

## 29. ESTUARY GREEN EDGE - CONCEPT PLAN

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

### INTRODUCTION

A report to the Committee on 10 April 2001 gave details of the proposed public information programme during June 2001. The intention was at that time to have various meetings with key stakeholders including the Friends of the Estuary, the Christchurch Estuary Association and the various residents groups within the whole Estuary area.

The final plan was due for completion during August to enable Community Boards' approval, this Committee's approval and adoption of the final plan at the 27 September Council meeting.

### UPDATE

Recent media publicity and a meeting 18 June 2001 of Green Edge team members and Bexley Residents Association (as an example of public views) has clearly shown that the difference between the Green Edge concept plan and the wastewater treatment consent process is not well understood.

Submissions on the wastewater consent are due to close 20 July 2001, which is during the intense information sharing consultation planned for the Green Edge proposal.

It is clear that the wastewater consent process is beginning to seriously affect the excellent progress made so far in arriving at a robust Green Edge concept plan in mid-August.

It is therefore the very strong view of the Green Edge Team that the two projects should have separate consultation periods that do not overlap.

In light of the fast approaching submission deadline for the advertised Draft Green Edge Plan (20 July 2001), it is imperative that the community are informed of these changes as quickly as possible. A media statement has been released informing the public of the changed timing and letters have been sent to key organisations and interested persons. Community Boards have also been informed of the changes.

### PROPOSED ACTIONS

- The closing date for submission on the Green Edge Concept plan will be extended until April/May of 2002.
- Key stakeholders to be advised of this extension.
- Information sharing/consultation on the Green Edge project will be delayed so as not to interfere with the wastewater consent process.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.