

Lynley Park Subdivision Reserve Concept Plan

Decision Story

Thank you for taking part in the Concept Planning for Lynley Park Subdivision Reserve. We have completed the Plan and this document contains information on some of the key issues, themes of community feedback and the decisions.

What's the story?

Council looks after more than 200 reserves in the Western Bay. Our Reserve Management Plans set the rules for each reserve and provide a vision for how we use and develop the public spaces for, and with, our communities. The Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan was prepared in October 2003, reviewed in October 2008, and again in August 2016. During the latest review, it was agreed that a new concept plan would be prepared for Lynley Park Subdivision Reserve.

Creating a draft plan

The draft concept plan was prepared from community feedback during the Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan review, information held on Council files and from the collective knowledge held by Council staff. Opportunities to provide feedback to the concept plan was available during the Long Term Plan Community Conversations held at Omokoroa on 6 May and 6 June 2017 and at Te Puna on 27 May 2017.

Engaging with the community

Community engagement for the draft plan started mid October 2017 with advertisements in local newspapers, written invitations to Iwi, Marae and stakeholders and a notice on Council's web page. Consultation ended on 20 November 2017. People were able to give feedback on the draft plans through our website, and by submission forms at our libraries and offices.

A drop-in day to allow elected members and staff to provide information was held at Omokoroa on Saturday 21 October 2017.

Those who wished to discuss their feedback on the draft concept plan with elected members attended a meeting in Council Chambers on 5 December 2018.

Our response to your feedback

We received 22 submissions with considerable positive feedback about the key features of the draft plan. A copy of the approved concept plan is provided in this decision and if you are interested, the approved concept plans will be posted on our webpage for the next two months.

What will Lynley Park Subdivision Reserve be used for?

Almost all the feedback supported that the headland, Mangawhai Pa, be protected as a significant Pa and a protected archaeological site. Following the adoption of a final Concept Plan, Council will work with the community, hapū and Heritage New Zealand to plan the outcomes for the Pa and other affected archaeological sites. We will then work with all the affected organisations to develop a funding plan to complete the approved development.

Feedback supported the cycleway and walkway development shown in the plan as well as in and around Omokoroa. We will continue to work with neighbours to the reserve and the local community to plan and design the various paths and walkways according to their use and location and the connectivity between paths. Maintaining the walkway / cycleway will be Council's responsibility.

The main purpose of the stormwater pond, is to control and manage stormwater from the surrounding subdivisions. Making the pond accessible to the public will require a close look at safety requirements and to ensure that the functions of stormwater management are not compromised. It was always envisaged that when the infrastructure surrounding the pond was completed, we would investigate improving public access to the pond. See the notation in the plan: "10 - Improvement of access to the storm water pond area."

Regarding planting in reserves, Council is guided by the location/environment and our generic planting policy.

We will be initiating a review of Dog Exercise Areas in the District in 2018/19 as signalled through our Dog Control Policy and Bylaw review in 2017.

What are we getting in the reserve?

Feedback included proposed lookouts, carved pou, interpretation signage of the harbour and important sites. Many people also supported seating, park benches, tables etc.

Due to the reserve's location in the harbour and the alignment of the walkway/cycleway, determining the location and timing of these elements will need monitoring to ensure they are installed in the best places.

Council is preparing an Archaeological Authority application for the cycleway route and this will include Pou (pole, marker) and Whakairo (carving, signs), seating, signage, signboards for the Mangawhai Pa Site and the alignment of walkway / cycleway. The application and supporting assessments include construction methodology.

The lookouts and the specific walkway referenced in the Plan are not included within the Mangawhai Pa site (cycleway) Archaeological Authority application and there is no

specific timeframe for when these items will be implemented. If there are requirements for archaeological legislative processes, they will be strictly followed at the time.

Management of visitors and all public use of the Historic Reserve will be through educational signage to encourage respectful behaviour. Given that the Historic Reserve is a public place, one of the functions of the cycleway path is to minimise random foot traffic through the reserve. There are many similar examples around NZ where such measures are used in significant public places.

We have other projects also dealing with Pou, Whakairo, signage and installation of interpretation panels. We need to check with hapu and the local community to clarify details about how to provide these on the respective sites in accordance with our policies. We will be working with a local community group that has already presented some ideas for consideration

A request to install a playground on the part adjoining Holyoake Terrace has been considered but the area has been assessed as too small for playgrounds and play equipment.

Council has encouraged users of playgrounds to make use of the new skate path at the Omokoroa Sportsground and the proposed new playground to be built alongside. We will continue to monitor the situation and consider installation of new playgrounds at appropriate sites within the Omokoroa Peninsula when the demand is justified and we have the support of the community.

For clarification, Lot 168 DP 412452 located in Vantage Place, Omokoroa, is Council land held for a potential access over NZ Rail land.

Comments were made about the need for a toilet on this or a nearby reserve. The Lynley Park Subdivision Reserve Concept Plan does not anticipate the provision of a toilet within the reserve. However, with the ongoing development of the cycleway/walkway through the District including Omokoroa and Te Puna into Tauranga, an assessment of provision of toilets will be carried out on completion using feedback from users and local communities.

Similarly the development of the cycleway/walkway through Omokoroa has triggered the need to monitor litter management noting that our current policy is to encourage the public to take away and dispose of their own rubbish/litter.

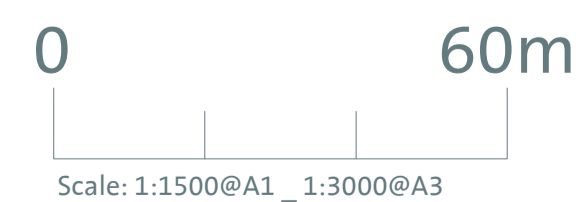
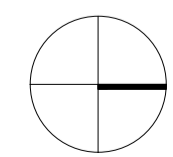
Implementation of concept plans

Following adoption of the concept plans, implementation estimates will be prepared and referred to Council for consideration to allocate funds. This will also include the allocation of funds from cancelled projects or projects deferred indefinitely.



Proposed Future Development:

1. Lookout
2. Pouwhenua / Whakairo
3. Park bench seating
4. Interpretation signage
5. Sign board of harbour and important sites
6. Public access to Pa Site
7. Walkway / cycleway (Alignment to be finalised)
8. Walkway
9. Subdivision and reserve area/boundary to be finalised
10. Improve access to the stormwater pond area



Legend

- Lawn
- Existing vegetation (bush/scrub)
- Site boundary
- New and existing cycleway / walkway (alignment to be finalised)
- Tree
- Existing tree

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