

## 8. GLENROY RESERVE LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to approve the concept plan for the landscape upgrade of Glenroy Reserve following consultation with the local community.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Board members received a memo and a concept plan for the landscape upgrade of Glenroy Reserve in early February 2011 prior to the Capital Development Unit carrying out consultation with the local community.
3. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 168 households, absentee property owners, and other stakeholders in the vicinity of the reserve. Sixteen submissions were received. However, the project was put on hold following the 22 February 2011 earthquake, but resumed last month.
4. Key community concerns were for the safety, security and appearance of the park and adjacent scout den, with additional requests for disability access and usability. The park will be separated from the street corner and vehicle access by a low post and cable fence only, following Council practice. A request for additional seating and playground facilities is not recommended owing to budgetary and space constraints in Glenroy Reserve. Further details are provided in the Consultation Fulfilment section of this report, paragraphs 14 to 24.
5. In recognition of this feedback and further technical advice, the Asset and Network Planning Unit proposes that this plan be approved and implemented without further amendment (refer **attached** Plan for Board Approval).

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There is currently \$25,000 budgeted for design and build in the 2011/12 financial year. The ability to deliver the build will be subject to contractor availability between the time of sign off and the end of the financial year, 30 June 2012.

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

7. Yes, as above.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. No legal considerations have been identified. No resource or building consent issues have been identified.

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

9. No legal considerations have been identified.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The project aligns with the Long Term Plan 2009 – 2019.

### **Parks, open spaces and waterways**

- (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) 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. Yes, 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 development. The public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 168 households, absentee property owners and other stakeholders in the vicinity of the reserve. The plan was also available through local libraries and service centres, and the Council 'Have Your Say' website. A public information session was held at the park on 16 February 2011 and attended by approximately twelve people. Sixteen submissions were received.
15. Overall we received a very positive response from the community with all respondents clearly indicating their support for the plan, and some offering additional feedback on various issues.

16. Concern was shown for the security, safety and appearance of the park and adjacent scout den. Two submitters suggested that the area should be fenced and locked at night. It is not general Council practice to fence parks or lock them at night. The rusty netting will be removed and a post and cable fence will be installed to provide a barrier to the street corner and prevent vehicle access.
17. A request to fence the stream will not be met. Council generally opens up water ways to allow access to rivers and streams in public parks, for example as in Addington and Sydenham.
18. Land on the eastern side of the stream remains in Scout New Zealand ownership. Council will investigate options to assist in planting around the den, this follows discussions held with Scouts prior to Council acquiring the land.
19. Several submitters asked for measures to combat vandalism and graffiti. Suggested solutions included anti graffiti fence and park furniture materials. The post and cable fence will not require anti/graffiti measures.
20. In response to a request from the Disability Advisory Group, in addition to the concrete base of the picnic table being flush with the ground and footpaths, the concrete pad will be extended to allow adjacent wheel chair parking. The park design and access is compliant with the Parks and Waterways Access Policy 2002. Pedestrian cut-downs on the corners of St Johns and Glenroy Streets to allow wheel chair access to the park have been checked and there is an existing cut-down on the corner outside the park.
21. One submitter requested an additional seat, children's fort or playground. Funding restraints contribute to the decision not to add another seat, however there are limited spaces in such a small area and the obvious place on the corner of the park looking back means those seated would have their back to the street which does meet safety design standards. The park space and layout is not suitable to provide the base area and set back required for a playground item or fort. There is a playground on St Lukes Park which is approximately 450 metres away.
22. Two submitters raised concerns about the need to provide a local programme to take pride in the area and encourage locals to remove rubbish. The Ferry Road Master Plan will address issues with the area beyond Glenroy Reserve, but could be supported by 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful' or other local group, for example a residents group.
23. Another wondered how the cost of the project is to be met and how much it is to cost. The Council budget has allowed for the development of a local park. Support was requested for the privately owned commemoration gardens at St Johns' Church, however this is outside the scope of this project. The funding for this project has been generated by development within the area.
24. All respondents who provided contact details have been sent a final letter of reply thanking them for their input. The letter also informed respondents that the final plan will be presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for approval. Details of the meeting were provided so that any interested people can attend, or request speaking rights.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve the proposed concept plan for the landscape upgrade of Glenroy Reserve and the City Environment and Capital Programme Groups commence the construction programme.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.