

## 16. HORSESHOE LAKE RESERVE ENHANCEMENT UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to present to the Board the results of public feedback on the Horseshoe Lake Reserve Draft Landscape Master Plan November 2000, and to ask the Board to endorse the plan for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

### BACKGROUND

Feedback on the Horseshoe Lake Reserve Draft Landscape Master Plan November 2000 has been received from neighbouring residents and interest groups progressively over the last 12 months. Additional consultation has taken place with the circulation of a consultation/information package to nine key interest groups during December 2000, and a further 2000 sent out at the beginning of February 2001 to residents in the area (refer to attachment for details). Relevant Units within Council were also consulted. The closing date for feedback was 16 February 2001.

### Feedback received

Three hundred and twenty-one comment forms (16% response rate) were received by Wayne Rimmer, the landscape architect who designed the plan. Feedback from the consultation indicates that the draft Landscape Plan was generally met with a high degree of support. A summary of the resulting feedback is attached to this report. Some submitters raised concerns which related to vandalism, car parking, security, lighting, the junior mountain biking track and the location of the proposed loop track, and the proposed location of the dog park.

In addition, there were 19 letters and two petitions.

The main petition pertaining to the proposed location of the loop track was initiated by an adjacent resident living in Zena Place. The petition was signed by 98 people. This particular issue was of such concern to residents that two community meetings were arranged as follows:

1. A meeting initiated by Gail Sheriff and Glenda Burt from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board was called in the neighbourhood of Zena Place on Saturday 17 February 2001, to address residents' concerns. It was attended by 38 residents accompanied by the petition mentioned above, as well as representatives for Christchurch City Council - Wayne Rimmer, Landscape Architect consultant, and Chris Fourie, Parks and Waterways Area Advocate.
2. A second meeting initiated by the Horseshoe Lake and Windsor/Westhaven Residents' Associations held at the Shirley Service Centre on Tuesday 20 February 2001, was attended by 28 residents, Burwood/Pegasus Community Board members Chrissie Williams and Glenda Burt, staff Dennis Morgan, Suzanne Weld, and Chris Fourie, and consultant Wayne Rimmer.

A second petition, received on 20 March 2001, after the 16 February 2001 closing date, made objection to the proposed location of the dog park. It was initiated by an adjacent resident living in Tasman Place and at the time of this report was signed by three residents.

Feedback from residents at these meetings was noted and has been evaluated in the context of the wider consultation.

### Proposed Changes to the Landscape Plan

In view of the feedback from participants in the consultation process, the following modifications are proposed:

- To delete the track along the fence line, adjacent to properties, as proposed on the landscape plan November 2000.
- To upgrade the main track, but prohibit its use by cyclists.
- To replace the proposed track with one away from residential properties to be shared by cyclists and walkers, as suggested by the petitioners.
- To defer the junior mountain bike area until other issues such as lighting, vehicle calming, etc, are resolved.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### Current Parks and Waterways Unit Budget

We envisage that further funds for implementation of the landscape plan will have to be programmed into the Annual Plan, and recommend that the top three items identified as requiring priority by the consultation process, be completed first.

They are as follows:

		<b>Total Responses</b>
1	Upgrading of the main track.	(188- 58%)
2a	Improvement and installation of site furniture and signage.	(106- 33%)
2b	Creating an island as a bird habitat (second equal).	
3	Provision of a new toilet block.	(101- 31%)

The Parks and Waterways Unit - Schedule of Capital Works for Horseshoe Lake Reserve (reference Burwood/Pegasus Community Plan B29, B33 and B34) is as follows:

	<b>Walkways Track Development</b>	<b>Revegetation Projects</b> <i>(Native planting around the lake)</i>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Toilet Block</b>
2000/01		\$3,000	\$8,000		
2001/02	\$8,500	\$15,000			
2002/03	\$5,000	\$20,000			
2003/04	\$5,000	\$20,000			
2004/05	\$5,000	\$20,000			
2005/06				\$35,000	\$43,500

The top priority identified, upgrading of the main track, involves the construction of an 'all weather' boardwalk, and some funding as above is available. Parks and Waterways will continue to source additional funding to augment this.

The second priority, interpretation and signage, is in the budget as above, and a recreational map and visitor key are being prepared. Further priority requirements identified were additional signage and site furniture. The current five-year budget has no additional funding to cover these items.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that the results of the consultation undertaken be accepted and the proposed modifications to the Horseshoe Lake Reserve Landscape Plan listed in the report be adopted.
  2. That the Board request, as part of its submission to the Annual Plan Working Party, additional funding to enable implementation of priority 2a signage and site furniture, as a contribution to realising the Horseshoe Lake Reserve Landscape Plan.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:**

1. That recommendation 1 be adopted.
2. That the traffic and lighting issues, in particular for cyclists and pedestrians, in Horseshoe Lake Road be investigated in light of the proposals in this Plan.