

8. WILSON RESERVE LANDSCAPE UPGRADE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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 for the landscape upgrade of Wilson Reserve following consultation with the local community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Wilson Reserve is a local park situated at the intersection of Madras Street and St Asaph Street and adjoins the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. The concept plan for the upgrade of Wilson Reserve was presented to a Board seminar on 16 September 2009 prior to the Capital Development Unit 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 support for the proposal.
4. In recognition of this feedback, and further technical advice, staff recommend that this proposal be approved and implemented with one minor change. Additional seating will be situated on the grassed area of the reserve (refer **Attachment 1**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The current Inner City Transport Capital Works Programme has funding to undertake this development including design, consultation and construction. Pricing information is included in the public excluded section of this agenda.

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

6. As above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Wilson Reserve is a local park situated within the Central City Area. The Council resolved at its meeting on 10 December 2009 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.
8. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

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

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

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

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. 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?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. 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 Council's 'Have Your Say' website. A total of four comment forms were returned and all were in support of the proposal.
15. Council staff have worked closely with representatives of the adjoining Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology in developing the proposed draft landscape concept design.

16. All respondents who provided contact details have been sent a final letter of reply thanking them for their input. The letter has also informed respondents that the final amended plan would be presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board seeking a recommendation to the Council. Details of the meeting were provided so that any interested people could attend.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommend to the Council that it approve the proposed landscape concept design plan for Wilson Reserve.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.