

8. PAPARUA STREAM RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to approve the enhancement plan for Paparua Stream Reserve following consultation with the local community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members will recall that the concept plan for the Paparua Stream Reserve was presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Environment Committee on Monday 25 June 2007, prior to carrying out consultation with the local community.
3. The plan was circulated to approximately 300 residential properties within the general catchment area of the reserve. There was a good response from the local community with a total of forty three (43) individual residents returning the comment form providing feedback on the proposed plan (See comments – **Attachment 1**). This equates to a 14.3% response rate.
4. The response from the local community was very positive and supportive with 41 respondents or (95.3%) expressing support for the proposed plan. Many of the respondents expressed support for the walkway linking Epsom Road and Racecourse Road. There were also comments from some long term residents of the area outlining previous history of the site and expressing support for the project.
5. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board had previously indicated that they would like the name of the reserve to be Paparua Stream Reserve. The two main reasons being:
 - (a) That it reflects the name of the stream flowing through the reserve (Paparua Stream).
 - (b) That it provides an historical link to the past, as the reserve is in an area that was previously administered by Paparua County Council prior to amalgamation with the City in 1989.
6. Residents were asked to indicate their support for the proposed name as part of the consultation. The combined number of responses to this question is forty (40) which is less than the total number of respondents (43) because some respondents did not indicate any preference in relation to this question. The results of that are shown below.

Yes – I support the proposed name of Paparua Stream Reserve	38
No – I do not support the proposed name of Paparua Stream Reserve	2

7. Given the high level of support indicated in the residents' feedback, the Capital Programme Group does not propose to make any significant changes to the original plan that was circulated (see attached plan – **Attachment 2**). The only minor change relates to the shape of the grass areas where some tight and narrow corners have been modified to improve access for mowing and maintenance equipment.
8. The finalised plan has undergone an internal peer review based around general CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles and practices. Staff are confident the proposed plan does not create any unacceptable risk or issues around park user or commuter safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The funding from Council is being provided from the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme. Specifically:
- 2007/08 - \$200,000 Paparua Stream Improvements

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

10. Yes. Funding is provided from within the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. There are no legal considerations that would have a direct impact on this proposal.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. **LTCCP 2006-2016 Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways – Page 123**
- Recreation – By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities.
 - Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities.
13. **Recreation and Leisure – Page 131**
- Recreation – By encouraging more people to participate in leisure, physical and sporting activities.
14. **Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan**

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. Social Wellbeing and Youth Strategy and Safer Parks Policy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Consultation has been undertaken with the local community via a letterbox drop and comment form resulting in feedback from interested stakeholders (**see attachment**). The consultation identified a very strong level of support for this project within the local community.
17. 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 when the plan would be presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for approval. Details of the meeting (time, date, venue etc) were also provided so that any interested people could attend or address the Board prior to the final decision being made.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Approve the Paparua Stream Reserve Enhancement Plan as attached and that the Capital Programme Group commence implementation of the approved plan.
- (b) Approve that the whole reserve, which includes the existing area off Racecourse Road, be named Paparua Stream Reserve.