

**Updated proposal for pilot Community Justice Centres in New Zealand**  
**Judge FWM McElrea**  
**April 2006**

The object of the proposal is to provide a community-based and consensual alternative to the courts for dealing with a substantial number of civil and criminal matters, using mediation for civil matters and restorative justice for criminal matters. This work, and disputes that might not have gone to court (such as neighbour disputes and alleged harassment or bullying) would be handled through community justice centres (CJCs) that would operate as a partnership between local and central government, the Police, the voluntary sector and various existing agencies. A pilot working in at least two different types of areas would be ideal.

As far as civil disputes are concerned, the mediation function of the Disputes Tribunals would still be available for claims up to \$7,500, but a CJC would have no monetary limit. Agreements resulting from mediation would be enforceable through the courts if they were not honoured. For example, the claimant would be able to get judgment based on a signed settlement agreement, without having to prove the original claim.

For the category of "disputes that might not have gone to court (such as neighbour disputes and alleged harassment or bullying)", the CJC would serve more of a preventative or peace-keeping and peace-building function, thereby building safer communities and reducing the need for dispute resolution or the courts.

For criminal matters, the essential concept is that of diversion, but operating at a much more significant level than existing police diversion for first offenders. This is the major gap in criminal justice services for adults at the moment. It would not be limited to first offenders or to minor charges. It would use the proven New Zealand model of restorative justice, with offenders having to admit their responsibility and the matter proceeding only if there is the consent of victim and offender, and a trained facilitator able to supervise the process. The restorative conference would involve supporters of the parties and some relevant community representatives, selected for their ability to assist in the particular case. Lawyers would be entitled to attend, but as advisers rather than as advocates.

The police would be key people in this process. It is hoped that a CJC would be located near a community constable. A police officer (eg the community constable, or the officer in charge of the case) would be entitled and encouraged to attend every conference, and for agreement to be reached as to outcome, all parties present, including the police, would have to be in agreement. In most cases an agreed outcome would not involve charges being laid in court (provided the outcome is completed); however, in a particular case it might be agreed that charges should be laid in court – eg so as to obtain an order disqualifying the offender from driving, or where a sentence of imprisonment cannot be avoided - but the outcome would be available for the court to take into account on sentencing.

As in the case of Youth Justice diversionary conferences, charges may have to be laid in a few cases to preserve time limits, but without requiring the defendant's attendance at court if the charges are ultimately withdrawn on completion of the conference plan.

The CJC would oversee the monitoring of any outcome, civil or criminal, so that if agreements are not honoured the matter can be taken to court in the usual way. The courts

would therefore act as backstop for consent cases and first stop for cases where there is no consent to the mediation or diversion process.

It would be ideal if the CJC was located within or close to a complex that provided other community-based services, such as Community Constable, Plunket, Citizens Advice Bureau or Neighbourhood Law Office.

Referrals to the CJC could come from any source. In the case of criminal offending this would fill a long-standing need for victim-initiated restorative justice cases, or indeed offender- (or even community-) initiated conferences. However, it is likely that the bulk of the referrals would come from the police, at least in early years. In that respect the process would be similar to diversionary family group conferences for young offenders, which are initiated (and attended) by police youth aid officers.

There would therefore be no "gatekeepers". No judge, police officer, or other "official" would say who could or could not enter the process. Whether a case continued on the restorative route would be decided by those taking part in the particular conference, on a case by case basis. Apart from homicide, treason and other cases that can be dealt with only by the High Court, all types of cases would be potentially able to be referred to the CJC - although cases that require specialist skills (eg in domestic violence, or sexual abuse cases) that are not available at the time, could not be accepted.

The essence of the proposal being community based, the initiative has to come from the community. This might be expressed through a local body (City or District Council), or some other community organisation such as an Iwi Authority. The local body would have to take responsibility for providing accommodation for the centre, and servicing a community committee to run the centre. This committee would have representation from all relevant sectors - eg Victim Support, the local body (perhaps through its Safer Community Council or local Ward Committee), local mediation and restorative justice provider groups, central government (eg the Crime Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Justice), a Neighbourhood Law Office or Citizens' Advice Bureau, NZ Police, and representatives from the churches and other community groups. Existing inter-agency initiatives could also have a point of focus at the CJC, especially those dealing with conflict and the problems that produce conflict.

It would be necessary for the CJC to employ some permanent staff (perhaps two persons) and to contract the services of mediators and restorative justice facilitators on a case by case basis from suitably skilled and trained service providers. Because the CJC will be reducing the need for the courts (and, indirectly, for corrections facilities), I feel it is appropriate that central government provided funding for such costs, and for some offender or victim programmes not available locally. A variety of other services may be provided by other agencies at no cost or by volunteers. In this category could be monitoring of agreements, mentoring, and the provision of community service projects or counselling services.

The primary tasks of the staff will be to provide information to the public, manage the flow of cases, ensure that monitoring arrangements are in place, keep records of all matters dealt with, and generally act at the direction of the management committee. Some of these skills are already possessed by restorative justice co-ordinators at the four restorative justice "pilot" District Courts.

# Piha Domain Playground Upgrade

## Appendix A

### First Survey

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**Piha Domain – Playground Survey Form**

Waitakere City Council will be replacing the playground at Piha Domain in the new financial year (2006-07). As part of the consultation process for the design of the new facility we would like to get some ideas about what play equipment and style of design you would like there. Since the works will also provide an opportunity to re-site the playground we would like feedback on what you consider to be the best location for the facility within the Domain.

Please note that on the 29<sup>th</sup> April between 10-12pm a WCC Parks Officer and Playground Consultant will be on site to informally discuss the project with any members of the community/public who wish to have input into the project. In the event of rain this will take place at the bowling club.

Please fill in the following survey and let us know what you think.

Did you fill this in by yourself

Yes/ No

Q1) How often would you (or people living in your home) use a playground at Piha Domain?

- Daily       Weekly       Monthly       Never  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q2) What are the ages of the children you may take to the playground? (please tick as many as are applicable)

- Up to two years old       Six to eight years old       Thirteen years or older  
 Three to five years old       Nine to twelve years old

Q3) What sort of play equipment would you like to see in the playground at Piha Domain?

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Q4) Is there any theme or specific colours that you would like to see in the playground at Piha Domain?

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Q5) Is the playground located in a suitable site or would you prefer to have it located on the other side of the park as shown on the attached plans.

leave in current location

Relocate playground to another area in the Domain (Please tick preferred option)

Option A

Option B

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Q6) Do you have any other comments or suggestions in regard to the playground in Piha Domain?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return the completed survey form in the reply-paid envelope provided by the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact **Philippa Bollond** on ph 836-8000.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with any information in regard to this, please provide us with your name and contact details.

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Address: 

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# Piha Domain Playground Upgrade

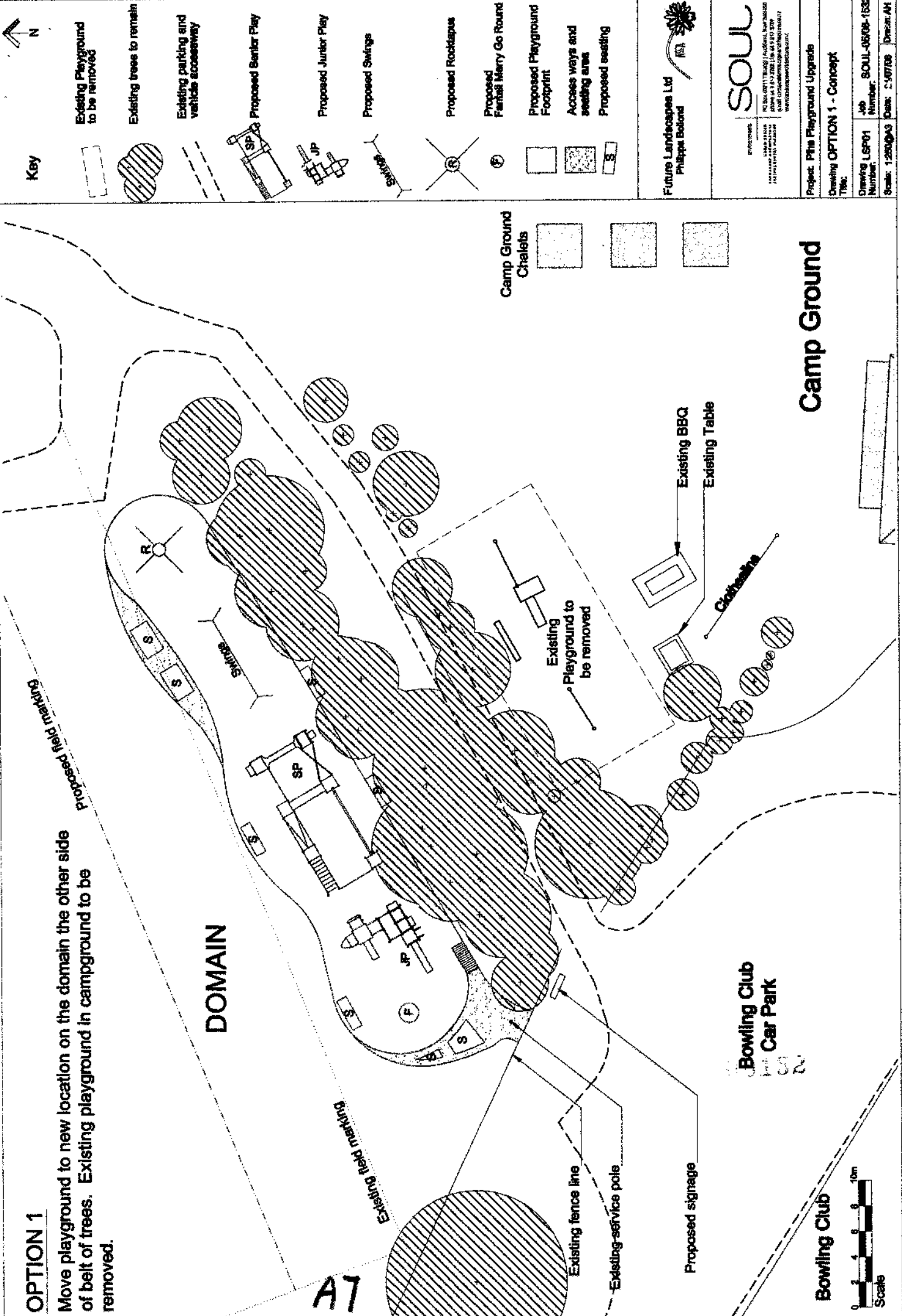
## Appendix B

### Design Option 1

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# OPTION 1

Move playground to new location on the domain the other side of belt of trees. Existing playground in campground to be removed.



## Key

- Existing Playground to be removed
- Existing trees to remain
- Existing parking and vehicle accessway
- Proposed Barber Play (SP)
- Proposed Junior Play (JP)
- Proposed Swings (S)
- Proposed Rockspas (R)
- Proposed Ferris Merry Go Round (F)
- Proposed Playground Footprint
- Access ways and seating areas
- Proposed seating (S)

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Project: P11a Playground Upgrade  
Drawing: LSP01  
Job Number: SOUL-08/09-1532  
Scale: 1:250 @ A3 Date: 2/07/09 Designer: AH

## Camp Ground



# Piha Domain Playground Upgrade

## Appendix C

### Design Option 2a

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# **Piha Domain Playground Upgrade**

## **Appendix D**

### **Design Option 2b**

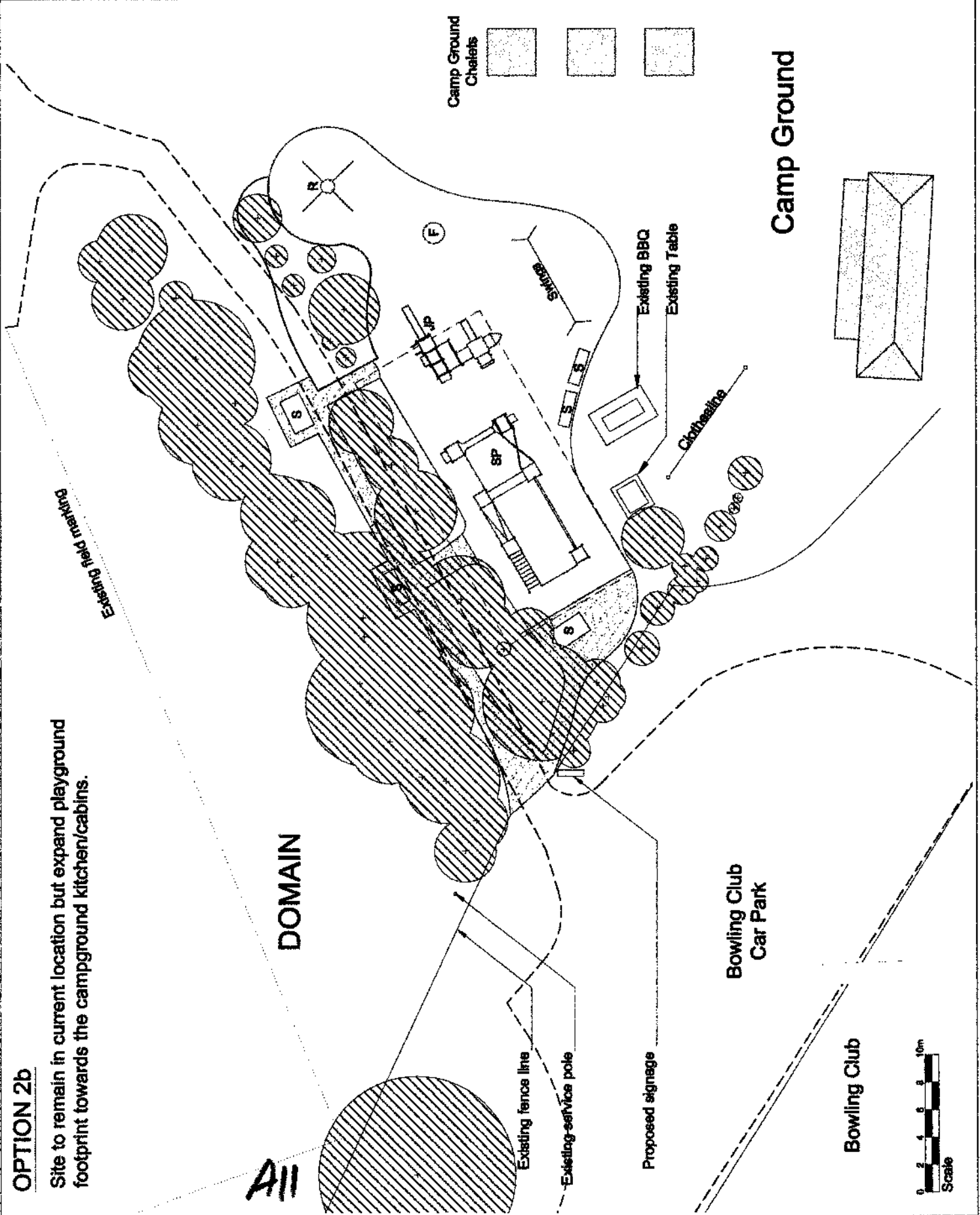
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# OPTION 2b

Site to remain in current location but expand playground footprint towards the campground/kitchen/cabins.

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DOMAIN



Key

Existing Playground to be removed

Existing trees to remain

Existing parking and vehicle accessway

Proposed Senior Play

Proposed Junior Play

Proposed Swings

Proposed Rocktopus

Proposed Family Merry Go Round

Proposed Playground Footprint

Access ways and seating areas

Proposed seating

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# **Piha Domain Playground Upgrade**

## **Appendix E**

### **Second Survey**

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## Piha Domain – Playground Survey Form

Waitakere City Council recently surveyed the Ratepayers and Residents at Piha on the proposed playground renewal at Piha Domain. Three playground designs which are enclosed have been prepared as a result of the feedback received from this first survey and the general consultation process. All the designs contain exactly the same play equipment and the purpose of this second survey is to find out what residents consider to be, from the three options being presented, the most suitable location for the playground. Please note that a relocation of the facility (as detailed in Option 1) would involve making a 'minor' change to the Piha Reserves Management Plan.

### QUESTION 1

First we would like to know if you think the playground should be relocated or whether it should stay in its current location but with a larger footprint. Please state your preference by ticking just one of the boxes below:

- Option 1 (as per design on P 2) – Move playground to new location on the domain the other side of belt of trees. Existing playground in campground to be removed.
- Option 2 (as per designs on **either** P 3 or P 4) – Site to remain in current location but expand playground footprint.

### QUESTION 2

If your preference was for Option 2 please indicate which of the Option 2 designs (2a or 2b) you prefer by ticking one of the boxes below:

- Option 2a (as per design on P 3) – Site to remain in current location but expand playground footprint by relocating first row of trees along north- west boundary of playground.
- Option 2b (as per design on P 4) – Site to remain in current location but expand playground footprint towards the campground kitchen/cabins.

Please note that there is an artist's impression of all three designs currently on display in the Public Notice Board outside Piha Library.

The information from this survey will be collated and presented to the Waitakere Community Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006. You are welcome to attend this meeting should you wish to make comment on any of the designs or the project.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return it to Waitakere Council in the reply-paid envelope provided by the 6th September 2006. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Philippa Bollond (Playground Designer – Future Landscapes Ltd) on:

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Waitakere City Council (WCC) engaged Wildland Consultants Ltd to investigate the long-term management of a pond in the Claude Abel Reserve at Piha. The pond has a dense infestation of water lilies, and local residents are concerned about the loss of open water habitat and the potential infilling of the pond with sediment and wetland plants. Measures were investigated to retain 'open water' habitat. Long-term options, and their feasibility, were considered, along with associated ecological impacts and associated costs, including the costs of obtaining resource consents, if required.

This project investigated measures to:

- Manage water lilies.
- Remove existing sediment.
- Prevent, minimise and/or control the long-term sedimentation of the pond.

This report provides a description of the site history and existing environment, an outline of the issues associated with sediment and water lilies, and a set of potential options to address future management.

## 2. PROJECT BRIEF

The following brief was provided by the client:

"To compile a report presenting options for long-term/ongoing management of the pond in Claude Abel Reserve, and the advantages and disadvantages of each option, including the requirement for consents and the cost of obtaining these, recognising the pond is located in a coastal zone, in a Scenic Reserve with high environmental values and has significant amenity value."

## 3. BACKGROUND

Claude Abel Scenic Reserve is located at Piha on Auckland's west coast, and is a WCC Parks asset. The reserve has high natural, historical, and recreational values. The pond is in a valley floor in a sand dune landscape, and was created artificially and planted with water lilies in the 1950s.

The pond is c.206 m long. Width varies from 10-25 m and is generally c.15 m. The depth is unknown but is likely to be 1.5 m or less (much of the pond is covered with water lilies and they only establish in water <2.0 m).

It has been previously dredged and silt and water lilies removed. The date of the last dredging is unknown, but anecdotal evidence suggests this was between 10 and 15 years ago. It is now infilling with vegetation, with water lilies and raupo (*Typha orientalis*) encroaching from the margins. There is some evidence of small scale hand control of water lilies, probably by local residents.

The Piha Reserves Management Plan was adopted in 1999. This Plan includes the Claude Abel Scenic Reserve and refers specifically (Section 7.3 Claude Abel Reserve) to the management of the pond:

“...The pond is naturally in-filling and as time passes will become a raupo swamp. This progression is considered desirable and no effort will be made to alter the progression other than hand removal of water lilies”.

Since the Management Plan was adopted there has been no management intervention in the pond. However, the local community have recently requested the hand removal of water lilies, as proposed in the Plan, and an amendment to the Management Plan, in order that the pond is preserved as open water habitat for ducks.

## 4. METHODS

### 4.1 Vegetation and habitats

An initial site visit was undertaken in May 2004, with a follow-up inspection in June 2004 to assess the present state of the pond and to identify any ecological considerations that should be taken into account when investigating management options. The local environment was also assessed, to determine any wider ecological roles that the pond might have. Broad vegetation communities were delineated on a hard copy aerial photograph and a site map was prepared (refer to Figure 1).

### 4.2 Fauna

Birds were recorded during the field visits - refer to Appendix 1.

A fish survey was undertaken to investigate the species present in the pond, following WCC fish survey methodology.





Many fish are active at night and in shallow water, it is possible to approach fish closely and to identify and count them. Bank side observations were made using a 55,000 candle power spotlight powered by a 12 volt sealed lead acid battery. This technique is particularly suitable for locating nocturnal indigenous fish in shallow water. The spotlighting survey was conducted from 19:00 to 22:30 hours on 8 July 2004. Two unbaited fyke nets, and eight ‘gee minnow’ traps baited with fish pellets were used to sample the fish populations in the Claude Abel Pond. The nets and minnow traps were set on 8 July 2004 and retrieved on 9 July 2004.

A habitat assessment was undertaken, and observations were made of stream width, depth, fish cover, substrate, riparian vegetation, and benthic invertebrates. This information was recorded on a NZ freshwater fish database form (Appendix 2).

Fieldwork was carried out in fine, calm conditions on 8 and 9 July 2004. Claude Abel Pond was slightly tannin coloured, a result of recent rainfall earlier in the week. Nevertheless, water clarity was sufficient to enable observations to be made while spotlighting at night.



**Legend**

-  DCDB
-  Wetland vegetation (raupo, *Baumea articulata*, + manuka)
-  Water lily
-  Open water

**Figure 1: Claude Abel Pond  
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