

5. ESTUARY GREEN EDGE CONCEPT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of a revised programme for the production of the Green Edge Concept Plan.

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few months the City Council has been working on the production of a draft plan for the Estuary's Western Green Edge. A comprehensive consultation programme was planned for June/July 2001 in conjunction with the release of the plan, with submissions on the draft plan to be received by 20th July. The final plan was due for completion during August with Community Board and Council approval to be sought in September.

UPDATE

A decision has been made to delay consultation on the Draft Green Edge Plan and to extend the submission period until April/May of 2002. The reasons for this decision are that:

- Recent media publicity and meetings with various interest groups has shown that the difference between the Green Edge Project and the wastewater treatment consent process is not well understood;
- The deadline for submissions to the City Council's wastewater treatment consent has been extended until 20 July 2001. This coincides with the planned consultation for the Green Edge Project planned for June/July and the Green Edge submission closing date; and
- It is recognised that the community requires sufficient time to make their considered response to both the wastewater treatment consent and the draft Green Edge plan.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

While the Green Edge Project is formally on hold until early next year, staff will continue to liaise with key stakeholders and interest groups on a more informal basis until this time. Preliminary feedback is still welcome.

Some copies of the draft plan released informally at the recent Estuary workshop on 9 June 2001 will contain information about the process and timing which is therefore outdated. These copies also contain a number of misprints that are currently being corrected. The amended plan will be available for public viewing at Council Service Centres and will also be available on the City Council's website, www.ccc.govt.nz.

Recommendation: That the above information be received.