

Decision Story

Conway Road Reserve Concept Plan



Thank you for taking part in the Conway Road Reserve concept plan process over the last few years. We have completed the concept plan (see over the page) which will inform future development of this reserve.

What's the story?

Council looks after more than 200 reserves in the Western Bay. The Te Puke / Maketu Ward Reserves Management Plan sets out the rules for each reserve in this ward, including Conway Road Reserve, and provides a vision for how we use and develop public spaces for, and with, our communities.

The Paengaroa Community Association has been actively involved in your community, including the preparation and implementation of the Paengaroa Community Plan in 2015. It was through this process that the Paengaroa community requested that Conway Road Reserve should be retained as a recreational reserve.

Creating a draft plan

Right from the early stages, the Community has been hugely supportive and actively involved in the planning processes for Conway Road Reserve. Council is also very appreciative of the hands on voluntary support from locals “rolling up their sleeves” and getting on with clearing the site, erecting fences and planting trees. The Association representatives have been working with Council to coordinate the preparation of a concept plan in line with the feedback received through the Community Plan process in 2015, and from the community since.

Engaging with the community

We've partnered with the Association to ensure community involvement and awareness about the development of the reserve. There was a very successful open day at Paengaroa on 16 June 2018 run by the Association, where we received more good feedback and support about developing this plan. We've worked with the Association to understand the community's aspirations for this reserve, leading to a termination of the grazing licence on the reserve in May 2019. This enabled works to get started to shape the reserve.

Your feedback



The final concept plan incorporates a lot of the key features that we heard are important to the community.

After considering the feedback, we decided to show a **themed playground and a skate park facility** (intended for younger children). It's also noted that a playground has recently been built at the Paengaroa Domain.

In terms **car parking**, we decided to utilise part of road verges to begin with. This allows us to monitor popularity of the reserve facilities over time. By doing this we have avoided some of the “vehicle clutter” in the reserve in favour of improved pedestrian connectivity. The carparking layout can be revisited in the future if there is sufficient demand for alternative provision.

With more families making Paengaroa home and improved cycleway connections expected to increase use of the reserve, provision has been made for a **toilet**. Responses did however; acknowledge issues around timing for them and toilet type, including the importance of level of service.

Open space/event space to enable small community events and gatherings to be held on the reserve from time to time.

A BBQ area and tables to enable casual use by families and whanau.

Pouwhenua, waharoa and Te Reo signage to reflect the importance of this reserve and surrounding area to Māori. A **dog exercise area** was requested because of the distance to walk to the Domain, including the need to cross the busy State Highway 33. Currently dogs enjoy off-leash exercise on the reserve provided they are under control. At this stage Council is not planning to develop a dedicated dog exercise area in Paengaroa. However, the community could consider funding its own dog play features on the site shown in the concept plan. Alternatively, the identified area on the concept plan could be part of event and activity areas.

Implementation of concept plans

Following adoption of the concept plans, implementation and development cost estimates will be referred to Council for consideration to allocate funds in the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan.

DESCRIPTION:


Elements to include in park
(no hierarchy)

- power source
- toilet facility - single cubicle
- effluent field
- access vehicular
- access pedestrian
- theme playground
- paths
- event space-community market
- dog bags, bins
- drinking fountain

shared use open space:
informal sports
group gathering
dog play features
visual open area
village green


Reference:
Path 2.5m wide
Playground same size as
Paengaroa Domain
Event Space 30m x 30m
(permeable surface)

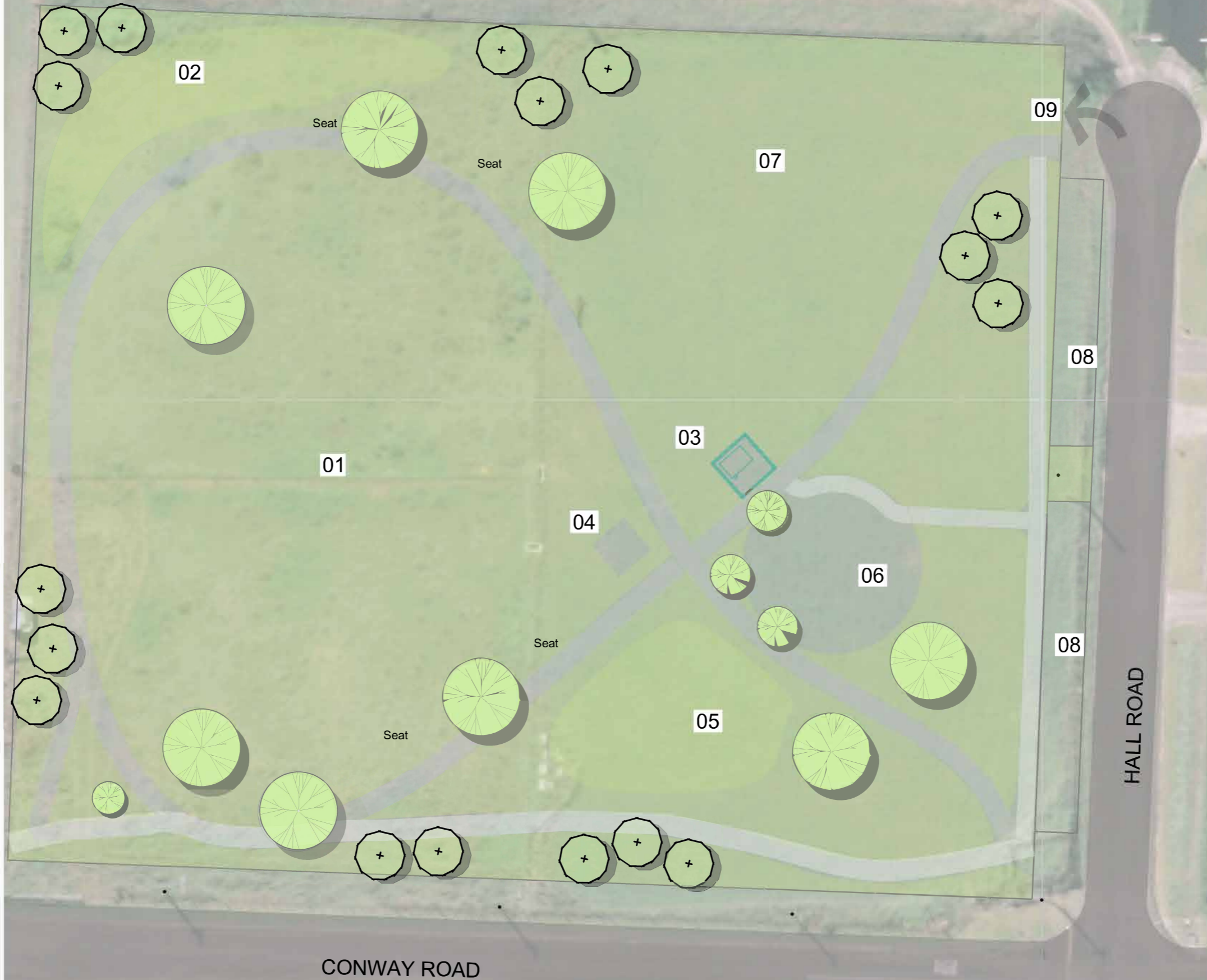
- 01 Shared Use Open Space
- 02 Dog Play
- 03 Toilet power source drinking fountain
- 04 BBQ + Tables
- 05 Activity Area / Junior Skate Park
- 06 Playground with Seating
- 07 Event Space
- 08 Chip sealed parking area
- 09 Vehicle access

 Existing Juvenile Tree

 Proposed Trees

 Priority Path

 Lower Priority Path



**CONCEPT PLAN
CONWAY RESERVE
16.06.2020**