

4. DEPUTATIONS

4.2 HORSESHOE LAKE RESERVE LANDSCAPE PLAN

Peter Chapple was in attendance to speak about the draft landscape plan for the Horseshoe Lake Reserve.

Peter Chapple suggested that the draft landscape plan should recognise that the reserve is a natural wetland area with diverse bird and plant life. This aspect should be protected and enhanced rather than the plan's focus on providing for additional human activities. Any tracks should be designed for viewing the environment only. A northern loop to the existing track would be desirable.

Mr Chapple supports the removal of the fence-line walking track initially proposed. He would like to see plantings added to the plan to ensure an ad hoc track does not develop.

Two features of the plan were opposed. Mr Chapple asked that the views of nearby residents be heard on the car park/toilet and the moving of the dog park.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 12 of this report.

David Page from the Christchurch Golf Club was also in attendance concerning the draft landscape plan.

David Page noted that the Club is a major asset for the City, attracting significant tournaments and many overseas visitors. While initially consulted about the landscape plan, the Club had not received any further information.

In general, the Club supports the proposed improvement of the area. The possibility of golf balls straying into the car park/toilet area was of concern for the safety of people and vehicles. The car park/toilet could be shifted to the south or trees could be planted on both sides of the road as a buffer.

The proposal to reinforce the poplar plantings also concerns the Club because of their invasive roots and the depositing of leaves in autumn. Evergreen or native plantings would be more suitable.

Mr Page also noted that the BMX bike track was a major nuisance to the Club. Noise, verbal abuse of golfers and course vandalism had resulted.

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