

## 21. LINWOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with the details of submissions resulting from the recent public consultation.

### BACKGROUND

At the Board meeting of 2 April 2003, the Board considered a report on the progress development plan for Linwood Park and resolved:

1. That the draft development plan be supported.
2. That final comments from the community be reported to the Board before final approval is given.
3. That work begin on the features that have already received widespread support from the community as outlined in the report.
4. That priority be given to renewing a fence between Linwood Park and the tennis courts.
5. That those involved in the Linwood Park redevelopment project be commended for the draft development plan.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Although there had been widespread research and consultation around Linwood Park with key stakeholders, resulting in the proposed development plan considered by the Board, it has been necessary to have the plan circulated within the community, in accordance with the Board's resolution.

3000 copies of the consultation document were distributed in June 2003 to stakeholders and residents in the area surrounding Linwood Park. In addition the information was available on the Council web site for one month.

### RESULTS

Within the submission form, the question was asked whether the overall plan was accepted and if the submitter had any additional comments.

The amount and range of comments in the submission forms have been encouraging and the details are as follows:

Submissions received	195
Acceptance of plan	168
Non acceptance of plan	27

A wide range of additional comments have been made and these are summarised below:

- The plan is very good and will be good for the whole community 84
- It is a waste of ratepayers' money 8
- **Waterway**
  - The drain needs to be fenced 5
- **Trees**
  - to be planting more is a concern 1
  - all future trees should be evergreen 1
  - only native trees should be planted. 1

- not too many	1
- too many proposed around the school area	1
- don't plant anymore Plane trees	1
- concern about shade from Macrocarpa trees on houses in Bonar Place	3
<b>▪ Rose Garden</b>	
- this will be very special	2
- it is secluded, inviting theft and vandalism	2
- support the idea of additional park entry here	1
- no need for an additional entry here	1
<b>▪ Safety and Security</b>	
- there is an unsafe feeling in the park and security is needed	10
- padlock all gates at night	1
- pleased to have Smith Street entry widened	1
<b>▪ Toilets</b>	
- Toilets and pavilion should not be closed	2
- need to be clear of shrubs	1
- locating new toilets at Linwood Avenue frontage is a good idea	1
- proposed toilets are too close to school grounds	1
- another toilet is needed at Aldwins Road frontage	1
<b>▪ Lighting</b>	
- improvements are needed to lighting on pathways	15
<b>▪ Skatepark area</b>	
- this facility should be removed	6
- opposed to more expense here	1
- requires supervision	1
- don't feel safe here	1
- need a separate area for under 10 years	1
<b>▪ Pathways</b>	
- pedestrian and cycleways should be separate and sealed to allow roller blading	2
- Linwood Avenue path (Smith Street to bus stop) needs to be wider	1
<b>▪ Seating</b>	
- more seating required	6
<b>▪ Sports Grounds</b>	
- too much of the park in sports grounds	4
- rugby league ground next to soccer is not a good idea	1
- would like to have two softball diamonds included	1
- relocate Linwood Avenue School to include indoor sports area and swimming pool centre	1

- only catering for male dominated sports	1
- don't agree with park being turned into a sports centre	1
- fitness trail will be a good addition	5
- tennis courts need upgrading	1
- park should include a covered pool	1
<b>▪ Children's Playground</b>	
- pleased to note a junior playground	1
- prefer soft matting under equipment	1
- safety concerns with climbing net	2
- play area is too small	1
- junior area needs a boundary fence	1
- needs to be accessible for people with disabilities	1
- could include a paddling pool/sand pit	1
<b>▪ General</b>	
- would like to have more movies and community days in the park	2
- art or sculpture included would be good	2
- a raised area for performers	2
- could we have a water feature	1
- emergency telephone is needed	1
- a dog exercise area could be included	1
- a lake for small boats would be good	1
- a designated picnic/barbeque area could be included	1
- no space for a building to have the Linwood Out of School Programme	1
- post and rail fence on Linwood Avenue boundary should remain	2
- more consideration for young people and elderly	1
- a house bordering the park at 115 Randolph Street is worthy of inclusion in the park.	1

## SUMMARY

It has been rewarding to receive the number and variety of submissions.

The most significant responses relate to the waterway, lighting of pathways, the skatepark, safety and security and additional seating.

### Staff

<b>Recommendation:</b>	1.	That the information be received.
	2.	That the submissions raised concerning the waterway, lighting, the skatepark, safety and additional seating be addressed.

### Chairperson's

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Not seen by the Chairperson.
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