



**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD,  
HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON MONDAY, 1 MARCH 2010,  
COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - 8 February 2010

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the minutes of the meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 8 February 2010, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



**3 URGENT BUSINESS**

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

**NOTE:** Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



**4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



## 5 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the New Lynn Community Board on matters in the New Lynn Ward.



## 6 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum:

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting;
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time; and
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



## 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Chairman's Report dated 1 March 2010.

### **REPORT**

#### **Local Government (Auckland Law Reform) Bill (Third Bill)**

1. Submissions to the third Bill are in and the hearings commenced on 22 February 2010. The outcome is awaited with interest. Was there any rationale submitting on the third bill before the decision on the Wards and boundaries is made? It really confuses the issue as surely that information is needed to do justice to submissions on the third Bill.

#### **New Lynn TOD (Transit Oriented Development)**

2. The community can now see the above ground progress around the rail corridor and everyday there are more changes apparent. Congratulations to all involved. The business sector has had its various problems due to disruptions including the road closures, just to name one, which will in the long term produce benefits, not just for the retailers, but also for the community. There is an air of excitement as the date for the first train in the trench has arrived. The widening of Clark Street is underway and this will also change the face of New Lynn.

### Community Leases

3. Along with Elizabeth Grimmer, Leo Nobilo from the Henderson Community Board and Elizabeth Francke from the Waitakere Community Board, I attended a workshop on community leases. There were approximately 40 interested groups - a good turn out. Questions were generated around different types of leases of Council facilities. Due to some questions not being able to be answered or a requirement for more information, one to one meetings are currently being put in place. All in all, it was a good meeting with support from Council officers who worked on the policy.

### Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau

4. I attended the first Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau meeting for 2010 and the statistics for January have almost doubled. This reflects the need in the community that may be due to the recession. The Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau is working through the process with the Auckland Transition Agency and how Citizens Advice Bureaux will be affected by the changeover to a Supercity. We are all aware of the work Citizens Advice Bureaux do and they have mine and the Board's full support.

*"The difference between a flower and a weed is a judgement."*

GPJ Marshall  
**CHAIRMAN**



## 8 **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

### NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Gayle Marshall Tony Hartnett (alternate)
City Safety Action Group	Sandy Taylor Pim van der Voort (alternate)
Glen Eden Community House Management Committee	Tony Hartnett
Green Bay Community House Management Committee	Pim van der Voort
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust	Wayne Davis Tony Hartnett (alternate)
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Pim van der Voort Sandy Taylor (alternate)
Waikumete Cemetery Advisory Group	Sandy Taylor Gayle Marshall (alternate)

<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b>	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Pim van der Voort Wayne Davis (alternate)
New Lynn Community Board Street Events Subcommittee	Sandy Taylor
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Gayle Marshall Pim van der Voort (alternate)





## 9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Committee Secretary's Report for the New Lynn Community Board dated, 1 March 2010.

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Reporting Council Officer</b>
1.	Ken Maunder Park, New Lynn Footbridge Replacement  Resolution No. 3830/2007 3 December 2007  New Lynn Community Board  Resolution No. 3867/2007 4 December 2007  Infrastructure and Works Committee  Resolution No. 1475/2009 2 September 2009  Infrastructure and Works Committee	As part of Council's ongoing structures renewal programme, physical works have commenced on the new footbridge linking Queen Mary Avenue with Ken Maunder Park. The footbridge is scheduled for completion by May 2010.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553
2.	Shadbolt Park, New Lynn Sand Field Construction  Officer's Report	This project has been successfully completed.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
3.	<p>Shadbolt Park, New Lynn Footbridge Replacement</p> <p>Resolution No. 1180/2009</p> <p>6 July 2009</p> <p>New Lynn Community Board</p> <p>Resolution No. 1340/2009</p> <p>5 August 2009</p> <p>Infrastructure and Works Committee</p>	<p>As part of Council's ongoing structures renewal programme, a replacement footbridge at Shadbolt Park, New Lynn is proposed to replace the previous footbridge removed by Watercare in 2008. Design work is complete and all consents have been obtained. Physical works are programmed for the 2010/2011 financial year.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
4.	<p>Tirimoana Reserve, Glendene Footbridge Replacement</p> <p>Resolution No. 644/2009</p> <p>4 May 2009</p> <p>New Lynn Community Board</p>	<p>As part of Council's ongoing structures renewal programme the existing footbridge at Tirimoana Reserve, Glendene is being replaced in the 2009/2010 financial year. Physical works commenced on site in January 2010 and will be completed by March 2010. Public access through Tirimoana Reserve between Glendene Avenue and Milwaukee Place will need to be closed during weekdays for the duration of the works, but will be reopened during weekends.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
5.	<p>Parrs Park, Glen Eden Car Park Reseal</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>This project has been successfully completed.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
6.	<p>Parrs Park, Glen Eden North-East Development</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Detailed design and consent work is being completed on the Parrs Park north-east development in the 2009/2010 financial year. Physical works are programmed to be undertaken in the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 financial years.</p> <p>Detailed design on the Parrs Park north-east development has begun. It is anticipated that design work will be completed and all consents obtained by the end of March 2010.</p>	<p>Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
7.	Gardner Reserve, New Lynn Toilet Development  Officer's Report	As part of the New Lynn Transit Oriented Development, a new public toilet is to be installed on Gardner Reserve, New Lynn. Design work commenced in September 2009. The concept design will be brought to the New Lynn Community Board for approval in April 2010. Physical works are programmed to commence by June 2010.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
8.	Bob Hill Reserve, New Lynn Skate Facility Upgrade  Officer's Report	As part of Council's ongoing playground facilities renewal programme the skate facility and basketball half court at Bob Hill Reserve, New Lynn have been upgraded in the 2009/2010 financial year. Works involved upgrading the half court, and undertaking repairs to the existing concrete skate bowl.  Physical works have been successfully completed. A community event has been planned for Saturday, 6 March 2010 at Bob Hill Reserve.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
9.	Manuka Park, New Lynn and Sunvue Park, Glen Eden Refurbishment  Officer's Report	Refurbishment works are scheduled to take place at both Manuka Park, New Lynn and Sunvue Park, Glen Eden.  Works at both sites includes minor fixture and furniture replacement, tree planting, drainage works, and replacing some skate items at Manuka Park, New Lynn which were previously removed.  <u>Manuka Park, New Lynn</u>  A mail drop was undertaken prior to Christmas 2009 advising directly affected residents of the works. Due to feedback received skate items were not replaced. Instead, games such as hop scotch and four square were painted onto the existing concrete pad. Works were successfully completed in February 2010.  <u>Sunvue Park, Glen Eden</u>  Works commenced in late February 2010 and will be completed in March 2010.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
10.	Mason Park, New Lynn, Sunvue Park, Glen Eden and Annison Green, Glen Eden Playground Upgrades  Officer's Report	Community consultation was undertaken in the 2008/2009 financial year for the playground upgrades at Mason Park, New Lynn, Sunvue Park, Glen Eden and Annison Green, Glen Eden. Building consents have been obtained for Mason Park, New Lynn and Sunvue Park, Glen Eden and works are scheduled be undertaken between March and April 2010 at these locations. The building consent is still being processed for Annison Green, Glen Eden and works are expected to be undertaken in April 2010.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
11.	Signs for Glendene School  Resolution No. 91/2010  Public Forum  8 February 2010  New Lynn Community Board	At the February 2010 meeting of the New Lynn Community Board, representatives of Glendene School requested Council to install five new signs and improve the existing sign for Glendene School to help raise the profile of the school.  This request was previously declined by Transport Assets due to the majority of people using the signs being local and the additional signs would have no benefit to the operation of our roads  After further discussions, Council has agreed to install five signs within the vicinity of the school to help raise its profile.	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736
12.	Parking Stakeholder Consultation  Resolution No. 1513/2009  3 September 2009  Policy and Strategy Committee	The draft Parking Plans were adopted by the Policy and Strategy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2009.  The changes resulting from public consultation and approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee have been incorporated into the draft Parking Plans. It is expected that copies of the final Parking Plans will be available by early March 2010.	Kevin Wright ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8419
13.	Draft Waitakere City Freight Plan Consultation  Officer's Report Resolution No. 1359/2009 6 August 2009  Policy and Strategy Committee	At its meeting held on Thursday, 4 February 2010, the Policy and Strategy Committee adopted the Waitakere City Freight Plan with changes resulting from public consultation. It is now expected that copies of the final Waitakere City Freight Plan will be available in March 2010.	Kevin Wright ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8419

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Glen Eden Township - Pedestrian Safety Issues and Lack of Disabled Parking Bays	Public Forum 3 September 2007	12 April 2010	Caisey Marter ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8138
Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Progress Report	Resolution No. 1445/2005 1 August 2005 Last updated 30 November 2009	12 April 2010	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Carmen Fernandes, Committee Secretary.



10 **TITIRANGI ROAD / GREAT NORTH ROAD / RATA STREET INTERSECTION, NEW LYNN - NEW STOP CONTROLS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for new Stop controls at the Titirangi Road / Great North Road / Rata Street intersection.

No consultation was carried out as surrounding properties and businesses will not be affected.

Two options have been identified: to install the new Stop controls or to leave the existing Give Way controls.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Titirangi Road / Great North Road / Rata Street Intersection, New Lynn - New Stop Controls report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **TITIRANGI ROAD, NEW LYNN**:
  - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following control be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) that a new **STOP** control be put in place on **TITIRANGI ROAD** where it intersects with **GREAT NORTH ROAD**.
3. **Approve** that in relation to **GREAT NORTH ROAD, NEW LYNN**:
  - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following control be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,

- (i) that a new **STOP** control be put in place on **GREAT NORTH ROAD** where it intersects with **TITIRANGI ROAD**.
4. **Approve** that in relation to **RATA STREET, NEW LYNN**:
  - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following control be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely:
    - (i) that a new **STOP** control be put in place on **RATA STREET** where it intersects with **GREAT NORTH ROAD**.
5. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 - Rule 54002, hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said Stop controls.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. Following a Citywide black spot study undertaken in 2009, some traffic safety issues were identified at the Titirangi Road / Great North Road / Rata Street intersection and the Council has investigated options for improvements.
2. Reported rear end and pedestrian accidents mean that Stop controls are a recommended treatment for the three left turn slip lanes at this intersection.

## **DECISION MAKING**

### **Issues**

3. Titirangi Road, Great North Road and Rata Street are all regional arterial roads and carry large volumes of traffic.
4. A search of the Land Transport New Zealand database shows that for the past five years there have been nine reported rear end and two pedestrian accidents on the three left turn slip lanes at the Titirangi Road / Great North Road / Rata Street intersection. The database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents that have occurred. It is entirely possible one or more unreported accidents have occurred at this intersection.
- AI 5. The location of the new Stop controls are indicated on the diagram attached at page A1.

### **Options Identified**

6. Two options have been identified: to install the new Stop controls or to leave the existing Give Way controls.

### **Consideration of Community Views**

7. No consultation was carried out as surrounding properties and businesses will not be affected.

### Preferred Option

8. The preferred option is to put in the Stop controls at the Titirangi Road / Great North Road / Rata Street intersection to improve traffic safety.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

9. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe City travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally-responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.
10. Stop controls can be applied to ensure clarity of priorities and helps the safe movement on roads.

### CONSULTATION

11. Consultation with internal staff, external agencies and Maori, was not required for this report.

### RESOURCES

12. The new Stop controls can be implemented under the Annual Plan 2009/2010 minor improvements budget.

### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

13. There are no implementation issues arising from this report.

### AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

14. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

**Report prepared by:** Duncan Campbell, Senior Transport Engineer.



11 **KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2010 - TREES FOR BABIES PLANTING PROGRAMME**

**GLOSSARY**

Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT)  
Trees for Babies (T4B)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to secure approval of a park for this year's annual Trees for Babies (T4B) community planting in the New Lynn Ward, and to request the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

The park option recommended for Trees for Babies for 2010 has been selected based on their suitability for a Trees for Babies event, following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT) Board and Council Officers.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2010 Trees for Babies Planting Programme report.
2. **Approve** that Olympic Park be accepted as the confirmed venue for the 2010 Trees for Babies event in New Lynn Ward.
3. **Approve** that a representative from the New Lynn Community Board be nominated to speak at the 2010 Trees for Babies event.

**BACKGROUND**

1. T4B is an annual event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four wards as part of KWBT, Plunket and Council project for the past 15 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve each year.
2. Park sites for the T4B event are assessed according to the following range of issues:
  - The park's suitability to accommodate a large area of planting;
  - Proximity to a school, kindergarten or playground;
  - Good access to the park;
  - Amenity of the site (i.e. is it a nice park to be in?); and
  - Level of use and visibility to the community.

**DECISION MAKING**

**Issues**

3. The T4B event for New Lynn Ward will take place on 1 May 2010 from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.

4. A Community Board representative on the KWBT Board and/or the KWBT Programme Manager will be present at the Community Board meeting to answer any questions regarding the event.

### Options Identified

5. New Lynn Community Board requested consideration of Olympic Park for 2010 T4B plantings.

### Assessment of Options

6. Site visits were conducted at both nominated parks. The following assessment of the short listed sites provides details which have determined the proposed preferred option.

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
Olympic Park (New Lynn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• good road frontage</li> <li>• Citywide park</li> <li>• well used</li> <li>• playground in centre of park</li> <li>• good open site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIL</li> </ul>
Clayburn Reserve (Glen Eden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the presence of extensive underground services (cables and underground gas mains supplying Auckland International Airport)</li> <li>• limited road frontage</li> <li>• restricted choices for areas to plant (visibility may be affected and would lose profile of open space)</li> <li>• lack of good access</li> <li>• highly vandalised</li> <li>• low visibility</li> </ul>

7. Based on the above evaluation, Olympic Park is considered the preferred option. Clayburn Reserve, Glen Eden was nominated. However, it is considered to be unsuitable.

### Consideration of Community Views

8. There has been continued community support for the T4B planting programme as highlighted through the numbers of residents taking part in the event each year and taking an active ongoing interest in the progress of their trees. There continues to be a demand from the community for T4B opportunities within Waitakere.
9. T4B is now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long-term partnership between KWBT and Council. The following table summarises the popularity of the event over the past five years:

Year	Number of Trees Planted	Number of Registered Attendees
2005	400	930
2006	435	1335
2007	400	1310
2008	435	996
2009	400	1480

### Preferred Option

10. The preferred option for the New Lynn Ward 2010 T4B is Olympic Park.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. The T4B project is an ongoing project identified in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 which contributes to achieving two key community outcomes. 'Green network' (through revegetation) and 'Strong communities' (through fostering a sense of belonging).
12. T4B is a green network project which directly implements the Council's environment strategy by enhancing park amenity. T4B is also consistent with objectives in the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan directed at empowering communities with a sense of identity and shaping and managing open spaces.

### CONSULTATION

13. Community Boards were asked to submit possible sites for the 2010 T4B. From the list of sites gathered and from other options put forward by Council officers and the KWBT Board, a shortlist of suitable sites was selected.
14. Consultation with the local community adjacent to the proposed T4B sites has yet to occur. It is proposed that this consultation will occur after the preferred site is chosen.
15. Community Boards have previously commented that they would like more details on the proposed planting sites and the impact on the chosen reserve. As such, Parks are assisting KWBT by now producing planting plans for all the preferred T4B sites for use in consultation with the Community Board and local residents and to ensure implementation of the planting in the best location within the reserve and with the most appropriate mix of tree species.
- A2-A3 16. A detailed planting plan (attached at pages A2 to A3) showing the T4B site within the nominated park will be presented at this meeting. This planting plan will provide the details to undertake consultation with the local community to ensure there are no issues with the proposed planting location from a community perspective.
17. Past community consultation on possible sites has only rarely resulted in objection from the community. The planting plan will allow for amendments to be made based on community consultation that should address most of the issues related to tree size, location, and shading that have in the past been the key issues with the proposed T4B planting sites.
18. If any objection to the proposed site becomes evident during this consultation process, then it is proposed that the second highest rated option is then progressed for the T4B planting programme for 2010 as an alternative.

### RESOURCES

19. Funding for T4B has been approved through the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019, as provided in the Annual Plan 2009/2010 (\$20,500) and is one of the key programmes funded by Council through the KWBT.

## IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

20. All the implementation of the T4B planting programme is undertaken by KWBT. Planting is carried out in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice specifications and is supervised by suitably qualified experts.
21. An underplanting of low shrubs will be planted to minimise weed maintenance and weed incursion issues on the T4B site, as well as providing enhanced growing conditions for young native plants.
22. Once the T4B site has been planted and the asset information passed onto Parks Assets from KWBT, the maintenance of the planting is then carried out by Council's Parks Assets Section through a landscape maintenance contract.

## AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

23. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

**Report prepared by:** Estée Farrar, Parks Community Assistance Co-ordinator, Parks Planning.



## 12 GARDNER RESERVE AND TODD TRIANGLE CONCEPT PLANS AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

### GLOSSARY

Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019	(LTCCP)
New Lynn Reserves Management Plan	(Management Plan)
New Lynn Transit Orientated Development	(TOD)
Notice of Requirement	(NoR)
Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan	(Strategic Plan)
Reserves Act 1977	(Reserves Act)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents concept plans for Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle at New Lynn. Both concept plans form part of the New Lynn Transit Orientated Development (TOD) project which seeks to create a fully functioning transport hub at New Lynn to support the revitalisation of the New Lynn town centre.

The assessment within this report concludes that, as the proposed redesign of Gardner Reserve will essentially retain the existing character of the reserve, a review of the New Lynn Reserves Management Plan (Management Plan) is unnecessary with respect to this reserve. The changes proposed in relation to Todd Triangle will however result in significant changes to the character of this reserve and a partial review of the New Lynn Management Plan is required in relation to Todd Triangle.

This report recommends that the New Lynn Community Board adopt the Gardner Reserve Concept Plan and include it in the Management Plan when it is next reprinted.

Delegation for decision making on the Todd Triangle sits with the Infrastructure and Works Committee. The Infrastructure and Works Committee will be considering this matter at its meeting on 3 March 2010.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle Concept Plans and Reserve Management Plan Update report.
2. **Approve** the Gardner Reserve Concept Plan and direct the Chief Executive Officer to have it included in the New Lynn Reserves Management Plan when next reprinted.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. Through the TOD project the Council is seeking to support the revitalisation of New Lynn by providing a high quality urban environment that is pedestrian orientated and supportive of public transport. There are two aspects to this project which will impact on Council reserves. These being:
  - The extension of Clark Street through the erection of an overbridge that connects Clark Street/ Rankin Avenue with Great North Road. The grassed batter slope supporting this overbridge extends onto Gardner Reserve and has necessitated a redesign of this reserve; and
  - The redevelopment of Totara Avenue to enhance the character of this historic high street by reducing traffic volumes and speed, making it a more pedestrian 'friendly' environment and enhancing street amenity. The western end of Totara Avenue will be stopped and a new link will be created to the north passing through Todd Triangle.
2. Regular updates on the TOD project have been provided to the Infrastructure and Works Committee and Council has endorsed the developed designs described above (resolution no. 1773/2008). A Notice of Requirement (NoR) issued by the Council to designate land at New Lynn covered the works affecting Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle. The NoR, which included concept plans for Gardner Reserve was publicly notified with nine submissions being received. Only one of these (from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust) related to either Gardner Reserve or Todd Triangle and this was addressed through the inclusion of a condition requiring interpretative signs to be erected at Gardner Reserve. Council resolved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation on the NoR at a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday, 9 February 2010:

*"The Planning and Regulatory Committee resolved to:*

1. **Receive** the Waitakere District Plan Designation: Clark Street Low Level Bridge, New Lynn report.
2. **Agree** that pursuant to section 172 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Council, in its role as the requiring authority, accept the Commissioner's recommendation that the designation of the land for the Clark Street Low Level Bridge, New Lynn be confirmed with the land identified as being:

- *Todd Triangle : Pt Allot 256 PSH OF Waikomiti Gazette 1965 p625*
- *Lot 15 DP 42203 NA137B/298*
- *Lot 16 DP 42203 NA 137B/298*
- *Lot 17 DP 42203 NA137B/298*
- *Lot 3 DP 58386 NA13D/869*
- *Lot 2 DP 161309 NA978A/66*
- *Lot 1 DP 161309NA97A/65*
- *Lot 1 DP 209280NA137B/298*
- *Lot 2 DP 209280 NA137B/299*
- *Lot 1 DP 199076NA127D/557*
- *New Zealand Rail Corporation North Auckland Line*
- *Lot 1 DP164120 NZ98D831*
- *Lot 1 DP115005*
- *Great North Road, Legal Road between street numbers 3075-3119, and 3094-8108*
- *Legal Road of all of Todd Avenue*
- *Legal road of Totara Avenue between street nos 1-29 inclusive.*

3. *Note that the implementation of the works related to the Waitakere District Plan Designation: Clark Street Low Level Bridge will not commence until such time as the related resource consents and permission/s from ONTRACK have been obtained.”*

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3. This report is provided to ensure that the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 (Reserves Act) are met. The Reserve Act requires Council to assess proposed changes to reserves and consider whether reserve management plan updates are required.
4. Both Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle are included within the Management Plan which was adopted in 2004 by the New Lynn Community Board.
5. Council has previously undertaken a review of the Management Plan to provide an accessway over Ambrico Reserve as part of the TOD project. The New Lynn Community Board adopted changes to the Management Plan in November 2009 (1920/2009) and it is proposed to reprint the Management Plan once the proposed changes outlined in this report have been approved.
6. Delegation for decision making on Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle sits as follows:
  - New Lynn Community Board - Gardner Reserve; and
  - Infrastructure and Works Committee - Todd Triangle.

## DECISION MAKING

### Issues

#### Gardner Reserve

7. Gardner Reserve is classified as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act and as a local reserve (walkway) under the Council's Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan).
8. In developing the concept design for Gardner Reserve, Council officers sought to transform the reserve into a more useable space that:
  - Retains and protects significant features of the reserve;
  - Provides better functionality and amenity to users;
  - Provides better and safer access for pedestrians and cyclists between Ambrico Place and the town centre;
  - Makes stronger physical and visual connections to the town centre; and
  - Integrates the reserve with the low level overbridge.
9. The resulting design incorporates a number of specific features, some of which are outlined below.
10. Elements demonstrating an association with the Gardner family (one of the founding families of New Lynn), such as the brickworks and remnant garden plantings to the west of the site (near Ambrico) have been retained. Proposed interpretative signage, ceramic inlays on the path and a reserve sign will reinforce the reserve's connection with the Gardner family and New Lynn's pottery movement. A heritage assessment of the TOD project undertaken by Dave Pearson Architects concluded that "*the current physical layout of the reserve was not considered to have any particular heritage value*" and that "*redesigning the reserve will not, therefore, result in any loss of heritage values*".
11. The important connection between Ambrico Place and the town centre has been enhanced through realigning the path to provide clearer sight lines and provision of a wider path in order to make this area safer for use of both pedestrians and cyclists. Uplighting and general area lighting of the area will also support the safe use of the reserve as a pedestrian route at night. Two stairs will also provide direct access between the reserve and Clark Street.
12. General improvements in reserve amenity have also been proposed through the design of gardens, replacement of paths and installation of a toilet. The gardens will also treat stormwater run-off.
- A4-A5 13. A copy of the Gardner Reserve Concept Plan drawings prepared by Architectus is attached at pages A4 to A5.
14. The Management Plan contains policies that support the need to develop pedestrian linkages, protect the natural and cultural values of reserves, interpret these values, protect public safety and manage reserves according to their Reserves Act classification. The Management Plan does not specifically include a concept plan for Gardner Reserve.
15. While a number of changes are proposed (and in particular the introduction of the grassed batter slope), the overall form and function of the reserve as defined by paths and trees remains largely unchanged and it will continue to function as a walkway consistent with the Management Plan policy direction outlined above. Thus a partial review of the Management Plan is not considered necessary in relation to Gardner Reserve.

### Todd Triangle

16. Todd Triangle is classified as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act and as a Citywide (civic) park under the Strategic Plan.
17. The Todd Triangle was originally set aside as a reserve in 1917 but has been modified on a number of occasions since then with the last major redevelopment occurring when Todd Avenue was stopped in 2005.
18. Although the proposed footprint of the reserve is quite different from that which currently exists, the proposed area covered by the reserve is larger (approximately 1300m<sup>2</sup>, an increase from 1110m<sup>2</sup>) which will allow this area to be developed as a significant destination that is highly recognisable and reflective of New Lynn's identity. The reserve will be contiguous with a further area of approximately 1300m<sup>2</sup> which, while serving as an access lane to the Lone Star Restaurant will essentially become a pedestrian orientated space.
19. There was initial concern that the layout changes would affect the heritage values of the reserve. However the heritage assessment undertaken by Dave Pearson Architects Limited concludes that the current layout is not considered to have high significance and this combined with the retention of the clock tower in its current position will not result in any significant loss of heritage values.
20. The design retains the totara tree in its current position and encompasses the heritage-listed phoenix palm within the reserve. It also includes design features such as brick seating and anticipates the erection of sculptures as a means of reinforcing the identity of New Lynn.
21. As well as promoting the important connection with New Lynn's brickworks, the low brick wall on the edge serves to create a sense of enclosure for the reserve. The grassed mounds and street trees to the west will screen the reserve from the Great North Road and thereby assist in enhancing the amenity of the reserve.
22. Improvements to reserve amenity will also be achieved through the inclusion of a shelter, seating and garden areas.
23. The paving treatment proposed is in line with the wider New Lynn development.
- A6-A7 24. A copy of the Todd Triangle Concept Plan drawings prepared by Architectus is attached at pages A6 to A7.
25. As the changes proposed in relation to providing for vehicular access through Todd Triangle are not provided for within the Management Plan, and will result in a significant change to the character of the reserve, a partial review of the Management Plan under section 41(9) of the Reserves Act is considered appropriate in relation to Todd Triangle.

### Consideration of Community Views

26. There has been extensive consultation undertaken with the community through the wider TOD project. This has included a number of informal discussions through public open days and meetings with interest groups and affected landowners. Formal consultation has also been undertaken through Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 (LTCCP), Annual Plan and NoR processes.
27. However, in order to meet Reserve Act requirements, Council is also required to follow a prescribed consultation process where significant changes to reserve management plans are proposed. The community consultation proposed for the partial review of the Management Plan as it relates to Todd Triangle as set out in Table 1 below meets these requirements. Consultation will be undertaken jointly with initiatives proposed as part of wider TOD project where possible.

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28. The Todd Triangle Concept Plan drawings provided by Architectus and referenced earlier in this report (attached at pages A6 to A7) would form the basis for discussions with the community through the consultation process.

Month	Consultation Proposed
March 2010	Public notification requesting submissions on the Todd Triangle Concept Plan (two month submission period).
	Meetings with interest groups associated with Todd Triangle where appropriate.
	Public open day at New Lynn Community Centre to present draft Todd Triangle Concept Plan and receive comments and feedback.
April 2010	Second public open day.
May 2010	Close of submissions.
June 2010	Hearings of submissions by the Infrastructure and Works Committee on draft Todd Triangle Concept Plan (Information report to New Lynn Community Board).
	Amendments to Todd Triangle Concept Plan based on submissions.
July 2010	Report to Infrastructure and Works Committee to: Hear submissions on proposed Todd Triangle Concept Plan. Consider amendments to Todd Triangle Concept Plan where appropriate. Adopt Todd Triangle Concept Plan (including any amendments) and approve update to Management Plan.

**Table 1: Proposed Community Consultation for Management Plan Review**

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

29. The proposed redevelopments of both Gardner Reserve and Todd Triangle at New Lynn are part of the TOD project. The TOD project has been identified as one of the Council's top five projects and represents a substantial investment in the LTCCP. The TOD project seeks to create a fully functioning transport hub at New Lynn to support the revitalisation of the New Lynn town centre.
30. The TOD project delivers on the following community outcomes:
- Strong economy;
  - Sustainable and Integrated Transport; and
  - Urban and Rural Villages.
31. The TOD project is aligned with the following strategies:
- Economic Wellbeing - a catalytic environment for a flourishing and resilient community;
  - Transport - a sustainable multi-modal transport system that is integrated to land use and contributes to Waitakere as an eco city;
  - Growth Management - a dynamic network of vibrant town centres and neighbourhoods with a social, physical and natural fabric providing housing choice and employment opportunities for all; and
  - The Auckland Regional Growth Strategy, whereby New Lynn has been identified as a regional growth centre.
32. Reserve management plans are prepared under the Reserves Act and in the context of the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan 2009 and the Council's wider strategic direction.

33. This report provides an assessment of the proposed redevelopments against the Management Plan.

### CONSULTATION

34. Consultation for the partial review of the Management Plan is outlined in this report and meets all the relevant consultation requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and Reserves Act.

### RESOURCES

35. Budget will be required for the public notification of the proposed review. These costs of approximately \$5,000 will be met within the Parks Planning and Analysis Budget.

### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

36. The implementation of the proposed design for Todd Triangle will alter the reserve 'footprint' in that some land previously identified as reserve would become road reserve and vice versa. Procedures to formally amend the respective reserve and road boundaries through reserve reclassification and road stopping could be instigated following the Management Plan review in order to provide certainty to the community and ensure that maintenance responsibilities are clearly defined.

### AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

37. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

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## 13 AUCKLAND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - OLYMPIC PARK

### GLOSSARY

Auckland Sustainable Development Centre	(ASDC)
EcoMatters Environment Trust	(EcoMatters)
Olympic Park	(the Park)
Olympic Park Recreational Reserve - Reserve Management Plan	(Management Plan)
Reserves Act 1977	(Reserves Act)
Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan	(Strategic Plan)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a proposal by EcoMatters Environment Trust (EcoMatters) to expand their current activities at Olympic Park (the Park), New Lynn and establish the Auckland Sustainable Development Centre (ASDC).

The Council has supported the concept of developing the ASDC in response to a submission by EcoMatters on the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019. Council officers are working with EcoMatters to develop a business plan for the ASDC.

The proposed ASDC would involve expanding or changing the use of existing buildings as well as establishing new buildings within the Olympic Place precinct occupied by EcoMatters. Thus approval from the Council in its capacity as landowner is necessary in order for EcoMatters to proceed further with this project.

The assessment within this report concludes that the Olympic Park Recreational Reserve - Reserve Management Plan (Management Plan) generally provides for both the erection of additional buildings in the vicinity of EcoMatters House/ Olympic Place and the wider education activities within the Park and thus, it is considered that a review of the Management Plan is not required.

This report is being provided for the information of the New Lynn Community Board. Delegation for decision making on Olympic Park sits with the Infrastructure and Works Committee which will consider this matter on 3 March 2010. Council officers will report issues raised by the New Lynn Community Board to the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Auckland Sustainable Development Centre - Olympic Park report.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **EcoMatters**

1. EcoMatters, a charitable trust was established in 2002 to engage and work with the community of Waitakere on urban environmental issues.
2. Since 2004 EcoMatters, along with three partner organisations (Keep Waitakere Beautiful, Tag Out and Weedfree) have been based at the Park.
3. Community-based environmental programmes delivered by EcoMatters include initiatives in the areas of water conservation, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, waste minimisation, stream and riparian restoration and community education. These have received strong community support.
4. A Partnering Statement signed on 5 October 2007 acknowledged the work EcoMatters does towards delivering the Council's strategic direction, clarified the relationship between the two organisations and provides for the development of a shared work programme in relation to projects of mutual interest.
5. In May 2009, EcoMatters made a submission to the draft Long Term Council and Community Plan 2009-2019 seeking support for the extension of the Sustainable Living Centre at the Park. While not providing financial resources, the Council indicated support for the development of an ASDC and committed to continuing to work with EcoMatters to assist in planning to establish the ASDC and securing resources for the project.

#### **Proposed expansion - Auckland Sustainable Development Centre**

6. Over the past six months, EcoMatters have begun planning for the expansion of their existing premises at the Park into the ASDC which is intended to cater for the Auckland region. This exercise has now reached the point where issues relating to the use of the Park need to be considered before EcoMatters can proceed any further.

7. EcoMatters (and partner trusts) currently operate out of three buildings on Olympic Place.
8. The proposed ADSC will continue to provide for the activities of EcoMatters and their partner trusts together with the (West) Auckland Resource Centre. The proposal includes expanding or changing the use of existing buildings at Olympic Place and also includes new buildings within the precinct that they occupy. The proposed buildings would consist of:
  - An administration building (Building A) to include office functions, education and meeting facilities, laboratory and work spaces for students and underground parking. The building would be sited on the current Sustainable Living Centre site and would itself demonstrate sustainable practices in a commercial context. Some facilities may be available for hire;
  - Three demonstration homes (Building B) under an atrium linked to the existing Ecohouse;
  - An **eco-café** (Building C) in the existing Station Masters house which currently houses administration staff of the four trusts. In addition to providing a normal range of café services, the café will also provide education functions and demonstrate how small to medium sized service-type businesses could operate in a sustainable manner;
  - A research and product centre (Building D) adjoining the gymnasium to house equipment and research facilities for the Tag Out and Weedfree Trusts and the activities of the (West) Auckland Resource Centre. Some facilities may be available for hire; and
  - The existing Trusts EcoHouse (Building G).
9. Proposed ASDC activities would continue to occur in the wider Park (as they currently do) in order to demonstrate sustainable gardening and best practice interventions for issues such as waste and stormwater management, stream and riparian management and ecological restoration.
- A8-A16 10. A copy of the EcoMatters ASDC proposal dated 10 February 2010 which includes layout plans is attached at pages A8 to A16.

#### **Olympic Park management**

11. The Park is a Citywide reserve and as such the delegation for decisions relating to it sits with the Infrastructure and Works Committee.
12. The Management Plan guides the management of the Park. An assessment of the ASDC in relation to the Management Plan is included later in this report.
13. The Park is divided into a number of parcels. The Management Plan indicates the status of these areas affected by building activities as follows:
  - Site of Buildings B, C and G and centre activities - gazetted as Local Purpose Reserve (Community Buildings) under the Reserves Act; and
  - Sites of Buildings A, D and F - Recreation Reserve.
14. EcoMatters and partner trusts currently hold leases for the:
  - Sustainable Living Centre (expiring 1 March 2013);
  - Tag Out and Weedfree Trusts office (application for renewal being processed); and
  - Now House (expired, November 2009).

15. The Park provides for a mix of organised sport and informal and passive recreation opportunities and there are a number of other lessees with an interest in the Park including the Western Indoor Bowling Association, Lynndale Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club, Waitakere Gymnastics Club, Bay Olympic Soccer Club and the New Lynn Citizens Brass Band (which is currently in the process of relocating).

## DECISION MAKING

### Issues

#### **Establishment of the Auckland Sustainable Development Centre**

16. The Council has supported the concept of developing the ASDC in response to a submission by EcoMatters on the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.
17. Council officers have been working with EcoMatters to develop a business plan for the development of the ASDC. It is planned to seek the Policy and Strategy Committee's support for the business plan at its meeting to be held on 8 April 2010.
18. The buildings and activities outlined under paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 above are central to the development of the ASDC. For this reason, approval from the Council in its capacity as landowner is necessary in order for EcoMatters to proceed further with this project.
19. Council officers have been working with EcoMatters regarding the location of the proposed buildings and consider that the spatial arrangement proposed will allow for the expansion while being sensitive to other uses and qualities of the Park.
20. Clustering buildings around Olympic Place near existing buildings will mean that those areas of the Park currently used for informal recreation will remain unaffected by the proposed buildings.
21. The proposed redevelopment of Olympic Place seeks to respond to existing buildings and site conditions. There are no buildings proposed immediately to the east of the existing car park. This will protect views towards the Avondale Stream and ensure connectivity through to the bulk of the Park. The main administration building will be sited on the current Sustainable Living Centre site adjacent to the service station.
22. There is one new building site proposed (Building D). Council officers consider that sleeving the gymnasium with this building could provide an opportunity to decrease the visual prominence of the existing building and create a more active edge to the Park. Improving the appearance of existing buildings is consistent with Policy 3.5 of the Management Plan.

#### **Reserve Management Plan Assessment**

23. The primary purpose of the Park as described in the Reserve Management Plan is to *"provide an integrated mix of organised sport and informal and passive recreation opportunities to attract local users, while enhancing the natural processes in the park in accordance with Waitakere City Council's Green Network Strategy"* and the plan contains objectives and policies to give effect to this.

24. Activities of EcoMatters (and partner trusts) were only being planned when the Management Plan was being developed, and as a consequence the Plan makes limited reference to the buildings and activities of EcoMatters. However car parking and landscaping policies within the Management Plan support many of EcoMatters initiatives (both current and proposed) including:
- modelling best practice in terms of stormwater management;
  - enhancing the amenity and ecological values of the reserves and in particular in riparian areas; and
  - setting aside areas for conservation gardens, displaying local ecosystem plants and demonstrating stormwater treatment techniques for educative purposes.
25. The main issue identified in the Management Plan is the potential over-development of the site and Policy 2.4 signals an intention to limit new buildings or extensions to new buildings to those associated with sporting or education functions. The policy specifically identifies an opportunity for providing additional buildings in the vicinity of the EcoMatters House. Where buildings are proposed the policy requires careful consideration of building design in order to enhance the amenity of the area. It is considered that the proposed extension of the existing buildings and the siting of new buildings appropriately consider the broader uses and amenity of the Park.
26. The Management Plan identifies recreation and recreation areas within the Park. Under the proposal, these areas are unaffected and maintain the intention of the Management Plan. The proposed developments are contained within the existing education precinct at Olympic Place.
27. Given the above and having regard to the proposal as described by EcoMatters, it is considered that the Management Plan generally provides for both the erection of additional buildings in the vicinity of EcoMatters House/ Olympic Place and the wider education activities within the Park. Thus it is considered that a review of the Management Plan is not required.
28. It is recognised, however, that the EcoMatters proposal may evolve and that the implications of any significant changes in scope may necessitate a reassessment of the proposal in terms of the Management Plan. Council officers will continue to work with EcoMatters to further develop the proposal and report back to the Infrastructure and Works Committee if further assessments of the Management Plan are required due to changes in the scope of the proposal.

#### **Consideration of Community Views**

29. Community consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the Management Plan. As noted above, the Management Plan generally provides for the erection of additional buildings in the vicinity of EcoMatters House/ Olympic Place and the wider education activities of EcoMatters (and partner trusts) within the Park. Therefore the consideration of community views via a formal review of the Management Plan is not required.
30. Council officers propose to meet with other Park lessees to gain feedback on the proposals. These meetings had not taken place at the time of writing this report.

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

31. EcoMatters' activities contribute to achieving a number of community outcomes. In particular those relating to the Green Network, Strong Communities, Sustainable Environment, Toiora (healthy lifestyles), Urban and Rural Villages, Whaiora (environmental protection) and Working Together.
32. EcoMatters' activities are aligned with Council's strategic direction in the following ways:
  - Environment Strategy - network of green, clean air, clean water and nothing wasted; and
  - Transport Strategy - a sustainable multi-modular transport system that is integrated with land use and contributes to Waitakere as an eco city. EcoMatters' activities have a particular focus on promotion of low impact design and effective stormwater management.
33. Reserve management plans are prepared in the context of the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) which contains objectives and policies based on the Council's strategic direction; relevant national, regional and local strategies; and legislation. EcoMatters activities are consistent with the following objectives in this Strategic Plan:
  - To protect and enhance a resilient Waitakere ecosystem;
  - Shape urban form through community character and interweaving natural and built environments;
  - Empower communities with stewardship and sense of identity; and
  - Continually improve planning and management of open spaces and seek safe, sustainable and healthy environments.
34. This report provides an assessment of the proposal against the Management Plan.

## CONSULTATION

35. Consultation with key staff across the Council has taken place in preparing this report including the Acting Director City Services, Parks Assets, Strategic Planning and Transport Assets.
36. Council officers regularly meet with EcoMatters to discuss issues of mutual interest and will continue to do so in relation to extension of existing activities and the development of the ASDC.
37. Existing Park lessees are being consulted with regards to the proposal.
38. Public consultation was undertaken during the development of the Management Plan. This plan supports EcoMatters' activities and the establishment of further buildings in the vicinity of Olympic Place. No further public consultation is proposed.

## RESOURCES

39. Based on there being no requirement for a review of the Management Plan there is no further budget requirements for Council at this stage. Ongoing discussions with EcoMatters will continue to require staff time.

40. EcoMatters is currently developing a business plan which will consider funding for the ASDC. It is planned to report the business plan to the Policy and Strategy Committee on 8 April 2010.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

41. A reserve reclassification process (from recreation to local purposes) was followed in order to enable EcoMatters to initially establish on the existing site. A similar process is likely to be required if buildings are proposed on land classified for recreation purposes under the Reserves Act.
42. Once the proposal is refined Council officers will determine if reclassification is necessary and if this is required, a report will be provided to the Infrastructure and Works Committee for consideration.
43. Depending on the finalised footprint for Building A, a road stopping procedure may need to be instigated for the unused portion of Clark Street which is currently managed as part of the Park.
44. Lease arrangements with EcoMatters will need to be reviewed to accommodate any new buildings and expanded range of activities.

#### **AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES**

45. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

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