need our parks and they are so well patronized.</p>
Sylvie Jewett	Wellington	New Zealand	28/11/2014	
Taman Farrell	Wellington	New Zealand	1/12/2014	
				<p>Please save the hector street park....I have worked in seatoun for 18years and have passed the park every day for the last 12 years and there is always families using the playground</p>
Tara Rose Jones	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Ted Jewett	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Tennessee Mansford	Wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	
Teresa Bassett	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Teresa Young	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Tereska Lepionka-Carro	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	IT NEEDS TO BE SAVED!!!!!!!
				<p>logical place to be as a lot of recreational sport happens there. Good location hub of Seatoun and sheltered when wind is too bad near beach playground. Not a lot of money for advancing our little people skills!!</p>
Terri Bullock	Wellington	New Zealand	26/11/2014	

terry riley	wellington	New Zealand	3/12/2014	playground appropriate addendum to whole purpose of a playing field.
				I am disappointed to see that Wellington City Council has not consulted with the community regarding the significance of Seatoun Park Playground. Please reconsider the proposal and take your time to listen to us! Seatoun Park playground is vital for our children, current and future generations. I even used the playground when I was young and now my son enjoy the playground. The equipment will need to be upgraded however once this is implement, the cost of maintenance will be low.
Theresa Cooper	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Theresa Fepuleai	Auckland	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Tina Hepworth	Wellington	New Zealand	25/11/2014	
				How can two playgrounds in one suburb be too many when the only people that live in Seatoun are families, typically with kids.
Tom Greene	Wellington	New Zealand	2/12/2014	
Toni Taylor	Miramar	New Zealand	24/11/2014	My boys go there often with their friends.
				We love going to that Park from the Hutt it's not just about the locals council what about the day visitors
Tonia Andrew	Lower hutt	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Trina sutton	wellington	Singapore	4/12/2014	
Tung Pham	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Uli Beck-Schneider	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Ulrike Trute	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Una Gibney	Dublin	Ireland	3/12/2014	
Vaila Findlay	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Vashun Rodriguez	Tampa	United States	25/11/2014	
				I don't want the playground to go, this is a really nice place for the kids to play, it is also good when watching sports on the field
Victoria McIntyre	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Vidya Dinamani	San Diego	United States	29/11/2014	I'm signing because my family love this playground, my niece and nephew play with their friends all the time. It's a safe, easy spot for everyone to enjoy.
vinh peckler	seatoun	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Vishal Dinamani	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
Wendi Sorensen	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
				Please do not close this well used, sheltered and valued park - Churchill Park is so windy and barren. The facilities at Seatoun Park should be updated. Every time we walk or drive pass (usually at least 4 times a day we see it being used.
Wendy Dyce	Wellington	New Zealand	23/11/2014	
wendy palmer	Brisbane	Australia	25/11/2014	
Wendy Pannett	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
Wendy Roe	Auckland	New Zealand	24/11/2014	
wibke kreft	wellington	New Zealand	5/12/2014	it is great to have a playground in the centre of seatoun
				Playgrounds encourage children to stay outdoor & active, it is more important these days to keep and upgrade playgrounds and not carry an arbitrary decision by a council clerk.
Zak Dikvert	Wellington	New Zealand	24/11/2014	

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower) appreciates the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's *'Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan'* (hereafter the 'SRMP'). Transpower's main interest is in ensuring that the SRMP does not restrict Transpower's ability to undertake maintenance, upgrading and replacement activities to existing and future Transpower assets located within suburban reserves and to ensure that provisions of the SRMP are not in conflict with, or restrict Transpower's ability to undertake activities otherwise provided for by other legislation.
- 1.2 The comments that follow outline Transpower's views on the various aspects of the SRMP that have the potential to impact on Transpower's operational and maintenance activities.

ABOUT TRANSPOWER

- 1.3 Transpower is the State Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains and operates New Zealand's high voltage transmission network, being the National Grid which links generators to distribution companies and major industrial users. The grid, which extends from Kaikohe in the North Island down to Tiwai in the South Island, transports electricity throughout New Zealand. The National Grid comprises some 12,000km of transmission lines and 173 substations. The national control centres (located in Wellington and Hamilton) operate a network of some 300 telecommunication sites that link together the components that make up the National Grid.

NATIONAL GRID TRANSMISSION ASSETS IN WELLINGTON CITY

- 1.4 The maps contained in Appendix 1 show the Transpower assets within the jurisdiction of Wellington City Council (hereafter 'Council') located on or bisecting suburban reserves. As illustrated on the first map, the Central Park – Wilton A (CPK – WIL A) 110kV National Grid transmission line traverses a number of suburban reserves and 5 support structures (towers) along this line are situated on reserve land.
- 1.5 The second map illustrates that the Kaiwharawhara - Wilton A (KWA-WIL A) 110kV National Grid transmission line traverses a number of suburban reserves and 3 support structures are located on reserves land.
- 1.6 Reconductoring and other works on these lines will be required to be undertaken at some point so it is important that Transpower has access to these structures and has the unrestricted ability to undertake works such as these.

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1992

- 1.7 In most instances, Transpower does not own the land that National Grid assets are located on. Accordingly, the Electricity Act 1992 (the 'Electricity Act'), establishes the legal framework for Transpower's existing works (constructed prior to 1988) and provides legal rights for the existing lines to occupy land and for Transpower, as the asset owner, to operate, maintain and upgrade existing lines provided that any upgrade does not injuriously affect the land.

- 1.8 Transpower wishes to ensure that the provisions of the SRMP are aligned with Transpower's ability to undertake works, and maintain access to existing National Grid assets legally provided for in the Electricity Act.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION ACTIVITIES) REGULATIONS 2009

- 1.9 The Resource Management (National Environment Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 (the 'NESETA') came into effect on 14 January 2010. The standards:
- Specify that transmission activities are permitted, subject to terms and conditions to ensure that these activities do not have significant adverse effects; and
 - Specify resource consent requirements for transmission activities that do not meet the terms and conditions for permitted activities.
- 1.10 The NESETA applies to high voltage transmission lines owned and operated by Transpower (i.e. existing National Grid transmission lines) that were existing as at 14 January 2010. The standards in the NESETA recognise and provide for the operation, maintenance, upgrading, relocation and removal of the existing transmission network, having considered operational constraints and technical requirements. The standards provide a framework of consent requirements and permissions.
- 1.11 Transpower wishes to ensure that the provisions of the SRMP do not prohibit, inhibit or restrict activities that are otherwise permitted under the NESETA, from being undertaken.

ELECTRICITY (HAZARDS FROM TREES) REGULATIONS 2003

- 1.12 Trees growing too close to transmission lines may cause;
- A fault, affecting the operation of the line;
 - Injury or death to someone near the tree; or
 - Damage to land and property.
- 1.13 If trees touch transmission line conductors (wires), or electricity 'jumps' the gap to a tree, then dangerous voltages may arise in the area around the tree, or on the tree itself. These voltages have the potential to cause serious injury or death. High voltage electricity flowing into trees can also cause trees to ignite. The effect of a tree fire can be very severe as well as threatening human and animal life.
- 1.14 Landowners are required by the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 (which came into force on 1 July 2005) to maintain vegetation so that safe minimum distances away from any uninsulated electricity line are maintained. However, in reality Transpower often undertakes this work. The regulations are independent of the Resource Management Act 1991. The purpose of the Regulations is to:
- Protect the security of the supply of electricity, and the safety of the public, by:
 - Defining safe separation distances between trees and overhead lines; and
 - Specifying who is responsible for ensuring separation distances are maintained.

- 1.15 The Regulations define the required separation distance as the 'growth limit zone'. A particular maintenance requirement for Transpower is therefore to undertake works to trees in order to maintain appropriate separation distances from transmission lines. Such works are essential to prevent damage to the electricity transmission lines, which are a significant physical resource for maintaining power services throughout Wellington City.
- 1.16 Taking the above into account, Transpower therefore seeks that their ability to undertake works, that may include the use of a chainsaw, to ensure trees do not enter the growth limit zone is not prohibited by provisions of the SRMP.

2.0 RESPONSES TO SRMP

MAINTENANCE WORKS

- 2.1 While provision is made for new utilities and replacement or upgrade of existing activities, Transpower consider that provision also needs to be made within the SRMP for maintenance works relating to utilities and access to utilities.
- 2.2 As currently drafted it would appear that maintenance works for utilities and for access to utilities would be subject to the allowed, managed and prohibited activities contained under Clauses 4.3, 4.4 and 4.6 respectively. These rules create issues for Transpower being able to undertake maintenance activities, which in turn restricts their ability to undertake works as required and enabled under other legislation, namely the Electricity Act, the NESETA and the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003 as previously described above. Under Section 23 of the Electricity Act, Transpower has a legal right to enter onto land and perform any act or operation necessary for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining or operating any existing electrical works. Such allowances are at odds with the policy direction of the SRMP, whereby entering land to undertake maintenance works is subject to an application and approval process where such applications can be turned down.
- 2.3 On this basis, Transpower seeks specific provisions relating to maintenance activities associated with National Grid utilities, including the use of chainsaws when required for tree maintenance purposes to maintain safe separation distances around transmission lines, and provision for temporary access required for maintenance.
- 2.4 Additionally, it is noted that the establishment and ongoing maintenance of access tracks is required to enable maintenance of Transpower assets. The NESETA includes provisions over the use of access tracks and earthworks for the creation of access tracks. For the reasons outlined above, Transpower requests that the access tracks are specifically excluded from the list of prohibited activities in Clause 4.6.4 and the encroachments listed in Clause 4.6.8 of the SRMP.
- 2.5 Transpower considers that these maintenance activities described above should be an *approved* activity under the SRMP. As an *approved* activity, this will ensure that the rights that Transpower holds under the legislation described above are not eroded by more restrictive requirements of the SRMP. Transpower are happy to work with the Council where it can around how and when maintenance and inspection works are undertaken but does not consider that the uncertainty around whether any or not approval for the work will be given is appropriate for National Grid infrastructure which is recognised as being nationally significant.

- 2.6 It is recognised that, where such activities are *approved* under the SRMP, Council would still be notified of the timing of maintenance works when contact is made with Council as the landowner under the obligations of sections 23A and 23B of the Electricity Act 1992.

NEW UTILITIES AND REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF EXISTING ACTIVITIES

- 2.7 The SRMP provides for new utilities and the replacement or upgrade of existing utilities as *managed* activities under clauses 4.5.4(a) and 4.5.4(b). While Transpower accepts that it is appropriate for new utilities to be a *managed* activity (subject to the exclusion of such activities from being required to obtain a lease), Transpower considers any replacement or upgrading works to existing National Grid infrastructure needs to be provided for as an *approved* activity. This will ensure that the SRMP does not prevent, or further restrict, Transpower undertaking these works that are otherwise provided for under the NESTA and the Electricity Act. In particular Section 23(1)(a) of the Electricity Act stipulates that:

(1). Any person that owns an existing works may enter upon land for the purpose of gaining access to those works and may perform any act or operation necessary for the purpose of –

(a) inspecting, maintaining, or operating the works

- 2.8 In this section of the Act maintenance includes, any repairs and any other activities for the purpose of maintaining, or that have the effect of maintaining, existing works and the carrying out of any replacement or upgrade of existing works as long as the land will not be injuriously affected as a result of the replacement or upgrade.

LEASES FOR UTILITIES

- 2.9 Clause 4.5.4(c) of the SRMP requires that for all utility companies wanting to build new, or upgrade or replace existing structures on reserve land a lease and/or easement must be obtained from Council. For above ground structures this clause requires that leases will be granted and shall be less than 20 years. This time period includes both the term of the current lease and the term of any right of renewal. Transpower opposes this lease requirement as it places a more onerous obligation on Transpower than what is provided for under the Electricity Act.

- 2.10 In particular it is recognised that Section 22 of the Electricity Act 1992 states that:

“Any existing works, lawfully fixed to or lawfully installed over or under any land that is not owned by the person that owns the works, shall continue to be fixed or installed until the owner of the works otherwise decides, and no person other than the owner of the works shall have any interest in any such works by reason only of having an interest in the land”

- 2.11 It is noted that new National Grid infrastructure away from the existing lines falls outside the provisions of the Electricity Act. In these instances Transpower would secure easements for the life of the new assets.

3.0 RELIEF SOUGHT

- 3.1 Taking the above into consideration, Transpower seeks the following amendments to the SRMP (additions underlined, deletions in strikethrough):

3.2 **Amend** Clause 4.3.2 as follows:

The following activities by individuals or groups are permitted for non-commercial purposes and may be subject to certain conditions and temporary restrictions:

....

- *Access for park management and emergency vehicles and access to National Grid infrastructure for maintenance, upgrading or replacement works*
- *Vehicle access to public car parks, and leased facilities and to network utilities*
- *Utility maintenance, including the use of a chainsaw*
- *Replacement and upgrading of existing National Grid infrastructure*

3.3 **Amend** Clause 4.4.5 as follows:

Managed activities that require a lease, licence, concession or easement will be assessed by Council staff and the Council (or a delegated Committee) will approve or decline. These include

....

- *Utilities (essential systems and networks that provide the city with water, energy, communications and wastewater removal) (see 4.5.4) including new National Grid utilities.*

3.4 **Amend** Clause 4.5.4(a) as follows:

Use of the suburban reserve network for public utilities is considered appropriate in some circumstances. This does not mean that the utility must be in public ownership, but it must provide an essential service to the public. All new utilities and all replacements and upgrades of existing utilities, except for the replacement and upgrade of existing National Grid infrastructure which are provided for as approved activities, will be allowed on reserves where the Council's specific conditions have been met (see policies below):

a. Public utilities: New utilities (including new National Grid infrastructure), replacement or upgrades of existing utilities may be permitted by ~~granting leases or easements~~ provided:

- *it is an essential service to the public*
- *it cannot be reasonably located elsewhere*
- *the recreational nature of the reserve is not significantly disturbed*
- *the public benefits outweigh any adverse impacts on this recreational nature.*

3.5 **Amend** Clause 4.5.4(b) as follows:

b. All new utilities and replacement or upgrades of existing utilities, except for the replacement or upgrade of National Grid infrastructure, shall comply with the following conditions to the satisfaction of the Council:

- (i) *the impact of all utilities on reserve land and its values shall be minimised as far as practicable.*

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- (v) *Utility services shall be located so as not to restrict areas usable for outdoor activities or required for future facilities, ~~or tree planting.~~*

3.6 **Amend** Clause 4.5.4(c) as follows:

- c. *All utility companies wanting to build new, upgrade or replace existing structures on reserve land, will need to obtain a lease and/or easement from the Council (as per the Reserves Act 1977). Easements shall be granted for utilities that are located underground in terms of Section 48 of the Reserves Act. Leases shall be granted for utilities that are located on or above the ground and shall be for less than 20 years. This period shall include both the term of the current lease and the term of any right of renewal. Leases and easements will require the approval of Council (or delegated committee). In the case of National Grid infrastructure an easement will only be required for new infrastructure.*

3.7 **Amend** Clause 4.5.4(d) as follows:

- d. *For existing utilities, except for National Grid infrastructure, where there is no lease or easement, utility companies will need to negotiate an agreement with the Council setting out the terms and conditions of access for inspection, maintenance and emergency repairs. Landowner approval will be required for any non-urgent earthworks.*

3.8 **Amend** Clause 4.6.4 as follows:

The following activities are specifically prohibited:

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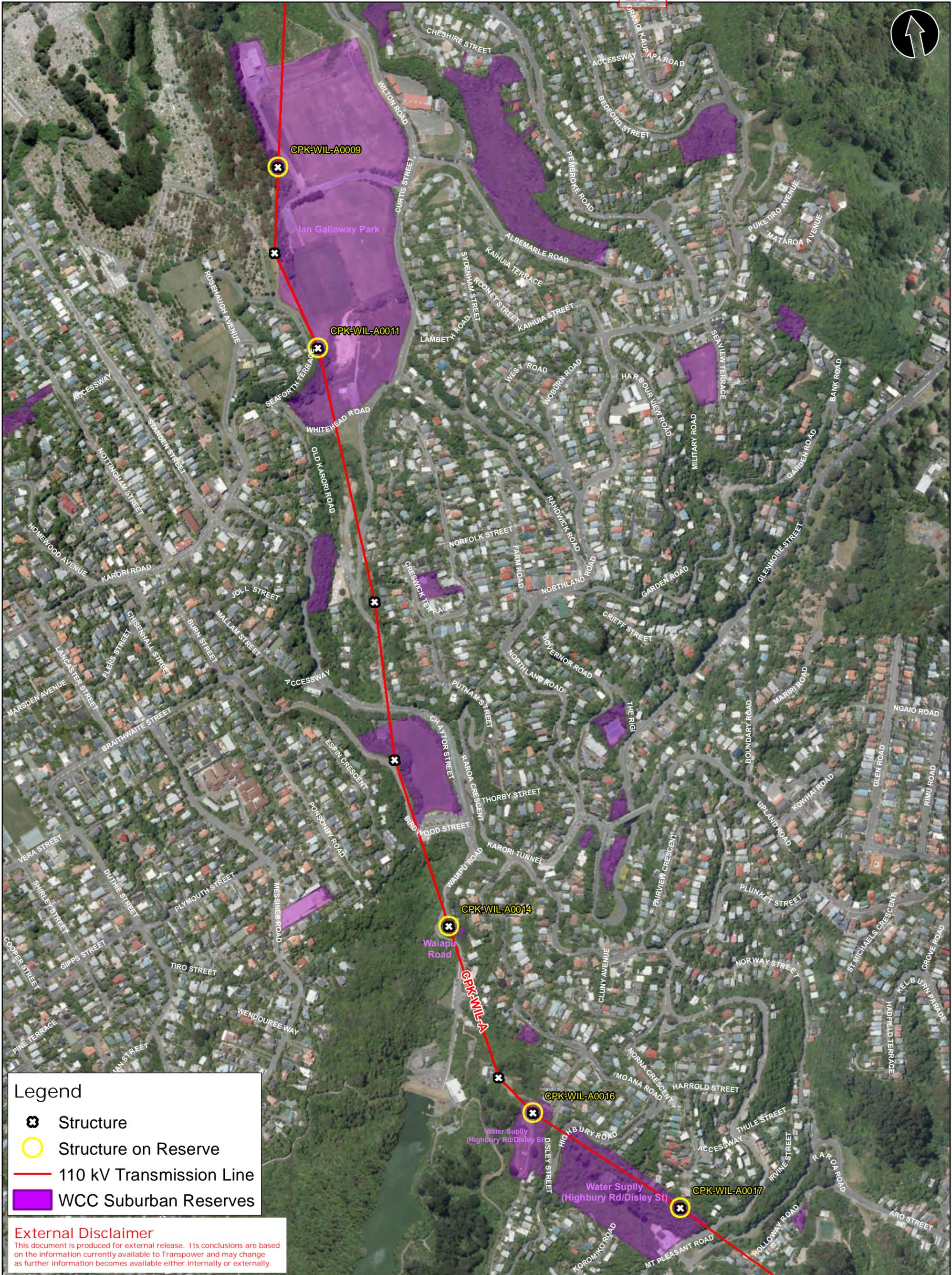
- j. use of a chainsaw (except for the purposes of utility maintenance)*

3.9 **Insert** a new Clause 4.6.8.20 as follows:

This section does not apply to permanent vehicle access that is required for access to utilities.

3.10 **And any subsequent amendments to the General Objectives and Policies chapter of the SRMP to support the relief sought above.**

**APPENDIX 1
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WELLINGTON CITY**



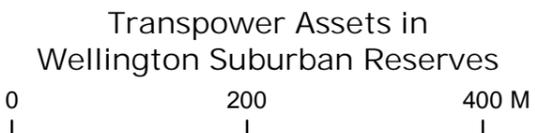
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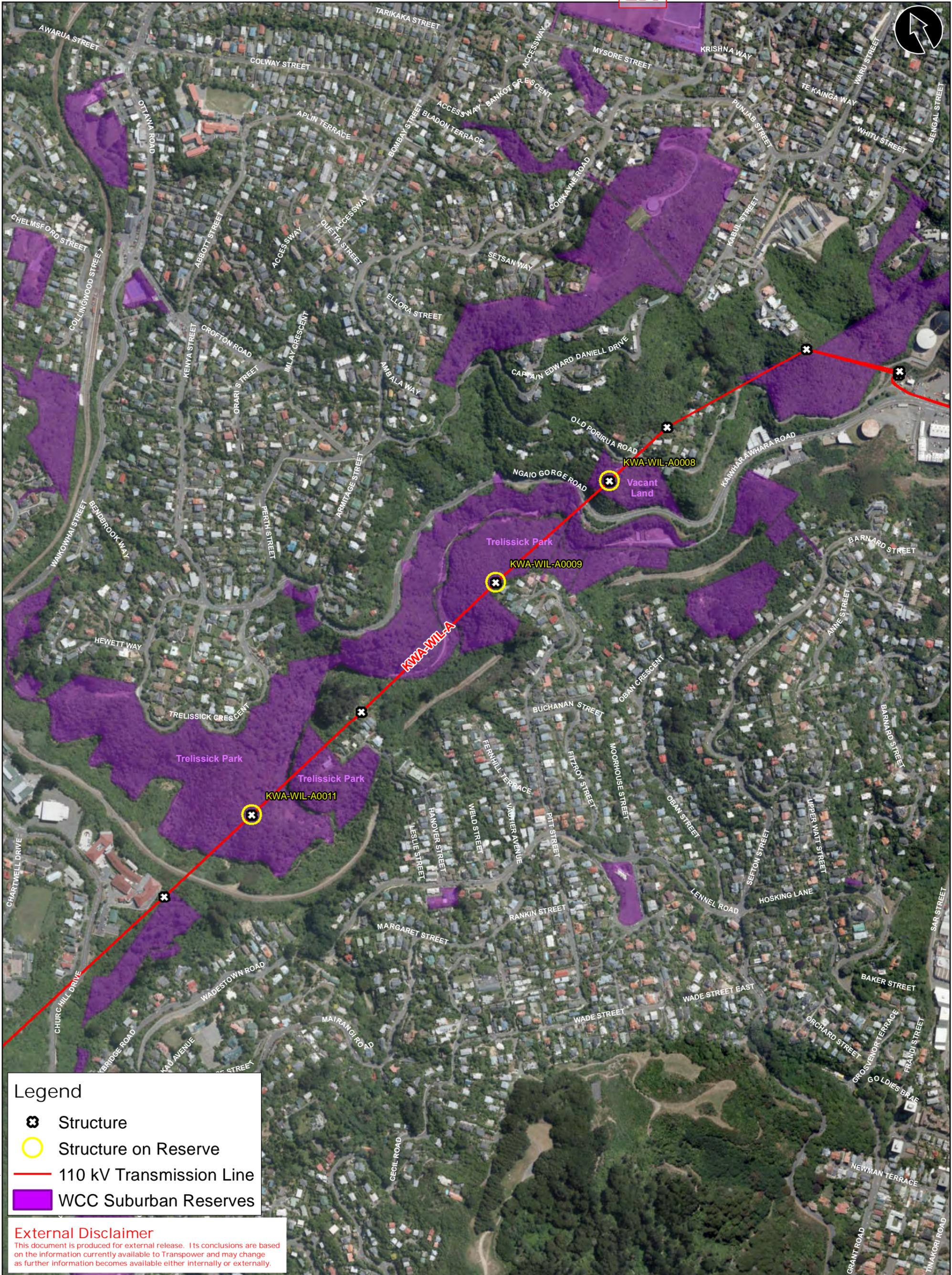
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Transpower Assets in Wellington Suburban Reserves



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 Date: Friday, 5 December 2014 3:03:52 p.m.

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan: Feedback to Wellington City Council

Regarding the proposed action to:

'Prepare a master plan for Miramar Park including the development of a community playground.'

I support:

- in-depth consultation with the local community with particular interest in the development of the North of the Peninsular, including residents surrounding the park, (including those who look down upon the park, and those with an interest in the area); sport groups and clubs (Principally: Miramar Tennis Club, Miramar Bowling Club, Miramar Rangers Soccer club, and Cricket clubs who regularly use the park); Miramar North Kindergarten; Miramar cycle advisory group, students and families who use the park as safe alternate access route to school, and transient workers who use the park at lunch time, Miramar North School and Miramar Christian School.
- the need to include funding for a community-led planning initiative that will engage the local community to determine the future social and recreational facilities and services for Miramar and deliver on the vision that "Miramar is the country's creative gateway" (as part of council's "Big Idea 5: Miramar Framework") and the city's "Urban Growth Plan". We are seeking a meeting with the appropriate council officers to discuss this prior to Christmas 2014.
- the comment under 'Chapter 2 – General objectives and policies', section '2.2.7 Sport and recreation parks ("sports fields")': I support the review and assessment of artificial turfs, **but do not believe this should be bound to a strict time frame of three years**. One of the outcomes from the community-led planning initiative and the development of a Master Plan for Miramar Park may include provision of artificial field(s). This would require funding from council within the next 3 years and therefore it will need to be considered as part of the council's 2015-2025 Long-term Plan.

I don't support:

- the gradual removal of play equipment at the Miramar North play area, until a community-led planning initiative is complete. Should the council consider removing the equipment they should investigate working with Miramar North School to provide up to date and safe equipment within the school grounds (which would meet the council object of no family having to walk more than 600metres to a local park) The school grounds are currently used by local residents for recreational purposes during the weekends, this would further enhance the school as a hub for community interaction. This would be in **addition to a new park at Miramar Park**.

Specifically in relations to the proposed new playground at Miramar Park:

I support this taking in to account the following:

- safe access to and from the park must be provided. The current park access road within the park is inadequate and dangerous to children, walkers, cyclists.
- appropriate night lighting and security are put in place. There is regular vandalism currently near the Tennis club, changing rooms and in the carpark.
- the location of the park is carefully considered in relation to the current activities at the park, user age groups and existing uses i.e. disturbance to tennis and other sports, disturbance of residents.

Many Thanks

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Family Ages Represented: 2 X 11yr olds, 1 X 5 yr old, plus parents. We are regular users of the park and are intimately connected to it and it's activities through the location of our home and connection to the wider community..

Submission from Southern Environmental Association, on WCC Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014

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Introduction

This submission is made to Wellington City Council (WCC) on behalf of the members of the Southern Environmental Association (SEA — said as “ess-ee-ay” rather than “see”).

SEA was formed in 1992 and operates a native plant nursery on WCC land in Tawatawa Reserve, growing eco-sourced plants to restore the hillsides of the Reserve to native forest. Since 1993, SEA volunteers have planted over 39,000 plants in the Reserve.

Tawatawa Reserve is between Kingston and Owhiro Bay, and is referred to principally in section 3.7 of the *Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014* (“the Draft Plan”).

An Appendix to this submission shows a map of Tawatawa Reserve and the location of areas within it that are discussed in this submission (these areas are called *Ridge-top*, *Tawatawa Bush*, *Tawatawa Flat* and *Wetland*). Tawatawa Bush, Tawatawa Flat and the Wetland are together referred to as *Tawatawa Valley*. A further area is marked on the map as “FOOS” — this area is being restored by the Friends of Owhiro Stream.

Submission

General Comments about the Draft Plan

While this submission focusses largely on the future of Tawatawa Reserve, we have some initial general comments about the Draft Plan.

There are frequent references to the contents of other WCC strategic documents, but in our view the Draft Plan does not restate the key principles from these documents in such a way as to relate them clearly to the purpose of this Plan — nor is that purpose entirely clear, even though it is described at the very start of the Plan in section 1.1.

In particular, we struggled to relate the contents of Chapter 2 to the statement of purpose laid out in section 1.1. Consequently, the document as a whole felt to us like a collection of minor actions that were not connected by a clearly identifiable thread or theme.

As well as this lack of clarity in linking strategy to actions, some key points did not seem to come through strongly in the Draft Plan:

- **Ecological Connectivity**

We agree with the Draft Plan that one of the principal benefits of having so many green areas in Wellington is the ecological connectivity they provide.

However, although ecological connectivity is mentioned early in the Draft Plan, in the main body of the Plan (Chapter 3) the references are weaker — and sometimes the word “connectivity” is used only to refer to the track network, rather than the creation and enhancement of “eco-corridors”. SEA would like to see this ecological connectivity given much greater prominence and priority throughout the Plan.

- **Greater Use of Local Native Species**

The use of eco-sourced, locally native plant species (in preference to exotic or non-local New Zealand species) can be shown to have an economic benefit, since natives are generally more resilient and require less maintenance than non-native species. For example, a children’s play area, which may not have strong ecological values at present, could be planted with natives rather than exotics (and then, of course, in the future it probably *will* have strong ecological values).

We would welcome an emphasis on eco-sourced plants being a significant component of the Draft Plan.

- **Weed and Pest Animal Control**

Since Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) relinquished its responsibilities for pest control in Wellington City, SEA has gained the impression that WCC has struggled to adequately fund weed and pest animal control in suburban reserves.

As a general principle, it makes sense to control pests as early as possible. Once they have proliferated in an area, the challenge of removing a pest, or even of reducing numbers, can become so great as to be overwhelming. This was recognised in the 2004 Pest Management Plan, but it is not adequately reflected in the Draft Plan.

We would like to see considerably greater emphasis given to pest control in the Draft Plan, as we feel it needs to be given far higher priority across all areas of Wellington — and especially in and around reserves classified as “Natural”.

Tawatawa Reserve

SEA is “based” in Tawatawa Reserve, with its nursery located there and most of its revegetation and restoration work there. The remainder of this submission discusses how the Draft Plan refers to this Reserve.

In particular, we note that, at 64ha, Tawatawa Reserve is the largest single reserve within the scope of the Plan, yet it is barely mentioned. The only larger area mentioned is Watts Peninsula. Although Watts Peninsula is said to be out of scope for this Plan, there is a whole paragraph about it on p110 in section 3.8.6, and it has its own action listed in the text on p111 (although this action does not appear in the action summary on pp112–116).

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The sole action listed for Tawatawa (in the Sector 7 action list on p104) is the building of tracks to neighbouring private reserves. There is no mention of the likelihood of work being done to complete the track linkage between the old bagel factory and the Whārangī Track, although we understand that this linkage is currently under active consideration, nor is there mention of the future continuation of WCC's excellent work to revegetate the areas damaged by pine logging and retrieval following the June 2013 storm.

We also find it disappointing that in section 3.7.5, referring to Sector 7 (Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay), the Draft Plan states:

"All of the identified sites of significant ecological value in this sector are located on coastal land not included in this management plan."

This appears to ignore areas such as Tawatawa, where work by SEA volunteers and WCC in the last 20 years has added considerable potential ecological value to the already regenerating forest. That potential is now being realised as earlier plantings mature and further emergent species are planted to break through the sub-canopy vegetation.

Surprisingly, however, referring to Sector 5 (Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogelstown, Mornington and Kingston), there is a statement in section 3.5.5 that:

"Tawatawa Reserve at the southern boundary of the sector is another large reserve with significant ecological and biodiversity value."

Since the Reserve is almost entirely within Sector 7, we would have expected to find this statement repeated in section 3.7.5.

Furthermore, Section 2.3.1 of the Draft Plan states that one of the plan's objectives is "to prioritise protection of identified sites of ecological significance (bush remnants)" and it refers to *An Inventory of the Surviving Traces of the Primary Forest of Wellington City* by G Park (1999). We note that one such area of forest remnant is to be found in Tawatawa Bush (see the map in the appendix), where Park noted that species found in this remnant included akiraho, kānuka, kohekohe, māhoe, mamaku, ngaio, whārangī and thin-leaved coprosma (*C. areolata*).

Another objective listed in section 2.3.1 of the Draft Plan is "to protect and restore existing stream habitats, *with a focus on the Kaiwharawhara, Korimako and Owhiro Stream catchments*" (our italics) — we note that Tawatawa Valley is part of the Owhiro Stream catchment.

Further reasons that Tawatawa Reserve merits inclusion in this category of being "of significant ecological value" are:

- Tawatawa provides vital ecological connectivity; it borders Te Kopahou (which connects it to Zealandia), Manawa Karioi and Paekawakawa Reserves, and is close to the Frobisher Street and Oku Street Reserves, helping to create an ecological corridor from the city hills to the South Coast.
- Tawatawa Bush, at the head of the Tawatawa Valley, has healthy watercourses flowing through it, where nīkau (*Rhopalostylis sapida*) planted by SEA are thriving and kōura (*Paranephrops planifrons*) have recently been observed. The presence of nīkau and kōura may be considered strong indicators of forest and stream health.
- One of the original reasons for giving the area reserve status was the existence of substantial stands of naturally-occurring whārangī (*Melicope ternata*) in the forest remnant recorded by Park in 1999 and noted above.

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Furthermore, like Watts Peninsula, Tawatawa embraces multiple values; while it does not have the significant military history of Watts Peninsula, Tawatawa compares strongly with Watts Peninsula in many other respects:

- Landscape

In Tawatawa a large flat area (over an old landfill) supports a wetland and native coastal trees and is surrounded by steep hills covered in regenerating native forest; from many parts of the Reserve there are dramatic views — of the city and harbour, framed by the mountain ranges, and across Cook Strait to the Kaikoura Ranges.

- Recreational

A major part of the City to Sea Walkway traverses the entire length of Tawatawa from north to south and offers some of the Reserve's most spectacular and extensive views, showcasing Wellington's remarkable landforms.

A network of tracks provides a range of walks suited to all ages and levels of fitness.

It is also one of the few areas in Wellington where dogs can be safely let off the lead, and it is one of the biggest; dog-owners are the largest single group of users of the Tawatawa Flat and they frequently express to SEA members their pleasure at being somewhere that feels "wild", rather than a city park with exotic trees and houses visible all around. Locals often comment to us that, as the restored forest develops, native birds have started to return to the area in recent years.

- Cultural

The Tawatawa Ridge-top has Māori cultural associations, as it is said to be the former site of a urupā (burial ground); near that site there is a modern (1980s) Pouwhenua bearing the faces of Te Rauparaha and his nephew Te Rangihaeata. This Pou is located at the highest point of the Reserve, offering remarkable 360° views.

Lack of pest animal and weed control

Although SEA considers the Reserve to be a jewel in the crown of the South Coast, the Reserve has received very limited pest control in recent years:

- We understand that the *only* animal pest control carried out in the Reserve is possum baiting, which achieves some rat by-catch. Rabbits are present in large numbers, although they are rarely seen on Tawatawa Flat during the day because the area is so heavily used by dogs running free. There is no control for mustelids, rats, hedgehogs or rabbits.
- We are further advised that there is currently no WCC budget (zero!) for weed control in the Reserve. The major concerns at present are: Buddleia (*Buddleja davidii*), Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera*), Old Man's Beard (*Clematis vitalba*), and Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*).

Of slightly lesser concern, but of significant concern nonetheless, are: Wild Turnip (*Brassica rapa*), English Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), Inkweed (*Phytolacca octandra*), Wild Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*), Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus agg.*) and Holly-leaved Senecio (*Senecio glastifolius*).

We are aware that in some parts of Wellington, local environmental groups play a significant part in pest animal control by helping WCC and GWRC maintain and monitor bait stations and traps. However, at present SEA's voluntary workers are fully occupied with nursery work during summer and planting during winter, so SEA does not currently have the resources to provide assistance with pest control on a continuing basis.

Lack of a management plan for the Reserve

The decision to make the area a reserve was taken in about 2002 and it was eventually gazetted as a reserve in 2009, but to the best of our knowledge WCC has not prepared an overall management plan for the Reserve. Given Tawatawa's size and its ecological, recreational and cultural significance, we feel that such a plan is long overdue and we ask that WCC give priority to the preparation of such a plan.

Lack of clear identity

A further disappointing aspect of the Reserve at present is the lack of signage that would give Tawatawa a greater sense of identity. Although the walking track entrances (at Quebec Street, Frobisher Street and Happy Valley Road) have signage identifying the entrance to the Reserve, the only vehicle entrance, which is the one used by easily the largest number of visitors to the Reserve, has no such signage. The only sign is small, poorly positioned, not readable from a vehicle, and several years out of date, as it shows ideas for "future" improvements to the Reserve, which are either complete or no longer practical because of other changes that have been made.

To highlight the impact of this lack of clear identity, we quote the advertising for the SPCA *Animal Reunion and Dog Walk* held at Tawatawa on 6 December 2014: in all the promotional material, the area is referred to, not as Tawatawa Reserve, but as "the Murchison Street Dog Park"! This, we must assume, is how many people think of the Reserve.

We ask that WCC replace the small, out-of-date sign near the Murchison Street entrance with a sizable sign that states "Tawatawa Reserve" in the same way that has been done for some other large urban reserves.

SEA's work

SEA is currently preparing a Restoration Plan (with advice and contributions from WCC officers) for the principal forested areas of the Reserve (the Tawatawa Bush area and the Ridge-top) and the wetland near the SEA Nursery. Tawatawa Flat, although it is mentioned several times in this submission, is not part of the current Restoration Plan.

Completion of the first draft Restoration Plan is scheduled for late January 2015, with a target of late March 2015 for the completed Plan.

Our recommendations

We have the following general recommendations:

- When the Plan is redrafted, much more emphasis should be given to the natural values in the reserves classified as "Natural". We suggest that ecological connectivity and the use of eco-sourced, locally native plant species be given far greater emphasis in the Plan, and especially in and around the Natural reserves.
- WCC needs to give much greater emphasis to weed and pest animal control and assign an appropriate budget, principally in and around the Natural reserves.

Submission from Southern Environmental Association

For Tawatawa Reserve, we suggest that similar measures be taken. Furthermore, we suggest that specific additional actions should include:

- Attributing to the Reserve in section 3.7 the status of being “of significant ecological value”.
- Developing a long-term, high-level management plan for the Reserve.
- Developing an associated detailed landscape and amenity plan for the Tawatawa Flat, which is the prime dog-walking and recreational area.

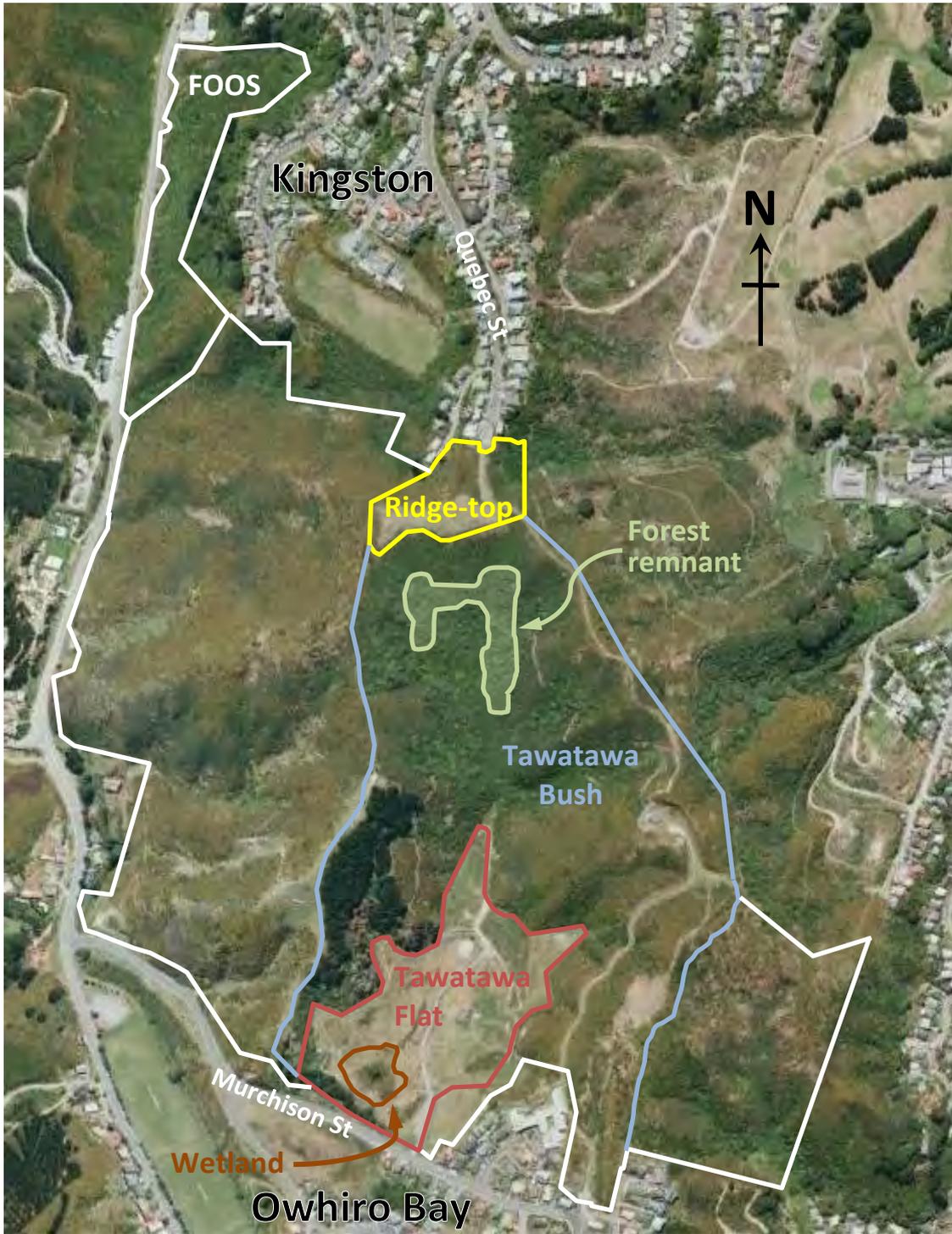
These plans will need to link in with the Restoration Plan currently being developed by SEA and scheduled to be complete by March 2015. (Normally, one would expect a high-level management plan to be completed before a Restoration Plan is prepared. However, to minimise future potential conflict between the plans, SEA is consulting regularly with WCC officers during the development of its Restoration Plan.)

- Allocating an adequate budget for the control of the higher-priority pest plants.
- Increasing the scope of pest animal control to include mustelids, rats and rabbits.
- Providing better signage at the main entrance to the Reserve in Murchison Street.

We suggest that preparation of the landscape and amenity plan for Tawatawa Flat should have a high priority and should include:

- The inclusion of some of the ideas from SEA’s draft plan from December 2006 (a copy of which SEA could supply if required); a variation of that plan, although now well out of date, still appears as the only signage at the Murchison Street entrance to the Reserve.
- The provision of a toilet near the car park; the number of people using Tawatawa is now so high that this should be given a very high priority.
- The installation of picnic tables.
- The installation of benches; the numbers of people using the area to walk their dogs, and the advanced age of some dog-owners, indicate that this would be welcomed by many users of the Reserve.
- Possible upgrading of the car park at the Murchison Street entrance.

Appendix — Central Areas of Tawatawa Reserve



The full area of the Reserve includes the areas delimited by white lines. The main areas referred to in this submission are shown with coloured boundaries:

- Ridge-top (yellow)
 - Tawatawa Bush (blue); includes a forest remnant* (green)
 - Tawatawa Flat (rose)
 - Wetland (brown)
- } Tawatawa Valley

* Remnant as identified by G Park (1999)

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This submission relates to Brooklyn War Memorial Park reserve mentioned in chapter 3, section 3.5 Sector 5 (p74), shown on Sector 5 maps 1 and 2 (pp75,76) and described in more detail in section 3.5.6 Cultural and heritage (p79).

The only proposed action, listed on page 81, is to “Investigate better signs/wayfinding from Mitchell Street”.

This action would be appropriate as the present sign on Mitchell Street by the footpath to the memorial is on a round pole which rotates in the wind. It often ends up pointing away from the memorial, giving the impression to the locals that the memorial relocates itself up and down Mitchell Street and Todman Street from time to time. A sign attached to a square pole in a square hole may help though the pole would need to be strong enough to resist the strong winds.

I would like to see more attention given to the Brooklyn War Memorial Park so that in the future its cultural values are complemented by its natural surroundings. There is an opportunity to make the natural environment round the monument more representative of the forest that would have clothed Wellington’s slopes when those soldiers who are commemorated by the memorial lived in the area.

As well as cultural values this reserve has the potential to be ecologically significant. Though small, this reserve is only a short flight from Zealandia, Central Park, other reserves and parts of the Town Belt. It is a part of the ecological flight corridor from the city’s hills to the coast. Native birds are frequently seen and heard in the reserve. Kākā fly over regularly and settle from time to time in the pines and moreporks have been heard at night.

The Draft Plan does not mention the recent change in WCC policy on the landscape of this reserve nor state any long-term plan for its future maintenance.

I would like to thank the Urban Ecology Team of WCC for their decision on the reserve's landscape, which will, over the longer term, increase the biodiversity of the reserve thus enhancing the habitat for local native wild-life. In the past, the steep sides facing north to Sugarloaf Road and the ridge adjacent to the path to Mitchell Street were grass that was cut regularly, especially in preparation for Anzac Day. As it has now been classed as a dangerous site for the mowing team to work on, WCC has discontinued mowing and has recently planted a large part of the grassed area with native tree species.

If established, a long-term plan for the reserve would need to include weed management in advance of further planting, particularly on the east and south east slopes. Introducing native plant species, particularly emergent species, would encourage more native bird life and provide a forest canopy in the future when the pines become too old to be safe and need to be removed. For instance I have noticed kererū frequently visit the western end of Bruce Avenue in Brooklyn where there are several mature kōwhai trees but I have not seen any kererū around the War Memorial.

I would like the preparation of a long-term management plan for the maintenance of the landscape and cultural values of Brooklyn War Memorial Park to be included in the list of actions.

Have your say

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

October 2014

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What happens next

1. Comments on the draft plan are due Friday 5 December 2014.
2. Submissions will be analysed. Oral submissions will be held in February 2015. Amendments to the plan could be made based on submissions.
3. The final Suburban Reserves Management Plan will go to the Council for approval in April 2015.

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This submission is made on behalf of Friends of Owhiro Stream (FOOS).

Background.

Friends of Owhiro Stream have been working for the last ten years to protect and restore the Owhiro Stream. This stream forms the main freshwater input into the Taputeranga marine reserve and is one of few urban streams that survive in Wellington City today. In the last decade, we have planted just under 20,000 plants, remove many tonnes of rubbish and weeds from this neglected urban stream environment. Advocacy for this environment is also a strong component of our activity and has involved: continuous interaction with local and regional councils, resource consents submissions, engagement with schools and local community groups. Our intent is not just the physical restoration of a stream but also to restore, within the community, the sense that streams are an important and functional part of our urban environment. We hope our work encourages people to enjoy and care for the natural environment which is such a strong part of the Wellington identity.

In response to your questions:

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

We strongly support general direction and objectives of the draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. The areas managed under this plan have an important role in creating a mosaic of communal spaces which create: accessible places for people to interact outside of the built environment, protection for sensitive natural environments and encouragement of physical activity. The presence of these areas in our urban environment complement the larger greenbelt and south coast reserve areas and remind us of the natural and slightly rugged character of the Wellington landforms.

As volunteers working for the restoration of a stream environment, we see the protection and management created under reserve status as important. In conservation terms, this status recognises the natural values of the land (and water) and creates more long term certainty that these areas will be protected. This certainty is an encouragement to the activities of voluntary groups.

We recognize that the lengths of the Owhiro Stream, that flow through the TawaTawa Reserve, Happy Valley Park and Frobisher Street Reserve, have the greatest levels of protection and opportunities for enhancing the stream ecosystems. Where the stream flows through road reserve, WCC landfill areas and private property, protection of the stream environment is much less certain.



2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:
 e) Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston

We strongly support initiatives in the plan for this area as it covers an important part of the Owhiro Catchment.

We are obviously keen to encourage the continued enhancement and restoration of the Owhiro Stream. We enjoy a strong and productive relationship between our group and Wellington City Council and look forward to further work with other groups and organisations in the catchment to bring the Owhiro Stream back to life.

We see an opportunity for enhancing the important ecological corridor between Zealandia and Te Kopahou Reserve on the south coast through the use of stepping stone reserves. Some of these areas already exist in the reserve network but with future development in the catchment, some of the currently undeveloped land (non-reserve) may become unavailable. Future reserve areas may need to be planned for this purpose.

In addition to the suggested track links between Mitchell Street and Ohiro Road we would like to encourage the investigation of track routes that would enhance the westward connection from the Brooklyn – Kingston ridgeline with Ohiro Road in the valley. This would add east-west pedestrian connection between ridgeline and valley floor to the existing north-south transport corridors. We believe that this would enhance the walking experience in this area and enable shorter and more interesting walks to be undertaken by residents and visitors.

Consideration of the old Vogelmorn bowling green is of interest to FOOS as our shadehouse adjoins this site. We consider that the Vogelmorn Hall and Tennis Club form an important community hub and would see the addition of the bowling green as way of strengthening community activity on this site. Since our volunteers are drawn from the community, we would see this type of community development as creating an opportunity for us to grow our volunteer base.

We note that the northern boundary of the Tawatawa reserve crosses the boundary of sectors 5 and 7. While the boundaries of these sectors may well have been created for other administrative purposes, we would regard it essential that the Tawatawa reserve be managed as a single entity.

g) Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay

We strongly support initiatives in the plan for this area covers an important part of the Owhiro Catchment. Many of the comments we have made for Sector 5 also apply here.

As a stream care group, we would be encouraging of the community initiative in Sinclair Park to lift the stream above the closed landfill.



We also support reserve status for the Frobisher Street Reserve. As well as recognising the community garden activity in this area, there are also opportunities for restoration of riparian and aquatic habitat in the lower Owhiro Stream, which flows along the western edge of this reserve. Community interest in a track linkage between the south-west corner of the Tawa Tawa reserve and Owhiro Bay alongside the stream should also be recognized in any development of this reserve.

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

Access and interconnection are important themes in this plan. We hope that a strategic approach to the development of the suburban park network recognizes not only the needs of the human population but also those of the populations of native animals, fish, invertebrates, and plants that have been forced to the margins of our urban environment. If these native species are to survive within our city, we need to pay particular attention to our “green” spaces and see their potential for the future.

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

While parks are categorised under their primary purpose, we would like to emphasize the multifaceted functions that these reserve spaces can provide. With careful planning and management, functions of recreation, heritage, protection of natural environments and amenity can be combined with positive effect.

One of the functions that does not seem to have been contemplated by this plan is a role for reserve areas in stormwater management. As a stream restoration group, we regularly witness the negative effects of uncontrolled stormwater discharge on freshwater streams. Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) guidelines, recently developed by the Wellington City Council, suggest that slowing waterflows and increasing the permeability of the urban landscape will reduce some of the negative effects of stormwater on the environment. We believe that reserve areas could, with sensitive design, have an important role to play in this new approach.

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan?

Reclassification of the Frobisher Street Reserve to Scenic B Reserve seems appropriate. See comments under section 2g.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this plan.

Yours environmentally,

Martin Payne
For Friends of Owhiro Stream

Kia ora tatou.

The following is Forest and Bird Wellington Branch's submission to the Wellington City Council Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. Wellington Branch's geographic area aligns roughly with that of the Wellington City Council from the south coast to the Porirua Harbour. The Branch has a long history of active involvement with the management of the reserves as a whole and with many of the individual reserves covered by this plan. We submit this on behalf of our membership, which currently stands at more than 2000 people. We would also like to submit orally.

Chapter 1 Introduction

Wellington Branch agrees with the stated purpose of the plan, i.e. "to provide Wellington City Council with a clear framework for day-to-day management and decision-making for Council-administered reserves and open spaces in the suburban areas between Khandallah and Miramar (including Makara) for the next 10 years." (1.1) but notes a lack of concrete emphasis on specific principles to guide the management of the reserves individually and as a whole.

In our view specific reference to plant and animal pest management, the ecological connectivity of the reserves and the role of locally-sourced native plant species should be made in the introduction to the plan. Accordingly, Wellington Branch agrees with the reserves categorisation in 1.4 of the Draft, provided that principles outlined in the Pest Management Plan 2004 and Biodiversity Plan 2007 are incorporated into the purpose of the plan. The following example is lifted from the Pest Management Plan:

"The plan starts from the premise that prevention is better than cure. In the event that pests cannot be prevented from occurring, eradicating them while they are in small numbers or limited in distribution is the next best option. If pests cannot be totally eradicated, eradication in discrete areas may be appropriate, often combined with containing them in specific areas and preventing them from spreading further. Finally, where pests are established and widespread, the focus is on eradicating, containing or restricting them to minimise their adverse impacts on areas with the greatest biodiversity values." (p.6)

Chapter 2 General objectives and policies

We believe this needs the insertion of specific reference to threats to the landscape. We submit that after paragraph 4 states "An awareness of what makes our landscapes and the places where we live attractive helps us to ensure that ongoing development and change best reflect our needs," the following be inserted: "Monitoring of threats to the reserves from pest plants and animals, encroachment, or activities with adverse visual or ecological impacts - and the ability to address these issues - are vital to the successful management of the Suburban Reserves."

2.1.2 Policies

Point 1 states "Sector plans will identify specific landscape characteristics and values associated with each area to be enhanced, maintained and/or protected." Since the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan (DSRMP) will provide the framework for day-to-day management of the reserves, we are concerned that, in the case of many individual reserves, the Management Sector Plans contain no suggested actions to be taken. We believe a much clearer policy objective should be inserted, at least with respect to the reserves in the natural and ecological categories. We suggest the following be inserted after the sentence quoted above: "As part of these plans, reserves in the natural or ecological linkage categories will be regularly surveyed for plant and animal pests, and activities with adverse visual or ecological impacts. "

Wellington Branch also submits that any plan to change the existing character of any reserve should be notified for public comment.

2.3 Ecology and biodiversity

We view this as being a generalized and bland statement. What is missing is specific reference to the elements making up the concepts of ecology and biodiversity, and the rationale for addressing these issues. We submit that a good example of this be lifted from the Pest Management Plan and inserted into the Draft text (shown in italics): "Enhancing and protecting biodiversity often complements other values of the open space network such as landscape value (e.g. people value the green backdrop to the city and it visually unifies the city landscape), recreation value (walking in the bush or seeking shade in a playground) and community value (it can provide a sense of identity in a suburb and groups form over restoration projects). *Early integrated management of potential weeds and pest animals minimises future costs – economic, environmental and social.* At a suburban reserves network scale this translates into a need to look for the potential for both connectedness of ecosystems and ecological enhancement of individual reserves."

Wellington Branch wishes to see provision in the guiding principles for plants and animals to be provided space and ability to adapt to climate change. It is important, therefore, not so much to "look for connectedness of ecosystems", which in our view is too abstract, than to actively plan to have the reserves network function as much as possible as ecological and wildlife corridors between the larger natural areas in the Wellington region.

2.3.1 Objectives

We submit that the objective stated here need to include the wider and more specific statements submitted above. Therefore, where point one states: "To protect indigenous biodiversity and indigenous ecosystems on suburban reserves, including freshwater ecosystems.", we submit the following modifications (in italics): "To protect indigenous biodiversity and indigenous ecosystems *within and between* suburban reserves, including freshwater ecosystems, *and to monitor and counter threats to the biodiversity of these ecosystems*".

2.3.2 Policies

Wellington Branch supports this, for example, "Plant and animal pest threats will be identified and assessed, and their management prioritised in accordance with the policies and priorities in relevant local and regional pest management plans."

As in the comments pertaining to 2.1.2 earlier, we wish to see this translated into specific actions to be taken at the level of the Management Sector Plans.

Chapter 3 Management Sector Plans

We submit the following comments specific to particular parts of these plans.

Sector 1: Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara

Odell Reserve

Given that our stance has been that there should be no net loss of open space and that there needs to be a policy to compensate for intensification and provision of an appropriate increase in public open space, Wellington Branch does not support the sale of these social housing units.

Wellington Branch is particularly supportive of plans under 3.1.5 Actions to acquire bush remnants linking Homebush Park and Tyers Stream Reserve (above Jarden Mile).

Sector 4: Karori, Makara and Makara Beach

102 Hazlewood Avenue Reserve

We oppose sale. This reserve is adjacent to the Outer Green Belt. We submit that as soon as practicable it be included in the Outer Green Belt.

Makara Stream Reserve

We support the review of this reserve and oppose sale.

Sector 7: Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay

Tawatawa Reserve

This reserve, at 64 hectares, is the largest block to fall within the scope of this plan. Given its position linking the Town Belt, Manawa Karioi and the South Coast at Te Kopahou, we submit in relation to this reserve that:

1. it be retained in the Park Category column as “Natural”, and that the term “Ecological Linkage” be added.
2. there be commitment in the Actions column to work such as ongoing predator control or a comprehensive weed survey to enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the reserve.

Chapter 4 Rules for use and development

We support the framework set out in the Draft, but raise two points:

4.5.4 f(i) needs clarification or re-wording: "A fee for use of the route and a refundable site restoration bond, as determined by the Council, shall be paid." Change to "A fee for use of the route and a refundable site restoration bond shall be paid, Council to determine the size of the bond to be paid."

4.6.4 l. Wellington Branch supports the prohibition on horse grazing in reserves. We submit that renewal of any leases and licences permitting this activity be publically notified, and that existing leases or licences be managed to prevent horses interfering with natural regeneration. This situation pertains to Tawatawa Reserve in particular.

4.6.4 q. Firewood collection prohibited. In light of the proliferation of pest trees in the reserves, Wellington Branch submits the need for investigation of some type of managed approach to firewood collection in the reserves, perhaps the felling and removal of marked trees or something similar.

Appendix

We are concerned that at least one reserve appears to be missing from this list, namely Otari Reserve (Chartwell Bush); two blocks of land form a single area of land which is adjacent to Otari-Wilton's Bush and located at the top of Chartwell Drive below the sub-station:

Scenic reserve (4.2596 ha) — Part Lot VIII Kaiwharawhara District; marked “B” on SO 38359

Recreation reserve (17.8447 ha) — Part Otari A2 and Part Otari A3 and Part Lots VI & VII Kaiwharawhara

District and Part Section 1 SO 35925; marked “A” on SO 38359

We are about to sign an MoU and are seeking WCC approval for a plan to improve the site with a natural wetland and other revegetation work including pathways and 'picnic areas'. The site currently has horse grazing.

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Why do you say this?

The objectives are based on a clear assessment on the important and varied values of suburban reserves to local communities. We particularly support the objective in 2.5.1 - to manage reserves in partnership with the community.

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Why do you say this?

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Why do you say this?

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Support or Oppose

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Why do you say this?

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Comments

Attached Documents

File
BCA -WCC management agreement for Vogelmorn bowling green and garage
VCG submission to WCC Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Absolutely

Wellington

17 September 2014

Kay Miller
Chair, Brooklyn Community Association
18 Harrison St
Brooklyn
Wellington

Brooklyn Community Association - variation to 3 year contract (2013-14)

Dear Kay

The Brooklyn Community Centre is an integral player in delivering services to meet the needs of the local community and is supported by Council through contract.

Historically, Council has managed community halls as bookable venues and not necessarily in response to the needs and interest of the local community. In 2012, as a way to address this, we asked the Brooklyn Community Association to take over the management of the Vogelmoor Hall to assist in the gradual move away from a venue for hire model to one that supports activities to meet local needs.

We are now in a position to extend the footprint to include the ex-Brooklyn Bowling Club's garage and Bowling Green – see attached

This variation is to confirm that the Brooklyn Community Association will take over the management of the ex-garage and bowling green and integrate into the portfolio of the Vogelmoor Hall complex.

Please sign both copies of this variation letter.

Wellington City Council:

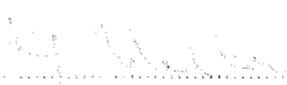
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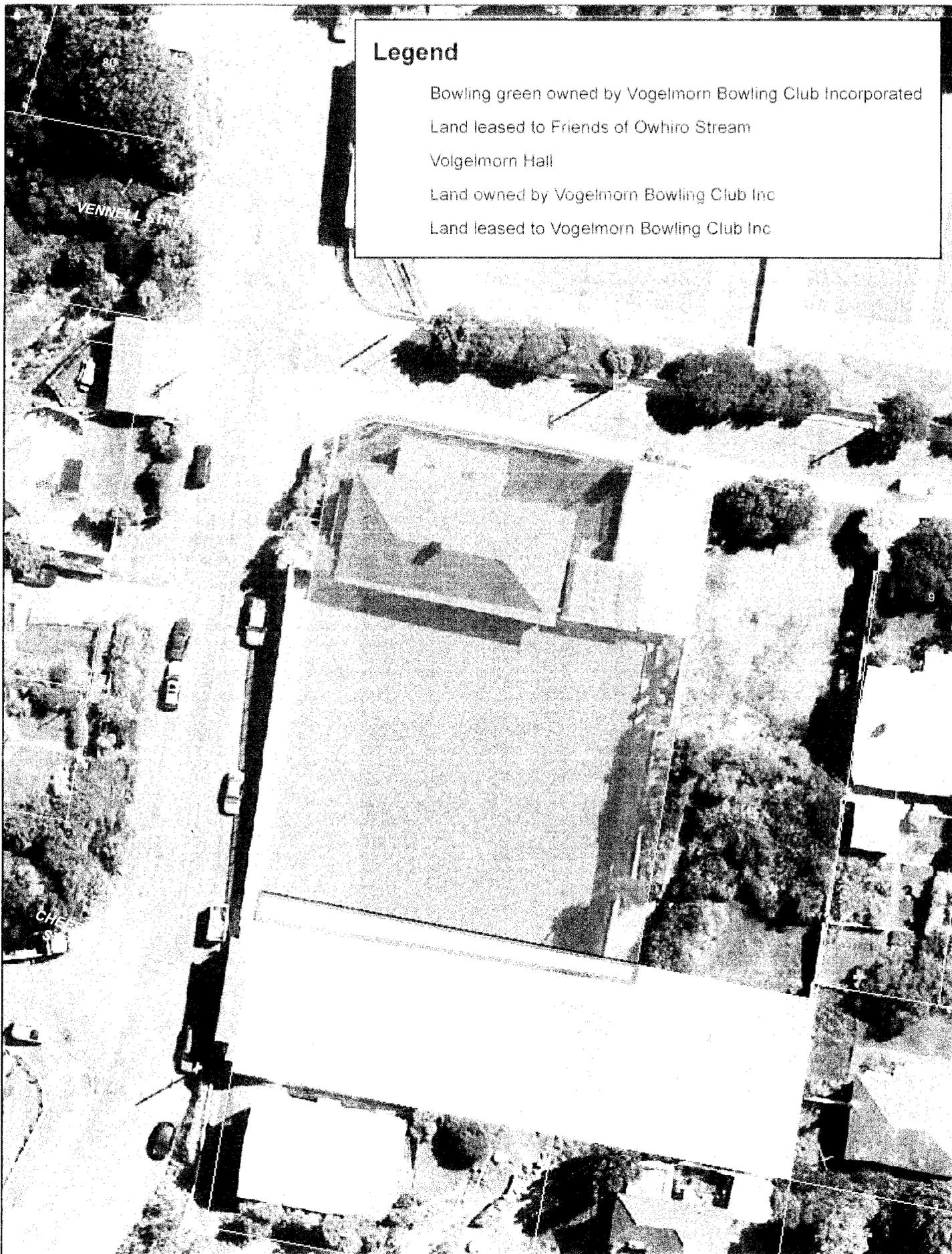
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WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Vogelmorn Community Group

Submission to WCC Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Background

We are a group of residents with school-aged children, who gathered as a community group and recently formed as a trust. The purpose of the Trust is to:

- a. provide facilities for, and encourage; arts, cultural, sporting, health, social, educational, and recreational activities within Vogelstown, Mornington and surrounding areas, for the benefit of the community; and*
- b. to ensure public commons, including grass commons, buildings and other shared spaces are secured, used and enhanced for this purpose.*

The Vogelmorn Community Group has been quietly active in the community for most of 2014, working to keep the Vogelmorn Bowling Club (VBC) rooms and the adjoining WCC-owned green as community space. We met WCC officials and Councillors in April, adding momentum to kickoff the Kaka Project in May/June. The members below have been active in all facets of this community-led planning project – with graphic design, online presence, liaising with Ridgway School and more. The group is represented on the Brooklyn Community Association Council, which now manages the Vogelmorn Hall and former bowling green.

The group held a successful open day at the bowling club in June with over 100 locals dropping in and adding their ideas of future uses for the space. Ideas for the green included café, markets, garden, plant nursery, holiday programme, exercise space, football practice pitch and wedding venue.

The group has made several approaches to the bowling club, which finally met in October to dissolve and transfer the clubrooms to a Foundation. The VBC property has failed to sell since being listed in August. Discussions with the Foundation continue on its fate.

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Additional comments

Vogelmorn Community Group would like to see the retention of the former Vogelmorn bowling green as public open space, irrespective of the future use of the bowling club buildings.

The loss of public open space in the area is under threat, and has already occurred from the sale of land at 11 Vennell St, next door. Please retain the green as public open space.

Brooklyn Community Centre's current management of the former green is intended to support 'activities to meet local needs'.

Vogelmorn Community Group is concerned that this public space will not be used while it remains locked and hidden away. There is potential to improve access to the green both internally, through the adjoining Vogelmorn Hall (existing door blocked off) and externally (where there are currently solid walls and gates).

The brick wall on Mornington Rd and the block wall on Vennell St could easily be removed to reveal the green and a sense of shared land. The area is unlikely to be required as a single-use green again and will have less specific maintenance needs than it did for bowls.

There is potential for mixed use of the green (particularly integrated with hall use) and artificial turf or replacement of the existing bowling turf. We'd like to see the area used by children and gardening and bike fixing groups as well as junior sports clubs for skills training.

As new residents move into Vennell St we'd love to see this area as already welcoming and enjoyed rather than no man's land. It will be easier for new residents to imitate careful stewardship of the green.

For Vogelmorn Community Group

David Bagnall, Jo Randerson, Thomas Lahood, Jeremy Macey, Turi Park, Claire McCann, Sophie Jerram, Simon McLellan, Ben Zwartz

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Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I begin with my suggested changes to the Plan. In 'Sector 3 Key Actions' Replace first point with: 'Consult with stakeholders to determine the appropriate mix of play equipment for the playground at Kelburn Park. In addition investigate opportunities to partner with either a local school, community group or other partnership in the Kelburn Village area.' In 'Sector 3.3.2 Playgrounds' Replace paragraph 3 with: 'In preparation for the renewal of the playground at Kelburn Park (scheduled for 2017/18) consult with stakeholders to determine the appropriate mix of play equipment and other features for the playground. To improve play provision in the southern part of the sector around Kelburn Village investigate opportunities to partner with either a local school, community group or other partnership in the Kelburn Village area.'

I now explain why Council should make the suggested changes. HISTORY The playground at Kelburn Park is the top of a gully through which once flowed a tributary of Kumutoto. It became Town Belt, and that gully was filled in to become the north end of Kelburn Park. The present playground is what is left of a 'cable car' themed play area that once included an original trailer car. This popular area has suffered from heavy use. The last of the cable car features has been removed and the remaining play equipment is tired. The area very much needs a 'makeover'. USE To begin to understand the demands on the area I attempt to separate users into four groups: Infants A green space with play equipment for local children as well as groups of children from several nearby creches. School Children A green area for Clifton Terrace Model School particularly when the main Park is unavailable because of use by other sports or maintenance. And as I write this the playground is hosting two bus loads of school children visiting Wellington. They are swarming across the area and all of the equipment. Students A breathing space for students who need to get away from a desk for a while. During university terms the swing is particularly popular as was climbing on the cable car trailer. Visitors A safe haven for children when their accompanying adults are participating in or supporting sports at Kelburn Park. Typically when both rugby and soccer fields are in use or when cricket is played. For all these user groups alternate playgrounds are further away and out of sight. The wide age range of users is a challenge and stakeholders need an opportunity to consider what new equipment best suits the renewed playground.

STAKEHOLDERS My initial inquiries to identify stakeholders suggest: - neighbourhood residents - Victoria University - Clifton Terrace Model School - Wellington Tenth/Port Nicholson Block Trust - Wellington City Council Each stakeholder needs an adequate opportunity to consider what they might want for the area and then to engage with the others. FUTURE To start thinking about the future of the area here is an initial suggestion: - renewed neighbourhood (local) type play area - part of a revitalised Kelburn fitness circuit - new plantings - new paths to improve access to Cable Car and Park Additional information stakeholders will need includes if/when Kelburn Park becomes artificial turf, and how the Cable Car station at Salamanca will be rebuilt. PROCESS I suggest the following timetable: 2015 stakeholders engage 2016 planning 2017 implementation Thank you again for the opportunity to make this submission.

Attached Documents

File
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

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Trade competition and adverse effects:

I could I could not

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a. adversely affects the environment, and

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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.

Preferred hearing location:

February 2015 - Oral Hearings

Hearing Needs: As my submission has been prepared on behalf of the Karori Association, I ask that the right to present the submission in person be granted to whoever is available to represent the Association on the day.

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Submission

1. Overall, do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

See supporting document

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 1](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not my Sector of interest

Sector 2. Trelissick Park: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 2](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not my Sector of interest

Sector 3. Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 3](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

See supporting document

Sector 4. Karori, Makara and Makara Beach: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 4](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

See supporting document

Sector 5. Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Mornington and Kingston: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 5](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not my Sector of interest.

Sector 6. Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 6](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?

Not my Sector of interest.

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
-

Support or Oppose

- Interest Party in Alexandra Road Park
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Sector 7. Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Nay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 7](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?
Not my Sector of interest.

Sector 8. Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore, Breaker Bay and Moa Point: [See Chapter 3 - Sector 8](#)

- Strongly oppose
- Oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Support
- Strongly support

Why do you say this?
Not my Sector of interest.

Support or Oppose

- Support
 - Oppose
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3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

- Yes
- No

Comments

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority?

- Yes
- No

Comments

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

- Yes
- No

Comments

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the

draft plan? Please provide the name and legal description of the reserve and your comments. See [Appendix 2](#)

Comments

- 7. Do you have additional comments? (Please attach additional pages if you need to via the 'Your Supporting Documents' Tab.)

Comments

No

Attached Documents

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Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

SUBMISSION FROM THE KARORI ASSOCIATION ON THE DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

I present this submission in my role as Leader of the Karori Association's "Ecology, Water, Parks and Suburban Reserves Focus Group". In asking to be given leave to speak at the public hearing on the Draft Plan, I wish that leave to be granted to whoever, from the Association, is able to attend the hearing.

General comments

The Draft generally presents a coherent plan and, in general terms, is supported. However, there are a number of specific points that raise questions.

In Section, in 2.1.2 Policies : *natural environment*, there is reference to management decisions regarding "protecting heritage tree groupings". Are there no individual trees in the City to which management decisions may need to be applied?

In Section 2.1.4 there is mentioned the lack of space for planting resulting from the creation of areas of hard surfacing and large housing footprints. Mention should be also be made of the serious effects that this can have on natural drainage.

Water catchments and streams generally are under-addressed, especially where natural drainage is used to dump stormwater from roads and roofs. There could be much more active consideration of remediation and detention/runoff management e.g. for drainage from the East part of Karori into the Kaiwharawhara stream, as well as West into the Karori stream.

Section 2.5 talks about community partnerships. The Karori Association would like to be included in the number of Community Groups with which the Council endeavours to engage in all matters covered by the Suburban Reserves Management Plan.

In several places in Section 2: *General objectives and policies*, there is reference to "suburban areas between Khandallah and Miramar"; is this intended to refer simply to "suburban areas throughout the City"? Between Khandallah and Miramar simply lies part of Wellington Harbour and little else.

Section 4.6 – *Rules etc* : Prohibited activities includes, in 4.6.4.j, the use of a chainsaw as "specifically prohibited". Surely there will be instances when such use would have to be allowed through safety considerations, or even for general tree management/maintenance.

Much of the Draft addresses the issues of re-classifying reserves as defined in the Reserves Act 1977 in a way that best fits their actual uses as parks, sport and recreation areas, etc. we would suggest that the actual values of each of the reserves be more clearly explained in the Plan.

Comments more specific to the Karori Area

The remainder of this submission is mainly concerned with Sector 4 : Karori, Makara and Makara Beach, but there two issues that relate to the neighbouring **Sector 3**:

1. We would support the protection of the Old Karori Road corridor and suggest the possibility that it could be gazetted as Scenic Reserve.
2. The "Sanctuary to the Sea" walkway route would surely warrant such enhancement as can

be achieved.

Sector 4 :

1. There would appear to be possible opportunities for including much more of Makara than simply the areas currently held by Council as Reserve. The Management Plan doesn't extend past the mouth of Karori Stream and I understand that there are several unformed legal roads in the area.
2. Would it be feasible to investigate possible potential for a recreational route from Owhiro Bay to Makara and on to Titahi Bay?
3. Would it be feasible to investigate the potential for recreational use of the unformed legal roads in the Makara area mentioned above?
4. We understand that there may be significant ecological areas in the Makara area, including on Quartz Hill reserve that warrant protection and enhancement.
5. The eastern, City, end of Karori falls seriously short of the Council's desire to provide open spaces within "600 metres or a 10-minute walk" in urban areas. The area is quite large enough to warrant two playgrounds and we would like to see serious investigation of this. Areas worth investigating would be Homewood Crescent, the recently redeveloped reservoir site in Messines Road, 108-112 Standen Street (which we understand to be in Council ownership) and some part of the Karori Cemetery that is not used for its designated purpose.
6. A playground is shown on the Sector 4, Map 2, in Darwin Street. Surely any playground equipment in the area shown is associated with the flats there.
7. Our attention has been drawn to the Sector 1 (Khandallah, etc.) section where reference is made to a possible zone change being made to allow medium-density housing and the need to provide for outdoor recreation if this occurs, with its inevitably increased population. It would seem logical to make similar provision in the area around the Karori Road Village if such a zone change were introduced there.
8. The suggested track between Fiona Grove and Woodhouse Avenue makes sense, and we wonder if the whole of Woodhouse Avenue/Parklands Drive Reserve (currently shown as Recreation Reserve) should really be incorporated in the Outer Green Belt.
9. Links into the Outer Green Belt from Landsdowne Terrace, Percy Dyett Drive and Paparata Street, we understand, require gazetting and should be transferred to the Outer Green Belt.
10. A track through Homewood Crescent Reserve would be a useful addition.
11. An artificial turf surface on the former Terawhiti Bowling Club site, Karori Park should be investigated.
12. A proper picnic area at Karori Park would add significantly to the other amenities under investigation/development and enhance the Park as a key recreational area in the Western Suburbs.
13. The Karori Park Cafe, located in the Karori Park Sports Club building, and has hugely risen

in popularity, is of great benefit to Park users, that we strongly support in this area.

14. Not mentioned in the Draft Plan because they are in private ownership are the Karori United and Lawn Tennis Club sites (Campbell Street and Karori Road) and the Karori Bowling Club. These are all important in the total make-up of sporting facilities in the suburb.
15. Much of the Karori Stream within the suburb is culverted. That which remains open receives some maintenance by volunteer groups, but we believe that the Council should have a larger role and some effort could be made in investigating the potential to enhance and perhaps even expose to daylight some other areas of the stream system.
16. Although Makara Peak itself is not covered by this Draft Plan, it should be noted that the Makara Peak Supporters also take an interest in ecology and recreation in the Wrights Hill and Karori Park areas. Similarly, Zealandia is not part of the plan but the Karori Sanctuary Trust has interests in ecology and recreation beyond their own land boundaries. All these are conservation groups that should be included with those listed in Section 3.4.6 : Community groups and partnerships. We understand that there is also a fledgling group to look after Birdwood Street reserve and believe this should also be supported.
17. We note the importance of the concept of a “Halo” being developed around significant ecological areas such as Zealandia and Otari and believe some acknowledgement of this should be made in the Plan.
18. Appleton Park is simply listed as a community sport and recreation facility, but it is also a significant part of the connection between Zealandia and Otari. Thought should be given to the future use of this Park.
19. In Section 3.4.5 *Ecology and Diversity*, mention is made of “new restoration groups” and the notion of supporting them: it would be helpful to indicate the type of support envisaged and how such groups can be encouraged. Similarly, it would be helpful to suggest ways that “interested residents” might work towards the protection and enhancement of neighbouring sensitive areas and to indicate the sort of support that Council could give them.

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Submission on draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

The Mt Victoria Residents' Association Inc is a local community group whose objectives include contributing to the wellbeing of residents by encouraging a community spirit and sense of unity, and protecting the quality and heritage values of the built and natural environment of Mt Victoria. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the plan for provision and management of suburban reserves for the next 10 years. Our comments are limited to particular aspects of the plan affecting Mt Victoria.

We would like to make an oral submission to City Councillors.

Scope of the draft Management Plan

We note that the draft Plan is prepared in the context of *Our Capital Spaces – an Open Space and Recreation Framework*, and sits alongside other parks and reserves management plans including the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan 2013 and the Wellington Central City Framework 2010 covering areas which border our neighbourhood.

We appreciate that many of our Mt Victoria residents can access both the Town Belt and the harbor shore for recreational purposes. We also note there is only minimal suburban reserve space in Mt Victoria.

Objectives

We support in particular the Plan's general objectives of:

- preserving the natural character of suburban reserves by protecting and enhancing significant landscape features
- providing public open outdoor space that is accessible to everyone for a wide range of activities
- minimising built development and removing it when no longer required
- preserving cultural and heritage features
- providing links and habitats between larger reserve areas for indigenous species.

In addition, there appears to be no mention of safety in suburban reserves. We raise this because of the controversial tree-swing in the Mt Victoria Town Belt area. While the Town Belt is outside the Suburban Reserves Plan, we believe there is a more general safety issue arising from informal



Mt Victoria Residents Association

recreational uses of reserves. Removing informal recreational structures such as swings can be counterproductive as new, less safe ones may be established instead. The Council should work with local groups and neighbours to assess and signpost such structures, ensuring that risks are made clear. Dangerous structures should be removed but more secure ones should be left in place.

Sector 6 – Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook

Our comments relate primarily to the Mt Victoria part of this sector.

We are pleased to see the Elizabeth St play area will continue to be maintained. We support the Plan's proposal to change its reserve classification from Fee Simple for Recreation to Recreation Reserve so as to enable recreation activity and play and to protect its landscape values.

For St Gerard's Monastery land, we note the Plan:

- supports a community garden/orchard
- states there is limited potential to increase general public use due to 'somewhat difficult access'.
- looks to protect and if necessary acquire the land previously leased from the original monastery owners.

Our Association is not aware of any plans for this space, or any consultation with the community over its use. We wish to be registered as an interested party in any further discussions on this area

We also urge the Council to change the reserve classification on Lots 6 and 7 from Accessway and Road to a classification (eg. historic, or nature) that will ensure they are protected from being made available to Oriental Bay property owners as an accessway to the back of their properties.

In addition, the Plan refers to the St Gerard's Monastery reserve as an ecological linkage that provides an important scenic backdrop to Oriental Bay. In our view, the entire escarpment area at the foot of Mt Victoria, including the Monastery area, should be preserved and enhanced as a significant landscape feature, not just as a backdrop to Oriental Bay. This feature is under severe threat from developments along Oriental Parade and we urge the Council to better protect it, given its prominence amongst the hillsides' box-like houses in the classic cross-harbour pictures of inner Wellington.

We agree that the street trees in our neighbourhood make a valuable contribution to our amenity value by providing some shade and character to the area. The olive trees in particular are an important reference to earlier immigrants from the Mediterranean who settled in Mt Victoria.

Great Harbour Way

Our Association supports development of the Great Harbour Way from Red Rocks right round the harbour to its entrance beyond Eastbourne. This entire coastal strip should be preserved as public open space so more people can have access to and appreciate our Whanganui a Tara. We would like to see the footpath widened to a better standard (particularly around Balaena Bay).

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Submission on the **Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan**

1. The Wellington Civic Trust congratulates you on producing such a comprehensive and informative plan. This plan is of particular interest to the Civic Trust in addressing matters of relevance to some of its key objectives:

. To promote a civic environment whereby the City of Wellington, its surroundings, and its adjacent countryside becomes a resource for the use, benefit and enjoyment of all Wellington citizens;

- To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the City of Wellington and its surroundings and adjacent countryside and coastline and its dignity as the Capital City; and

- To create or improve features of beauty or interest in and about the City and its contiguous countryside and coastline.

2. While the Wellington Civic Trust has a wider interest in the region and its sustainable management, its key focus is the Wellington City urban area and nearby surroundings, including the coast and coastal marine area (CMA). The Trust supports a compact city with effective public transport which contains and, as far as is practicable, minimises adverse effects on the wider natural environment. Our comments focus on the extent to which the Draft Plan supports the Trusts objectives.

Introductory Remarks

3. The Civic Trust believes that the natural setting of our city and the wonderful opportunities the open space networks provide makes Wellington special and a very attractive place to live. It is therefore gratifying to see the council produce a plan that deals with open space in such an integrated way, setting the 168 reserves in their wider landscape context. The Trust believes the plan succeeds in the very difficult task of simultaneously addressing the management needs of individual

reserves while recognising the contribution each makes to the wider open space network. The trust supports the 'Sector' approach as a practical way to break down the scale of management and delivery and to recognise the needs of local communities as well as residents who use the wider networks.

4. While being very conscious of the need to contain the 'bulk' of the Draft Plan the Trust would like to suggest that the plan could further advance the cause of open space protection, enhancement and management with certain additions, shifts in emphases, and with guidance on ongoing community engagement (advocating for recognised needs and obtaining necessary funding.) The Draft Plan clearly recognises the invaluable contribution of community groups but their ongoing relationship with council officers and resource allocation mechanisms is unclear; how are partnerships to be fostered and sustained?

5. Our comments will be addressed under the following general headings:

- Introductory Overview- Should this be more comprehensive? This the one council document that provides such an overview of open space but do the maps do the quality and extent of open space justice?
- Relationship of reserves to other areas of open space managed by the Wellington City Council.
- Policies and Rules- Should these be more closely aligned with RMA requirements (while recognising the requirements of the Reserves Act?)
- Does the plan adequately address matters of partnership and community engagement?

1. Introductory Overview

6. This is an excellent and well written section. But does it go far enough and is it the information clear and accessible? The purpose of the Suburban Reserves Management Plan is, among other things, "to provide Wellington City Council with a clear framework for day-to-day management and decision-making for Council-administered reserves and open spaces in the suburban areas between Khandallah and Miramar (including Makara) for the next 10 years." The Draft Plan clearly attempts to do more than this however; it clearly sets out to engage with and inform communities. (As evidenced by material included further on in the document.) While the introductory material may be sufficient to inform council officers and be understandable to them (given their familiarity with the resource) we are unsure if the same applies for the community generally. In our view the *Introductory Overview* must provide a clear biogeographic and legislative context that all readers can understand.

7. With regard to the biogeographic context it says on page 6 of the introduction "Maps are included to provide a picture of the quantity, size and distribution of the suburban reserves in general terms and more specifically across the different categories of reserve. It is important to remember that this is only part of the citywide picture given this plan does not cover all the reserves." This requires clarification and a table including all council managed open space, and areas, would provide perspective as well as context.

8. While accepting the (virtually impossible) limitations of an A4 map covering the whole of the plan area (the Southern Suburbs of Wellington) we believe the map provided could never the less be improved. For example not all *Reserves Managed under Other Management Plans* are named, and the pale colour used does not lend these reserves sufficient 'weight' relative to reserves dealt with by the Draft Plan. This is particularly bothersome in coastal areas where the council managed open space is all but impossible to discern (not helped by the heavy, black, 'sector boundary' lines.) It would also be helpful for the map to show areas of the coastal edge that are not in reserves but are accessible to the public.

9. In our opinion Wellington has a spectacular coast line and the special character of the harbours edge is especially important for the city. In both the 'natural environment' and 'built environment' sections of the plan there is a strong focus on the recognition and protection of the natural character, especially in relation to

waterways, ridges and hilltops, which is very much supported by the Trust. We would however suggest that a similar and equal emphasis be given to the coastal environment. While natural constraints have protected the natural character of our coastline to a large extent the Council must be given considerable credit for the planning initiatives it has taken and the development constraints it has imposed to protect values important to the wider community. We would like to see this effort sustained.

10. With regard to the *"Planning Context"*, section 1.5 provides a very useful diagram illustrating the strategic planning framework and where the Suburban Reserves Management Plan fits within the council's wider strategic framework. The Suburban Reserves Management Plan is shown as subject to direction from both the Reserves Act and the District Plan. It would be helpful to replace 'District Plan' with 'Resource Management Act'. 'Regulatory Framework' could then be replaced by 'District Plan', this being the vehicle for the 'Regulatory Framework'. The term 'Governance Framework' is not explained and how would this differ from a 'Regulatory Framework'?

11. The fact that reserves management is subject to both the Reserves Act and the Resource Management Act is potentially confusing and needs to be clarified. Related to this matter is that of the 'planning language' used in Section 4 where rules are outlined. There is a need to use language that is consistent with the requirements of both the RMA and the Reserves Act.

12. The Draft Plan has a lot to say about ecological linkages and indigenous biodiversity, and the contribution natural patterns and networks contribute to the overall character and quality of the city's landscape. The Civic Trust supports this emphasis and appreciates the thought the authors of the Draft Plan have given to the matter. The Trust would suggest however that the significance of our indigenous biodiversity could be made clearer with an additional map showing land cover and waterways across all land (public and private.) Ideally both the Introductory and Sector Sections would include land cover maps.

2. Relationship of Reserves covered by the Draft Plan to other areas of Open Space managed by the WCC

13. While the purpose of the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan is primarily to direct the management and use of the 168 reserves, the Draft Plan does recognise the other open space areas managed by the council and the need to manage all open space as part of an integrated whole if the full range of services, ecological as well as cultural, are to be optimised.

14. While the Draft Plan cannot 'direct' the management and use of open space beyond the 168 reserves it could provide general guidance on the overall management and use of the network, the resource allocation mechanisms to be used, and how communities can influence priorities within sectors as well as across sectors and the open space framework generally.

15. As far as the Trust is aware the Draft Plan is the only formal document the council has published that provides such a comprehensive overview of the city's open space. The Trust believes such an overview is extremely helpful. The Trust would however like to see the Draft Plan go further in guiding the integrated management of the city's open space; the mediation of use and the allocation of resources across the open space network as a whole.

3. Policies and Rules

16. The Trust notes that the language adopted in the Draft Plan derives largely, but not entirely, from the Resource Management Act. This is presumably because the Reserves Act, while providing clear direction on reserves classification and use, does not direct the management of resources; the Reserves Act is essentially a 'Planning Act' while the RMA is a 'Management Act'. In the Trusts opin-

ion there would be merit in openly adopting a 'Resource Management Act approach' to the management of council reserves. This would provide consistency across all council planning responsibilities and avoid confusion for communities and interest groups. The approach the plan adopts is closely aligned with that required by the RMA, and this makes sense; 'existing' management activities that apply across all reserves (and sectors) are non-contentious and treated as 'permitted'. Those which are sector (and reserve?) specific and are new activities and are treated as 'managed' activities and are to be publicly notified. Are immediate neighbours to be recognised as potentially subject to 'adverse effects'?

17. While the Draft Plan is a ten year plan and reflects the requirements of the Reserves Act, it goes beyond this in setting the ground rules for a more 'strategic' approach to reserves management. The plan also recognises the need for ongoing partnership and engagement to achieve its objectives. Rather than simply being a plan to direct the council in its management of reserves for a ten year period (a more traditional expectation of such plans), this plan appears designed to inform and engage communities in an ongoing process of partnership in resource management. The trust applauds this approach.

4. Partnership and Community Engagement

18. The Trust is encouraged to note the level of community group engagement in the management of public open space. The Trust is also delighted to see a recognition of the contribution indigenous plants on private land can make to the viability and resilience of the city's wider ecological network and biodiversity. We would also like to see mention made of the role of exotic shrubs and trees in section 2.3.1. We would further like it noted that not all of the native trees resident in Wellington are naturally occurring. Most substantial 'trees' in the city are either pines or pohutakawa but a wide range of exotic plants contribute to the amenity values of all sectors. The plan needs to acknowledge that the city landscape is one of evolving relationships. In this regard the cultural heritage section could usefully acknowledge the heritage values associated with Zealandia.

19. While recognising the contribution of individuals and community groups have to make, the Draft Plan has little to say on how the council will provide support and guidance for such individuals and groups. 'Partnership' suggests a degree of reciprocity. The Trust knows that many of the council's officers have made great progress working with communities to achieve valuable conservation outcomes. The Draft Plan needs to acknowledge these evolving relationships in support of expanding partnership initiatives and the valuable contribution of community groups.

20. The Trust appreciates this opportunity to comment. We sincerely hope that our comments will be taken as constructive rather than simply critical. Our humble intention is primarily to add our support to a very worthwhile and much needed document. If we can help to enhance its quality and clarity so much the better.



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Dear Ms Ramsey

SUBMISSION: DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft. We would like to speak in support of this submission.

The document is easy to understand, aided by the excellent maps.

Comments

To make the document even more accessible, we suggest that on:

- page 2: the page number of each sector be included in the sectors' box, to form the equivalent of a 'contents' page;
- page 4: the page numbers of each of the sections in chapters 1 and 2 be listed, and the page numbers of chapters 3, 4 and 5 be listed. This would form the equivalent of another 'contents' page.

Management of Scenic Reserves and Recreation Reserves

We believe that WCC should urgently assume an educative role, providing strict guidance and supervision of community groups

working in indigenous plant communities. This new role is essential, so that Wellington becomes a truly 'biophilic city', known for the ecological integrity of its management of Scenic Reserves and Recreational Reserves.

In the past, serious mistakes have been made, by council, and by community groups, in numerous reserves in the city. Lack of guidance by WCC has resulted in ecologically inappropriate plantings in those reserves. This has destroyed, or seriously altered, their natural values, depriving them of their natural Wellington ecological heritage. However, with a determined turnaround by WCC, and community groups, the mistakes of the past can be progressively healed.

(Our appended letter dated 22 April 2012 to WCC officers names several examples of inappropriate plantings.)

Support for proposed classifications

Where it is proposed to reclassify any 'fee-simple' land, or land classified 'Housing Development Purposes', as Scenic Reserve (Scenic A or Scenic B), or Recreation Reserve, we support that proposal because of the extra protection which the indigenous ecosystem and its supporting landform would gain.

Dr Geoff Park's 1999 paper for WCC

We welcome references in the draft to Dr Park's paper: *An inventory of the surviving traces of the primary forest of Wellington City*. Compiled for Wellington City Council by Geoff Park Landscape Ecology and History. February 1999.

We make further references to Dr Park's paper by noting them thus: (G Park 1999, followed by his Site Number).

Sector 1: Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara

Tyers Stream

We have twice traversed this valley from Madras St to Raumati Terrace, once together, and once leading a Tararua Tramping Club group. Among other native species, the bush includes a northern rātā, a huge, terrestrial *Griselinia lucida* / puka, a species which is usually epiphytic, and several wharangi trees. (G Park O502.2).

We recommend that:

- the entire property be classified Scenic B, rather than Scenic A, on account of its indigenous plant communities, intrinsic amenity values, and deeply-incised landform;
- the reserve be sign-posted on Madras St, and on Raumati Tce, and tramping access from each street made possible;
- the Tyers Stream property be separated in the final document from Homebush Park and Play Area which are 0.5 km away, on the escarpment above the Hutt Road;
- pedestrian access be purchased, or negotiated, from the end of Tyers Road, Ngauranga.

Odell Reserve

We recommend that the encroachment on the access strip from Cockayne Road, between nos. 161 and 165, be removed, and a walking track created to the summit of the reserve.

Heke Street Reserve

We recommend that the negotiated legal accessway from Collingwood St be indicated on the map.

Sector 2: Trelissick Park

We recommend that:

- the legal accessway between nos. 112 and 114 Oban St be implemented, by providing a Trelissick Park information board, clearing vegetation on the road reserve, as necessary, building steps on the road reserve, and perhaps between the two properties, and arranging to share with the neighbours the cost of constructing fences along their boundaries. This work need not await the construction of a bridge over Kaiwharawhara Stream, because trampers can cross it at the debris trap.
- a Trelissick Park Entrance Point icon be added to the map to indicate the Oban St entrance.

Sector 3: Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon and Kelburn

Wilton Bowling Club

We recommend that Council seeks an opportunity to eventually incorporate this property into Otari-Wilton's Bush, because of the potential use of the site for an enlarged visitor centre / lecture theatre, in addition to the natural values of part of the site.

Gloucester Street Reserve

This reserve once had two accesses to Gloucester St. We recommend that WCC:

- seek to obtain a pedestrian access strip to link the reserve and Wilton Rd, whenever resource consent is sought to develop the vacant property facing Te Marae o Tane, Otari's Information Centre. Then the "Park Category" listing of "Recreational Linkage" would be justified.
- build a track to join the remains of the old track in the reserve
- repair the old track up to the eastern section of Gloucester St
- replace the bridge over the creek.

Implementing these recommendations will enhance the recreational link between Otari, and the Western Slopes Reserve / Town Belt on Ahumairangi, via Rochester St and Monmouth Way.

Creswick Terrace Play Area

We support the construction of a second access from higher up on Creswick Tce. This will require intensive weed control, and the construction of a flight of steps. In the 1990s, Wellington Conservation Board submitted in opposition to the proposed sale of this steep part of the park. The submission was accompanied by a list of the native plant species present.

Albemarle Road Reserve

We welcome the proposed classification of the 'Fee-Simple' land and the 'Housing Development Purposes' land as Scenic Reserve B. We would strongly oppose any move to alienate from the reserve the 'Housing Development Purposes' land. We believe that this would destroy the indigenous ecological, landform and amenity values of the reserve.

In 2007, we were employed by GWRC to prepare a botanical survey of the property, and to prepare a management plan to guide the Albemarle Reserve Stream Care Group. We have been active with this group since then. We have also been members of WCC's Project Kaiwharawhara group for c. 10 years. That group provides a forum for the several groups working on pest animal control, pest plant and other weed control, revegetation plantings, and restoration plantings in the catchment.

Re ‘Actions’ – a track already exists through the reserve from the top end to the bottom, near Cardinal McKeefry School.

Bedford St / Orangi Kaupapa Rd Reserve

We recommend that this be classified as Scenic B, because it has an indigenous ecosystem, and amenity values, akin to those of Albemarle Road Reserve, is held in the same title as that reserve, and is in the same catchment

Sector 4: Karori, Makara and Makara Beach

Homewood Crescent Reserve

When we last descended through this reserve, it was littered with garden waste - cut branches, etc. Perhaps a track could be built linking Homewood Cres and Nottingham St.

Chamberlain Road/Victory Crescent Reserve

One of us did possum-control work here for GWRC for four years. We recommend that it be classified as Scenic A. (G Park 1999 – Site O306.18).

Cliff Gaskin Reserve

We recommend that this reserve be classified Scenic A. It is at the Makara Village end of ‘Snowdon’s Road’, an unformed legal road (ULR) which we have in the past recommended be surveyed, cleared and marked all the way to Te Ika a Maru Bay on Wellington’s west coast. It would make a fascinating walk / tramp.

Makara Foreshore Reserve

We were contracted by WCC in 1997 to do a botanical survey and report on this ecologically significant reserve of coastal mat plants. Since then, continuing on contract to WCC, we have been in charge of the reserve’s ecological maintenance. WCC receives our regular reports on the condition of the reserve.

We welcome the proposal to classify the reserve as Scenic B.

Sector 5: Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogeltown, Morningside and Kingston

Highbury Road / Disley Street Reservoir

Having descended this steep property from Highbury Rd, we agree that the site is ecologically significant, has high open space values, with potential for a walking track. We therefore recommend that it be classified Scenic B.

Brooklyn War Memorial

We recommend that this park be linked to Charlotte Avenue by making the access strip from Sugarloaf Road passable, including building steps on the final descent to Charlotte Ave. This route would complement the pedestrian link between Karepa St and Mitchell St. It has been used for a tramping club trip.

Hoggard Street Reserve

This reserve has access from Mana St, as shown on the map. (G Park 1999 – Site O407.1). We found no access from Hoggard St. G Park appears to have placed its position incorrectly, judging by the massive, planted (?), beech tree that he mentions, which is just below Mana St. He places the reserve between Hoggard St and McColl St.

We recommend that:

- the reserve be signposted on Mana St;
- walking access into the reserve be created;
- if legal access from Hoggard St is possible, then it be opened and signposted;
- the gully property immediately north of the reserve be purchased and added to it, so that the whole gully head is protected. The large, planted (?), beech trees, a large kānuka, and a range of typical Wellington city species occur on that property, as they do in the adjacent reserve.

Sector 6: Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai

We have no comments to make on Sector 6 .

Sector 7: Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay Welland Place Reserve

We recommend that this site be treated as a ‘pocket park’, because of the view from it to Owhiro Bay and beyond.

Tawatawa Reserve

Subject to the owners’ agreement, we support the intention to improve tracks linking the reserve with Manawa Karioi, owned by Tapu te Ranga Marae, and with Paekawakawa Reserve, owned by Island Bay Natural Heritage Trust.

Sector 8: Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore Park, Breaker Bay and Moa Point

Carter Park

We support the proposed change to Scenic B because of the predominantly indigenous vegetation on this visually prominent, former cliff face above Shelly Bay Road, Evans Bay.

Centennial Park

We support the proposed change to Scenic B, of that part of the reserve which is not already classified Scenic B. This reserve meets Dr Geoff Park’s (WCC, 1999) criterion on his page 6: "The liane, kiekie, *Freycinetia banksii*, is a sound indicator of the survival of a primary forest element in the Wellington landscape.")

In addition, we recommend that Council consider appropriate designation of the heritage value of the pre-1911 dam in the lower part of the valley. We have not yet found out when the dam was built, by whom, or for what purpose.

In 1872, eminent botanist, John Buchanan prepared a list of indigenous and adventive (introduced) plant species on Miramar Peninsula. We are disturbed to find that about twenty tree and shrub species which Buchanan did not record in 1872, have been planted in the reserve. We consider this to be an ecologically unwise interference with the reserve’s naturally-occurring ecosystem. We are pleased that a staff member has already asked that three of the species be removed, namely fierce lancewood (*Pseudopanax ferox*), NZ gloxinia (*Rhabdothamnus solandri*) and yellow wood (*Coprosma linariifolia*). We urge Councillors to require that the other inappropriate species be removed.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Amber and Myfanwy

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION IN WCC RESERVES

Eco-sourcing

As you know, we strongly support Council's policy of eco-sourcing plant material for the restoration of ecosystems, thus helping to ensure that the integrity of each ecosystem's gene pool is maintained and not contaminated or compromised by the introduction of inappropriate plant material.

Inappropriate plantings

Unfortunately, as you will see below, there are several restoration projects in Wellington where this policy is not being carried out. We are increasingly concerned about the potential for short-term and long-term adverse ecological impacts resulting from the planting of inappropriate native species, i.e. those that do not occur naturally in Wellington Ecological District 39.01, or, in the case of coastal reserves, in Cook Strait Ecological District 39.02.

Examples which we have observed with dismay, include:

- karo / *Pittosporum crassifolium* on View Road South Headland Reserve, and in Buckley Road Reserve. The natural range of karo is North Cape to Poverty Bay.
- karaka / *Corynocarpus laevigatus* in Rangitatau Reserve. While we know that Māori planted karaka, as a food source, at coastal sites in many parts of the country, the natural range of karaka is probably confined to Northland.
- makamaka / *Ackama rosaefolia* on Poito Track in Rangitatau Reserve. The natural range of makamaka is between Kaitaia and Dargaville. It seems likely that makamaka was mistakenly assumed by the plant suppliers, to be tītoki / *Alectryon excelsus*, which it closely resembles.
- tanguru / *Olearia albida* on the Eastern Walkway, in the Beacon Hill section of Rangitatau Reserve. The natural range of tanguru is North Cape to the central North Island. It is likely that tanguru was mistakenly assumed to be akiraho / *Olearia paniculata*.
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boobialla, *Myoporum insulare*. This Australian species readily hybridises with NZ ngaio / *Myoporum laetum*, and has become a problem in many local areas.
- pūriri / *Vitex lucens* on Te Ahumairangi. The natural range of pūriri is North Cape to Taranaki.
- puka / *Meryta sinclarii* on the Eastern Walkway. Its natural range is the offshore islands in the Far North.

Haste does not produce good results

We are also concerned that, in the absence of the guidance which would have been provided by historic botanical records of a site, some community groups attempt to hasten the establishment or restoration of an ecosystem by introducing species which they assume once occurred there. Sites where we believe this lack of guidance may have occurred include:

- Woodburn Reserve: northern rātā / *Metrosideros robusta*
- Rangitatau Reserve; Buckley Road Reserve; Mt Victoria: nīkau / *Rhopalostylis sapida*
- Rangitatau Reserve; Te Ahumairangi: mataī / *Prumnopitys taxifolia*

No matter how well planned and well recorded the plantings were, they may have introduced into the reserves, genetic material which, unless sourced from the reserves themselves, might never have existed there.

Native species which have become weedy in Wellington

We recommend that Council undertake to educate all groups involved in revegetation and especially, restoration projects, about the threats posed to indigenous ecosystems by the following indigenous NZ species which do not occur naturally in Wellington Ecological District or Cook Strait Ecological District:

- ▲ karo / *Pittosporum crassifolium*: natural range, see above
- ▲ karaka / *Corynocarpus laevigatus*: natural range, see above
- ▲ *Pittosporum ralphii*: southern limit of natural range, Hawke's Bay
- ▲ lacebark / *Hoheria populnea*: southern limit of natural range, Waikato
- ▲ pōhutukawa / *Metrosideros excelsa*: southern limit of natural range, Poverty Bay to North Taranaki
- ▲ *Pseudopanax lessonii* hybrids with lancewood / *Pseudopanax crassifolius*;

southern limit of natural range of *P. lessonii*, Poverty Bay.

If members of groups are taught to identify these species, including the many leaf forms of *Pseudopanax lessonii* hybrids, then removal of these weedy natives can be part of the work of these volunteer groups.

Exotic species

We are alarmed that oak trees, rhododendrons and “cottage garden species” such as cornflower have recently been planted on the lower slopes of Te Ahumairangi.

We believe the best way for groups to 'give Nature a helping hand' is to:

- control pest plants and other weeds, with help from WCC and / or GWRC
- control pest animals, with help from GWRC
- plant only eco-sourced species, *selected only on the advice of appropriately qualified supervisors.*

Support for the natural ecological processes

We believe that **patience**, informed and guided by relevant botanical / ecological knowledge and skill, rather than haste, is the sound way to manage restoring our native ecosystems. In time, provided that pest animal numbers are maintained at very low levels by Greater Wellington

Regional Council's and WCC's continuing work in killing possums, rodents, mustelids, pigs, goats and feral cats throughout Wellington City's reserves, we can expect to see the continuation of the remarkable resurgence in the numbers of tūi and kererū, distributing seeds of e.g. nīkau, kahikatea, mataī, tōtara and kohekohe.

This is a *natural, ecological process, one of the acknowledged goals of ecosystem restoration.*

Because of all the points raised in the above sections, we respectfully ask Wellington City Council to:

- △ take into account the above comments, by preparing a set of *principles and requirements for the ecological restoration of public lands throughout the city*;
- △ these requirements to be complied with by council staff and all community groups, with implementation monitored annually by qualified ecologists;
- △ the requirements to be placed on the agenda for discussion in open forum at the Natural Environment Forum on 3 May, and at Restoration Day on 12 May.

We would be grateful to have any comments you wish to offer on the above.

Yours sincerely
Barbara Mitcalfe and Chris Horne

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I strongly support the protection and acquisition of the St Gerards monastery land, and its use as a community orchard/garden/beekeeping site. Its access is no more difficult than other Mt Vic recreational areas, & its linkage to the Oriental Terrace zigzag is important, because that's a heavily used recreational site + part of tracks.

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protection and acquisition of St Gerards Monastery land and its integration with the recreational & community use of the Oriental Terrace zigzag

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan? (please circle) Yes No

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I think it's important to connect the use of the St Gerards monastery land to the significant recreational use of the Oriental Terrace zigzag, in the process of being upgraded as a community garden by residents. The zigzag needs its own plan, with input from those who use it & those who work on it, and

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan? See Appendix 2 *connected to development*

Name of the reserve and legal description	Your comments relating to the proposed classification
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Submission relating to Sector 8: SEATOUN PARK PLAYGROUND

I am strongly opposed to the closure of this historic community playground. I learnt at the Saturday 29 November public meeting that it is Council policy that playgrounds should not be located closer than 600 metres and that since the Seatoun Park playground is within 600 metres from Churchill Park it should be 'gradually decommissioned'.

I suggest that this 600 metre policy originally related to the establishment of new playgrounds within communities. It makes no sense at all when considering existing playgrounds that are uniquely different from others in the vicinity – playgrounds that have served uniquely different functions for more than 45 years.

The Seatoun playground is unique for the following reasons:

1. Churchill Park is situated in an extremely exposed position on the waterfront. The strong northerly wind that beats in on Churchill Park means that on many days of the year it is unable to be used. Seatoun Park is more sheltered and therefore exists as an alternative for parents, caregivers and children. There is no doubt that Seatoun needs this alternative.
2. Seatoun Park is an historic playground and as such has been played on by generations of children. My children played there in the early 60's and their children, in the 80's and to this day. We expect to have their children play there too when it's too windy on Churchill Park.
3. The field has been used for cricket in the summer and football in winter and training all year round (including recently, our Hurricanes) by generations while the playground has provided a safe, secure place for the children of spectators and supporters of the participating teams.
4. Not only is the playground fenced and therefore safe but most importantly, being flat it allows easy access for prams and wheelchairs of disabled children; the beachfront does not. For this reason it is a significant asset for families with children with special needs who live in Seatoun as well as those who live through the tunnel. This should be an important consideration for a council that cares about these children and their parents and caregivers.

5. Visitors from many parts of Wellington visit Churchill Park particularly during summer and when a southerly sweeps in to Scorching Bay whereas Seatoun Park is used all year round for recreation by local families and those who visit to play sport.

Clearly, these two playgrounds perform completely different functions within the Seatoun and wider community and should both be maintained neither at the expense of the other. Perhaps some of the Churchill Park equipment could be recycled for Seatoun Park.

Although one of the 'key actions' listed in the Draft Suburban Management Plan is to 'gradually decommission play equipment' at Seatoun Park it is clear that this is not new. The decision appears to have been made years ago since the equipment and the playing surface have been allowed to deteriorate 'gradually' over many years. The area has been allowed to run down so fewer will use it. It certainly looks run down and uninviting to a visiting Council representative but that does not equate to lack of use; ask the residents who live opposite the park!

Apparently the cost of removing the equipment would possibly be more than the cost of painting it and lifting and servicing the safety mat. Seatoun people have offered to have a working bee to do the restoration work; we do not want to lose this little playground that has served our community for so many decades; we want it to be restored, upgraded and maintained.

The Council paid \$20,000 to build the Civic Square Beach Scene which, I understand, will be there from November until March – 4 months. The decision to install this in the City must have been carefully considered. I hope that a similar level of consideration will be given to all the points raised in this and others' submissions; that Council will come to the conclusion that the Seatoun Park Playground is a community asset that should be treasured and maintained because of its unique status within Seatoun for the enjoyment of our families, our visitors and their families.

Families need safe options to play outdoors and enjoy healthy activities. At a time when New Zealand is reported to be at the top of the World for its number of Obese Children it's difficult to understand how an Absolutely Positive Wellington should have a council that would consider eliminating a playground that would curtail safe, healthy outdoor play. Seatoun Park playground is a Seatoun treasure that we who live here wish to preserve.

Lynne Roborgh



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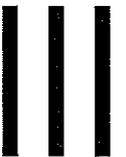
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Hello

Thank you for permitting a short extension to enable me to get sign-off for the Ridgway School submission.

It is attached. We really appreciate the way you have encouraged the school and other community organisations to engage in this process.

In response to the questions on the consultation form:

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I am making a submission on behalf of Ridgway School.
The school would like to make an oral submission.

The school strongly supports the general direction and objectives of the draft plan, and the directions or policies for Sector 5.

Further information and views are contained in the submission attached.

Regards

David Bagnall



Board of Trustees

5 December 2014

Submission—Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan

Introduction

Ridgway School is pleased to make a submission on the Wellington City Council's draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan. We are grateful for the proactive way that council planners have engaged with the school on this matter.

Our interest in the draft plan centres on the future development of Vogelhorn Park in conjunction with the school property. We also wish to make some points in respect of the broader well-being of the community within the school's catchment. Much of the material in this submission mirrors points raised in our submission on the Kaka Project. Again, we commend the approach that the council is taking with these initiatives.

Overall theme—partnership approach

The overall theme of this submission is that Ridgway School wishes to work in partnership with the council to plan and implement initiatives to align adjacent and nearby reserves with the school property and the needs of the community. We welcome the strong signals given in the draft plan that the council intends to adopt such a collaborative approach with schools and other community organisations.

School catchment area part of Sector 5

Ridgway School is a full primary school, drawing its students mainly from Kingston, Mornington and Vogeltown, and the part of Brooklyn that lies south of Taft Street. This area all falls entirely within the zone demarcated as 'Sector 5' in the draft plan.

General objectives and principles

We are heartened by a number of the statements about landscape values included in Part 2 of the draft plan. For example, the text recognises the value of natural landscapes and vegetation for well-being, community identity and landscape values and connectedness. We endorse the broad objectives of protecting the natural character of reserve areas, landscapes, vegetation corridors and large trees. We also support the specific policies set out thereafter.

In our view, the draft plan should be more explicit in recognising and providing for the effects of greater population density in the city. This greater density is a likely eventuality in light of the council's draft growth strategy, which proposes that, long-term, the city should generally retain its current footprint and incorporate increases in its population through denser housing.

Keeping the green belts and inhibiting sprawl are good principles. On the other hand, in-fill housing can tend to be ad hoc, and can result in the loss of gardens, bush and permeable surfaces. Ridgway is an EnviroSchool and values the experience that children have of birdlife and nature in and around the environment in which they live. This will become more important as technology increases the focus on the virtual world and the prospect of people becoming disconnected from communities and nature.

The council's reserves management plan, alongside the growth strategy for in-fill housing, must proactively plan for the preservation of green spaces and corridors for flora and fauna. The incoming residents of in-fill housing could find themselves with no garden or green space on their property. The need for outdoor commons, community gardens, recreation areas and indoor community meeting spaces will become particularly important. Efforts such as the rehabilitation of Ōwhiro Stream and other habitats must be wholeheartedly supported by the council and community.

Sector 5 analysis and proposals

The draft plan contains a thorough and sound assessment of reserves in the sector. We generally support all of the points raised and proposed actions.

Tracks

We agree that there are real opportunities for new tracks to better connect parts of the sector for walkers. We support the draft plan's proposed action to identify opportunities to develop track links as part of any future subdivision of the private land between Ohiro Road and Mitchell Street. There are also possible opportunities to create better connections from Ohiro Road and Kingston. Examples could be the formation of a track through the Tawatawa reserve, or from the Ōwhiro Stream bank to Amos Way. The council may also wish to consider the creation of a track from Vogelmorn Park down to Ohiro Road as part of the current subdivision of the hillside.

Ecology and biodiversity

As discussed above, we support the objectives and principles set out in the draft plan and consider that the council should be more explicit about how it will protect and foster green spaces in the face of more intense in-fill housing as the population grows.

For Sector 5, it is proposed that the council will work with private landowners to protect sites of ecological significance as part of future development of private land. The example is given of the protection of private land with high biodiversity value adjacent to the Hoggard Street Reserve; and this is an important priority. However there may also be opportunities to preserve spaces that, while they contain less biodiversity value, are still important for ecological connectivity and habitat potential. There are a number of regenerating bush areas on private land on the Vogeltown and Mornington hillsides that are informally used as commons by local children. There may be opportunities to preserve these through covenants or other agreements.

The draft plan proposes the action to plant and retain large trees at all of the suburban reserves in this sector to maximise suburban amenity, ecological connectivity and habitat potential. We strongly support this. The draft plan does not appear to note the bushy ridge-top on the hill above the Vogelmorn Tennis Club, which we understand is part of the club property. This bush should be preserved as it seems to be a significant way-point for birds crossing to Zealandia and potentially an important part of the ecological corridor network. Any new plantings should be done after consultation with the Vogelmorn Tennis Club and adjacent landowners to formulate an appropriate management plan. For example, large trees can shade the tennis courts in winter, causing them to remain damp for long periods and to become slippery and dangerous as a result. On the other hand, the planting of appropriate smaller trees or shrubs could enhance the qualities and value of the reserve.

Community groups and partnerships

The draft plan notes that the council intends to continue supporting the Friends of Ōwhiro Stream with the enhancement and restoration of Ōwhiro Stream. We support this: FOOS is an important community group whose huge commitment and effort has already made a major difference to this important local waterway. The school has occasionally participated in plantings, and this is a valuable experience for children.

There may be some potential for a new reserve along the banks of the Ōwhiro Stream. We suggest that the council consult FOOS about including an action to this effect in the reserves plan.

Vogelmorn Park

The draft plan notes the relationship between the grounds of Ridgway School and Vogelmorn Park, and notes the co-ownership of the park by the council and the school. Ridgway School is fortunate to have access to the park.

The draft plan includes an action to work in partnership with the school and we are excited about this. The school is about to embark on a full refurbishment, with concepts being developed in the first part of next year.

We therefore ask that this engagement commence immediately to explore how the park and school property could be better aligned.

In particular, it would be useful to have a planned approach that takes into account where additional classrooms might be placed when the local population inevitably increases. The school would be very reluctant to see future classrooms located on the area of school property that forms part of Vogelmorn Park.

The path from the school to the park is dangerous in places, and requires remediation. We would like to work with the council to replace the path with one that is welcoming and provides a better flow between the two properties.

The tree and scrub-covered banks down to the park are happy adventure zones for the children, and the school would like to encourage this while taking steps to ensure their safety. One short-term step that could be taken would be to develop a plan for the vegetation on this bank. This could involve the children so that they become aware of different plants and their value.

We note that the draft plan includes the renovation of the play equipment next to the Vogelmorn Park changing rooms. We support this and the prospect of it happening in the context of an overall plan to improve the park. The draft plan provides for a possible combination of a circuit track and multi-use play equipment. Again, this would be a fantastic development.

The school is conscious of the need for the park to be a welcoming community facility rather than having the appearance of being part of the school property.

To the west of the school is a broad strip of council property (road reserve on Coleridge St) whose trees shelter the school from the prevailing northerly wind. The children like to explore this area, though the school discourages this during school hours as the space is less amenable to teacher supervision. There may be opportunities to develop this area as an outdoor space, while retaining the sheltering trees.

Other reserves and amenities

Recently, the school has entered a partnership with Vogelmorn Tennis Club, along with other local schools. The club provides professional coaches who engage well with the children, who enjoy this great physical activity. Vogelmorn Tennis Club is an outstanding local asset and we ask that it continue to receive council backing.

The draft plan notes the disused Vogelmorn Bowling Club green, and indicates that, once a decision has been made on the future of the bowling club buildings, a decision can be made on the future of the Vogelmorn Hall and in turn the relationship and role of the old bowling green land in the context of the reserves and community facilities network.

We consider that the green should be retained as open space regardless of the decision for the club buildings. We agree that there is potential for the green to have a neighbourhood park role, in association with the hall.

Summary of recommendations

1. Amend the plan so that it is more explicit in recognising and providing for the effects of greater population density in the city, particularly through the proactive preservation of green spaces and corridors for flora and fauna when considering developments and in-fill housing.
2. Explore opportunities for additional tracks, including between Ohiro Road and Kingston and Vogelhorn Park.
3. Explore possible covenants or other agreements for the preservation of regenerating bush areas on private land in Vogeltown and Mornington.
4. Consult Vogelhorn Tennis Club and adjacent landowners about the preservation of the ridge-top above the club as part of the ecological corridor network, and its possible planting with small trees and shrubs.
5. Consult the Friends of Ōwhiro Stream about the potential for a new reserve along the banks of the stream.
6. Note that Ridgway School wishes to work in partnership with the council to plan and implement initiatives to align Vogelhorn Park with the school property and the needs of the community.
7. Urgently engage with Ridgway School during the development of the concept plan for the school's refurbishment to explore how Vogelhorn Park and school property could be better aligned, and to plan for the future growth of the school.
8. Work with Ridgway School to consider how the path between Vogelhorn Park and the school property should be upgraded.
9. Develop a plan for the vegetation on the bank above Vogelhorn Park.
10. Retain the former green of the Vogelhorn Bowling Club as a neighbourhood park in association with Vogelhorn Hall, regardless of the decision for the future of the club buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft plan. It is a well-considered and thoughtful document, and we are encouraged by the direction that it sets out for reserves in the city.

Yours sincerely

Helen Robertson (Chairperson), Kathryn Smith (Principal), David Bagnall, Claire McCann, Richard Allen, Julie Hanify and John Jarvis

Ridgway School Board of Trustees

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Eco-sourcing

One of the restoration policies in section 2.3.2 states that “Eco-sourced plants will be used in all restoration planting. I agree that this is an appropriate level of policy guidance for a statutory management plan.

There may, however, be some advantage in further explanation of “restoration planting” and related terms such as revegetation and enhancement planting, as was done in the Town Belt Management Plan. Species selection and eco-sourcing practices for initial revegetation/restoration plantings may differ from those for enhancement plantings.

Details of how Council will implement the eco-sourcing policy are, (and should be), set out in separate eco-sourcing guidelines to guide decision-making under all relevant management plans and the District Plan. This ensures a common approach across all land under Council’s jurisdiction. (Part of implementation of RPS Policy 61).

Having the guidelines in a separate document also means they can be updated from time to time to reflect emerging thinking about eco-sourcing. The article by Paula Warren in the 2014 edition of the Wellington Botanical Society Journal presents some of this thinking. An alternative view by Chris Horne is to be published on the NZ Plant Conservation Network website.

Council’s current eco-system guidelines are very sound, and much more comprehensive than the guidance provided on many other websites. I’d like to see more importance emphasis on the importance of genetic resilience in the next version of the eco-sourcing guidelines. This may, however, have to be balanced by some comment about the potential for further splitting by taxonomists of one species into several species as happened recently with kanuka and *Lepidium*. (One of the reasons for a precautionary approach).

The following extract from the NZPCN article about the re-introduction of kakabeak into the wild illustrates that some practitioners and scientists are focusing on genetic issues in planning restoration initiatives. [Trilipedia November 2014].

Although grown widely in gardens, domestic kakabeak have limited genetic variation and therefore little genetic value. Until recently, only about 110 naturally-seeded kakabeak were known to exist in the wild but, earlier this year, a DOC-led field trip to Ruakituri, a part of inland Hawke’s Bay where only six wild plants had previously been known to exist, yielded 18 more.

Tests on these most recent discoveries have resulted in the most complete genetic picture of the nearly extinct New Zealand native that anyone has ever had. “We now have DNA data from pretty much every accessible wild kakabeak known to us,” Dr Houliston said. “This allows us to make sensible, science-based decisions about what mix of plants from FLRT’s seed stock should be used in restoration plantings.”

FLRT’s forest manager, Pete Shaw, said the trick would be to strengthen the genetic pool of each distinct group by introducing young plants with a different genetic composition. “The genetic diversity of any plant population is a good indicator of that population’s strength,” Shaw said. “

One crunch question in developing and implementing eco-sourcing policies is how (or if) to reintroduce species that have either been lost from a location, or are now present in such low numbers that the gene pool is seriously depleted. It’s easy to say “use local sources”,

but it's then necessary to decide what 'local' means for a particular species/population of plants. Human concepts of 'local' may be unnecessarily constraining. A more useful approach may be to ask if the plants/propagules being considered as an "eco-source", are likely to have been part of a common gene pool originally, but have since been separated by human-induced changes in land use, resulting in recent geographical barriers to the exchange of genetic material.

A related issue, where some flexibility in eco-sourcing guidelines, is about the establishment of botanical "stepping stones" to re-establish connectivity between populations which have been isolated, e.g. for *Pimelia arenaria*.

Some local case studies may help inform the next update of Council's eco-sourcing guidelines and the associated educational material needed to inform participants in community restoration, revegetation and enhancement projects. Potential case studies could be developed from articles in the Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin which include information about the distribution of northern rata (2007) and the large-leaved milk tree, *Streblus banksii* (Horne, C and Mitcalfe, B, 2002) near Wellington city.

Recommendations:

- Please include an update of the current eco-sourcing guidelines as part of Council's work plan for the Biodiversity Strategy (when revised).
- Please start collecting information for some educational case studies to inform community groups about eco-sourcing in restoration and enhancement projects
- Please make it easier for members of the public to locate the eco-sourcing guidelines on Council's website.

Management of indigenous species

The text and objectives in section 2.3, Ecology and Biodiversity indicate (by omission) that there are no indigenous **species or populations** of plants or animals in any of these reserves that require more targeted management. Also implicit in the chapter is that the protection of the species present in the reserves is best achieved by the protection and, in some cases, the restoration of ecosystems

Recommendation:

- Please review your data sources of the city's biodiversity to ensure that no specific policies or actions are required to protect populations of species in specific reserves covered by this Draft Management Plan, e.g. lizards.

Ex-situ conservation

A further implicit assumption is that reserve management plans deal with biodiversity which is **currently present** in the reserves. I want to raise the possibility of using land in the city's reserves to make a contribution to the ex-situ conservation of threatened plant species from other parts of New Zealand.

Council already makes an important contribution to ex-situ conservation through its work at Otari-Wilton's Bush and its support of the Margot Forde seedbank in Palmerston North.

I'd like Council to investigate the potential of establishing a viable population of at least one regionally or nationally threatened species somewhere on the city's reserve network. The Department of Conservation has developed recovery plans for species such as *Hebe cupressoides*, *Lepidium* sp, *Muehlenbeckia astonii*, coastal cresses and others, but has

been slow to report progress against these plans. DOC may welcome an invitation from Council to collaborate in an initiative to advance the recovery of one of these plants if suitable habitat can be identified somewhere on the reserve network. In Wellington city, it is likely that a community group may be willing to provide the on-going and frequent site-based management that is difficult for DOC to provide in isolated parts of the conservation estate. Biodiversity staff at Greater Wellington may also be able to suggest a species/population that would benefit from the establishment of an “insurance population”. As an example, the *Pseudopanax ferox* population at Corner Creek is the largest of the NI populations, and its genetic diversity could be lost if a fire wipes out that population. (Distribution information is in Perrie, L. and Shepherd, L., Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin, 2010).

If there are impediments to establishing insurance populations in Scenic B reserves, they may be possible as amenity plantings in Scenic A or Recreation Reserve.

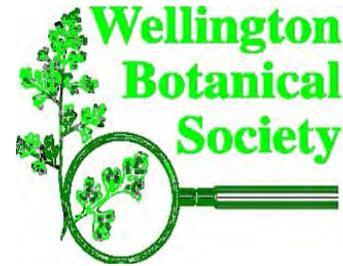
Recommendation:

If necessary, please amend the draft management plan to allow for the establishment of insurance/ ex-situ plantings of threatened populations somewhere on this part of the reserve network.

Oral hearings

I would like to speak to this submission.

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8 December 2014

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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT SUBURBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014

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We would like to speak to our submission.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Society congratulates all involved in the preparation of the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan (the Draft Plan):
 - the objectives and policies recognise the complexity of managing open space to achieve multiple purposes in an urban/suburban environment
 - the text is easy to read, and the maps are clear and informative.
2. The Society strongly supports the general direction and objectives of the Draft Plan.
3. We were particularly pleased to see:
 - the definition of a primary purpose for each reserve – this has facilitated a more thorough analysis of the distribution of the different types of reserves throughout the city
 - the intention to seek classification under the Reserves Act for land that is currently unprotected (fee simple) as this will ensure these areas of open space and their associated ecosystem services will be retained as the city's population grows
 - the policy to protect the existing character of the ridgelines, hill tops and other significant landscape features (as far as possible).
4. We see reclassifications of existing reserves as a less urgent issue if staffing resources remain tight.

Memoranda of Understanding with community restoration groups

5. The aspect of the Draft Plan that generated the most discussion arose from concerns about some of the “restoration” planting that has been done by community groups, both in recent times and in the past. At one time, it was acceptable to plant any native plant. Nowadays, there is increasing awareness of the need to think about the gene pools of local plant populations. A simple approach is to collect seed from plants already growing in or near the reserve. A more sophisticated description is that seeds should be sourced from existing populations that are local, extensive, self-sustaining and genetically diverse. As for what is ‘local’, the interpretation may depend on the species.
6. To reduce the planting of inappropriate species, the Society recommends that Council establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each community group that wants to undertake restoration planting activities in a WCC scenic or recreational reserve. (Planting is a managed activity under Policy 4.4.4. The MOU becomes part of the approval process.)
7. The Society recommends that MOUs
 - express the importance of controlling pest animals and pest plants
 - identify priorities for control and assign responsibilities
 - record the proposed approach to the selection of eco-sourced species for planting
 - include restoration plans to guide planting activities
 - emphasise the use of plants from close to the site
 - stipulate that species not in the MOU must not be planted
 - promote the removal of any planted plants that are not covered by the MOU
 - remind readers that planting is a managed activity, and that Council’s permission is required
 - identify how Council will support the community group
 - identify the monitoring arrangements.
8. Two approaches to the selection of eco-sourced species for planting were proposed. One approach is for Council to identify a core list of 10-20 species approved for planting by volunteer groups throughout the reserve network, with subsets identified for particular environments. This approach would lead to the establishment of relatively simple pioneer communities as a base for subsequent succession, either natural or assisted.
9. The second approach would require volunteer groups to compile the most complete list of native plants possible for the reserve they are caring for, including species that were present in earlier times. In addition to lists of species recorded on-site at different times, this approach could be extended to include other sources of information such as herbaria records, pollen records, and early landscape paintings or drawings. Some groups may require support from WCC, GWRC, DOC or the NZ Plant Conservation Network to access this information.

10. Implicit in both approaches is that the species selected for planting are appropriate for the site's topography, soil conditions, aspect etc.
11. The process of developing an MOU based on a species list would provide an opportunity for Council staff and the community group to consider the completeness of the list. A single species list is a snapshot in time, and may have been prepared after a reserve or area of land had already experienced some human-related degradation. Palatable species may already have been eaten out.
12. The nurseries which supply plants for restoration plantings were also seen as having vital roles in implementing Council's policy that all restoration plantings on reserves must be eco-sourced. Three types of nurseries were recognised: Council-owned nurseries (Berhampore and Otari-Wilton's Bush), nurseries run by community groups or individuals, and any private sector nurseries that sell plants to Council for restoration plantings.
13. Our suggestions related to nurseries are that:
 - collecting permits need to support Council's eco-sourcing policy and guidelines
 - records of the provenance of each plant should be maintained, from source to planting site
 - systems for auditing nurseries' compliance with eco-sourcing guidelines could be developed collaboratively with nurseries
 - for community nurseries, it may be possible to incorporate collecting permits into MOUs.
14. The Society believes that the process of developing, and monitoring the obligations of both parties to each MOU will lead to improved understanding of the importance of eco-sourcing, and better compliance with the guidelines.

Sector priorities for implementation

15. This section identifies our top priority actions for implementation in each sector. Most actions were in the Draft Plan, but some are new.

Sector	Level of support	Our top priority action(s)	Comment and/or proposed change
Zone 1: Broadmeadows, Khandallan, Crofton Downs, Ngaio, Kaiwharawhara	strong	Improve protection for the ecological and biodiversity values of Tyers Stream	Classify as Scenic B not Scenic A. This reserve is a primary forest remnant. (G Park, 1999, Site O502.2). Negotiate a public access strip from end of Tyers Rd.
2 Trelissick Park	strong	Weed control	Please support the forest management policies with some measurable action statements, e.g., remove all infestations of Asian knotweed; encourage neighbours to remove all sycamores and brush wattle; and offer subsidies for the removal of

			large sycamores growing on private land near this significant natural reserve.
3 Wadestown, Northland, Wilton, Kelburn, Thorndon	strong	Classify Albemarle Rd Reserve as Scenic B Reserve.	<p>The Albemarle Rd Reserve offers the best ecological link between the Kaiwharawhara Stream and Te Ahumairangi.</p> <p>We agree this freehold land offers a significant opportunity for nature experiences for two local schools and two childcare centres.</p> <p>We recommend enhancing connectivity by also protecting the land at the junction of Orangi Kaupapa Rd and Bedford St which also has ecological values. (It's on the same title as parts of the Albemarle Rd Reserve land).</p>
	new proposal	Classify Military Track as ecological and/or recreation link to enhance commuter (walking) and ecological linkages between Northland Park and Garden Rd.	Classify as Scenic Reserve A.
4 Karori, Makara and Makara Beach	strong	Reclassify Makara Beach Foreshore and Estuary Reserves as Scenic B, and include the Foreshore Reserve as a Conservation Site in the District Plan.	
5 Brooklyn, Aro Valley, Highbury, Vogelstown, Mornington and Kingston	strong	Work with private landowners to protect sites of ecological significance as part of any future development of private land.	Reword this action so that Council can provide support to private landowners now, especially for sites adjacent to the Hoggard Street Reserve.
6 Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Vic, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay and Mt Cook		No action	The reserves in this sector do not appear to have any important ecological values. Protecting and enhancing the 'street tree network' will need to be addressed through a mechanism other than this plan as the heritage trees are within the road network or on private land.
7 Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay and Owhiro Bay	new proposal	Reduce the extent of the monoculture karo forest in Sinclair Park, Southgate Park and other hillside coastal reserves.	A long-term policy and action is required to eradicate the existing 'forest' of karo, starting by removing karo in a staged approach targeting pre-identified areas.

			<p>Successful eradication will also require replanting of cleared areas to prevent and inhibit re-infestation.</p> <p>A model for this is already provided by the Te Raekaihau Restoration Trust carried out by the Houghton Bay community, and led by Jenny Rattenbury. Council assists with the removal of large karo. This creates light wells where a range of species can be planted.</p>
		Putawai Project	<p>We like what we read about this community initiative to “lift the creek” and improve the quality of water entering the sea. If the water, polluted by leachate from the closed landfills, and run-off from Buckley Rd and Houghton Bay Rd were to be directed to the Moa Point Waste-water Treatment Plant, swimming, and the gathering of kai moana, in Houghton Bay / Haewai could be made safe.</p>
8 Maupuia, Miramar, Karaka Bays, Seatoun, Strathmore Park Breaker Bay and Moa Point		Protect and enhance ecological values of Centennial Park by reclassifying as Scenic B and controlling weeds	<p>In 1872, botanist John Buchanan compiled an extensive species list of plants growing on the Miramar Peninsula (natives and exotics). We are currently updating the species’ names and will supply staff with a copy in the near future.</p> <p>As part of a wider restoration programme using eco-sourced propagules, we suggest you identify sites from which it may be possible to re-introduce species that once grew on the Peninsula but have since been lost.</p>

Draft submission from NCDRA on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan, October 2014

We need your feedback and ideas

You can comment on the Draft Plan by completing a submission form by:

- Visiting our website: Wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say
- Emailing: suburbanreserves@wcc.govt.nz

You may also like to make an oral submission to Councillors in support of your written submission. To do this please let us know and provide your contact details.

What happens next

- Submissions will be analysed. Oral submissions will be held in February 2015. Amendments to the plan could be made based on submissions.
- The final Suburban Reserves Management Plan will go to the Council for approval in April 2015.

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Making a submission

- I am making feedback on behalf of Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association
- YES. I would like to make an oral submission to the City Councillors.
- Phone 971 5415 to arrange a submission time.

Questions

1. Overall, (on a scale of 1-5) do you support or oppose the general direction and objectives of the draft plan?

4 support

Why do you say this?

The Association supports the general principles of Draft Suburban Reserves management Plan 2014. Our comments and recommendations are confined to Ngaio and Crofton Downs.

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

a) Sector 1. Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara

4 support

Why do you say this?

We believe the plan provides a good basis for the development of the numerous reserves and parks in Ngaio and Crofton Downs into the future. We strongly support proposals to investigate several new track links as they would substantially enhance the extensive and highly used track network in our area.

While supporting the overall direction and policies, we do have one issue with the Draft Plan. As we discuss in section 3.13 and under Cummings Park in the Individual Reserves section, **we believe the action point to retain the Cummings Park dog exercise area should not be in the Plan and we urge that it be removed.**

2. Do you support or oppose the direction and policies for:

b) Sector 2. Trelissick Park

4 support

Why do you say this?

This is a wonderful Park that is rapidly evolving as a consequence of the efforts of WCC and the Trelissick Park Group and its band of volunteers. We support the provisions of the Plan subject to the comments below in section 3.2 Sector 2.

3. Are there any other major changes you think should be included?

(please circle) **Yes**

Your comments

We recommend including a proposed track from Cockayne Rd to the reservoir in Odell Reserve. (See our submission under Odell Reserve for further details.)

4. Are there any actions in the plan you feel should have priority? Yes

We would like to see an early start on the action point for Chelmsford Park on page 43.

5. Is there anything you feel has not been adequately covered by the plan?

(please circle)

Yes

Your comments

We would like the plan to include consideration of ways to increase community use of Cummings Park. See our submission for further details.

6. Do you have any comments on the proposed reserve classifications in the draft plan?

We support all proposed reclassifications.

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014

General comments

We think the Draft Suburban Reserves management plan 2014 is a well thought through document and we support its general principles. Our submission is restricted to comments concerning Ngaio and Crofton Downs.

1.4 Suburban reserves network overview

We agree strongly that our parks and reserves contribute to our quality of life, contribute to neighbourhood identity and can provide valuable community focal points.

Although we agree there is limited opportunity to provide more suburban parks in established neighbourhoods, we believe Council should take opportunities as they arise. For instance, there may be an opportunity at some stage to extend Cummings Park by purchasing adjoining properties.

We also agree the role of public open space needs to adapt as the city develops and changes and for parks to adapt to the needs of an aging population. (p. 4). In particular, we see a gap in the provision of easily accessible, flat picnic/eating areas in Ngaio parks and consider that Cummings Park can be enhanced to meet this need.

We totally agree that suburban reserves are important in building resilient communities, and that parks can provide opportunities for informal interaction with neighbours and people in the community. Their use for Neighbours Day events are an example of this.

In Ngaio and Crofton Downs we are very fortunate to have remnant and regenerating native vegetation, stream and catchment areas, open space and access to the natural environment. We agree we need to conserve, restore and enhance it, provide walking and cycling opportunities, for passive activities (such as or sitting and thinking), information about the area, and landscape protection.

2 General objectives and policies

2.1 Landscape

Ngaio and Crofton Downs are green suburbs in a green city. The Crow's nest, Mt Kaukau, the ridgeline, the Korimako catchment and the Ngaio Gorge and are important features in our landscape.

2.1.1 Objectives

We realise we are fortunate to have so many reserves in our area and strongly agree with your objectives:

- to protect the natural character of reserve areas to maintain this unique landscape
- to protect our suburban reserves to enhance our well-being
- to protect corridors of vegetation to provide visual coherence
- to provide for large trees as an essential component of the suburban environment. (p.12)

We believe you should add to the third point: to assist wildlife movement through the area.

2.1.2 Policies

Natural environment

We have many notable trees in Ngaio, most visibly the totara in Cummings Park, which we are keen to continue to see managed well.

We note Council will protect the existing character of ridgelines and hill tops and other significant landscape features and are pleased that you will work with developers to establish reserves that recognise significant landscape and amenity values.

In particular, we are keen to see this applied to the Crow's nest and 131 Silverstream Road, if these housing developments eventuate. (p. 12-13)

We agree that Council should engage with landowners and communities in the protection and enhancement of reserve areas – and note that Ngaio and Crofton Downs have several restoration groups already doing this.

Built environment

We agree with the points you make about the built environment but recommend the addition of a further point: further provision should be made to reduce run-off from hard surfaces in new subdivisions and significant housing developments to minimize further deterioration of sensitive stream-beds.

2.1.4 Community scale

We agree that how the open space network looks and functions has an impact on our lives. We love our views onto bush covered hills – particularly the green backdrop of Mt Kaukau and the greening slopes of the Crows Nest and adjacent hillsides - and our easy access to walking areas. We love the flourishing native bird population and the sight of them throughout the suburbs.

However, we regret the impact recent housing developments have had, with larger housing footprints leaving little space to plant trees, thus preventing vegetation slowing storm water run-off into our streams.

2.2 Recreation (and leisure)

We like the emphasis on parks catering for a range of activities, including informal activities such as walking or sitting to admire the view and think. Providing for sedentary activities is important for older or less mobile people.

2.2.2 General provision

We note that every household should be within 600 metres or a 10 minute walk to one or more neighbourhood park, play space or other outdoor recreation opportunity and that some areas of Ngaio and Crofton Downs don't meet those criteria. We are pleased you have identified these gaps and prioritised actions to fill them.

We also agree with your policies to encourage greater, flexible and creative play for all ages (including young adults and the elderly or people with mobility challenges) through the development of neighbourhood parks. We consider Cummings Park could be enhanced to meet the needs of these groups. (p.17)

2.2.3 Playground provision

We understand the playground in Cummings Park is ready for redevelopment. If so, although the present equipment is fine for toddlers, and teenagers love the swings, older pre-schoolers are not well catered for.

2.2.4 Dog exercise areas

We support provision of reasonable exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

We recommend that WCC provide dog more excrement collection facilities at the entrances/exits of all parks and reserves designated as dog exercise areas.

For comment on the Cummings Park dog exercise area see section 3.1.2 and the section on Cummings Park under Individual Reserves.

2.2.5 Tracks

Because of the steepness of terrain, not all tracks can be accessible by all. We would like to see a network of tracks developed or modified to cater to different levels of fitness and disability.

We would like to see a beginner level/family-friendly biking track area where children can safely learn to ride.

2.2.6 Community gardens

We support the community fruit tree project where fruit trees are planted on berms and in parks for all to enjoy. However, we don't want to see them planted in bush reserves if there is a chance of rotting fruit attracting rats.

2.3 Ecology and biodiversity

We agree with your all your objectives (p23) particularly in the focus on restoring the Kaiwharawhara and Korimako and Owhiro Stream catchments and improving the ecological buffer zone around Zealandia (p. 24).

We note the newly established Crofton Downs Predator-Free project will enlarge the buffer zone around Zealandia.

2.3.3 Policies

We agree with Council identifying opportunities to plant large tree species, in conjunction with community groups. However, we note that Council contractors have accidentally destroyed many newly planted trees. We welcome tighter management of weeding contracts.

2.4 Culture and history

We agree with your plan, especially your recognition of the importance of the Bridle Track and Trelissick Park Magazine Store. (p. 27-28) We would also like to see the historic timber mill site in Cummings Park recognised in some visible way.

2.5 Community groups and partnerships

Ngaio and Crofton Downs have several community groups involved in restoration project, pest management and track building. Our schools are also involved in environmental programmes. We are pleased you highlight the restoration of Trelissick Park as an example of a great community partnership.

3. Management sector plans

3.1 Sector 1 Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Ngaio, Crofton Downs and Kaiwharawhara

In this section of our submission we restrict our comments to Ngaio and Crofton Downs.

3.1.1 Assessment of the network

We agree our area has a good variety of open space and recreational opportunities and most parks have multiple values.

We strongly agree with your example of Cummings Park having ecological value associated with protection and enhancement of native vegetation and the Korimako stream, amenity value for the village and neighbouring properties, cultural values associated with a heritage (totara) tree, and variety of recreation opportunities from walking, formal (as in a children's playground) and informal play, picnicking and dog exercise.

However, we believe the amenity value of Cummings Park can be enhanced and recommend further action – see below under Individual Reserves.

3.1.2 Playgrounds

We agree that the area north west of Fox Street isn't well served with formal play area provision and are pleased you plan to address it. (p. 35)

We agree there is a gap in formal play area provision in the eastern part of Crofton Downs and agree there is potential to work with Crofton Downs School. (p 35)

3.1.3 Dog exercise areas

The Association is fully supportive of the need to provide good dog exercise facilities within our community. The Plan notes that Ngaio is very well-served in this regard. We note that all the flat public recreation reserves in Ngaio and Crofton Downs, with the exception the Tarikaka St Reserve, are dog exercise areas.

We question the designation of part of Cummings Park as a dog exercise area. The area is well used and enjoyed for this purpose. As noted in our comments below on Cummings Park, however, this use compromises use of the Park by other sections of the community. This dog exercise area is relatively small, particularly in relation to Chelmsford Park (5 minutes walk away), and Silverstream Rd Reserve and Trelissick Park (5 minutes' drive). We believe that, without Cummings Park, the standard of reasonable provision for off-leash dog exercise in Ngaio is still comfortably met by the designated areas in Chelmsford Park, Trelissick Park, and Odell's Reserve.

We recommend that the continued use of Cummings Park as a dog exercise area be reviewed as part of the forthcoming review of the dog policy. We believe the action point on page 43 to retain the Cummings Park dog exercise area pre-empts proper consideration of this issue and should be removed.

3.1.4 Track network

We are pleased you highlighted the latest community track building and planting project – the Silversky Track. We hope this track will be completed in a way that is fully compatible with dual use by bikers and walkers.

We note there are tracks through the bush at Odell Reserve, Heke Reserve and Orleans Makererua Reserve and that Te Araroa walkway passes through this sector. (p. 36)

Actions

- We note the link between Downing Street and Silverstream Road is well underway
- We agree with developing tracks from Silverstream Road through Huntleigh Park to Huntleigh Park Way.
- We support investigating a new track link into Chelmsford Park from Heke Street
- We support the idea of a track linking Vasanta Ave with the Skyline.

Missing from Actions

Please include investigating a track from Cockayne Rd to Odell's Reserve. See the section on Odell Reserve for further details.

3.1.5 Ecology and biodiversity

- We strongly support Council working with the Girl Guides on future management and protection of its land off Silverstream Road (p. 37).
- We agree with investigating the protection and/or acquisition of reserve land for landscape acquisition of reserve land for landscape, ecological and recreation purposes as part of any proposed subdivision of the land situated to the west of Silverstream Road. For instance, reserve land contribution would enable the Silversky Track to be fully completed.

3.1.6 Community groups and partnerships

- We note the recognition of the role of Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association and Ngaio School in partnering with Council, and the recognition of the roles volunteers play in Odells, Orleans Makererua, and Chelmsford Reserves. The role of Bells Track Group and the Green Belters should also be noted here and the volunteers in Heke reserve.

Individual Reserves

Odell Reserve

Proposed track from Cockayne Rd to Odell's Reserve.

- For a number of years the NCDRA has been keen to develop a public access track from Cockayne Road to the Reservoir in Odell's Reserve. This track would link with the Piwakawaka Track to the south and provide both an interesting and valuable walking loop as well as ready access to the Reservoir platform with its spectacular views over the inner city and harbour. It would be a more convenient access point for many residents than the existing Punjab Street entrance.
- The Council owns an appropriate strip of land from Cockayne Road. At present a privately-owned adjoining property has an encroachment over a section of the Council land but NCDRA, at its last negotiating meeting with Council, was advised that its land ownership records had been annotated to recognize the public interest in the land, and the desire of the community for an access track in the future, when funds become available.
- NCDRA would like to re-open these discussions and put the public access track back into the Council's planning.

Tarikaka Street Reserve

We support a recent proposal to plant fruit trees around the reserve for use by the community.

Ngaio Tennis Club

We would like more information on the plan's proposal to encourage casual use of the club's facilities. We don't support the proposal as it stands because we believe it would be logistically difficult for the club to manage casual use, would increase their expenses through wear and tear on facilities, and would reduce club membership as many paying members are already casual users.

Heke Reserve

We support your proposal to classify the part of Heke Street Reserve between Heke St and the railway line as Scenic B Reserve to protect the ecological values and land values etc. (p 137-138).

Huntleigh Park and Silverstream Road play area

We agree that although this area falls under Outer Green Belt Management it plays a key role in the suburban reserves network - particular for play provision. We also agree it has potential "to enhance values with protection and/or acquisition of nearby private land".

Orleans Makererua Reserve

We note this reserve has a number of names throughout the Draft Plan, such as Makererua Reserve, Orleans Makererua, Makererua Orleans, Makererua/Orleans Street Reserve and would like consistency. We also suggest Pukatea Reserve as an alternative, given that a centuries-old Pukatea tree is a major feature.

We agree with your proposed classification to Scenic B. Reserve.

We note there is a population of native snails in the reserve, protected by weeds. Council's weed control policy needs to take this diversity of habitat into account.

Chelmsford Reserve

We support your proposal to look at ways to improve use, particularly as a dog exercise area. It is very well suited for this purpose as it has ample space, good drainage and good car parking.

We also support your proposal to investigate a new track link into Chelmsford Park from Heke Street (page 26). We note this is omitted from your action table on page 43. This attractive park is currently quite isolated so a track would generate greater usage, as well as providing an alternative route to the station, school and other Ngaio facilities.

Other ways to improve use include providing picnic facilities, shelter trees on the northern boundary (the park is extremely exposed to the northerly wind) and fencing to keep dogs within the boundary. A beginner level/family-friendly biking area where children can safely learn to ride would be an asset.

Cummings Park

Cummings Park is one of the finest small suburban parks in Wellington and is situated in the heart of Ngaio. The delightful Korimako stream is a central feature and one of the main focal points.

It is classified as a Neighbourhood (Community) park, clearly meeting the criteria on page 5 of the Draft Plan. It is adjacent to the Ngaio shops, the library, Plunket, and childcare facilities. It has adjacent parking, and is safe for children as it is well away from roads. Its location and facilities make it highly valued by Ngaio residents.

The park has a heritage totara tree, a significant piece of sculpture, an historic site (an old saw mill and dam), a playground, wildlife in the stream, and regenerating bush. It is also part of Te Araroa.

Signage, similar to that in Khandallah Park, which highlights these features, would greatly enhance visitor enjoyment of the park.

Access to Cummings Park

Access to Cummings Park could be improved, particularly for the less mobile and those with infants. There are four entrance points:

- next to the Library – furthest from most of the park’s facilities, and requires negotiating a relatively long, undulating track;
- from Awarua Street – a gravelled track with a substantial slope;
- from Ottawa Road past the kindergarten – sealed, but steep;
- via the carpark – the best access for the less mobile and those with young families, but requires passing through the dog exercise area to access other parts of the park.

The dog exercise area

The designation of part of Cummings Park as a dog exercise area attracts strong opinions for and against from within our community. It is popular with dog owners, but detracts from the park for some other users. **We believe this complex issue should be fully addressed in the next review of the WCC’s dog policy. For this reason we wish to see the “action” on page 43 of retaining this as a dog exercise area removed from the Plan.**

As well as affecting access, the dog exercise area reduces use of the park for community purposes in other ways. It is the largest flat, grassy area in the park, and is ideal as a kick around area for older children, for sitting and enjoying the park, picnicking, or for community events. (The other flat area is the playground, which is largely devoted to fixtures such as swings and climbing apparatus.)

The Draft Plan (section 2.2.4) states that the dog exercise area is enclosed when clearly it is not. Dogs being exercised regularly move beyond the designated area by crossing a bridge to the grassed bank on the west side of the Koromiko stream which borders the exercise area. This ecologically important stream is one of the few in Wellington City that flows through flat, public terrain. At present the stream is entered by dogs with some detrimental ecological effect.

Not all people are comfortable around dogs, particularly when active and unrestrained. The access by dogs to the grassed bank and main track means they can be encountered not just while passing through the dog exercise area but in other parts as well.

There is some disagreement with the statement in 3.1.3 that “the issue of damage to the turf [of the dog exercise area] during the winter months due to intensive use has been mainly resolved”. The state of the turf is not ideal for year-round community recreational use.

Other points

We suggest that WCC develops a path downstream from the bridge. This would give children access to a safe place to play beside the stream and provide a loop walk within the park.

There may be potential in the future for some properties adjacent to the park to be acquired by Council. This would allow the expansion of the park to cater for future uses, an unusual feature of suburban parks. This should be noted in the plan.

The Association believes there is considerable scope for improvements to the park to enable it to fulfil its potential as an amenity for the whole community. It plans to develop a Vision for Cummings Park with a number of proposals to expand its utility for all sections of the community.

3.2 Sector 2 Trelissick Park

Trelissick Park is very special, both from an ecological and a recreational point of view.

3.2.1 Landscape

We support the policies and actions listed.

We are concerned that the “green fringe” between Ngaio Gorge Road and Trelissick Park is maintained and enhanced.

When opportunities arise, we wish the Council to purchase the remaining private plots of land on this green fringe. We also wish the Council, again when the opportunity arises, to remove the encroachment from the property which has a garage on reserve land on the Ngaio Gorge Road.

3.2.2 Ecology and biodiversity

We want included in the Plan a long-term, aspirational goal of having the pylons and transmission lines removed from the Ngaio Gorge. While the lines remain, there is a need to frequently trim the vegetation, thus compromising the quality of the forest generally, and disfiguring the crowns of the affected trees.

3.2.3 Recreation and access

We support the investigation - and implementation - of a new track linking Oban Street in Highland Park to Trelissick Park. We think it is important to provide a second entrance from the City side of the Ngaio Gorge into such a major park.

Wellington Mountain Biking Economic Growth Initiative WMBEGI

Submission to WCC on Draft
Suburban Reserves Management
Plan 2014

Background to WMBEGI

The Wellington Mountain Bike Economic Growth Initiative (WMBEGI) is exploring ways that an investment in mountain biking marketing, infrastructure and services can help to attract and retain residents, in particular skilled migrants, and to attract more tourists, getting them to both stay longer and to spend more of their holiday money with us.

Economic benefits are likely to include direct benefits / returns to the cycling industry (sales and maintenance, hiring), tourism, hospitality and transport, and wider benefits of job creation and the attraction and retention of skilled migrants to Wellington.

This project will develop a comprehensive business plan that explores what investment is necessary for Wellington to be recognised globally as the **World's best mountain bike city** and what economic benefits would accrue to the region should such a vision be achieved. Noting that as a regional initiative, we need to think carefully about how we best position this work for maximum overall regional gains.

The development of the business plan is being led by Chris Nicholls, a business case writer specialist. Positively Wellington Tourism resources and a number of Wellington business people are supporting Chris with the project. A particular focus for the business plan is the unique opportunity that the Wellington trail network and its accessibility from the city and suburbs presents to attract visitors and new residents to Wellington. Wellington City Council has funded this independent study out of the Wellington Economic Initiatives Development fund.

WMBEGI and the Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014

- WMBEGI is aware of the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 and would like consideration to be given to how any outcomes might be incorporated into the plan in the future.
- WMBEGI, in its proposal, is considering recommending that we build easier riding trails for bikes close to urban areas (see following maps). These trails are likely to impact a number of the zones in the Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014.
- WMBEGI would like the opportunity to speak at the hearings for the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan on Feb 12th
- It should be noted that the current WMBEGI work is very much in draft and has not been widely consulted, and that no consideration has been given to sensitivities like areas that bikes shouldn't be in. We want to work with the Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 process to ensure that we address this in due course.

WMBEGI possible trails impacting plan zones

Grade 2 commute, urban experience riding, learners and novice recreational riders



Map 2: Wellington Networks
0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Kilometers



WMBEGI Vision

A bold vision is required to unlock the economic potential provided by mountain biking for Wellington. This requires a wide range of stakeholders to participate and play their part in taking Wellington mountain biking to the next level

Vision options:

Wellington, the **world's best** mountain bike **city**

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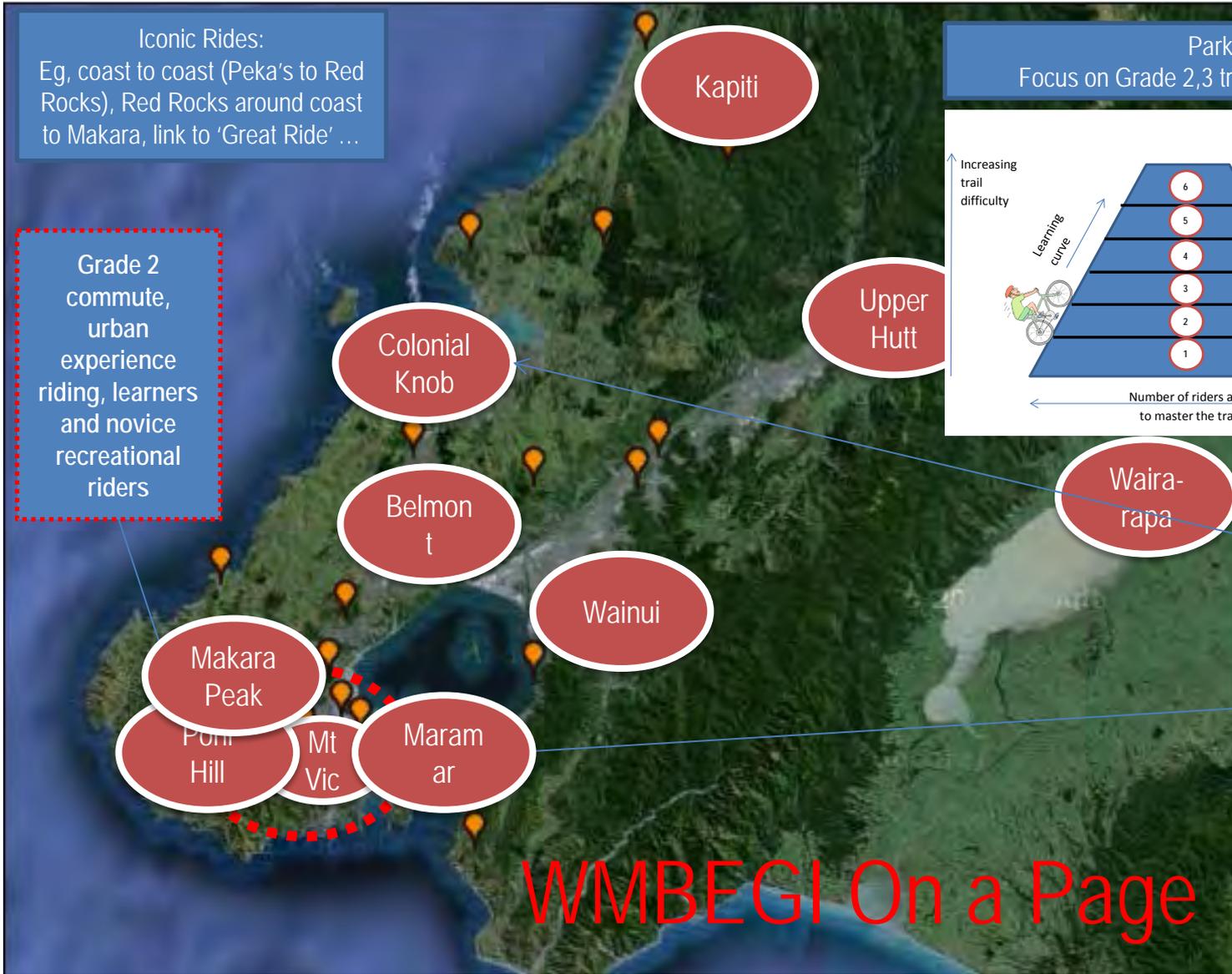
Wellington: experience our **world class** bike **network**

Wellington, the **world's best** mountain bike **region**

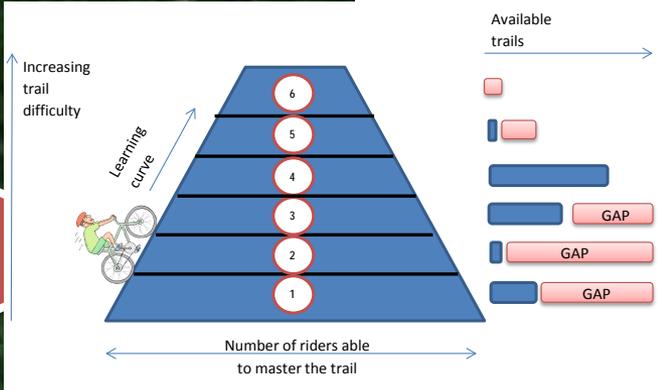
Within this, the key value proposition we wish to leverage is Wellington's urban connectedness with the trails. This in turn will attract tourists and people to live and work in Wellington.

Iconic Rides:
Eg, coast to coast (Peka's to Red
Rocks), Red Rocks around coast
to Makara, link to 'Great Ride' ...

Grade 2
commute,
urban
experience
riding, learners
and novice
recreational
riders



Parks:
Focus on Grade 2,3 trails and flow tracks



Gravity Park,
DH, Enduro
Events
Plus facilities

ICU Race Venue
and Race Village
Leveraging
velodrome

Multi-use indoor
training and
adventure centre
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- Tour packages, events
- Cycling related services and hospitality
- Web sites and information sharing
- Trails, signage, amenities

Summary of proposed WMBEGI initiatives

- Parks (x5 or 6)
 - Helping them with their own strategies
 - Emphasise or fund grade 2 and 3 flow tracks
 - Grade 5/6 trails could be peppered through the other parks also
 - Signage and information
 - Amenities
- Urban experience – grade 2 trails close to town for
 - Urban tourist
 - Children and novice riders
 - Commuters
 - Other recreational riders and users
- Robust track use monitoring, a lot of fables at the moment
- Dedicated DH and enduro , plus jump park?
- Dedicated ICU world champs
- Supporting services
 - Web sites and information sharing
 - Cycling related services
 - Bike friendly transport and accommodation
 - Tours, packages and events
- Events:
 - Bring back WLG NZ MTB Fest?
 - 2x international events?
 - Epic rides
- Tourist market spend 7 days in region, exploring:
 - Makara Peak
 - Polhill/Mt Vic/Mirimar
 - Wainui
 - BAMBA/Belmont
 - Rangituhi Colonial Knob
 - Whareroa/Akas
 - Upper Hutt and Wairarapa

DRAFT Benefits Model

- Market segments
- Where do they come from?
- What are we offering them?
- What investments are required?
- What benefits is this likely to drive?

Market segment

Profiles?

Tourist

Cycling Destination

MTB

Touring

Urban experience tourist / event tourist

MTB

Local Residents, Migrant Workers

MTB

Touring

Active people

From where

Sizing?

New Zealand

160,000 mountain bikers excl WLG

40,000 mountain bikers in WLG

650,000 road cyclists

Australia

Xxx mountain bikers

Xxx cycle touring

Long Haul Traveller

Offering

Targeted Promotions, packages and events

Integrated transport solutions, Tailored Hospitality

Direct services Hire, sales, repairs, tours, training

Trails, signage, amenities, navigation and information



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Investments required

Marketing collateral, customer contact and third party channels

Leadership and direction, information sharing

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Design, Build, Maintain. Investment planning.

Professionally built trails with 'flow'
Grade 2 trails that connect the city

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Drives benefits

Economic

Health and Wellbeing

Benefits measured by

Economy

Direct Services Employment (trails, hire, sales, repairs, tours, training, etc.)

Airport landings

Tourist nights

Transport Revenues

Event Revenues

Skilled workforce net migration

Health and Wellbeing

Track Usage

Training programme participation (schools)

Volunteer Hours

Sporting success

Community base

Market segment

From where

Australian MTB

Offering

Investments required

Drives benefits

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Tourist

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Community

Submission on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan
Ann Thomson, 7 Jeypore Street, Berhampore
26 November 2014

I strongly oppose the decommissioning of the Jeypore Street playground, as outlined in Action 2 of 3.6.2 of the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan.

In doing so, I support the suggestion of a new playground at Wakefield Park. This, however, should not be at the expense of our smaller, local community playground.

I am a Jeypore Street resident.

The Jeypore Street playground is for toddlers. It is fully fenced providing a safe place to play, and is sheltered from the wind and sun. It is surrounded by trees. Parents can relax here in the knowledge that their children can't run onto the road. As a parent with a disability, it provided crucial space for me and my children when they were toddlers given that I am unable to run after them to keep them away from busy roads.

The Jeypore Street Playground is for our community. It is a community hub, our village square, in which children and adults can socialise. As a result of having this space, we know our neighbours. We have regular street parties in and around the park. It is situated in the inner city suburb of Berhampore, where many private gardens are small or non-existent. The playground is used regularly by local neighbourhood children, children in the wider community, and children from Berhampore School.

The Jeypore Street Playground is for my daughter. She plays in the park every weekend, particularly in fine weather, and sometimes in and out all day. In doing so, I am safe in the knowledge that she can be seen and heard when I put my head out the door. My neighbours keep an eye on her. This is the kind of childhood I want for her... outdoor space and (just enough) independence, hanging out with the neighbourhood kids, and coming home when she's hungry. Surely this is what we want for our children in a society dominated by screens and an obesity epidemic? I certainly won't be letting her go down to Wakefield Park on her own. I will no doubt visit the proposed playground at Wakefield Park. But to get there I would have to drive, so I probably won't bother.

The Plan says to "Decommission Jeypore Street playground and consider alternative uses for the site that complement the high amenity of the street".

The only thing that complements the high amenity of the street, given the number of families in the area, is a playground.

Please let it be.

Ann Thomson
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Berhampore