

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Reserves Manager
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 1 April 2009
SUBJECT: Mapua Waterfront Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Consultation period on the Mapua Waterfront Park Draft Concept Design occurred in November/December 2008. Public presentations and exhibitions were the main tools for the consultation.

Opportunities were maximised by offering a variety of times, locations and formats for consultation meetings.

Attendance was approximately 150 people during this time. Each event had discussion and many comments. This was followed up by 47 written submissions and a chart summarising these submissions is attached.

The overall response was very positive support for the concept design and clear general support for Council to proceed with the scheme. There were no submissions opposed to the concept plan in general.

Issues raised within the support submissions, fall largely within the accepted scope of design development. The majority are "self-contained" issues, without wider spread to other parts of the scheme.

Following the closure of submissions, the design team has undertaken the following actions:

- General dissemination of information
- Topic meetings with groups or individuals
- Organisational development

SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED

Four issues attracted the greatest number of submissions of all topics.

These were:

- 1 Parking in Shared Zone.
- 2 Heritage Fruit Trees.
- 3 Wharf Continuation.

4 Commercial Area.

Parking and Shared Zone

The concept design proposed a shared zone from Iwa Street on Aranui Road. This incorporated redistributing permanent parking from opposite the coolstore building to further up Aranui Road and within the park. This attracted both strong support and strong opposition.

A letter opposing the proposed change was received from a local business person as well as a letter signed by seven of the 13 businesses operating from the wharf area.

On the other side, verbal and written comments from four businesses supported the change in parking as a component of the development of the shared zone.

Response outside wharf business owners, had majority support for the shared zone including the change in parking.

The attached information outlines the four design options with option four seeming to meet the majority of concerns.

Recommendation 1

That the options for the parking in the shared zone be discussed with Council's engineering staff with a recommendation to adopt option four which addresses the majority of concerns in the submissions.

Heritage Fruit Tree Collection

Heritage fruit tree collection – The attached information discusses two options for the heritage fruit tree proposal. Option two is the preferred staff option being away from any potential conflict with the Commercial area.

Recommendation 2

That Option 2 for the heritage fruit tree collection be adopted.

OTHER ISSUES

Wharf Strategy

Continue to show as long term strategy.

Commercial Area (Inside FCC site)

Community preference Council control.
Clarification to community of ownership management issues of commercial zone.

Artwork

Address in design development.

Paths and Access

Consideration of open space link to west once MfE audit available.

Recommendation 3

That the issues of the Wharf extension, Commercial area, artwork and paths and access be considered by staff as part of the final design phase.

ISSUES PERIPHERAL BUT RELATED TO PARK DESIGN

Includes boat ramp, wharf precinct design upgrade and development west of Tahi Street.

Recommendation 4

That Council notes these community issues with no further action at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION RELATING TO OVERALL DESIGN

That given the overwhelmingly positive public response and the recommended changes to the concept design Council gives approval to proceed to the design development stage.

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