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To whom it may concern,

I had some feedback on the Otaraua Park development plan but as I had a jpg I wanted to send I thought an email would be more appropriate.

I am really excited for the two amphitheaters and would encourage the council to make the festival spaces as big as possible. I think a number of the 12 fields could be used differently, and 6 would be sufficient. Attached is an edited jpg of the plan. I have left the festival areas untouched but number 8 on the key has been greatly extended as myself and others believe an indoor sports facility is greatly needed as currently the only ones available are the college or club ones and they are both lacking and not open to the general public. Multipurpose courts for basketball, netball, badminton, handball, etc could make up the majority of this, however, I would highly recommend a bouldering (/rock-climbing gym to be included also). A gym and relevant amenities would also make a great addition.

The section to the right, labeled '21' by myself, could be instead of the small picnic space at '14'. This would be a huge open grass space for picnicking, sunbathing, and general recreation. It would be completely enclosed with native trees, only accessible through one or two of the paths. This would shelter it from both wind and the potential eyesores of the indoor sports hub and the parking facilities and would feel very impressively open walking into from one of the paths. The surrounding forest could be lined with a boardwalk, as drawn.

Attached is the relevant jpg and I hope to hear from you soon to find out what you think of these ideas.

Thanks,

Otaraua Park
Draft Development Plan
May 2018



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| 1 → Existing main access | 5 → Integrated wetland | 9 → Multi-purpose track | 13 → Puna/Stream restoration | 17 → Exhibition field | ● Specimen & amenity trees |
| 2 → Sportsfields x 12 | 4 → Primary access road | 10 → Festival spaces | 14 → Picnic area and parking | 18 → Extra field or hardcourts | ● Restoration & buffer planting |
| 3 → Amenities & changeroom | 7 → Hub arrival loop & parking | 11 → Existing Pond | 15 → MTB Skills trail | 19 → Provisional wastewater treatment area | ● Wetland planting |
| 4 → Landscaped carpark | 8 → Multi-purpose hub | 12 → BMX | 16 → Boardwalk | 20 → Future main entrance & bridge | ■ Play area |

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Otaraua Park Draft Management Plan Consultation

Dear Mayor Gurunathan

I write to you on behalf of the Wellington Fish and Game Council in support of creating a family fishing pond at Otaraau Park as part of the proposed development process.

Over the past 18 months the Wellington Fish and Game Council have participated in the stakeholder consultations to help shape the draft development plan for Otaraau Park. Fish and Game would have like to see the needs of anglers better represented in the current plan by committing to the development of a fishing pond. Similarly, the needs of anglers do not appear to be well catered for in the current online submission process to unlock the potential of the park.

The Wellington Fish and Game Council is proposing to establish a family fish-out pond using the existing man-made pond on the upper river terrace of Otaraau Park Reserve. Creating a fish-out pond will help achieve many of the objectives identified with the Otaraau Park Reserve Management Plan in both recreational and ecological areas with little work or investment required. Moreover, the establishment of the fish-out pond will provide the only lake trout fishing resource in the Kapiti, Porirua and Hutt districts. The nearest stocked pond is the Hokowhitu Lagoon at Centennial park in Palmerston North. The Hokowhitu lagoon is stocked with trout annually by the Wellington Fish and Game Council and sees over 400 children participate in fishing each season.

To create a safe family fishing area suggested, works would include:

1. Establishing a hard edge to a small section of the lake where young anglers could safely fish from.
2. Identifying and potentially manipulating an area where a 'net fence' (Appendix 1) could be established to temporarily hold trout for fishing events.
3. Possibly establish permanent bollards for erecting temporary safety fences for fish-out days.
4. Transplant any *Carex secta* that may be an impediment to lake edge access.

An additional, more labour intensive recommendation would be to create a 25 m² run-out pool to the west of the pond similar to the Ngongotaha Hatchery fish-out pond (Figure 4) which could be stocked with trout for young anglers to practice fishing.

The Otaraau Park Reserve located at 120 King Arthur Dr, Otaihanga, Paraparaumu 5036. Otaraau Park is classified a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. It is the newest park in the Kapiti District and aims to provide for the enjoyment of a range of recreational and sport opportunities including freshwater angling. Creating a family fish-out pond is consistent with the conservation and enhancement of the unique character and ecological values of the area.

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The park has a total area of approximately 60 hectares and contains two spring fed streams with small 0.43 hectare man-made lake identified in Figures 1 and 2 below. Management of Otaraua Park is required to include provision for protection and enhancement of valued landscapes and features of the site including streams and wetlands. Creating a fish-out pond similar to those presented in Figures 3 and 4 will meet this provision.



Figure 1. Otaraua Park Reserve at Otaihanga, Paraparaumu showing the location of the man-made pond (within the yellow box) on the upper river terrace.



Figure 2. The approximately 430 m² man-made lake on located on the upper river terrace of the Otaraua Park Reserve where it is proposed to establish a family Fish-out pond.

New Zealand examples of fish-out ponds that would be complementary to the vision and goals for Otaraua Park are highlighted below and include the Anatoki Salmon Farm pond in Golden Bay (Figure 3) and the Ngongotaha Hatchery in Rotorua (Figure 4). It should be noted that both ponds have high quality, stream-fed water to support the aquatic life. Both ponds provide excellent examples of environmentally sympathetic, sustainable designed areas where young and old anglers can safely access the pond edge and fish from. The ponds also enhance the open space, landscape, natural, biodiversity values of the areas they have been created.



Figure 3. The Anatoki Salmon Farm fish-out pond. Note the mown, gently sloping edges for appropriate safe access for anglers, the two shelters and picnic area on the far side of the pond and extensive native planting.



Figure 4. The Ngongotaha Hatchery fish-out pond in Rotorua displaying the gently sloping edges surrounding the pond with ample room to cast with the additional hard edge, family shelter and picnic areas and extensive native planting.

The vision for Otaraua Park was informed by Council's Open Space strategy, Community and Local Outcomes. Community and Local Outcomes, particularly of Ōtaihangā, in which Otaraua Park is located, include:

- That the open space provide attractive safe places for the community to enjoy.
- That recreational facilities for children include natural and informal play as well as playgrounds.
- That the water quality is improved to support greater biodiversity and improved recreational amenity.

Fishing is a fun and sometimes challenging outdoor pursuit that is a key pastime for many New Zealanders young and old. The pond will be the only one of its type in the wider region and be a focal point for local and regional anglers. Creating a fish-out pond similar to those presented above will enhance the amenity values of Otaraua Park along with creating attractive, green environment and a safe place for all people to enjoy. Giving people the opportunity to fish will simply be another broader benefit from the pond's creation.

There is strong interest and support from the local angling clubs and further afield in the Wellington region for establishment of this site. They consider it would be a fantastic asset to have at this site to complement the range of fishing opportunities available on the Kapiti Coast for young and old. The current submission process has generated interest and comment to us from the general public and non-affiliated anglers who support the concept of (re)establishing this site for fishing. This has ranged from those wanting to promote opportunities for young novice anglers to those older anglers whose mobility is becoming limited but still retain a passion for fishing.

As indicated in previous submissions, Wellington Fish & Game would welcome the role to be the driver in establishing and managing the resource and event site management where required, to the extent of securing funding to ensure its success for the community.

Wellington Fish & Game would be committed to working with Council to develop the opportunities at the site. This is one project that would be relatively easy to establish to give the community confidence that progress is being made at the reserve and start creating a tradition at the site.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the concept of establishing a family fish-out pond please feel free to get in contact with me directly.

Kind regards,



Phil Teal
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Fish & Game NZ – Wellington Region

Appendix 1

An example of how a net fence is used to temporarily hold trout for the Children's Fish-out day at the Hokowhitu lagoon at Centennial Park in Palmerston North. At the end of the fishing event the net fence is removed and the trout are released in to the lagoon for all angler to catch. Note the flat area and hard edge from which anglers can safely fish from.



Appendix 2

An example of the temporary fence used for crowd management at the Children's fish-out day at the Hokowhitu lagoon in Centennial Park, Palmerston North



Submission on Otaraua PLAN REVIEW

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This is a submission on behalf of Kāpiti-Mana Branch of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc (Forest & Bird).

Introduction

Forest & Bird has been around since 1923 and is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation with over 80,000 members and supporters.

The Kapiti Mana Branch has 552 members.

The key matters of concern to Forest & Bird relate to the protection of ecological values, particularly those associated with native biodiversity, wetlands and the coastal environment. Forest & Bird's strategic plan is for a predator-free New Zealand in which habitat and species loss has been halted and indigenous biodiversity is flourishing by 2040. We are similarly committed to New Zealand becoming carbon neutral. Our Strategic Plan guides our submission on Otaraua Park.

General comments

1. We congratulate KCDC over the purchase of Otaraua Park and the plan. We acknowledge that where we had very little of ecological value, the plan shows that a significant proportion of the park will be beneficial to native biodiversity, wetlands, the enhancement of streams, and connectivity of

those wetlands, bush and streams to the Waikanae River corridor and other areas of quality forest in the Otaihangā area. Furthermore, we appreciate the sensitive fitting of the more active recreational facilities into the natural landscape. We have no criticism of the overall plan.

The most significant ecological features that F&B support and suggested improvements are:

2. The comparatively large wetland (5) largely screened from other activities by restoration and buffer planting with much of it inaccessible to the public and within the forested connection around the entire park. This wetland will be a significant addition to the diversity of the river corridor. Comment We would ask that the very small western area of land pointing south is fully planted to make a better connection with private areas of bush to the south. (That may be what is intended but the mixture of light and dark green indicates otherwise.)

3. The treatment of Puna Stream appears to F&B to be very appropriate because it protects the stream and adds width to the river corridor. Our understanding is that there are ephemeral wetlands at the foot/bank between the upper terrace and the river plain. These lie inside the area shown on the plan as being restoration or buffer planting. Comment We ask that these ephemeral wetlands be planted in native wetland species.

4. The retention of existing bush/forest and its connection to the forested connection around the entire park is very much supported. We cannot be sure but it appears that the central area of bush is also to be supplemented. Comment. We think the outline of the existing bush should be shown on the plan.

5. The forested corridor around the entire park is very pleasing to see on the plan. Comment Our only concern is its narrowness in two places. One of those is the stream on the western side of the park. The other is the river corridor near the most western sports fields. This part of the Waikanae River corridor is compromised by the playing field on the northern side of the river and the poplars on the southern side. We recommend that both these areas be looked at carefully to see what could be done to ease or offset the narrowness of the corridor. We fully accept the dimensions of the sports fields and other constraints. Changes may be small but significant.

6. Comment We wonder if the existing pond would be a suitable venue for model yachts as a substitute for use of the pond in the Pharazyn Reserve. The Pharazyn Reserve is a significant wildlife and passive recreational area so yachting would be more compatible in the Otaraua Park.
7. Specimen and Amenity trees are not specified as native. Comment Consideration could be given to consider opportunities for the use of natives where suitable. We note that NZ has some very suitable evergreen specimen native trees but fewer deciduous specimen native trees. Examples for consideration could be Titoki, Rewarewa, Coprosma aerolata, Lancewood, Kohekohe and Kowhai (which is semi-deciduous).
8. Walking and cycling connections to local communities is one essential of climate change mitigation and we commend the Council for consideration of this aspect of the park.

Summary

9. Given that the area was purchased primarily as a recreation area, we think the plan has combined active and passive recreation with the existing and surrounding land forms and features in a very satisfactory way. Because of this, our criticisms and comments are few and mild. We look forward to the establishment of the wetland(s) and restoration areas in particular.

Thank you.

Russell Bell

Chair of Kapiti Mana Forest & Bird

OTARAU PARK DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUBMISSION BY THE FRIENDS OF THE WAIKANAЕ RIVER

If you wish to contact us, or discuss this submission please contact Ferial Falconer.

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We commend the writers of the Otaraua Park Draft Development Plan. It thoughtfully considers the use of a large, currently bland, place for a range of recreation and ecological needs, and users.

INTRODUCTION

The Friends of the Waikanae River (the Friends) act as a channel of communication between the community and the statutory bodies responsible for managing the Waikanae river (the River), and in this we work closely with all interested parties in order that the river may be rehabilitated and repaired as a food source and a provider of spiritual sustenance for all to share. Our common interest is to see the Waikanae River and its environment enhanced and maintained in optimum condition for all to enjoy.

The Friends submitted on the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) earlier consultation concerning on the Otaraua Park Management Plan in August 2014.

The Otaraua Park (the Park) adjoins the Waikanae river corridor (the Corridor), and is built on its river flats. Views from the Park are towards the river, at least in part, and a significant portion of users access the park via the Corridor. The Park also has the capacity to add to (or detract from) the environment around the River, not least (as the draft plan mentions) as part of a Mountains to Sea eco-corridor.

We make our submission in light of this, and wish to continue to engage with KCDC about the Park's development as it progresses.

ACCESS

While current vehicle access is only from King Arthur Drive in Otaihanga. Many users from Waikanae access the Park from the Waikanae River corridor, and across the Te Arawai footbridge. An increase in activities at the Park is therefore likely to bring more traffic to the river corridor around this area.

The discussed road access off the old SH1 sounds expensive, and a long way away (especially considering all the consents involved) and we do not consider a train stop unrealistic.

We are surprised that there is no mention of connecting bus services as an alternative.

WETLANDS

We commend the writers for the inclusion of the integrated wetland, and believe it will support the ecology and biodiversity of the area.

We ask that it be planted with endemic native wetland species to maximise its natural value.

Our one concern regards the width of the riparian corridor joining the wetland to the Waikanae River. This corridor is very narrow, and we would like to see the plan tweaked (perhaps by moving the existing playing fields slightly east) to ensure a better eco-corridor can be planted to connect with the River.

We are pleased with the proposed restoration of Puna ephemeral wetlands and stream (13) and encourage the planting of native wetland species to support the recovery and ecological usefulness of this area.

EXISTING FOREST

The plan is not very clear in defining the existing forest. It seems to be the dark green area between the festival spaces (10) and the playing fields.

If so, there is no mention of the Kohekohe stand at the eastern end, which is very close to where the proposed Mountain Bike Skills Trail is shown on the plan.

Any developments within either of these areas will need to pay careful attention to the protection of tree roots, and existing ecological values.

EDUCATIONAL ARBORETUM

There is nothing set aside for an educational area. We would like to see an area set aside for an arboretum, started now, of native species found in our ecological zone. Children could visit and with suitable task sheets learn something about native trees/shrubs/grasses. Similar to what has been available at Mt Bruce.

SPECIMEN AND AMENITY TREES

We understand the value of such trees, but do not support the use of exotics. They are not necessary, and can cause problems through seed dispersal over time (and the River corridor would be the first affected).

New Zealand has an excellent range of native trees that can be used effectively for this purpose; will support the natural biodiversity of the area, and the Mountains to Sea corridor concept. A list of a few species we think should be considered includes:

Rewarewa, Whau, Wharangi, Kowhai (which is semi-deciduous), Ngaio, Titoki, Lancewood, Nikau Palm, Ribbonwood, Lacebark, and even possibly Kauri (although it is not endemic to our district).

We would like to be involved in defining the species to be used in this and other plantings around the Park.

SIGHT LINES

We see reference to sightlines to different key ecological features when accessing the park. While we support the planting of natives between the Park and the river corridor, we would like to see a couple of sightlines to the river from within the Park. It would be ideal if these could align to existing sightlines along the Corridor.

AMENITIES

The Park is large, and the buildings are all next to road. We are already having problems along the river corridor, with some users defecating in the bushes due to a lack of ablution facilities. We encourage planners to include at least one toilet block which can be easily accessed from the river corridor, and which will support both Park users and River users.

AMPHITHEATRES

We can't see much value in the proposed Amphitheatres; they seem too small to be useful for much. We also have concerns about noise travelling, and their connection to the road beside the playing field (which is currently through the forest).

SUMMARY

We support the proposed plan, thus our comments are brief. We hope that our feedback is useful and that we can work together to achieve an even better future for all residents and users through this process, with better outcomes for all.

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By email

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Dear Alison

Otaraua Park - Draft Development Plan Feedback

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) is pleased to provide feedback on the Otaraua Park Draft Development Plan. We support this initiative and the general direction of the plan, and have the following specific comments:

- GWRC would like to work together with KCDC in ensuring that there is a seamless and integrated management approach between Otaraua Park and the adjacent GWRC-managed areas and river trails. We would like to have consistent policies around management, track construction standards, pathways, signage etc. so users' experiences are consistent between areas managed by both Councils.
- We appreciate the allowance for the potential to create a new river access point east of Kebbells' Bend for flood protection purposes. The current access track along the river is low and vulnerable to flooding and erosion. Roads within the park provide ideal opportunities to retreat the river access tracks away from the river. We note that the draft Development Plan does not show connections between the park road and the river accesses, which we would like to see.
- There are currently other lengths of the access tracks within the erodible buffer of the river corridor. Please refer to Appendix 1 which shows where the access track is within the river corridor as part of the master plan for this area, we would like to plan for these access tracks to be moved away from the river, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss where this could be done within the fringe of Otaraua Park. Access to the water for people and for maintenance could be made at regular intervals along the river (e.g. at the GWRC survey cross sections).

FEEDBACK TO KCDC ON THE DRAFT OTARAU PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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- It would be helpful to show the GWRC river corridor and buffer on the Otaraua Park Development Plan. This would help inform thinking about placement of infrastructure in relation to the river. GWRC would like to see less infrastructure inside the (erodible) buffer, as we would like to give the river more room and allow its' natural processes, which would allow the buffer to be able to erode.
- We require access for heavy vehicles from the road network to the riverbank for asset maintenance purposes now and in the future. Access through the park is currently poor, and improving this is not proposed until 24/25, which is a long way out. Additionally, the access proposed (until the new access from the old SH1 is constructed) will be from Otaihanga Road and King Arthur Drive and will require driving all around the park to reach the river bank. We would be pleased to discuss potential for shorter access to the river if possible.
- The Draft Management Plan states that "Bridleways will link to existing trails along the Waikanae River corridor". We are concerned about constricted access along the south bank walkway and safety issues caused by lack of separation between horses and other river trail users in this area. We would like further clarification around access for bridleways.
- With regard to equestrian facilities, GWRC will likely work towards Queen Elizabeth Park being a second equestrian hub (after Waikanae Park) with improvements in facilities there. Feedback from the first stage of consultation for the Park Network Plan review has identified opportunities to improve trails and supporting facilities such as arena, toilets, kitchen, allowing overnight stays. These improvements are likely to be included as development proposals in the draft new management plan for the regional park network which includes Queen Elizabeth Park.
- The 'multi-purpose track' for cycling and other wheeled activities looks like it won't be built for some time into the future. We suggest this could be more of a priority to better cater to current demand. We support the co-location with sports fields, and Casey Fields in Cardinia Shire in Victoria, Australia is suggested as a good example to consider for this type of facility.
- The proposed new internal park roads don't appear to show vehicle access to the river for the public for picnicking, swimming etc. Is there potential to allow provision for access for the less ambulatory public?

I am happy to discuss this further, and may be contacted as below.

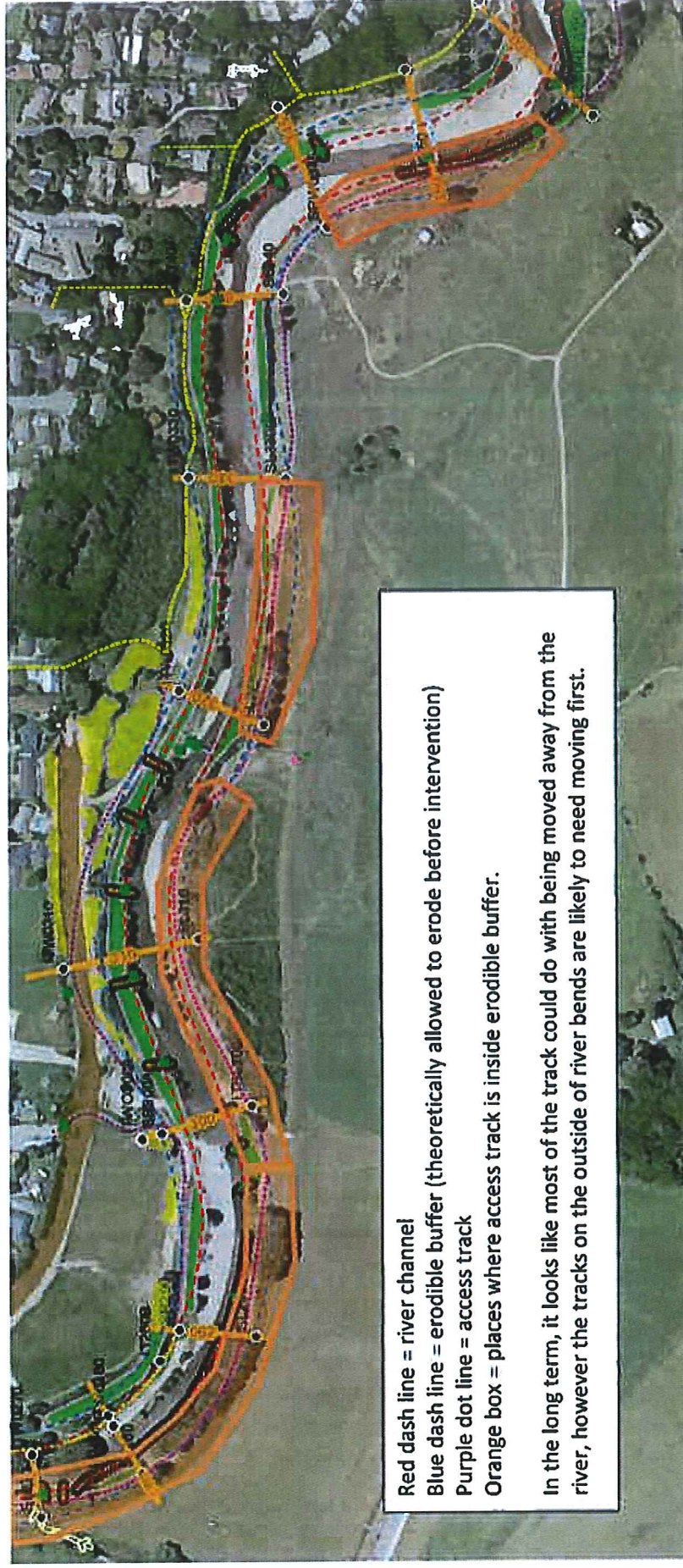
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Appendix 1: GWRC River channel alignment, buffer and access track showing where track is inside erodible buffer



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PARAPARAUMU

6 August 2018

ATTENTION: Mr Wayne Maxwell,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Kia Ora Mr Maxwell,

RE: OTARAUA PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

I would like to applaud the Council in budgeting towards a community asset, the establishment and development of Otaraua Park. The overall vision is great, though after reviewing the plan to inaugurate a sports park on this site, there are some extremely concerning issues and flaws in the planning.

The items below are in question:

A. Transpower overhead electrical transmission lines.

Current regulations request certain safety requirements be adhered to with regards to building, vegetation and movement around transmission towers and lines. There is some information provided about this in the "Plan", though nothing extensive, and I express my concern for the health, safety and well-being of persons entering onto this land whom could be exposed to dangerous electrical transmission. The gravitational electrical arcing prevents steel constructed fences or sport structures to be built near or under the wires. Anyone who comes in to contact with any structure built under these wires could be seriously harmed.

B. Bridge over railway line.

Item 1.9.3 page 18 of the "Plan" mentions future construction of access to the park, via a bridge over the railway line on Main Road South, Waikanae. Can you please advise what type of bridge is envisaged for this – foot, bike or vehicle? Has the cost for this been estimated at current construction rates, so KCDC can review if this is a viable option for the future?

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C. Ponding.

This has already been recognised as a concern in the “Development Plan”. Restricted access/use of the grounds due to ponding could be a major disappointment to users and a constant maintenance cost to KCDC. This persistent financial expense would be yet another cost to ratepayers who will gain little to no benefit from the Park.

The above issues shed major light on items within the “Plan” of which more in depth researched information needs to be provided to Kapiti ratepayers. The “Plan” highlights many negative points for the development of Otaraua Park, so this “Plan” needs intense discussion within Council for the financial benefit this Park will be to the Kapiti and Wellington region.

Your reply to the above would be appreciated and enlightening.

Nga Mihi,

Email:

Cc: Mayor Gurunathan

OTARAU PARK

Submission on development of the park from

August 2018

Executive Summary

1. The balance between human activities and natural amenities is always difficult. While recognising the need for active recreation, the proposed plan leans too far towards the side of human activities, making this park a busy space with much vehicular traffic. There needs to be more emphasis on spaces of quiet beauty in which people are in contact with Nature. This is known to be beneficial for health. There is much that is good in the plan including the retention and enhancement of natural amenities, the planned walkways and cycleways as well as the recreational spaces. But further adjustments are needed to fulfil the objectives of the 2014 Management Plan. To quote from that plan

“to provide for recreation and sport while protecting and managing indigenous, ecological, historic and cultural values.”

Key objectives of the management plan include

“avoid duplication of activities already catered for in the region’

“to enhance amenity values and create a leafy green environment.”

2. We are concerned about the expenditure. KCDC’s debt burden is described by Standard and Poors as very high. Recent rate hikes have been difficult for many residents. 12 to 14% of rates are spent servicing debt. In particular Council should reconsider the park’s amenities in the light of the high maintenance costs. These would average \$14 annually per rateable property. We recall Council funds going into the loss-making Tiger Woods event. In the light of these costs, we consider the development of the park of low to medium priority.

Duplication of activities

There is much duplication of activities. Some activities which have been packed into the park could be well catered for in other places eg.

There is a BMX park at Paraparaumu.

Blokarts use the North Waikanae beach.

Mountain biking is well catered for at Whareroa farm. If an extra track was needed it could be developed on the hills of Waikanae Park.

There are hardcourts in Kapiti. Are these fully utilised ?

Kite flying could be done on the beach or at another park.

A multipurpose sports building with provision for indoor sports. This facility does not need to be in the park. It will just provide extra busyness.

Large scale events will also provide unnecessary busyness and could be located elsewhere eg Waikanae Park could be developed for these.

Create a leafy green environment

One of the attractions of the Kapiti Coast is the leafy green environment. Let's see this enhanced rather than diminished in the plan. The purposes of a leafy green environment are aesthetic and environmental. Green spaces need to be of sufficient size to accommodate these and connect with each other. The hoped for increase in bird life will only bring the boldest birds if the park is full of noise, busyness, and disconnected green spaces.

The planting along the Northern end of SH1 is insufficient as a bird corridor and needs to be widened.

Specimen and amenity trees should be native. We were disappointed to read that planting of exotic species had already begun.

The BMX and hardcourt areas should not be turned into hard spaces until there is a definite need.

Costs

Providing access to the park via a bridge over the railway is very expensive and does nothing for the park. If the plan was less ambitious and did not attempt to cater for national and international events, there would be no need for the bridge.

Much less is there a need to provide for a railway station.

KCDC should seriously re-examine the costs of this plan which are likely to rise in the future.

Conclusion

While we recognise the need for active recreation, more emphasis should be put on the natural features of the park.

There should be no duplication of facilities already existing.

Some activities should be developed elsewhere.

All plantings should be in native trees.

Foot and cycle access opposite Te Arawai bridge on the Waikanae River is a good idea.

We would like the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board

Otaraua Park Draft Development Plan

Whilst the Board has had the delegations removed in regards to the development of Otaraau Park the Board supports the ongoing investment in Otaraau Park.

Board members Spiers, Burns & Randall *“request that an independent review of the final Otaraau Park development plan be undertaken. It should look at community benefit, economic costs, evidence of community support and the environmental impact on the Waikanae river.”*

Member Spiers would also like considered; *an Outdoor Drive In Movie Theatre, also a motorsport facility were young people especially are able to learn to drive, so that when they get their Learner's Licence or Restricted Licence they are able to learn in practical terms what evasive actions can be taken when situations arise on our National Roads*

Submission on Otaraua Park Draft Development Plan.

From. Peter Ellis. Paraparaumu . E mail;

Recommendation.

1 KCDC includes in the plan in either area 2 or area 17 a multi sport artificial playing field complete with suitable lighting for match play.

2 I agree with the inclusion of a multi - purpose track for wheeled sports (area 9) but think at least part of this could be more around the perimeter of the park making for a larger circuit. Part of this could then also be used as part of the internal roading network in the park.

3 To much of the area has been set aside for wetlands and planting. More of this area should be kept for future sports fields so the development of these areas should not be rushed.

4 The future indoor stadium should be deleted from the plan. Indoor stadiums are not successful in New Zealand when built in sports parks. Stadiums are only successful when built in commercial areas where they get more use during week days. Much of the use comes from older people and mothers during week days playing social sports. Indoor Stadiums can become social hubs similar to the Coastlands Aquatic Centre when built near shopping and food outlets. When used in the evening again food outlets nearby are important.

KCDC should look immediately at the old Placemakers building which could easily be converted into a very good indoor stadium even if only leased until a purpose built stadium was built.

Economic value of sport.

Sport is one of the main drivers of the economy in the region with visitors and residence alike spending money weekly on sports fees, food and petrol.

With this in mind KCDC should take these recommendations on board and seek some funding from the **Governments Regional Development fund.**

A fully lit artificial surface could also attract more regional representative sports to Kapiti with spin offs to accommodation providers and the Kapiti Airport .

Background.

When the land was purchased by council in 2012 the prime object was to provide sports facilities for the growing community with some of the land to be developed for more recreation like activities especially around the remnant bush area.

This plan does not give enough attention to the future requirements for sport to grow over the next 20 to 30 years.

Although the plan refers to the current community facilities strategy, this strategy does not include the many changes that are occurring in sport which will see bigger clubs playing in more regional competitions and requiring artificial surface to play on. These facilities will be multi-use surfaces.

Over the past 10 years there has been many changes to sport at all levels. The expansion of professional sport in NZ has seen less emphasis on some of the senior grades in team sports as potential professional players are identified at college level and channeled into academies.

This has led to an increase in people playing sport longer and extending into masters grades.

The offshoot from this sees adults still playing sport while their children also want to play creating a need for either more grounds or a better use of grounds.

As children are committed to playing outside school hours and the adults outside work hours pressure is put on councils to provide more playing fields or seek better use of their grounds. The obvious answer is to provide artificial surfaces which are suitable for more than one sport and available twenty four seven.

While under 13 year olds will normally play their sport on Saturday mornings many of the adults grades are played mid week in the evenings where facilities are available. The third equation is secondary school children who now play most of the college sport mid week after school hours.

Football, Rugby, Rugby League, and Touch are now all regularly played on artificial surfaces.

My personal Background

From 1990 to 2003 I worked for local radio and TV working on sports shows which involved me with all sports clubs and people in Kapiti and Horowhenua.

1997 to 2008 I joined Sport Wellington region as their Kapiti Co coordinator. This got me even more involved with Schools, Rest homes, Sports clubs, Health agencies, government departments, Local Authorities.

This work included the building of better sports clubs to ensure their volunteers had the skills to make the clubs operate in a successful manner instead of just surviving as many did.

Worked hard with a group from the Hockey club to get the Kapiti hockey turf built.

Charged with getting more people more active I set up walking groups some of which still operate today. I set up and organized the Rest Home games and started up the Retirement Villages games.

I also introduced bike to school days which included sponsorship of breakfast for over 1000 children from Hubbard's Foods.

During this period I took over the running of all the Kapiti Schools inter school sports which eventually freed up teachers who would normally run each sport.

When the sport Kapiti office was closed in 2009 the principals association asked me to continue to organize their inter-school events. This includes 13 different sports days in this time I introduced 2 new sports to the programme to include some children who do not take part in main stream sports. New sports, badminton, Volleyball and Mountain Biking. In 2015 I handed this over to the KCDC but still help the otaki schools with their annual cross country races.

In 2000 I introduced Getting started in coaching courses for year 12 and 13 students at paraparaumu College. In 2013 the college then expanded these courses to introduce a Sports Ambassador project which sees young people from the college taking lead rolls in organizing Primary school sports.

In 1998 I organized two triathlons per year for children from 5 to 15 years. These continue today and are much sort after by parents as a challenge for their children with the majority of entries now coming from under 12 year old.

I was elected as a KCDC councilor in 1998 and served here for 17 years.


I was on the board of triathlon New Zealand from 2003 to 2007

A trustee of the Kapiti Rotary pathways trust from 2006. (This trust is about to wind up) which raised money to construct pathways around Kapiti. The most notable is the Paraparaumu Beach walkway.

A trustee of the Kapiti aquatic centre from 2007.

2004 worked with the Lions club of Kapiti to establish the Kapiti Sports awards as a judge and assist with the annual event.

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To whom it may concern,

The purchase of 60 hectares of land, set to become Otaraua Park has to be one of the best decisions by the KCDC in recent times and one of the great things about the park is that it is right in the centre of Kapiti Coast District.

In my opinion, it is very important that people involved with this development travel outside Kapiti and look at what other councils are doing and think 30 to 40 years in the future. The three main points to consider are:

- Purchase of the land, which has been completed
- Development plan for viewing and activity
- Access to the park

The Draft Development plan covers these points very well, but I would also recommend that the council considers building up the banks around the playing fields and festival areas to allow for improved viewing, as seen at Delaney Park in Taupo.

Access is so important. Likewise, I put forward the following recommendations:

- Build an off-ramp from the Expressway at Otaihanga. Not only would this service Otaraua Park, but would also provide access to Southwards, the landfill station, Mazengarb Park, Paraparaumu College and ongoing developments at Otaihanga and Ratanui Roads.
- Build a railway station at Otaihanga with large parking facilities and a shuttle service to Otaraua Park for large events. Electrification of the line to Otaki or even Levin will happen in the future – and this would enable access to the whole district by train.
- When Kapiti gets to a ‘magic’ population figure, it is likely that a large polytechnic campus will be built, which may include a sports academy. Otaraua Park would provide an ideal complementary resource.

All three of the above would not be financed directly by KCDC (and thus ratepayers), but would require some input and ‘visioning’ from council. I will personally never see these projects completed as they take a long time to happen, but I am very happy to share my views and expertise (gleaned from many years of business and community experience).

All the best and good luck,





Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Submission on Otaraua Development Plan

1. This submission is made on behalf of Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust (TAKW), the Mandated Iwi Organisation in Waikanae, who support the members of Otaraua hapū that have had direct input into the Draft Development Plan.
2. Firstly, TAKW wishes to acknowledge the very high standard of work of the Parks team in creating the draft Development Plan in partnership with TAKW, and specifically the hapū of Otaraua. This has resulted in meaningful engagement and an opportunity for the people of Otaraua to reconnect with an area that has deep historical and present-day significance to them.
3. The primary priority from TAKW's perspective is to provide for kaitiakitanga, or the ability to promote an ethic of care around the natural environment of the Park. TAKW recognises the the way in which kaitiakitanga has been explicitly acknowledged in the development plan and the principle of sustainability that is at the forefront of the development. TAKW also sees the Development Park as a now rare opportunity to enhance ecological connectivity between Kāpiti Island, Waikanae Catchment and the Hemi Matenga and other forested areas of the mountain range behind Waikanae.
4. However, TAKW also believes the proposal hasn't got the balance between kaitiakitanga and human use quite right yet, and wishes to see further work to address this in two key areas:
 - a. The drainage required to provide for the number of sports fields is a concern; TAKW would like to see further information regarding the hydraulic neutrality of the park and ensuring that the drainage required for the fields doesn't increase flood flow in the catchment area, which not only has negative environmental effects, but potentially creates further flood risk to the community. Ultimately, the Park and in particular the restoration of wetlands in the Park should increase the flood carrying capacity of the catchment area and create a net benefit for the community.
 - b. TAKW has also raised concerns about how human waste will be managed given the aspirations for the Park. Having large facilities for recreation will require the development of the Park to accommodate significant volumes of waste, and the natural landscape of the Park presents specific challenges in waste management and disposal. KCDC will need to carefully consider what they can feasibly manage in terms of waste disposal at the Park. In TAKW's significant experience in dealing with waste disposal resource consenting, onsite disposal could be very costly to pursue. TAKW is supportive of the current proposed location of potential wastewater disposal being in a relatively elevated space and away from other waterbodies. However, TAKW would like to see more information on the feasibility of onsite

wastewater disposal in the area proposed.

5. TAKW also sees an important opportunity to promote the concept of 'Waikanaetanga' through the Park. That being a concept which gives expression to the peace and humility that we experience through interaction with the natural world. We also strongly support the values of rongoā or healing being represented in the Plan. We wish to indicate that adopting this value has implications for how the Park will be managed. For example, if there is an intention that people may gather natural resources in the Park such as medicinal plants, then these need to be free from use of pesticides etc. This may require that some specific changes or additions to the Management Plan will need to be made in order to properly implement this as a value.
6. We strongly support the Otaraua Park being well resourced by KCDC as it provides for the well-being of the community and recognises that the health of the environment is directly linked to the health of people. There are a range of integrated benefits we can see for the community in what is proposed that supports environmental and human health.
7. We are also supportive of the opportunity to create a distinctive facility that puts the Park on the map at a national level, provided that the human impact of visitation rates can be sustainably managed.
8. That being said TAKW believes that spending on the Park has to be done with a long-term view in mind, and TAKW are not in favour of the investment in hard and expensive infrastructure in places that are subject to flooding, for example lights for evening sports play are significant assets that then require flood management, and given climate change projections, may be at significant risk of effects of flood in the near future.
9. The following are more specific priorities for TAKW
 - a. To protect and enhance the area of native planting
 - b. To ensure fish passage is protected and created where necessary
 - c. That the park tell the stories of the history of the area
 - d. The multi-use facility is strongly supported
 - e. Water quality is protected and the effects of potentially contaminated stormwater flows are taken into consideration in detailed design



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To whom it may concern,

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT OTARAU PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This submission by Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower) generally supports the draft development plan prepared by Kāpiti Coast District Council (the Council) for the Otaraua Park in Waikanae.

Transpower is the State-Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains and operates New Zealand's high voltage transmission network (the National Grid) which links generators to distribution companies and major industrial users. The National Grid comprises some 12,000 km of transmission lines and 167 substations.

Transpower's electricity infrastructure, the National Grid, is recognised as being nationally significant¹. It is important that Transpower is able to ensure access and maintain these assets as part of the ongoing operation of the National Grid. We note that the importance of the National Grid and critical matters regarding its presence on the Park is referenced extensively in the Otaraua Park Reserve Management Plan (2014). Transpower made a submission on the RMP.

National Grid Transmission Assets on Otaraua Park

Transpower has the following National Grid transmission assets located within the Otaraua Park²:

¹ Through the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 and Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009.

² Please refer to the enclosed map for the location of these assets.

- Bunnythorpe – Haywards A (BPE-HAY-A) 220kV high voltage transmission line on towers
- Bunnythorpe – Haywards B (BPE-HAY-B) 220kV high voltage transmission line on towers
- Tower support structure BPE-HAY-A0261
- Tower support structure BPE-HAY-B0244.

These assets are correctly depicted on the OPDDP.

Kāpiti Coast District Plan

Since the RMP was adopted, decisions have been made on the Proposed Kāpiti Coast District Plan (2012)(PDP). This means that the National Grid specific District Plan rules referenced in the RMP have been replaced. Transpower draws the Council's attention to the National Grid Corridor rules in the PDP to determine whether any resource consents may be required.

Transpower's feedback on Otaraua Park Draft Development Plan

Transpower is generally supportive of the OPDDP and acknowledges that the layout appears to have taken the National Grid lines in to account, for example by showing planting setback from the tower support structures. Transpower has the following additional comments/queries regarding the OPDDP:

Planting

The OPDDP shows that "restoration and buffer planting" is proposed for extensive areas underneath the National Grid conductors and around the tower support structures, as well as some "specimen and amenity trees". Transpower seeks clarification on the species and estimated maximum height of all planting. Large trees planted around high voltage electricity lines present a fire (and outage) risk, even if they do not touch the conductors. Trees or their limbs that fall onto conductors during storm events have the potential to cause a loss of transmission, potentially causing loss of electricity to the community. Maintenance of trees close to towers and conductors can be problematic for contractors who are required to meet safe separation or Minimum Approach Distances. Transpower can provide data regarding the sag and swing of the conductors to inform matters such as whether graduated tree heights will be required.

The planting plan also indicates that vegetation will be planted in a way that would fully enclose the tower support structures, albeit with a setback immediately around the structures. Transpower seeks clarification of the setback distance and requests that at least one side of the planting is left open to enable vehicular access to the tower for routine and emergency maintenance purposes. Transpower is happy to work with Council to determine the preferred width and location of the access point(s).

Summary of relief sought:

- Further information on species and maximum height of all planting;
- Further information on the proposed setback distance for the restoration and buffer planting around the tower support structures; and
- Amend restoration and buffer planting setback to enable vehicular access to the tower support structures for routine and emergency maintenance purposes.

Operations shed

Transpower notes that an operations shed (referenced as "21" on the OPDDP) is to be located between the two transmission lines. Transpower is not opposed to the location or intended use of this building in principle, but requests that Council clarifies whether the building will be able to comply with the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP34:2001). Compliance is required for both the completed building and construction. Construction and development around National Grid infrastructure needs to incorporate construction and earthworks methodologies, as well as Construction Management Plans, prepared well in advance of physical work commencing and in consultation with Transpower. Transpower encourages Council to engage early to determine if compliance can be achieved, noting that the ability to comply with various aspects of NZECP34:2001 can influence the overall layout of the site.

Summary of relief sought:

- Confirm that the proposed operations shed can comply with NZECP34:2001 in terms of construction and final form.

Earthworks and construction management

Transpower seeks further information regarding the scale, nature and methodology of any earthworks (including any stockpiling and permanent recontouring) to be carried out in the park development, noting that resource consent may be required for earthworks around the tower support structures.

Summary of relief sought:

- Confirm scale, nature and methodology of earthworks proposed, including any permanent recontouring.

Transpower Projects

Both transmission lines that traverse Otaraua Park are in the process of having their conductors replaced. Work to re-conductor the section of the lines that traverse the Park is scheduled to take place in summer 2018/19. We understand that this is unlikely to coincide with any construction associated with implementing the OPDDP, and that Transpower is continuing to engage directly with Council regarding the access requirements and timing of this work.

Transpower thanks the council again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the OPDDP and reiterates that early engagement with Transpower on the emerging details of the plan is encouraged, particularly as its feedback could have a direct influence on key aspects of the park's layout and construction.

Should you require clarification of any matter, please contact me (09 590 7072) or Andy Eccleshall (03 590 8687). Or alternatively we can both be contacted via email at environment.policy@transpower.co.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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**SUBMISSION BY WAIKANAЕ COMMUNITY BOARD –
DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN – OTARAUА PARK**

The Waikanae Community Board (“WCB”) is a creature of statute, taking its current constitution from the Local Government Act 2002. The Waikanae Board is established pursuant to s49 of that Act. Such a Board where established is for each community in accordance with schedule 6 of the Act.

Role of community Boards

The WCB has legal mandate to make a submission in terms of section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002 and provides:

52 Role of community boards

The role of a community board is to—

- (a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and*
- (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and*
- (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and*
- (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and*
- (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and*
- (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.*

Otaraua Park

The Waikanae Community welcomes the opportunity to be able to make a submission on the Draft Development Plan for Otaraуa Park, which it hopes will ultimately become real community asset.

Otaraua Park is classified a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. It is a district wide park. It is approximately 60 hectares comprising flat accessible moderately fertile alluvial river terraces located between the Waikanae River and the secondary sand dunes of Ōtaihanga. Otaraуa Park is located on the south bank of the Waikanae River and is adjacent to land administered for flood control by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). The Waikanae Community Board welcomes this land purchase by the Kāpiti Coast District Council under the Strategic Land Purchase Policy in 2012 for public use and enjoyment including: sport and recreation, a network of cycle, walking and bridle paths connecting surrounding communities, an open space buffer between the urban areas of Waikanae, Paraparamu and Ōtaihanga, a parkland environment with high amenity values as well as for its ecological values

with potential to support development of an ecological corridor that runs from mountain to sea through a marine reserve to include Kāpiti Island bird sanctuary.

Although this Park is not within the bounds of the Waikanae Ward, it is directly to the south of the Waikanae River, the southern boundary of the Waikanae Ward. It is used, and will continue to be used more by Waikanae residents.

Contiguous with use of the Otaraua Park by Waikanae residents is access. At present there is currently only one vehicular access into Otaraua Park off Lancelot Grove, via Otaihanga Road. The Draft Plan indicates additional access from the current SH1. Foot and bike access to the Park from Waikanae can be achieved via two foot bridges, Te Arawai footbridge which is very close to Otaraua Park, and the more distant footbridge at Otaihanga.

The Otaraua Management Plan 2014, states that the constraints to future vehicular access include crossing of the Waikanae River, double track rail corridor and/or private land, although investigation of alternative vehicular access will continue to be explored. The Waikanae Community Board strongly supports a vehicular access to Waikanae, and sooner than later. Access from the end of Nimmo Avenue West or Greenway Road appear to be the most logical and cost effective options. This would reduce the bottleneck of those coming from the south getting to and from the park, particularly for large events. This will also maximise use of the facilities between the two sites if shared events are planned and will take traffic off the old State Highway and also encourage cycling and pedestrian access from Waikanae. The Board proposes that the concept plan allows for long-term vehicular access from Waikanae in the future.

In relation to foot and bike access once over the river, currently there is no direct access into the park, other than travelling some distance to the current main entrance. The Draft Development Plan shows direct access from three points, two are near the north eastern corner of the Park, and the other, adjacent to the Te Arawai footbridge. The Waikanae Community Board welcomes the addition of these access points but recommends several more south of the Te Arawai footbridge.

The Draft Development Plan identifies and prioritises actions including estimated time-frames and costs in line with existing Long Term Plan budgets from 2018/19 to 2025/2 and beyond. The Waikanae Community Board supports the intention that the term development of Otaraua Park will be paid by a mix of rates and external funding, a model the Board is endeavoring to pursue. Some early development is already funded through the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan (LTP) until 2024/2025. There is also a budget for future years which may be reallocated in the 2021-2051 LTP based on the approved development plan but this budget will be alongside external funding. The Waikanae Community Board supports this overall approach. The Board notes that some of the \$153,000 budgeted to be spent in 2018/19 is for further drainage on the sports fields. The Board strongly supports this, as various members have seen first-hand the very wet conditions in the winter months when it hasn't been a wet winter. Further to this, if vegetation on the northern side of playing field becomes too tall because of the species chosen, it may create differential ground conditions (moisture levels) and air conditions (light and temperature) – not ideal for playing a field sport.

The Board generally supports the priorities but would like to see the SH1 vehicular access point into the Park be timetabled as at present it is not. The Board also notes there is no timeframe for the provision of foot access from Waikanae and requests this occurs within the next 3 years.

The Waikanae Community Board supports the concept plan. As a district wide park, the plan has multifaceted activities. The Board understands our diverse communities and their diverse needs and supports this approach. The Board also supports the use of innovative solution to water supply, wastewater and power. For example, are option being explored to use the natural resources of wind, sun and/or water so the site is self-sufficient in power? The Board also considers that a Dog Park, both off the lead and contained, would be of great benefit and use within this park. The Board notes that there is an area set aside for outdoor concerts. The Board again supports this idea and would like to see that the natural landscape is used to create a natural amphitheatre.

Jocelyn Prvanov
Chair -Waikanae Community Board

10 August 2018



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is Waikanae's FC response to the Otaraua Park Development submission that KCDC are asking for the public to comment on the development plans.

Waikanae FC feel that this development is an important part of our future and to continue our 40 year history of providing Football to the Waikanae community.

In our 40 years history we have never had a place that we call home, a place that we can display our history, a place where we can feel proud of and feel that we own. We are the largest senior football club on the Kapiti coast and the only club without our own club rooms. Many committees have tried to find a way to have a sense of proud in the community but with no avail, a place we want to call home.

Timeframe is important to us and we would like to see development for Waikanae FC in the second phase of the development, this is the 20/21 & 21/22 and the construction of the amenity block and associated services. Waikanae FC would like to see if a clubroom could be built within this period. This clubroom would have bar and kitchen facilities with exclusive clubroom space to enable us show memorabilia, trophies and to display our sponsors. It will also be not prone to flooding, ideally raised from the ground. These club rooms would ideally have a view of the premier field.

With reference to the premier field, ideally, we would like to see a sheltered cover for spectators to enjoy the game from some adverse weather.

The clubroom would be in close proximity to the fields, changing facilities and close to parking.

With reference to the club rooms Waikanae FC do not expect KCDC to fund the complete club rooms. Waikanae FC would contribute with money we currently have, we would also look at fund raising and applying for grants to fund the build.

The changing facilities will need to be big enough to accommodate six teams and referees. We would also like to see enough storage to store goals posts and equipment.

With regards to the football fields, we feel it is important that grounds have adequate drainage to enable fast recovery after floods and heavy rain.

Waikanae FC run several events during the year that we would like to continue at Otaraua Park. These events include the Erin Walter Tournament and the summer soccer tournament. These are key events for Waikanae and we would like to see these events continue.

One of our major events is our annual prize giving, Waikanae FC would need a facility that could cater for 400 people.

We also see that the new development would include a premier field and game day pitches for both senior and junior teams, leaving Waikanae Park and Jim Cooke park as training pitches due to the fields having lights. The fields at Otaraua will need to cater for the future growth of the club both in Senior and junior, we are seeing our numbers grow year on year and we need a park to cater for this future growth.

Due to the unpredictable weather on the Kapiti Coast Waikanae FC would like to see provision for future development of an artificial turf that can be used for training and when fields are closed. This could be a dual field with the ability for other sports (I.e. Rugby) to use.

Access to indoor training facilities would also be ideal when grounds are closed.

To make Otaraua successful we feel adequate signage to the park is important for away supporters, this signage will need to be outside the park as well as inside the park. We feel access from SH1 is imperative. Ideally the Arawai footbridge over Waikanae River would be moved to link Jim Cooke park to Otaraua park. Alternatively, additional parking could be provided at Edgewater park allowing reasonable pedestrian access to Otaraua Park from the northern side of the river. This would be particularly useful in the short term before road access from the old State Highway 1 is completed.

Waikanae FC are very excited to be involved in this early stage planning and would like to work with KCDC in making this new development Waikanae FC's new home and the use of the park successful.

Kind Regards

Charlie Sturman
Waikanae FC
President

