

LATE AGENDA ITEM

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Motueka Community Board
FROM: Horticultural Officer and Reserves Officer
DATE: 9 September 2010
SUBJECT: Motueka Quay Landscape Concept Plan Report

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise the Motueka Community Board on the progress of the landscape plan for Motueka Quay.

BACKGROUND

Keep Motueka Beautiful approached Parks and Reserves in 2009 to make improvements to the area in front of the Historic Wharf at Motueka Quay. Over time this area has developed into an informal picnic area where cars drive up on to the grass area amongst the picnic tables and walkway. This has created problems with dust in the warmer months and drainage when it is wet. It was indentified that in order to make improvements to the functionality and aesthetics of this area the landscape design would need to separate cars from pedestrians and picnickers as well as prevent access to areas where there are plantings and turf.

DISCUSSION

In July 2010 a concept plan was sent out to Motueka Quay residents, Keep Motueka Beautiful and the Motueka Community Board. Consultation was carried out and changes were made to this first Concept Plan.

The Wyatts who live directly opposite the area provided us with a substantial submission on the recreational use of the area. Jonathan Wyatt (an architect) drew up a landscape of the area incorporating many of the ideas that his family had for the area. In summary, their submission included the following suggestions:

- Retention of the relaxed and informal nature of the area.
- To create a stronger emphasis of the historic wharf by creating an axis in the design to this area.
- Using sleepers and natural looking building materials for the barriers to protect the grassed areas.
- Protect and retain the historic foundations on the site.
- Parking space for larger vehicles like campervans.

The feedback we received from other users of the area included:

- Retention of access for small boat and kayak users, with some vehicle access for cars and trailers.
- People like to park up in their cars and it was requested that an area of the parking space be closer to the beach frontage.
- Further comments were made that any plantings would not impede views and maintain the natural theme of the area.

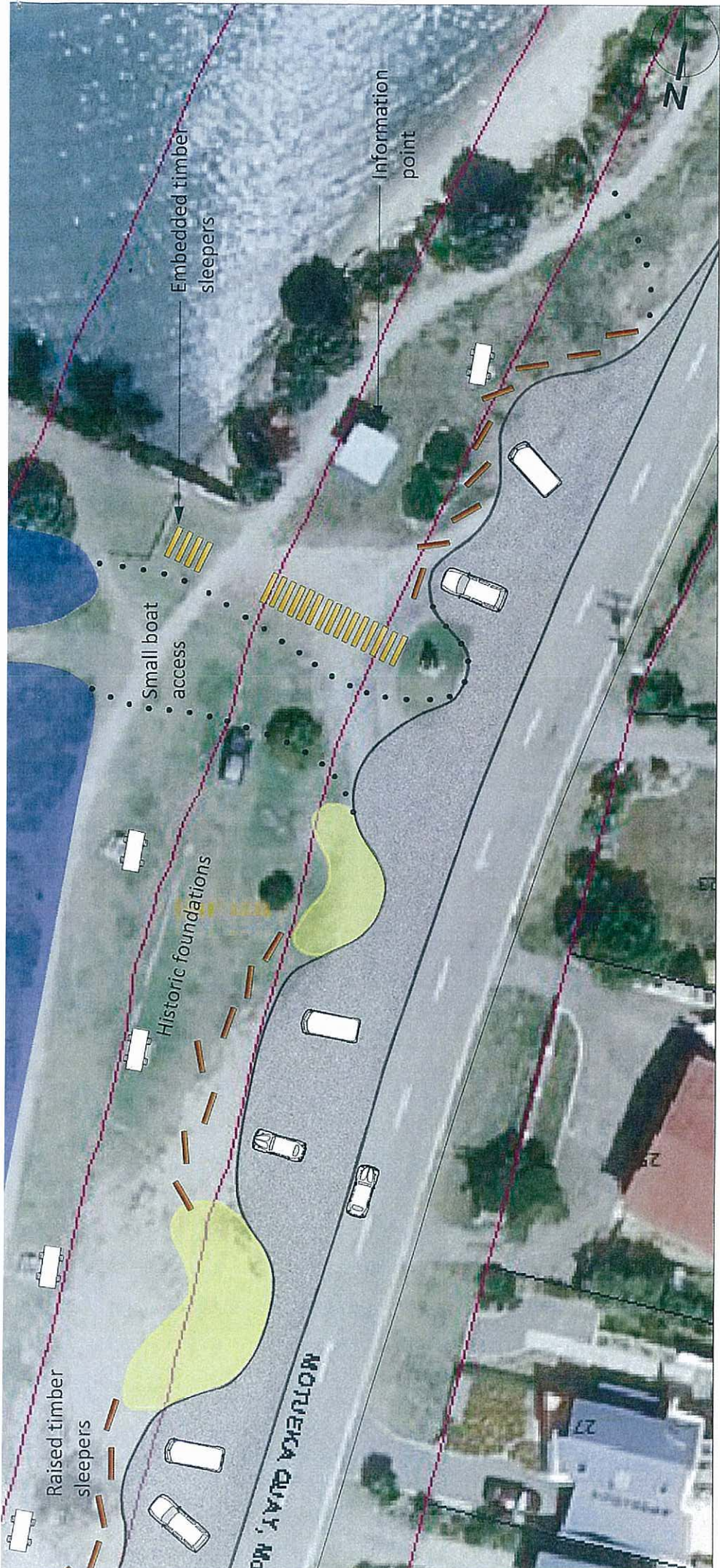
As a result of this feedback Council has revised the concept plan which is attached. Council would like to refer this back to the nearby residents and Keep Motueka Beautiful before proceeding with the project. We would appreciate any comments or recommendations from the Motueka Community Board.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Motueka Quay Landscape Concept Plan Report and the attached Revised Concept Plan be received.

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by installing raised timber sleepers and bollards between the carpark and grass areas. Carpark to be the naturalness of the area, car park approx 600m2. Timber bollards around the entranceway to the Quay/Memorial and small boat access area. Plant estuarine natives around car park area, (sand coprosma, miniature flax and golden tussock). Plant estuarine estuary, (coastal ribbonwood, native ice plant and twiggy shrub). a and relocate rubbish bin to beside carpark. Sharp timbers embedded in the ground to provide a link from the monument to the start of the

Timber Sleeper



Coastal ribbonwood

Native ice plant



Bollards

Golden tussock

Miniature flax



Existing