

7. DARESBURY PARK - REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to approve the redevelopment plan for Daresbury Park following consultation with the local community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members will recall that the concept plan for the redevelopment of Daresbury Park was presented to the Works and Traffic Committee on Monday 19 September 2005, prior to the Greenspace Unit carrying out consultation with the local community.
3. The plan was sent out to approximately 200 residential properties around the park at the end of November 2005. There was a good response from the local community with a total of 31 people returning the comment form providing feedback on the proposed plan.
4. Overall the respondents were very positive and indicated a good level of support for the proposed plan. As a result of the consultation, the Greenspace Unit proposes a number of relatively minor changes to the original plan. (See **attached** plan)
The changes are:
 - (a) Minor realignment of the main pathway entrance at Harakeke Street. The seat that was shown on the original plan at this point will be relocated to avoid potential accidents between people using the seat and pedestrians or cyclists using the path.
 - (b) The secondary or southern path leading in from Harakeke Street has been realigned to provide a more direct link to the bridge and greater separation from the neighbouring property.
 - (c) The Totara tree that was identified for removal will now be relocated to another area within the park. The Olearia beside the bridge will also be retained.
 - (d) The seat down by the river will be turned around to face the water. Minor regrading of the bank will also be undertaken at this point to provide safe easy access to the water for viewing or feeding ducks etc.
 - (e) A Stream Information Board on the side of the bridge outlining the streams features such as wildlife, environment and its origins etc.
 - (f) Two seats shown opposite the azalea beds on the original plan will be reduced to one.
5. All respondents have been sent a final reply letter thanking them for their input, including an A3 colour copy of the finalised plan. The letter informed respondents that the plan would be presented to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for approval. Details of the meeting (time, date, venue etc) were also provided so that any interested people could attend.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The current 2005/06 Greenspace Capital Works Programme has \$19,679 for the pathway renewal at Daresbury Park. This part of the project will be bulk tendered with a number of other projects, to provide opportunities for efficiency and potential cost savings. If cost savings can be achieved, it may be possible to also carry out the secondary pathway realignment and overlay as part of the same contract.
7. The Greenspace Capital Works Budget has further funding programmed for Daresbury Park redevelopment in the 2006/07 financial year. The Greenspace Unit proposes to complete the remaining components of the redevelopment plan next financial year. **It is important to note that funds programmed in future years are subject to Council confirming budget expenditure for that particular year.** The following table shows details of the proposed development programme.

Project Detail	2005/06 (approved)	2006/07 (To be confirmed)
Pathway Renewal	\$19,679	
Path realignment and overlay		\$8000
Information Panels		\$5000
Playground Extension		\$10,000
Landscaping and seating		\$30,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Board approve the **attached** Daresbury Park Redevelopment Plan and that the Greenspace Unit commence the implementation programme.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the **attached** Daresbury Park Redevelopment Plan be approved and the Greenspace Unit commence the implementation programme.