

4. WYCOLA PARK – ENHANCEMENT OF THE BACK OF HEI HEI COMMUNITY CENTRE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the Wycola Park Landscape Plan to be implemented, following consultation with the local community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members will recall a seminar held on 21 August 2006 where the Landscape Architect and the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate presented the Wycola Park Enhancement Concept Plan to the Board, prior to consultation with the community.
3. The concept plan was circulated to approximately 100 local residents living near Wycola Park. The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate also met with various on site business people to discuss the concept. Overall there was a poor response to the public information leaflet with only 11 people responding. Although the response is poor, the significance of the changes being made is very low. (Please see **attached** feedback analysis.)
4. The project team considered the responses and they have made the following changes as a result of the community's feedback. Some of the suggestions made by the community were not achievable, considering the project's limited funds.

The changes made to the plan are as follows:

- (a) Addition of a picnic table and two shade trees to be installed by the basketball court.
 - (b) The creation of an informal barbeque area which will allow people to take their own barbeques to the park.
 - (c) Shifting of bollards near to entrance to hockey turf to allow the Hockey Club vehicle access for maintenance.
 - (d) Extension of the proposed planting strip along the hockey turf fence.
5. All respondents who included their name and postal address on the feedback form have been sent a final reply letter thanking them for their input, including an A4 colour copy of the finalised plan. The letter informed respondents that the plan would be presented to the Board for approval. Details of the meeting (time, date, venue) were also provided so that any interested people could attend.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The current 2006/07 Greenspace Capital Works Programme has funding for implementation of the works associated with this project.
7. The local community have been consulted with on this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves the Enhancement Plan for the back of the Hei Hei Community Centre, Wycola Park and that the Council's Capital Programmes Unit commences the implementation programme in November/December 2006.