

Harbour View

From Port to People's Park

Framing Questions

“How values develop and change over time”

Changing values on the peninsula

The Harbourview land was originally set aside for the expansion of Port facilities for Auckland.

1. Look at a map and assess the advantages and disadvantages of this plan.

When the Harbour Board was disbanded the land was transferred to Waitakere City. Initial plans included a dome shaped sports stadium. Some of the land was sold for residential development.

2. Why would this be a good site for a sports stadium?

3. What advantages are there in increased residential development for a Council?

Local residents led a move to have the remaining land committed to a park. They have been successful in getting the Council to adopt their plan for a People's Park. There is still controversy over how the Park should be developed and funded and whether or not there should be a marae in the Park.

Look at the table on chapter 7 page 14.

4. Use the information in the table to create a bar graph comparing the amount of public open space per person in Auckland, Manukau, North Shore and Waitakere. Decide whether or not to include regional parkland in your graph. Write an explanatory note under your graph explaining your choice.

5. How much parkland does a city need?

6. What costs are there in the park proposal?

7. Who should meet the costs?

8. Should there be a marae in the park?

9. Construct a timeline for the change in attitudes to the use of the Harbourview Land.

10. Do you think there could be more changes? What might cause a change in ideas about this land?

Students should use material with this unit as well as historical accounts to explore reasons for changes in the views of how this land should be used.