





Appendix 5 – Reserves Assessment Report

- Discussion Paper Active Reserves –
 Ōmokoroa Stage 3
- Te Puke Recreation and Open Space



Active Reserves Ōmokoroa - Stage 3

Discussion Paper

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1. Introduction

Identification of land for a future active reserve is required within Stage 3 of the Structure Plan. Council has previously consulted with the community on the Structure Plan and has shown possible locations for future sportsfields. The location of the land for sportsfields has changed over time due to development changes within Stage 3. The use of the Jace owned land for future town centre, which is still to be confirmed at the time of writing this discussion paper, would free up Council owned land at 426 **Ōmokoroa** Road (on the basis the application is approved as recommended by Council) and as identified previously in the paper presented to the Policy Committee on 23 March. Council owned land at 426 **Ōmokoroa** Road offers several advantages as a sportsfields site. A further detailed desktop assessment on the site at 426 **Ōmokoroa** road (and surrounds) as well as 6 other sites within Stage 3 is provided below.

2. Purpose of this paper

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to Council on possible locations for future sportsfields within Stage 3 of **Ōmokoroa**. After a recent workshop with Councillors on 23 March staff were asked to investigate two additional sites for the use of sportsfields. In total 7 sites have been reviewed by way of desktop analysis. Before the final round of informal consultation with the community we would like to ensure that Council is satisfied with a preferred option for the use of sportsfields. The preferred option will then be included in the draft Structure Plan for consultation in late May where we will seek final feedback from the community before formally notifying the Structure Plan either through the Standard Schedule 1 Plan Change Process or the Streamlined Planning Process as previously discussed with Councillors.

3. Background

Structure Plan Development

The Stage 1 Structure Plan was produced in 2002. In 2004 Ōmokoroa was reinforced as an urban growth area through the SmartGrowth Strategy. Council has been working on the current Structure Plan since 2017. Community engagement days were held in November 2017 to get general community feedback, and again in September 2018 where four possible options of how the area could be laid out were presented. Council subsequently selected a preferred option.

The National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) requires Western Bay to ensure adequate supply of land for residential and commercial purposes. Council is required to enable development that will create high quality liveable urban environments, this includes enabling people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing. Planning decisions need to contribute to well-functioning urban environments.

As a Tier 1 high growth area the NPS includes specific requirements to facilitate intensification. These include ensuring building heights and density are not limiting factors for development. The NPS-UD requires that Tier 1 local authorities include intensification policies to allow for high density housing. The Council is required to set minimum targets for sufficient, feasible development capacity for housing.

A discussion paper was provided to Council in December 2020 on the Ōmokoroa Structure Plan and the proposed residential rules. In addition, the infrastructure schedule and the Ōmokoroa Gully Reserve Concept document was discussed.

The Ōmokoroa Gully reserve concept plan provides an indication on how the gully network could be developed. Stage 3 has a substantial network of gullies and river margin. Council and the community view this network as being critical to the development of the area in terms of amenity, recreation, pedestrian and cycling connectivity, biodiversity, cultural purposes and stormwater management.

The Resource Management Team recently (February 2021) reported to Council to seek direction on the use of the Streamlined Planning Process (SPP) for the Plan Change/Structure Plan. The outcome of this was that the Resource Management Team will continue to investigate the use of the SPP while preparing necessary information for either the SPP or the standard Schedule 1 plan change process. The Resource Management Team will report back to Council in May 2021 to confirm which plan change process will be used and to provide a final update prior to lodging an application with the Minister (SPP) or prior to notifying the Plan Change (through the standard Schedule 1 process) to Council on the proposed residential rules and structure plan.

On the 23 of March a workshop was held to discuss updates to the Structure Plan. The report included information on financial contributions, the Jace town centre hearing, the future use of Council owned land at 426 **Ōmokoroa** Road and an update on open space requirements within stage 3 with a focus on location of future sportsfields. The discussion at the workshop was centred around potential sportsfield locations. Since this workshop staff have reviewed two additional sites for sportsfields and commentary on this is provided in Section 7 below.

4. Recreation and Open Space Strategy

As the population increases demands on our recreation spaces increase too. Council needs to ensure that we keep pace with demand for recreation so that we can continue to meet the needs of the growing district. An open space network within the Western Bay contributes to positive community outcomes including;

- Feeling connected with a sense of belonging
- Being active and healthy
- Getting into the outdoors
- Connecting with the natural environment; and
- Protecting important natural and cultural areas within our District.

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The above community outcomes will be achieved through:

- Providing opportunities to access the recreation and open space network through implementing appropriate levels of service
- Connecting spaces and places to each other through an integrated network, within Stage 3 of **Ōmokoroa** this can be achieved through walking and cycling connections within the existing gully network.
- Protecting and enhancing environmental, cultural and heritage values. Within Stage 3 of **Ōmokoroa** these values will be protected and enhanced through the open space network e.g., through planting programmes and acknowledgement of sites of cultural and historical significance in conjunction with hap**ū** partners.
- Providing spaces and places that our community are proud of and that encourage participation. Within Stage 3 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles will be applied to the open space network and through providing a range of high-quality open space opportunities within the area that cater for the populations needs.
- Collaborating and partnering with tangata whenua. Within Stage 3 we will continue to work with iwi/hapu to identify potential sites that require protection and identify sites that will protect cultural and environmental values. There is also an opportunity to highlight culturally significant sites (as appropriate) this is being worked on through the **Ōmokoroa** Cultural Overlay report in partnership with Pirirakau.
- Proactively planning for future recreation and open space needs taking into consideration the range of factors that influence growth, current provision, changing trends and environmental factors. Within Stage 3 this is ensured through recreation and open space being included within the development of the **Ōmokoroa** Structure Plan. Agreed levels of service will be implemented through the Structure Plan and through ongoing development.

5. Regional Spaces and Places Strategy

The Bay of Plenty Regional Spaces and Places Strategy provides a high-level strategic framework for regional sport and recreation facilities in the region. The Strategy was developed in conjunction with Sport Bay of Plenty and the regions local authorities. The regional based approach provides consistency across the Bay of Plenty and in particular assists in identifying strategic priority areas.

To help achieve consistent, strategic decision making the Strategy sets out Decision Criteria and a Facility Investment Decision Making Process (see Section 6). The criteria and process are considered vital to determine the specific types of facilities required and regional and local investment priorities. The evaluation criteria include guiding principles which underpin the strategy, these are; investing strategically (alignment with existing planning), maximising value (matching the projected needs of the community), sustainability (track record of organisation) and accessibility (access to wide ranging community).

6. Levels of Service

The **Ōmokoroa** Sports Ground on Western Avenue currently supports active organised sports on the **Ōmokoroa** peninsula. **Ōmokoroa** Sports Ground is 5.8 hectares in size and has one full size playing field and three junior sized football fields for winter use. These fields are also used during summer for touch, rippa rugby and junior cricket. There are four tennis courts and a further two hardcourts proposed in the reserve concept plan. A recent partnership between Council and the **Ōmokoroa** Sports and Recreation Society has seen the construction of a new pavilion **combined with Council's** area office and library.

The stage three structure plan anticipates an additional 2,400 dwellings (4,800 people). The additional demand on the current facilities from these residents is highly unlikely to be met by the existing **Ōmokoroa** Sports Ground. Consideration needs to be applied to the structure plan process for additional land for active sports.

Consideration also needs to be given to the future location of the **Ōmokoroa** bowling greens, which, long term, may be affected by coastal erosion at their current location.

The draft Recreation and Open Space Activity Plan and associated levels of service were recently confirmed by way of adoption into the proposed Long Term Plan process (2021/2031). Feedback on the levels of service reviews for active reserves (as well as swimming pools, indoor recreation centres and neighbourhood reserves) has been received through the LTP pre-engagement process.

The level of service (LOS) adopted for the provision and development of active reserves is based on a qualitative assessment process of demand and provision (as opposed to a ha/1000 population ratio).

The Sport and Recreation Park level of Service assessment criteria for the purchase and development of Sport and Recreation Parks is outlined in Attachment 1.

7. Open space requirements

To support the growing Ōmokoroa community it is important that sufficient land is secured in strategic locations for recreational facilities to meet the community's needs. In addition to sportsfields there is an identified need for aquatic facilities and indoor multi-use sports facilities and events space to serve a fully developed Ōmokoroa and the wider catchment area. Neighbourhood reserve requirements also need to be considered. A significant feature of Stage 3 is the existing gully network which is proposed to be utilised for walking and cycling connections as well as stormwater purposes in some instances. Ideally the gully network and walking and cycling connections will be used to form linkages and connectivity between different areas of open space, active reserve, the school and town centre.

Due to higher density housing proposed within Stage 3 it is important that sufficient levels of open space are provided for. A central area (approximately 10ha in size) of active reserve is proposed. In addition to this a future aquatic centre and indoor stadium are also identified on the Structure Plan. Due to the scale of the reserve it

is necessary to identify the area and specifically include it within the Structure Plan. The purchase of 10ha of land has been included in 2024 and 2026 in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan.

The future active reserve needs to be centrally located, accessible, relatively flat and linked to the wider reserve network. It would be advantageous if the site was in close proximity to the **future school site at 426 Ōmokoroa Road to potentially share** resources and costs of development with the Ministry of Education as identified in the Regional Spaces & Places Strategy.

Various locations for the active reserve have been considered within Stage 3. An assessment of these is provided in the table below. Refer to Attachments 2 and 3 for maps which shows the locations of each of the sites that have been investigated for active reserve purposes.

#	Options for Active Reserves	Topography and soil suitability	Estimated acquisition cost based on capital value, refer to Attachment 4	Strategic alignment	Overall benefit	Overall constraints
1.	452 Ōmokoroa Road (and adjoining land to make up to 10ha)	Soil condition - Allophanic Soil (very porous low density structure) - Gley (through gully system) wet / water logged soils Slope - The site is predominately flat to sloping. Towards the north east of the site it slopes away with an approximately 6m fall. This lower portion of this site may be suited to indoor recreation activities, e.g., indoor sports centre.	\$8,115,000	 Good access from existing road network, opportunities for Park and Ride connectivity Close proximity to proposed future town centre and proposed medium / high density residential neighbourhoods Walking and cycling connections through gully Opportunities for ecological enhancement in gully network Connection with school site, opportunity to partner with MoE for recreation needs of students 	 Adjacent to (across the road) the future school site. Good visibility from Ōmokoroa Road. Suitable entrance way available from Prole Road and Francis Road extension. Relatively flat land. A contiguous rectangle could be configured (through additional land acquisition) that would be suitable for sports field development. Provide prominent entrance into Ōmokoroa, with views to the north including Kaimais and possibly Bowentown. Link to open space network through walking and cycling connections via 	- Requires approximately 6 willing landowners to sell land to Council to create 10ha. (PWA process or designation could be undertaken).

Shape	gully system.
- The site is likely	
able to be	
configured to	
suit large	
rectangular	
sportsfields.	
This would	
require the	
acquisition of	
approximately 6	
existing sites.	

3.	Middle of Prole Road (western side)	Soil condition - Allophanic Soil (very porous low density structure). Gley (wet) soils over gully system to rear of the site. Slope - The site is predominately flat. Shape - The site would be able to be configured to suit large rectangular sportsfields.	\$9,290,000	 Access available from Prole Road Close proximity to medium / high density residential neighbourhoods Walking and cycling connections through gully Opportunities for ecological enhancement in gully network 	 Accessibility Relatively flat land Large contiguous sites Relatively close proximity to school site Link to open space network through walking and cycling connections via gully system. 	- Currently being progressed by landowner for medium/high density housing
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4.	K,Francis orchard property	Soil condition - Allophanic Soil (very porous low density structure). Gley (wet) soils over gully system to east of the site. Raw soil over esplanade area of River (to the west). Young soil with no distinct topsoil development found along braided rivers and tidal estuary locations. Slope - The site is predominately flat but slopes down towards the northern aspect. Shape - The site is	\$5,540,000	 No prominent access points available Not close to town centre, MoE site but would be surrounded by medium / high density development in future Walking and cycling connection potential through adjoining gully system. 	- Link to future walkways and cycleways through gully network - Relatively flat land	- Poor visibility of site with little/no road frontage - Poor shape factor for sportsfield configuration - Not centrally located - Poor transportation access
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		northern portion (approximately 2ha) the remainder of the site could be configured to provide sportsfields however avoiding the poor draining soil in this location would be difficult.				
5.	End of Prole Road	Soil condition - Gley (wet) soils over almost entire site. Slope - The site is flat. Shape - The site is unusual in configuration. Approximately 100m in width	\$1,965,000	 No prominent access points available Not close to town centre, MoE site but would be near medium / high density development in future Walking and cycling connection potential through adjoining gully system and open space network. 	- Link to future walkways and cycleways through gully network	 Poor soil structure and type. Not centrally located Natural hazard issue Potential large scale geotechnical constraints due to fill site

across the majority of the length of the site.		- Poor transportation access
Other - The site adjoins the Waipapa River and has been used as a cleanfill site for a number of years The site is being investigate for future stormwater wetlands for Prole Road and surrounding residential development		

4	Prole	Soil condition	\$7,940,000	Cood	access from future		Access via future		Shape factor
6.	Francis		Φ1,740,000			-	Francis Road link.	_	is not ideal for
		- Allophanic Soil			network,				
	Link	(very porous			close proximity to	-	Link to future		sportsfields.
		low density			sed future town		walkways and	-	Adjoins wet
		structure)		centre	or school site.		cycleways through		gully system
		- Gley (through		- Close	proximity to		gully network		on either side.
		gully system		mediu	m / high density			-	Dissected by
		adjoining		reside	ntial				future road
		property on		neiahb	oourhoods				
		both sides) wet			ng and cycling				
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		able to be							
		configured to							
		support some							
		rectangular							
		sportsfields but							
		the shape is							
		narrow							
		(adjoining							
		Francis Road							
		and to the							
		northern end of							
		the site)							

		- Site is bisected by future Francis Road link.				
7.	R and G Francis Property	Soil condition - Allophanic Soil (very porous low density structure) Slope - The site is predominately steep to sloping. Shape - The site is not likely to be able to be configured to support sportsfields due to the proposed road by Waka kotahi.	\$3,139,000	- Would provide good access and connectivity with future road network however this depends on future road alignment in partnership with Waka kotahi.	- Access is to be determined. Could have walking and cycling connection opportunities.	 Waka Kotahi interchange utilises a large section of this site. A small section could be used for sportsfields but it is small and steep in contour.

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8. Summary of table

The desktop analysis shows that Option 1 has a high level of suitability for future sportsfields. With the potential decision to approve the JACE site as the future Town Centre within Stage 3, the council owned land at 452 could be considered for active reserve. This site has good access opportunities with access from Ōmokoroa Road via the future Francis Road extension as well as Prole Road. The site is also immediately opposite the future school site creating the possibility of shared use and cost sharing of facilities.

The council owned land at 452 Ōmokoroa Road has two distinct levels, both are relatively flat however there is a noticeable distance between the levels. Large structures, such as the aquatic centre could be located on the lower level with sportsfields on the top level. The embankment between the two levels is not too dissimilar to the Western Avenue Sportsground.

The use of this site for sportsfields also provides an additional benefit of providing a high level of amenity as an entranceway into Ōmokoroa. The use of this site for sportsfields and active purposes would also mean that Council doesn't need to purchase land in the middle of Prole Road from developers who already have preliminary development plans for medium/high density residential housing. Land acquisition will be required from private landowners to enable the development of a contiguous area of 10ha. Informal preliminary discussions have been held with potentially affected landowners. The main concerns that were raised were in relation to landowners being able to secure suitable land elsewhere within Ōmokoroa for their business activity.

Both options 2 and 3 are also suitable for sportsfield development given their flat topography, well draining soils and contiguous rectangular shape. However, options 2 and 3 will come at significant cost to Council. Both of these sites are currently being progressed by established land development companies who are preparing development plans and resource consent applications to be lodged when the new residential rules are in place for **Ōmokoroa**.

Option 4 and option 5 are located towards the end of Prole Road adjoining the Waipapa River. The sites do not have good visibility or access for the public when considering the high number of users that will access future sportsfields. The sites are not located centrally and do not have good connectivity to the town centre or future school site. Option 5 is also unsuitable due to the soil type and configuration of the site. In addition, Option 5 is likely to be purchased for the use of stormwater purposes for the development of Prole Road and surrounding residential land.

Option 6 is suitable from a soil type and contour perspective however is limited due to the gully which adjoins the site on either side of the site. In addition, the future Prole to Francis link road will bisect the site which reduces the suitability of the site for contiguous playing fields. The southern end of the site is also very narrow and visibility from Francis Road is reasonably restricted.

Option 7 is significantly impacted by the Waka kotahi SH2 and **Ōmokoroa** Interchange upgrade and existing designation. There is some land that could be leftover as shown on Map 7, however, it is impacted by steep slopes and is not large enough for sportsfield development.

9. Next steps

Consultation was scheduled for early April (2021) but this has been postponed because of the delay in the Jace town centre hearing decision. The consultation is now likely to be in May. It will comprise of a session with landowners within stage 3, followed by two events for the wider Ōmokoroa community.

The purpose of the consultation events is to present the updated Structure Plan and proposed residential rules before Council makes a final decision on what is to be formally notified. We will be seeking feedback from the community to inform any necessary changes that may be needed prior to notification.

Following the completion of upcoming consultation events Council will summarise feedback received and report to Council on any necessary changes to the Structure Plan and proposed residential rules.

The Resource Management Team will either prepare the formal reporting documentation through the Streamlined Planning Process or the standard Schedule 1 Plan Change Process for Council to adopt. Both processes will require formal notification where the public and key stakeholders will be invited to make submissions on the proposal.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Consideration	Description	Further Information
Purpose and Function	 Across the District, sport and recreation network achieves multiple objectives, including: Outdoor spaces and facilities for organised sport to occur, both training and competition Outdoor spaces and facilities for informal sport and recreation to occur Significantly contributing to increased ecological functions and amenity values of the surrounding areas. Places for the community to interact, connect and attend community events (sport and non-sport) and engage in recreational activities. 	The types of activities and facilities provided by sport and recreation parks include: • Organised sport and competitions with specialist's surfaces required • Informal sport and recreation • Community events and infrastructure e.g., clubrooms • Greenspace and amenity • Ecological corridors • Walking and cycling connections • Stormwater management

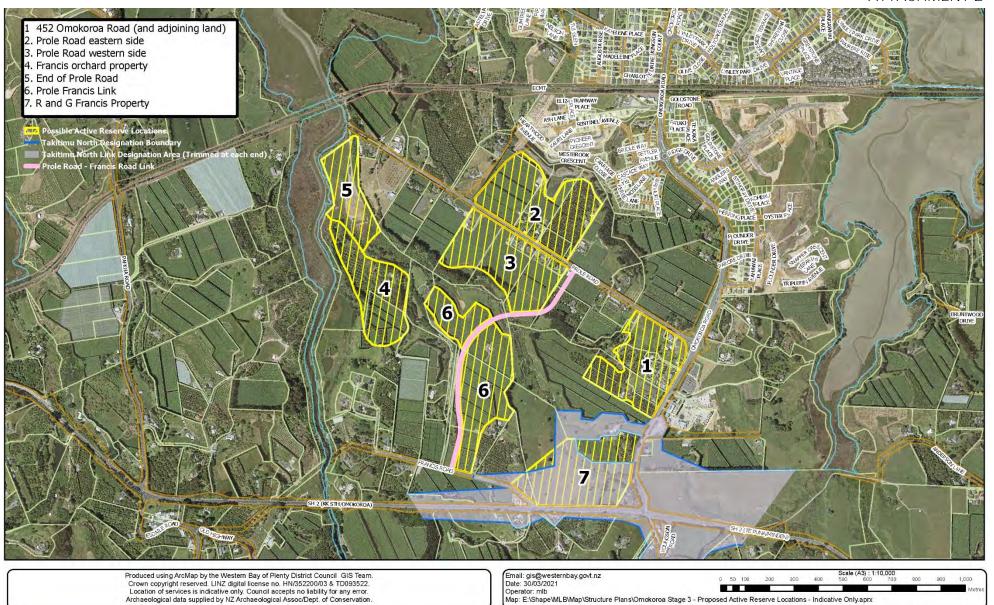
Consideration	Description	Further Information
Guiding Principles	Across the District, our sport	Council will utilise a range of tools to make the most of current
	and recreation parks network;	provision including drainage improvements.
	Is accessible through	
	endeavoring to ensure a	Council will apply best practice in development of sport and recreation
	reasonable geographic	parks in decision making on proposals for parks including provision of
	distribution of parks across	multi purpose facilities.
	the District particularly in	
	larger urban areas and	Council will utilise Reserve Management Plan and Community Plan
	smaller towns.	processes to understand local community needs.
	Is efficient, Council will look	
	for opportunities for making	
	the most of what is	
	available to respond to demand in the first instance	
	 Supports the development 	
	of strong communities	
	through providing places for	
	recreation and community	
	activities and events to	
	occur.	
	Supports the development	
	of successful and	
	sustainable sports clubs that	
	are meeting the needs of	
	the community as a social,	
	training and competition	
	level.	
	Is developed and managed	
	to primarily respond to the	
	needs and demands of the	
	local community in which	
	the park is located.	
	Is delivered in partnership	
	with local communities and	
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Consideration	Description	Further Information
Purchase of land for sport and recreation parks	There are a range of factors that need to be considered when identifying the need for the purchase of land for sport and recreation parks. Council should fully explore what options are already currently available. Council will consider one or more of the following factors when identifying the potential to purchase land for sportsfields; Ability to improve the quality and function of existing parks Ability to provide flexible and multi-use spaces to cater to wider needs Ability to contribute to a sense of community, increased ecological functions and amenity values in higher density environments. Where there is an identified equity issue and the access to sports and recreation facilities will provide benefits to the community.	Councils sports code supply and demand assessment will continue to be reviewed every 3 years to understand growth of codes.

Consideration	Description	Further Information
Development of sport and recreation parks	Councils basic level of service for sport and rec park development is tow own, fund, develop and maintain the following; Carparks Internal roads Toilets, change facilities Basic level of service for grass sportsfields and hardcourts Pathways Signage Playground Landscaping; tree planting and areas that can add links for ecological corridors. If demonstrated demand is proven Floodlights Clubrooms A higher LOS than what Council provides.	Where clubrooms are provided on Council land Council can enter into a land lease only where the clubrooms can effectively demonstrate multiuse of the facility. Council may fund toiles/changing/storage rooms as part of the facility where this available to the general public.

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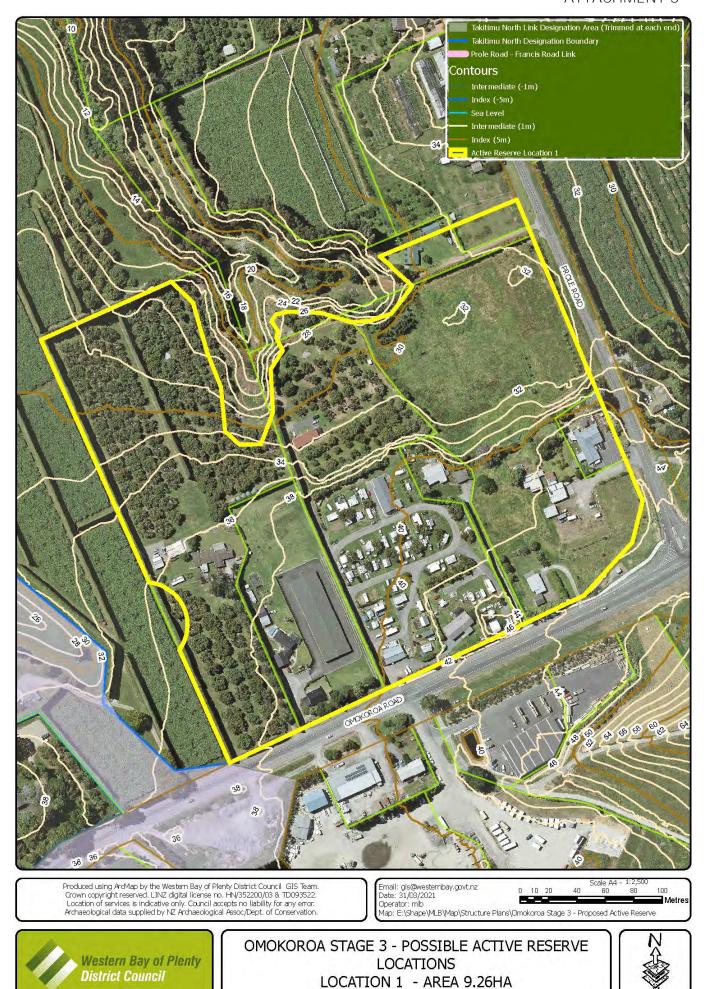


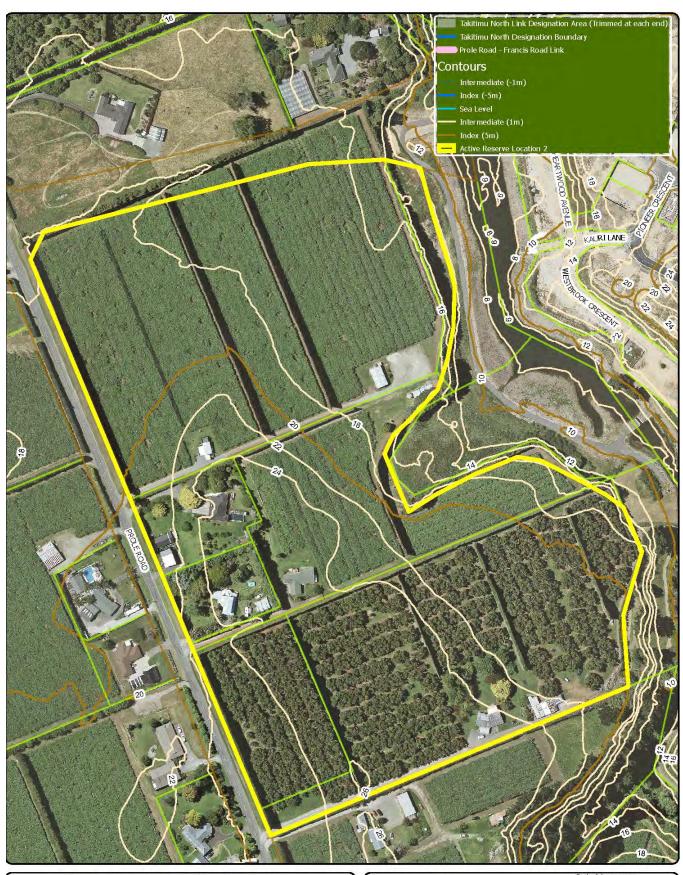


POSSIBLE ACTIVE RESERVE LOCATIONS **INDICATIVE ONLY**



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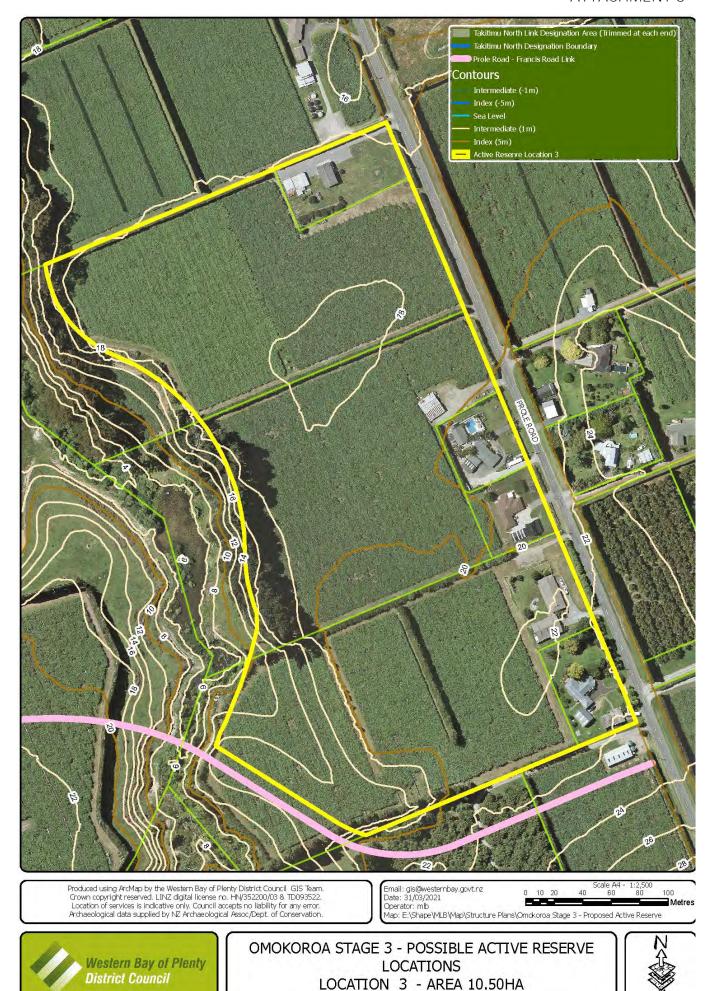
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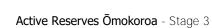


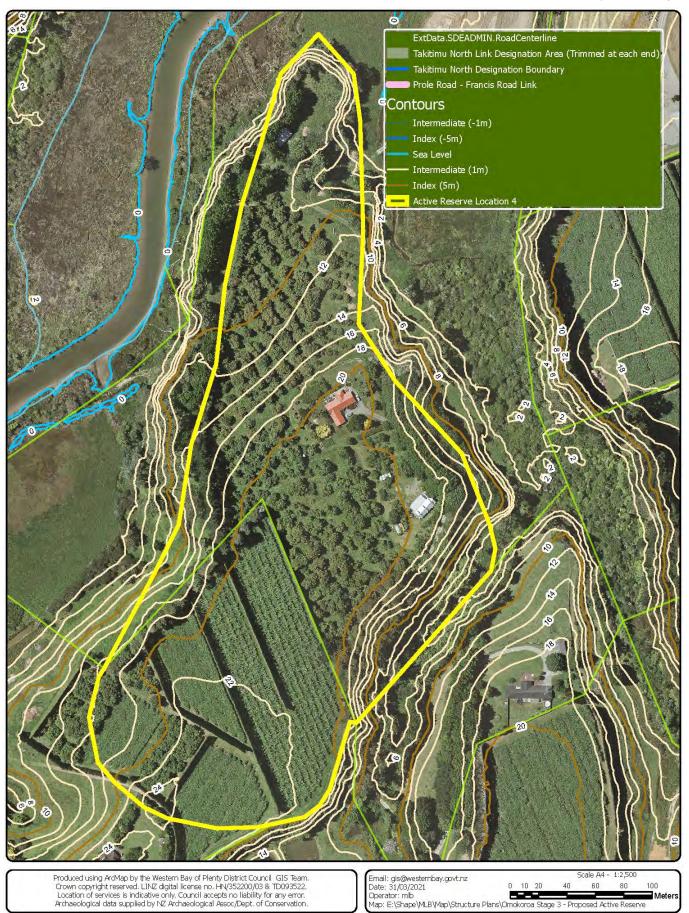


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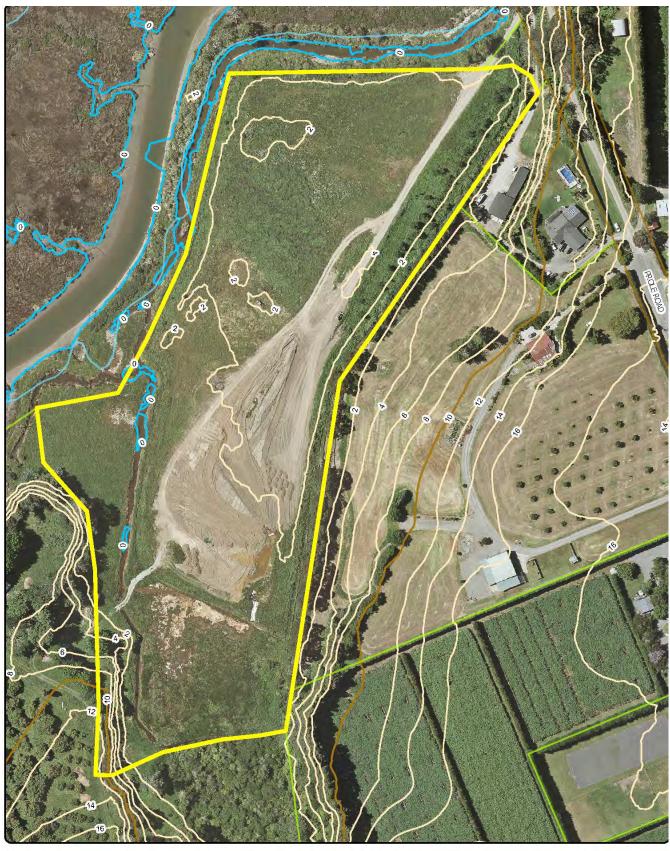






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LOCATION 4 - AREA 7.95HA



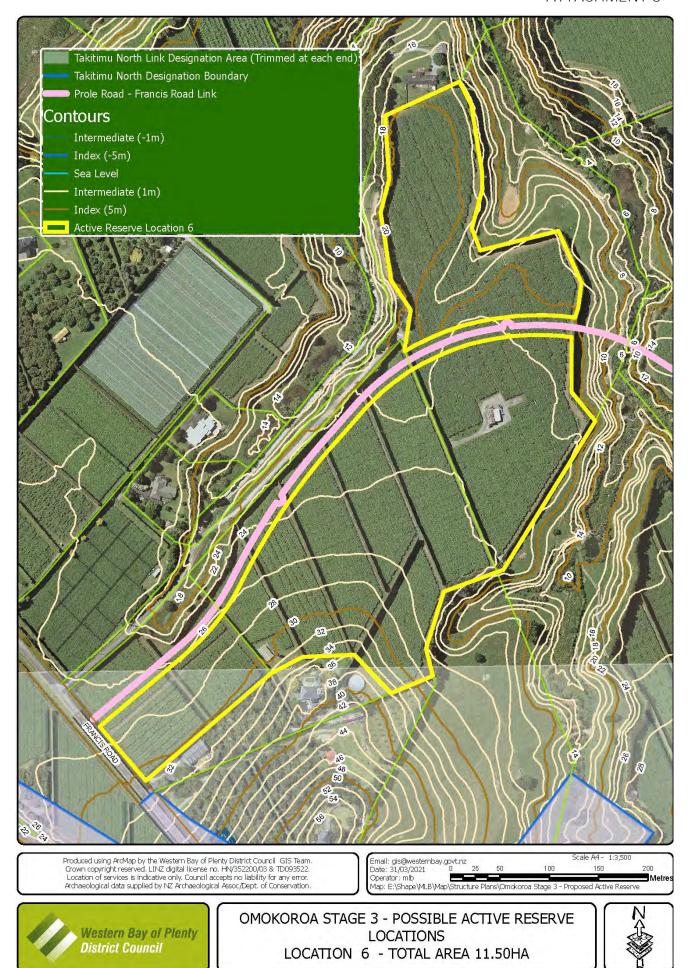


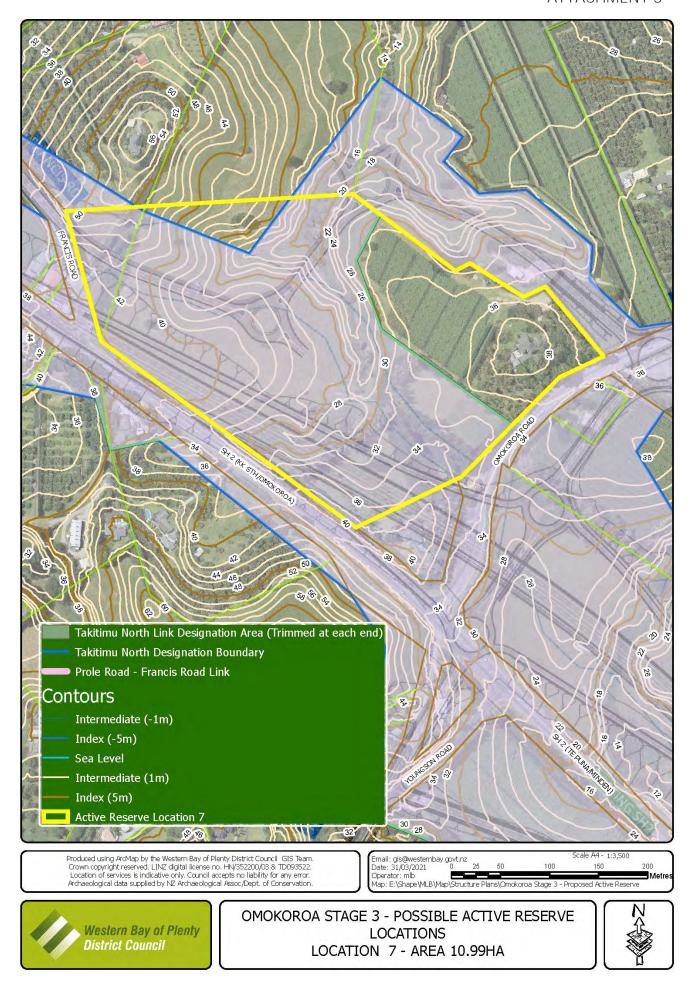
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LOCATION 5 - AREA 5.37HA







ATTACHMENT 4

Omoko	roa Capi	ital Values of proposed	sportsfield	sites						
Area on Map	Parcel Numbers	Address	Land Value	Improvement Value	Capital Value					
1		7 PROLE ROAD	375,000							
		452 OMOKOROA ROAD	925,000							
		454 OMOKOROA ROAD	515,000							
		468 OMOKOROA ROAD	920,000							
		474 OMOKOROA ROAD	685,000							
		476 OMOKOROA ROAD	1,000,000							
	12077000	The emercent next	4,420,000							
	1206/25	88 PROLE ROAD	1,170,000							
	1206/8	62 PROLE ROAD	650,000							
	1206/3	86 PROLE ROAD	570,000							
	1206/5	76 PROLE ROAD	540,000							
	1206/32	74 PROLE ROAD	820,000							
	1206/48	62 PROLE ROAD	985,000							
			4,735,000							
3	1206/18	PROLE ROAD	1,500,000			Adjoining				
	1206/45	85 PROLE ROAD	1,500,000	1,570,000	3,070,000	Parcels				
	1206/17	105 PROLE ROAD	550,000							
	1206/19	83 PROLE ROAD	520,000	420,000	940,000					
	1206/593	65 PROLE ROAD	530,000	525,000	1,055,000					
	1206/669	69 PROLE ROAD	1,060,000	1,080,000	2,140,000					
	1206/44	75 PROLE ROAD	510,000	720,000	1,230,000					
			4,670,000	4,620,000	9,290,000					
4	1205/23	50D FRANCIS ROAD	2,120,000	3,420,000	5,540,000	Only small part of this parcel is on map and the rest of 4 is part of number 5 on map				d the rest of
5	1205/16	42 FRANCIS ROAD	1,330,000	635,000	1,965,000					
		28 FRANCIS ROAD	2,110,000							
	1205/10	42 FRANCIS ROAD	1,400,000	1,300,000	2,700,000					
			3,510,000	4,430,000	7,940,000					
7	3002/2	SH 2 (KK STH/ OMOKOROA) 6 HARBOUR VIEW ROAD	1,470,000	29,000	1,499,000	Parcel bigger as on map				
	1207/165	492 OMOKOROA ROAD	915,000	725,000	1,640,000					
			2,385,000	754,000						

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Subject: Te Puke - words for plan change

Recreation and Open Space in Te Puke

In 2021, Council adopted levels of service for swimming pools, neighbourhood reserves and sport and recreation parks, and an action plan for the provision of walking and cycling networks across the district. This information has been applied to the Te Puke area to identify where there are gaps in provision or where improvements are required to meet these levels of service. This work also aligns with goals of the Te Puke Community Plan which identifies the need for affordable, accessible and appropriate reserves and recreation and leisure facilities so that the

Future provision of recreation facilities and reserves in Te Puke needs to consider

- Additional neighbourhood reserves in the vicinity of Boucher Ave and Norm Freeman Drive to meet accessibility requirements (400m or 5-10 minutes walking distance of 95% of urban residential properties) for the existing population.
- Additional neighbourhood reserves within the residential greenfield areas off Dunlop Road and Macloughlin Drive to meet accessibility requirements (400m or 5-10 minutes walking distance of 95% of urban residential properties) for the growth population.
- Quality improvements to existing reserves to meet level of service standards including function (eg provision of playgrounds etc.). Note some of this will be achieved through implementation of the recently adopted Te Puke - Maketu Reserve Management Plan. Also need to ensure where a reserve is considered to provide for a local community and has a different primary purpose (eg stormwater) that is meeting their needs in terms of the quality of experience, accessibility and walking distance.
- Potential to increase walking and cycling connections throughout particularly along waterways and using the street network to connect reserves. Council has included a project in the LTP of development of a new swimming pool for Te Puke in 2026 and is exploring locations for this. Te Puke does not does not have sufficient sportspit to cater to growth of the main winter codes (rudpy, rugby league and football), and the peak demand times for training are limited by fields not being flootlit and/or poor drainage with a current shortfall in place during weekday evenings. Based on a standard gross sports field howing 12 hours capacity (when flootlight) Te Puke requires at least 4 more standard fields with flootlighting to meet current and growth demand. This assumes all Current provision remains:

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