

PART TWO:

OBJECTIVES

AND POLICIES

5.0 CONSULTATION

As part of the Management Plan process, the public were invited to make submissions to the Council on any aspects of Te Atatu Peninsula Park over which they may have interest or concerns. The public submission process was advertised in the local newspapers and through temporary signage at the Park. Signage was located so as to be as visible as possible to as many passers-by as possible.

The public submission period ran from February 2005 to 15 April 2005 and also included two open days where the public were invited to speak with Council representatives in person over any issues they may have with the Park. The open days were conducted over a two weekend period in April 2005 at the Park. Attendance at the open days generally saw 12-20 submissions per session being received, although not all were in writing. Many passers-by made comments, which were noted, but not written submissions. A total of 24 written submissions were received by the closing date. The open days were advertised in the local newspapers and through flyers located around the Te Atatu area.

The open days were held at the Park on Saturday morning April 2 and Saturday April 9, 2005. The open day display was set up outside the soccer

clubrooms and coincided with the junior soccer being played on the Park.

Following the completion of the public submissions and an analysis of the submissions, meetings were held with the three main clubs user of the sports fields to discuss the findings of the submissions and give them the opportunity to air any concerns or issues they had.

The meetings were held with Waitakere City Cricket Club, Te Atatu Association Football Club and Te Atatu Rugby.

League Club. In each instance the meeting was conducted with the committee of each of the clubs.

5.1 Waitakere City Cricket Club 31 May 2005

At this meeting a number of issues were raised including:

Concern regarding the location of number one wicket relative to club rooms; poor visibility to number one wicket would be addressed by second floor;

Desire to expand existing building, second floor addition;

Provision of new boundary fencing to cricket net area to contain cricket balls within the Park;

Installation of perimeter planting;

Request for fitness trail at the Park;

More perimeter seating;

Lack of disabled car parking;

Security lighting needs to be improved around Club building;

Neil Ave car park entrance needs to be improved in terms of visibility and maintenance, and

Provide better lighting to Neil Ave car park.

Improve Neil Ave entrance;

Provision of a petanque pitch;

More rubbish bins around the Park to be provided;

More regular maintenance of planting to be carried out by Council;

There are existing plans in place for expansion of club building;

Improve layout of Neil Ave carpark and include disabled car parking, and

Would like the playground moved to a different location to make it more visible;

5.2 Te Atatu Association Football Club 13 June 2005

At this meeting a number of issues were raised and requests made including:

Issues with number four field including markings, drainage and location of cricket pitch;

Investigate the possibility of all fields being sand slit;

Improve the junior playing field area;

The provision of a variety of pitch sizes to suit all grades;

Inclusion of a storage area adjacent to clubrooms;

Provide a fitness trail round the Park;

Improve access for disabled users and pushchairs;

Clarification of Park name as it is currently referred to by different names;

Directions to Park from main road;

5.3 Te Atatu Rugby League Club 20 June 2005

At this meeting a number of issues were raised including:

Shared use of Park between codes was felt as satisfactory;

Concern raised that the concrete cricket pitches create hazards for winter codes;

Concern that there is no full sized field for senior play;

Request to consider safety of existing fences around cricket blocks;

Concern that training areas are often closed over winter;

Observation that the installation of night lighting would be beneficial to the senior rugby league field;

Request to improve lighting between Matipo Road car park and training area, and Queries over allocation of fields.

As a follow up to the meeting with the clubs, a meeting was held with Waitakere City Council Parks to discuss the issues raised by the clubs and investigate possible solutions to the issues.

The draft Te Atatu Peninsula Park Reserve Management Plan was approved by the City Development Committee in October 2005 and was publicly notified the same month. Copies of the plan were distributed to interested parties and the local library and was also available for viewing on the council website.

Submissions to the Draft Te Atatu Peninsula Park Reserve Management Plan closed on December 2005, a total of 17 submissions were received.

5.4 Summary of Public Submissions

In total 24 written submissions were received from various parties and individuals during the first round of submissions.. These submissions exclude the consultation completed with the sports clubs. The submissions are summarised as follows:

Summarised Submission	submissions
Positive and appreciate the current facilities.	8
More car parking including disabled parking is required.	3
Allow the enhancement of the existing buildings.	2
No more building.	1
Perimeter Planting and/or the provision of trees that provide shade.	2
Shelter for spectators situated by the fields.	1
Fitness trail to be provided at the perimeter of the Park.	5
Drinking and water fountains to be provided.	5
Provision of night time lighting for sports play.	1
Provide additional sand based fields and training areas and improve drainage of existing fields.	2
Provide more perimeter seating.	3
Public programmes (holiday activities).	1
Maintain the current level of mixed use in terms of sports clubs.	2
Increase the current playground facility.	3
Preserve the existing cricket facility.	1

Summarised Submission	submissions
Appreciate the nets being available to the public.	1
Provision of safety fencing adjacent to cricket nets.	1
Investigate location of playground for safety.	3
Improvement to linkage between buildings.	2
Improve visibility of Neil Ave carpark entrance, including lighting.	2
Improve car parking layout to Neil Ave carpark.	1
Concerns of safety where facilities can create hazards, i.e. concrete cricket wicket protection.	2
Ensuring field sizes and markings meet sports code requirements.	2
Standardisation of Park signage and Park name.	2

A summary of the submissions received to the Draft Te Atatu Peninsula Park Reserve Management Plan is listed below.

Summarised Submission	No. of submissions received
Location of the playground	12
Provision of additional carparks	7
Sports fields	2
Noise and security	3
Night lighting	1
Vegetation	4

6.0 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

This section of the Reserve Management Plan sets out Objectives and Policies that deal with issues that have arisen from site inspections and the consultation process to date. The Policies are such that they are able to be implemented and achieve the Objectives for managing the reserves. The policy framework has been derived from the background and issues as outlined in Part 1 of this Plan. Further implementation concepts are outlined in Part 3 of the Plan, which details the Concept Plan for Te Atatu Peninsula Park.

6.1 VISION STATEMENT

Te Atatu Peninsula Park shall be managed and developed in such a manner so that the users can enjoy a range of leisure activities including organised sports, in a safe environment.

7.0 OBJECTIVES

7.1 OBJECTIVE 1

To provide for and enhance the continued use and enjoyment of the Park by a range of City wide uses.

This objective shall be achieved through the application of the following policies.

Policy 1.1

To provide a safe environment for park users.

Implementation

Allow for nighttime security lighting, only where access is required for nighttime use of facilities, with particular attention being paid to lighting around buildings/carparks. Lighting is subject to the conditions of the Parks Strategy.

Allow the upgrading of existing lighting to car parking areas, particularly the Neil Avenue entrance.

Allow for the installation of lighting for night time access between Matipo Road carpark and the existing Rugby League training area.

The playground at Te Atatu Peninsula Park will remain in its present location adjacent to the carpark at Neil Avenue unless additional land is purchased to enlarge the reserve.

Ensure safer options for cricket block winter fencing, which addresses the concerns regarding safety issues for winter sports codes.

Protect artificial cricket wickets to address the concerns regarding safety issues for winter sports codes.

Allow for boundary fences and planting to incorporate permeable fence materials and access gates from neighbouring properties to the Park.

Investigate the purchase of property to improve road frontage in line with Council guidelines for City wide parks should the opportunity arise.

Ensure that any proposal to provide additional lighting (other than upgrades of existing lighting), involves consultation with the affected neighbours.

Allow for the upgrade and maintenance of existing facilities and infrastructure such as lights.

Policy 1.2

Ensure playground equipment is in good order and maintained to comply with current codes.

Implementation

Ensure inspections and audits of equipment and surfaces are completed regularly.

Repair or replace any equipment that does not meet the current national standards and ensure the removal of equipment does not create any new safety issues.

Ensure that any extension to the playground is away from the boundary fence.

Policy 1.3

Provide additional park fixtures and carpark lighting to improve usability for a wider range of users.

Implementation

Install additional seating to the Park perimeter.

Improved access, including pedestrian access from Neil Ave carpark for a wide range of users including disabled users.

Provide one drinking fountain at a specific location so it can be used by local sportspeople and other users, such as people who walk or run in the Park.

Develop central paved area between the existing clubroom facilities.

Develop an area that can be used for BBQs and gatherings with associated seating in the central paved entrance between the clubhouses. Encourage the clubs to provide their own BBQ facilities.

Allow for social activities to occur in the central paved area, such as BBQ's.

To provide a mixture of choices for active and passive recreation which includes sports fields and a fitness trail or jogging track around the perimeter of the Park.

No additional night lighting to sports fields shall be installed unless the applicant undertakes full consultation and gains the approval of all affected parties including neighbours and other park users. The Parks

Manager must also provide their approval for any such proposal.

Allow for existing lighting to be maintained and upgraded as required, provided there is no significant increase in the current level or subject to the approval of affected parties.

Allow the relocation of existing training area lighting within the Park, where better utilisation of space can be achieved, subject to neighbours approval.

Policy 1.4

To improve the legibility and accessibility of Te Atatu Peninsula Park.

Implementation

Provide standardised Park signage to all Park entry points including Park facilities and functions.

Provision of direction to the park to the wider local area including signage from the main road to more clearly identify the Park location, particularly for night time users or visitors to the area.

Policy 1.5

To tidy the existing entry to the Neil Ave carpark to clearly identify the main entrance to the park.

Implementation

To tidy and maintain existing planting and where necessary remove and replace plants, particularly to increase entrance and sign visibility.

Improve lighting for night time use to make the entrance more visible.

Policy 1.6

To maintain and improve the quality of the existing playing fields.

Implementation

Improve drainage to the western side of the Park through the installation of lateral drainage, particularly to winter sports codes fields. (Refer to Concept Plans)

Maintain the quality of the existing sand slit playing fields.

Consult with codes over field marking requirements.

Ensure the field markings comply with standards required for individual sports codes.

Include a full size Rugby League pitch to maximise playing capacity and move the existing training area to a more suitable location, subject to drainage improvements.

Develop a new changing room/ toilet facility adjacent to the Matipo Road entrance to serve users of the field at this end of the park. Exact location to be decided in conjunction with field users.

Develop a full-size field for year round use by the insertion of lateral drains in the north west corner of the park.

Policy 1.7

To allow the existing sports clubs to develop their present building facilities.

Implementation

Any new building work is to be limited to within the existing building footprints and subject to Council's Parks Manager approval.

The responsibility for obtaining the relevant consents is the responsibility of the sports clubs.

Details of development are to be submitted and approved by Council's Park Manager.

Ensure there are no negative impacts on the Park or neighbouring properties or other users.

Policy 1.8

Ensure all development and maintenance in the park considers the heritage, cultural and spiritual values of Te Kawarau A Maki.

Implementation

Ensure the cultural values of local iwi are considered in new plantings for Te Atatu Peninsula Park

Work with local iwi to ensure appropriate management and protection of any waahi tapu sites that might be identified on the park.

7.2 OBJECTIVE 2

To ensure that the management and administration of Te Atatu Peninsula Park provides maximum benefit to the sporting codes.

Policy 2.1

Manage leases according to the Reserves Act 1977 and existing lease agreements.

Implementation

Ensure current leases are in place for the existing formal users of the Park.

Ensure leases provide for most equitable use of facilities for City-wide users.

Encourage shared leases/use of buildings where practicable.

Ensure that legitimate concerns of neighbours are considered in future park developments and management decisions.

Ensure that the terms of leases recognise the legitimate needs and concerns of neighbours residing around the park boundaries.

Policy 2.2

Ensure the allocation of playing fields to each

sports code is fair and equitable and based on membership.

Implementation

Ensure that field allocation to codes is based on annual membership and that it is subject to review. Clubs to provide membership numbers of registered players on an annual basis if requested.

Ensure the process of field allocation to each code is understood by all parties making applications for field use.

Ensure the decisions affecting park use and allocations of sports fields reflects the needs of all users and are made in consultation with the various codes and park users.

To maintain the current clear and transparent process that occurs in regards to field allocation.

Maintain a database of existing users and times when certain groups use the reserve. This will allow for greater possibility for sharing the reserve.

Support and encourage the development of a User Group to facilitate the Park management.

Ensure all parties work together to ensure shared use and occupation of the park and provide maximum benefits to all users.

Support the development of two full size rugby league fields and a training area within the park alongside the current allocation to soccer and cricket.

Recognise that Te Atatu Park is designated as one of two premier cricket parks in the city and ensure that both summer and winter codes are fairly allocated.

Policy 2.3

To keep this Management Plan under regular review.

Implementation

Address the changes to the emphasis or specific policies of this Management Plan by following the Amendment to a Management Plan process as outlined in section 41(2) of the Reserves Act, where required.

Undertake a full review of the entire Plan within ten years of the date of approval.

7.3 OBJECTIVE 3

To maintain and improve the vegetative structure of the Park to provide a more pleasant amenity for users.

Policy 3.1

To protect existing vegetation located within the park.

Implementation

Existing perimeter tree planting should be maintained in accordance with accepted arboricultural practices.

Ensure maintenance of existing "Trees for Babies" is completed and replacement or additional planting is incorporated in an appropriate manner.

Policy 3.2

To allow for additional perimeter planting to be implemented to further enhance the Park's amenity.

Implementation

Ensure new planting does not adversely affect the neighbouring properties.

Ensure new planting does not impede the sporting functions provided within the Park.

Ensure new planting does not impede visibility from boundaries.

Ensure all new planting is planted in accordance with Council guidelines.

Allow for the extension of planting on the Rixon Avenue boundary to mitigate effects of playground noise on neighbours.

7.4 OBJECTIVE 4

To maximise the amount of on site car parking without compromising the recreation and amenity value of the park.

Policy 4.1

Allow carparking to be developed within the Park where this does not negatively impact on the recreational use of the Park.

Implementation

Ensure better utilisation of Neil Ave car park through revised car parking layout. Ensure large vehicles are able to manoeuvre on-site.

Explore the options for creating additional car parking accessed from Taikata Road on existing under utilised land. This may provide improved access to Rugby League training area.

Provide 2 disabled car parking spaces.

Investigate options for the purchase of private property adjacent to the reserve entrance on Neil Ave to improve the on site parking and the reserve road frontage should the opportunity arise.

Should additional carparking capacity be required, preferred options are the acquisition of land around the Neil Avenue entrance, the redesign of the current area and/or the development of the Matipo Road and Taikata Road entrances.

Any additional carparking should consider design options for onsite stormwater treatment.