


8. WILSON RESERVE LANDSCAPE UPGRADE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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1. The purpose of this report is to seek the recommendation of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to the Council to approve the concept design plan (refer **Attachment 1**) for the landscape upgrade of Wilson Reserve following consultation with the local community. It is intended that the Board's recommendation on this matter will be submitted to the Council meeting of 9 September 2010.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members will recall that the concept plan for the upgrade of Wilson Reserve was presented to a Board seminar on 16 September 2009 prior to carrying out consultation with the local community.
3. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 37 businesses and absentee property owners in the vicinity of the reserve, along with five identified key stakeholder groups. A total of four comment forms were returned with all respondents indicating their support for the proposal.
4. A report recommending approval of the concept design plan, amended to provide additional seating, was considered by the Board at its meeting of 17 February 2010. The Board resolved that consideration of this report be deferred pending further information from staff. The Board received a memorandum from staff dated 24 February 2010 which provided this information, including on the proposed tram extension project and concluded the Board's consideration on this occasion.
5. At the Council meeting of 24 June 2010, a preferred route option for the proposed Tram Extension Stage 2 was confirmed, with the tram returning diagonally through the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT) campus, and directly through the intersection of Madras, St Asaph, and High Streets. The implications of this preferred route have now been incorporated into the proposed plan for the landscape upgrade of Wilson Reserve. Further information is provided under the Consultation Fulfilment section of this report.
6. In recognition of earlier feedback, and further technical advice, we propose that this proposal be approved and implemented with the following changes:
 - (a) Additional seating will be situated on the grassed area of the reserve.
 - (b) Implementation of the landscape upgrade will be undertaken in two stages:
 - (i) **Stage One**

The walkway connection through the reserve will be constructed, opening up a three metre wide link to the existing footpath on Ferry Road, during the current 2010/11 financial year. The reserve is closely related to the official walk route associated with the Rugby World Cup 2011, and construction will need to be completed prior to the start of this event.
 - (ii) **Stage Two**

A twelve metre wide hard paved area leading on to the CPIT campus will be constructed during the 2011/12 financial year. This will incorporate aspects of the proposed tram development, including the foundations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There is funding in the 2009-19 LTCCP under the current Inner City Transport capital works programme (page 247) to undertake this development including design, consultation and construction:

2009/10: \$2.243 million

Current estimates indicate there is sufficient funding to undertake and complete the proposed work.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Wilson Reserve is a local park situated within the Central City Area. The Council resolved at its meeting on 23 July 2010 that delegations for roading, parks and leases in the Central City Area are to be exercised by the Council with reports on those matters coming directly to the Council. In this case, the proposal had previously been presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board prior to the changes to the Central City Area delegations, and is therefore being presented to the Board for a recommendation to the Council.
10. Wilson Reserve is zoned Conservation 2 under the Christchurch City Plan. No resource or building consent issues have been identified.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. Yes, as above. No other legal considerations have been identified.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. The project aligns with the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Parks, open spaces and waterways (page 116)

- (a) Safety – by ensuring that our Parks, open spaces and waterways are healthy and safe places.
- (b) Community – By providing spaces for communities to gather and interact.
- (c) Environment – By enabling people to contribute to projects that improve our Environment.
- (d) Governance – By involving people in decision-making about parks, open spaces and waterways.
- (e) Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities.
- (f) Recreation – By offering a range of recreational opportunities in parks, open spaces and waterways.
- (g) City Development - By providing an inviting, pleasant and well cared-for environment.

Measures

- (g) Neighbourhood Parks are satisfactorily maintained
- (h) Customers are satisfied with the range of recreation facilities.
- (i) Overall customer satisfaction with neighbourhood parks.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. This project has primary alignment with the following Council strategies and policies:
- (a) Safer Christchurch Strategy.
 - (b) Parks and Waterways Access Policy.
 - (c) Environmental Policy Statement.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Consultation was undertaken with the local community on the proposed concept plan for the landscape upgrade in December 2009. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 37 businesses and absentee property owners in the vicinity of the reserve, along with five identified key stakeholder groups. The plan was also available through local libraries and service centres, and the Councils 'Have Your Say' website. A total of four comment forms were returned and all were in support of the proposal. Additional seating was also proposed by staff for the grassed area of the reserve.
17. Council staff have worked closely with representatives of the adjoining CPIT in developing the proposed draft landscape concept design. A CPIT representative has been advised verbally of the proposal, with confirmation to follow in writing.
18. It is proposed that the Wilson Reserve landscape upgrade will now be constructed in two stages as illustrated in the concept design plan:
- (a) **Stage One**

The walkway connection through the reserve will be constructed, opening up a three metre wide link to the existing footpath on Ferry Road, during the current 2010/11 financial year and prior to the start of the Rugby World Cup in 2011.
 - (b) **Stage Two**

A twelve metre wide hard paved area leading on to the CPIT campus will be constructed during the 2011/12 financial year. This will incorporate aspects of the proposed tram development, including the foundations.
19. It is proposed that the footpath along the St Asaph Street frontage will be retained for pedestrian safety reasons.

20. The path through the centre of the reserve is for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommend to the Council to approve the proposed landscape concept design plan for Wilson Reserve as shown in **Attachment 1** (TP 316101-3) amended as a result of public consultation and further technical advice.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.