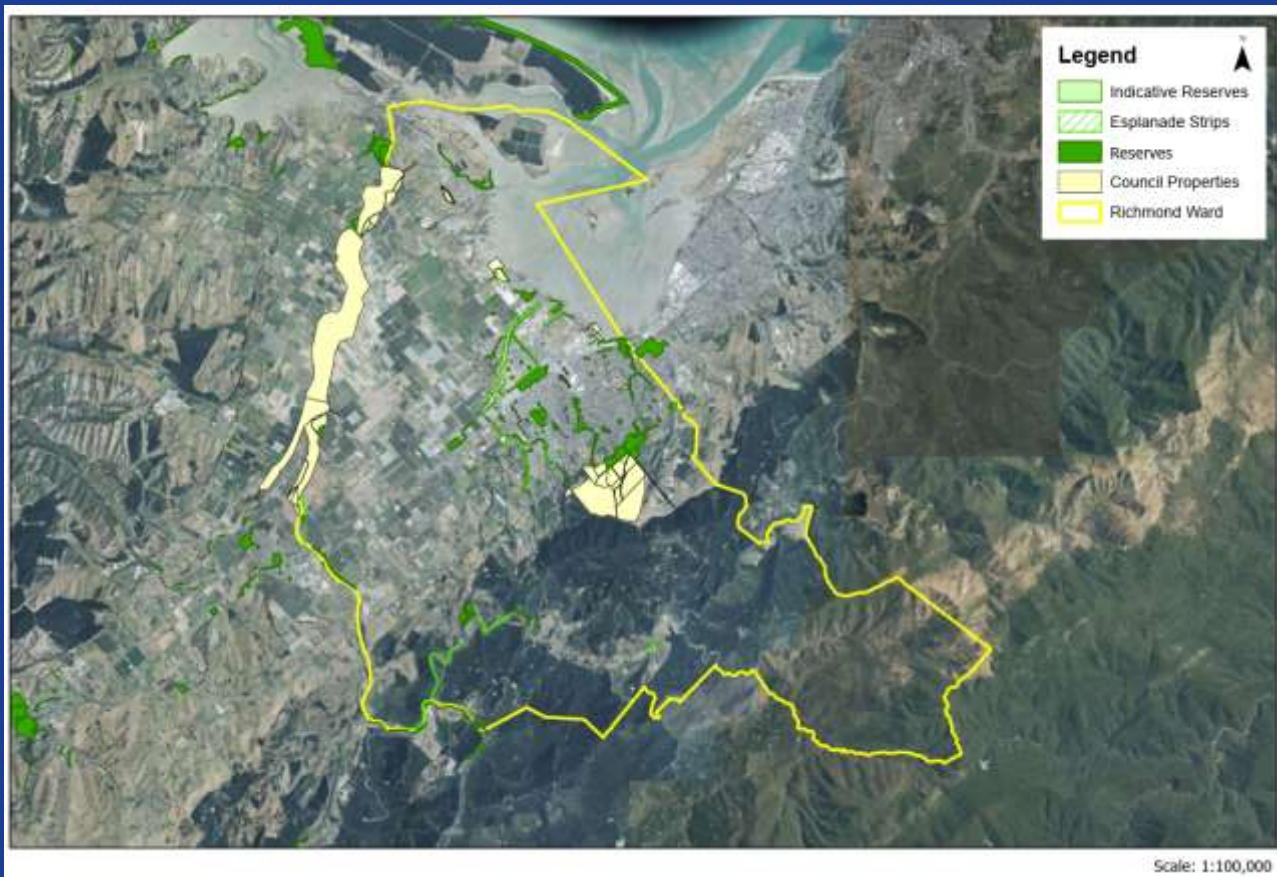


Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan

Key Questions and Changes Proposed



Open for submissions between 12 May and 16 July 2025

We've prepared a 10-year Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Richmond Ward and would like to hear your views. The key questions and changes proposed by the Draft Plan are summarised in this booklet.

ABOUT THE DRAFT PLAN

We have worked together with Te Taihū Iwi and the Hope Reserve Management Committee to develop a Draft Reserve Management Plan for Richmond Ward. Over the summer of 2023/2024, Council also invited suggestions and ideas from the public for inclusion in a Draft Plan. The feedback received to date has helped to inform the development of the Draft Plan.

The Draft Plan sets out the vision, objectives, policies and priorities for parks and reserves Richmond Ward for the next 10 years.

A total of 226 land parcels in the Ward are vested in the Tasman District Council as reserves and managed in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. The Draft Plan provides management guidance for these 133 reserve areas and 13 other areas of parkland that are not formally protected under the Act but form an important part of the open space network in Richmond Ward.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT PLAN

The Draft Plan is now available for feedback

You can view the Draft Plan online at shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews. If you would prefer to look through a 'real' document, hard copies are available for viewing at our local libraries and in the reception area of our Council offices.

Please send us your comments by Wednesday 16 July 2025.

Fill out the online submission form at shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews.

We welcome your comments and submissions on the Draft Plan.

KEY QUESTIONS

Before we finalise the plan, we'd like to hear your answers to some key questions about 12 reserves:

- A third playground may be added at **Central Park** in Richmond West, to complement the two existing oval playgrounds for younger children. Would you support converting another grassed area into a new play space?
- The draft concept plan for **Camberley Reserve** includes a central lawn and pathway, playground, shade sail, and fruit trees. Do you support this plan and which elements do you most want to see developed?
- **Lampton Reserve** could become a hub for active play, with a basketball half court, cinema wall, accessible playground, and more. Do you support the concept plan and which features should be prioritised?
- The draft plan for **Chertsey Reserve** proposes two circular lawns, a playground, and pathway surrounded by trees and seating. Do you support the proposed layout and amenities?
- An active play focus is proposed for Lampton Reserve, while Camberley and Chertsey Reserves are designed more for gathering and quieter play. Do you support the proposed themes for each reserve, or should the activities be arranged differently across the three sites?
- A new name is sought for **Pukeko Park** to reduce confusion with other reserves in the area. What name would you suggest?
- Additional on-site car parking (50 spaces) may be created at **Jubilee Park**, near the tennis courts. Do you support this?
- Three options are proposed for the Jubilee Park skatepark: maintain it, upgrade it, or relocate it to another reserve. Which option do you support?
- Council is considering declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure long-term protection. Do you support this?
- The same legal protection is proposed for **Cambridge Street Playground**. Do you agree or think the land should be kept flexible for future community facilities?
- The Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids Hall) at **Hope Reserve** could be upgraded or removed. Do you support retaining it and, if so, how should it be managed and used?
- Options are being explored to improve the management of bookings at Hope Reserve. Should the Management Committee remain in charge or should Council take on this role?
- A beginner-friendly pump track is proposed to be built around the perimeter of **Chelsea Avenue Reserve** and **Harriet Court Reserve** – do you support this idea?
- Flooding has impacted the **Easby Park** playground in Richmond. Do you support relocating all play equipment to the western corner, or splitting equipment between both sides of the creek?
- To reduce conflict between walkers and bikers, a separate walking-only track is proposed in Easby Park. Do you support this change?
- A pump track may also be added to the southern part of Easby Park to increase active recreation opportunities. Do you support this?
- **Paton Reserve** is a new park that could include an amphitheatre, orchards, a café or food carts, and an accessible loop track. Do you support the concept plan and which elements appeal most?

Further details about each key question is provided on the following pages.

Please use our [online submission portal](#) to provide your feedback on these questions. We also welcome your comments on any other aspects of the Draft Plan.

KEY QUESTIONS (continued)

5.2.5 CENTRAL PARK

Location

Central Park is located alongside the intersection of Berryfield Drive with Summersfield Boulevard, Richmond. The reserve is situated within the hospitality precinct of The Meadows in Richmond West. Central Park's boundaries are highlighted in aqua. The potential location for an additional playground is highlighted in yellow



Issues and Options

On the larger J-shaped land parcel are two oval grassed areas to the north and two oval playground areas just south of these. Both playground spaces, completed in late 2024, are designed and built especially with the little ones in mind. The ground is covered in shock-absorbing composite matting. The adjoining areas are landscaped with low-growing plants, meaning parents can keep an eye on their youngsters from nearby venues.

The two playgrounds at Central Park have proven to be immensely popular. One of these was installed by Council and the other by the developer. If there is enough interest, the developer may consider converting the smaller of the two remaining oval areas (highlighted in yellow on the image above) into a similar playground, with different equipment, to complement the other two spaces. We'd like to know your thoughts on this proposal.

Q1 Do you support or oppose the idea of adding a third playground area at Central Park?
Please explain your reasons why.

5.2.10 CAMBERLEY RESERVE

Location

Camberley Reserve is located at 4 Kempton Lane in Richmond West. It is also bounded by Camberley Road and Drayton Street.

Draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve:



Issues and Options

Camberley Reserve offers the potential to be a community hub, with a 'village green' feel, where people can gather and connect. The draft concept plan (see image below) shows a paved pathway encircling a lawn and playground with feature trees, a shade sail over picnic tables, fruit trees, feature rocks and soft landscaping, along with natural play features.

Tell us your feedback on the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve.

Q2 Do you fully support, partially support, or oppose the draft concept plan for Camberley Reserve?

Q3 Which of these amenities would you like to see developed at Camberley Reserve? Please tick all those you support.

- Central lawn area
- Circular paved pathway
- Feature trees
- Playground
- Shade sail
- Picnic tables
- Fruit trees
- Feature rocks
- Soft landscaping
- Natural play features
- Other (please specify) _____

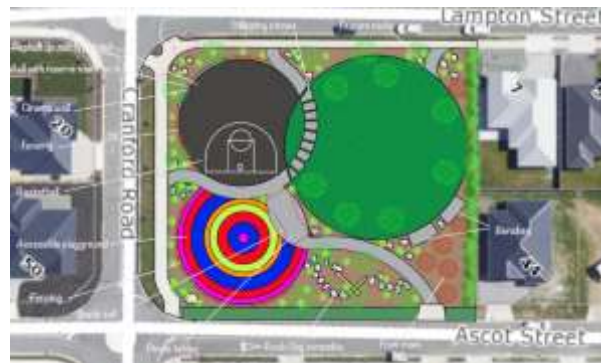
Q4 Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Camberley Reserve?

5.2.11 LAMPTON RESERVE

Location

Lampton Reserve is located at 46 Ascot Street in Richmond West; it is bounded by Lampton Street, Cranford Road and Ascot Street.

Draft concept plan for Lampton Reserve:



Issues and Options

Lampton Reserve could be developed with active play in mind. The draft concept plan (see image below) shows a partially fenced circular asphalt area for basketball, with a wall showing the reserve name facing the road that doubles as a cinema wall on the interior side.

Across a section of paved pathway to the south is a circular accessible playground area with colourful, shock-absorbing composite matting on the ground; this area is also partially fenced near road boundaries. An adjoining wider paved area has a shade sail over picnic tables.

Opposite these two play areas is a circular lawn area with stepping stones providing a connection to paths, feature trees and bench seating near the eastern corner. Fruit trees adjoin the boundary with neighbouring houses. Feature rocks and soft landscaping, along with natural play features, make up the remainder of the reserve area.

Tell us your feedback on the draft concept plan for Lampton Reserve.

Q5 Do you fully support, partially support or oppose the draft concept plan for Lampton Reserve?

Q6 Which of these amenities would you like to see developed at Lampton Reserve? Please tick all those you support.

- Circular asphalt area with basketball half court
- Wall with reserve name facing road, doubling as cinema wall on interior
- Circular accessible playground
- Partial fencing of both play areas near road boundaries
- Shade sail
- Picnic tables
- Circular lawn area with stepping stones
- Feature trees
- Bench seats
- Fruit trees
- Feature rocks
- Soft landscaping
- Natural play features
- Other (please specify) _____

Q7 Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Lampton Reserve?

5.2.12 CHERTSEY RESERVE

Location

Chertsey Reserve is located at 43 Chertsey Road, Richmond West.

Draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve:



Issues and Options

Chertsey Reserve could be developed as a throughway and community gathering space. The draft concept plan (see image below) shows a paved pathway encircling a lawn with feature trees, adjoining a smaller circular playground. A grassed path encircles much of the playground, leading to a smaller circular lawn area; benches adjoin these lawn areas. Feature trees are also planted near both road boundaries. A narrow section of walkway between a grove of fruit trees in the eastern corner connects to the existing paved pathway. Feature rocks and soft landscaping, along with natural play features make up the remainder of the reserve area. A bike rack could also be installed.

Tell us your feedback on the draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve.

Q8 Do you fully support, partially support or oppose the draft concept plan for Chertsey Reserve?

Q9 Which of these amenities would you like to see developed at Chertsey Reserve? Please tick all those you support.

- Two circular lawn areas connected by a grass path
- Circular paved pathway
- Feature trees
- Playground
- Benches
- Fruit trees
- Feature rocks
- Soft landscaping
- Natural play features
- Bike rack
- Other (please specify) _____

Q10 Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Chertsey Reserve?

5.2.10 to 5.2.12 BERRYFIELDS RESERVES

Location

Clockwise from top:

- Ascot Reserve (location indicated by the aqua asterisk) is already developed
- Camberley Reserve
- Chertsey Reserve
- Lampton Reserve



As outlined on pages 5-7 of this leaflet, an active play focus is proposed for Lampton Reserve, while Camberley and Chertsey Reserves are designed more for gathering and quieter play. We'd like to hear whether you support the proposed themes for each reserve, or if you think the activities should be arranged differently across the three sites.

Q11 Do you support the way the three draft concept plans for Camberley, Lampton and Chertsey Reserves have been themed and arranged?

- Lampton Reserve – active play focus (e.g. basketball court, cinema wall)
- Camberley Reserve – village green and gathering space
- Chertsey Reserve – quieter thoroughway and local play space

Or would you prefer a different arrangement of activities across these three reserves (e.g. locating active play features at Camberley or Chertsey instead)?

Please explain your preferences.

5.2.15 PUKEKO PARK

Location

Pukeko Park is situated between the Richmond Deviation and Waimea/Waimeha Inlet, Richmond. The park straddles the boundary between Tasman District and Nelson City.

Pukeko Park's boundaries are highlighted in aqua



Issues and Options

Following feedback received during earlier consultation rounds, and to avoid confusion with reserves located near Pukeko Lane (further around the Inlet), we agree that this park should have a different name. We'd like your help with this.

Q12 What should the area currently referred to as 'Pukeko Park' be known as in future?

Tell us your suggested name for the Park:

5.2.17 JUBILEE PARK

Location

Jubilee Park is situated at 20-22 Gladstone Road, Richmond.



Issues and Options

The proposed Hope Bypass (an upgrade and rerouting of State Highway 6) would run through the old railway formation adjoining Jubilee Park's northern boundary. The park would then lie between two busy main roads (State Highway 6 and Gladstone Road). The old railway formation is often used for car parking by users of Jubilee Park. Vehicle parking options are likely to be impacted by the new bypass.

Should the Bypass be constructed past Jubilee Park and reduce adjacent parking availability, additional on-site car parking (with space for 50 vehicles) could be provided within the grassed area between the tennis courts and Target Shooting Richmond building in the northern corner of Jubilee Park.



The grassed area highlighted yellow could potentially be used for additional onsite car parking in future

Q13 Do you support or oppose the proposal to provide additional on-site car parking (approximately 50 spaces) in the northern part of Jubilee Park alongside the tennis courts?

Please explain your reasons why.

The skatepark suffers from a low level of passive surveillance, contributing to antisocial behaviour and vandalism at the site. Vandalism at the skate park could potentially be reduced by upgrading the facility to better accommodate users of all ages and abilities, which would likely increase its overall usage. However, with a large-scale skate park planned for Saxton Field nearby, an alternative option could be to relocate the skatepark equipment to another reserve in Richmond with better surveillance.

Q14 Which option do you support for the future of Jubilee Park's skatepark?

- Option 1 – maintain the skatepark as is
- Option 2 – upgrade the skatepark to cater to all ages and abilities
- Option 3 – relocate the skatepark to another reserve in Richmond (*please name the reserve you'd like to see this facility moved to*) _____

Please explain your reasons why.

There is scope to declare Jubilee Park a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection for its high recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land's current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. In the long term, the land could be rezoned for social housing, retail or other development opportunities. Should Jubilee Park be developed, the Council would look to provide a comparable recreational park close to the outskirts of Richmond. We invite your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring Jubilee Park a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Q15 Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Jubilee Park, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977?

Please explain your reasons why.

If you oppose the proposal to declare Jubilee Park as a reserve:

Q15(a) What alternative use do you think is most suitable for this area of land in future (e.g. social housing, retail development etc) and why?

5.2.20 CAMBRIDGE STREET PLAYGROUND

Location

Cambridge Street Playground is located at 58 Oxford Street, Richmond.



Issues and Options

There is scope to declare Cambridge Street Playground a reserve in future, ensuring legal protection of its recreational values. Alternatively, the Council may choose to retain the land's current unencumbered fee-simple status, preserving flexibility for alternative uses in future. The land could be rezoned and, in combination with surrounding Council-owned land, potentially used for a new community facility for Richmond. We invite your feedback on whether or not to include a policy in this section of the RMP that would direct the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Q16 Do you support or oppose the inclusion of a policy in the RMP section on Cambridge Street Playground, directing the Council to initiate the process of declaring this land a reserve under s.14 of the Reserves Act 1977?

Please explain your reasons why.

If you oppose the proposal to declare Cambridge Street Playground as a reserve:

Q16(a) What alternative use do you think is most suitable for this area of land in future (e.g. a new community facility for Richmond) and why?

5.2.26 HOPE RESERVE

Location

Hope Reserve is located at 184 Main Road Hope, Hope.



Issues and Options

The Maitai Lodge (ex-Druids hall) is a historic building with limited use, mostly by an arts club once a week at present. The hall's condition is subpar, being cold and cramped, which deters potential new users. Repurposing or upgrading the Maitai Lodge would enhance its appeal and functionality, possibly as a flexible event space or for other community-focused activities. We'd like to explore alternative uses for the building, ensuring it aligns with current community needs, or potentially removing the Maitai Lodge if this is the preferred option.

Q17 Do you support or oppose retaining the Maitai Lodge building at Hope Reserve?

Please explain why.

If you support retention of this facility:

Q17(a) How would you like to see the Maitai Lodge managed and utilised in future?

Q17(b) If a group is willing to take on responsibility for restoring and upgrading the building, do you support or oppose the Council granting a lease for exclusive use of the Maitai Lodge by this group?

Please explain why.

The Hope Hall Management Committee currently manages all bookings and regularly clean both the main hall and the Maitai Lodge. The committee structure may not be sustainable in the long term, potentially impacting the accessibility and upkeep of both halls. Options could include transitioning to a Council-provided system (such as an online platform) for bookings of both halls and the open space area, to streamline the process and reduce reliance on volunteers. The Management Committee could continue to approve online bookings made via the new system, or the Council could potentially take over this role in time.

Q18 Which management model do you prefer for managing bookings at Hope Reserve in future?

- Option 1 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and continues to manage bookings**
- Option 2 – Hope Hall Management Committee remains in place and approves bookings made via a new online system**
- Option 3 – Council retires the Management Committee and manages bookings via a new online system.**

Please explain why.

5.2.31 CHELSEA AVENUE & HARRIET COURT RESERVES

Location

Chelsea Avenue Reserve (comprising of parcels 12(a)- (c)) is located at 23 Chelsea Avenue, Richmond.

Harriet Court Reserve (shown as #13 on the image) directly adjoins Chelsea Avenue Reserve.



Issues and Options

During the 'seeking ideas' consultation round, suggested improvements included integration with cycle networks and installation of a beginner-friendly pump track with small bumps around the perimeter of both reserves. Additional ideas included more seating for gathering spaces, shade (trees or sails), improved grass maintenance, and solar lighting for safety.

Q19 Do you support or oppose the proposal to install a beginner-friendly pump track around the perimeter of Chelsea Avenue Reserve and the adjoining Harriet Court Reserve?

Please explain why.

5.2.35 EASBY PARK

Location

Easby Park is located at Marlborough Crescent, Richmond.

Easby Park's boundaries are highlighted in aqua.



Issues and Options

During periods of heavy rainfall, water levels in Reservoir Creek can exceed the channel's capacity. The creek can overflow, flooding the northern part of the reserve – including part of the playground area. These events damage playground surfacing, wash away bark, and leave flood debris, resulting in high maintenance costs.

To reduce future flood damage, the playground layout will be revised, and new equipment will be relocated to a more flood-resilient part of the reserve during the upcoming upgrade. We'd like to know your thoughts on two options for the playground upgrade.

Q20 Which playground layout option do you support for Easby Park?

- Option 1 – Co-locate all upgraded play equipment together in the western corner of the reserve (i.e. in the same general location of the current playground, just further away from Reservoir Creek).**
- Option 2 – Install play equipment for younger children in the western corner and for older children on the opposite side of Reservoir Creek.**

Please explain why.

At present, walkers and mountain bikers share the same track leading from the bridge toward Kingsland Forest Park. This shared use has resulted in safety concerns. To address this, a new walking-only track is proposed along the park's eastern boundary. The existing track would then be dedicated for mountain bike use, reducing conflict between users.

During the 'seeking ideas' consultation round, some residents suggested incorporating more active recreational features, including a small pump track or mountain bike jump area. One option is to integrate a basic pump track in the southern section of the park, alongside the existing track.

Q21 Do you support or oppose the proposal to create a separate walking-only track near the southeastern boundary of Easby Park, with the existing track dedicated to mountain bikers?

Q22 Do you support or oppose the proposal to install a pump track in the southern part of Easby Park, alongside the existing track?

Q23 Do you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding Easby Park and/or Kingsland Forest Park?

5.2.37 PATON RESERVE

Location

Paton Reserve (#3 on the image) is located at 53 Paton Road, Richmond.



Issues and Options

An initial concept plan for the development of this new reserve has been prepared, and we invite your feedback (see the draft plans on pages 17-22 of this leaflet).

The vision for Paton Reserve is to transform it into a destination reserve, offering visitors a taste of rural life on the edge of Richmond. The reserve will provide opportunities for people to stroll among trees, pick fruit from established orchards, picnic, play, and enjoy outdoor events. A natural amphitheatre and café could serve as venues for concerts and live performances.

Currently, the only legal vehicle access to the reserve is via the driveway entrance at 53 Paton Road. As indicated in the image opposite, a potential future road (shown in red) could provide an additional connection through to Paton Road. Alternatively, a new road connection (represented by a series of aqua-coloured dots) may be developed between the eastern edge of the reserve and Cupola Crescent. In the short term, the Council could initiate discussions with the neighbouring landowners to explore the possibility of establishing access to the eastern portion of Paton Reserve.

The initial concept plan includes a proposed vehicle access point from the Cupola Crescent side of the reserve, which would lead to a car park with 36 spaces. A second car park, providing 14 spaces, is planned near the existing entrance on Paton Road. Initially, only the smaller car park near Paton Road would be constructed to accommodate some public use. The existing driveway will serve as an internal access road connecting the two proposed car parks, which could be upgraded to include passing bays, enabling vehicles to move between the two areas.

Once legal and physical access is established, providing vehicle connection between the main car park and Cupola Crescent, the internal road could be converted to a one-way system. In this scenario, vehicles would travel east from the smaller car park near Paton Road and exit through the main car park to Cupola Crescent (or, if developed, the indicative road leading to Paton Road). Alternatively, the internal road could be restricted for use by reserve maintenance vehicles only.

The concept includes an accessible walking track that would enter and exit the reserve near both vehicle access points, with connections to both car parks and providing a loop around the reserve's widest area. The path will also offer connections to a meadow/orchard picnic area near the smaller car park, a lookout point in the southern corner, and a citrus grove and coop picnic area near the main car park. Several seating areas are planned along the walking track.

An ephemeral stream flows through the gully, exiting beneath Paton Road. Proposed developments for the southern portion of the stream include stormwater retention and wetland ponds. The land to the east and west of the stream forms a natural amphitheatre. These areas could be developed into an outdoor amphitheatre by clearing some existing vegetation and maintaining the space in mown grass.

Near the main car park on the hill is a potential site for a future playspace, toilets and/or a concessionaire café, with views over Richmond. If a café is not developed, there is potential for one or more mobile food or coffee carts to be granted licenses to occupy sites within the reserve.

















Tell us your feedback on the options for developing Paton Reserve.

Q24 Do you fully support, partially support or oppose the draft concept plan for Paton Reserve?

Q25 Which of these amenities/activities would you like to see developed/permitted at Paton Reserve?
Please tick all those you support.

- Café**
- Mobile food/coffee carts**
- Amphitheatre for outdoor concerts and events**
- Toilets**
- Playspace**
- Accessible walkway and seating**
- Picnic areas and tables**
- Wetland pond enhancements**
- Small car park near Paton Road**
- Larger car park on hill near Cupola Cres**
- Upgraded internal road for public vehicle use**
- Use of existing internal road restricted to reserve maintenance vehicles only**
- Other (please specify) _____**

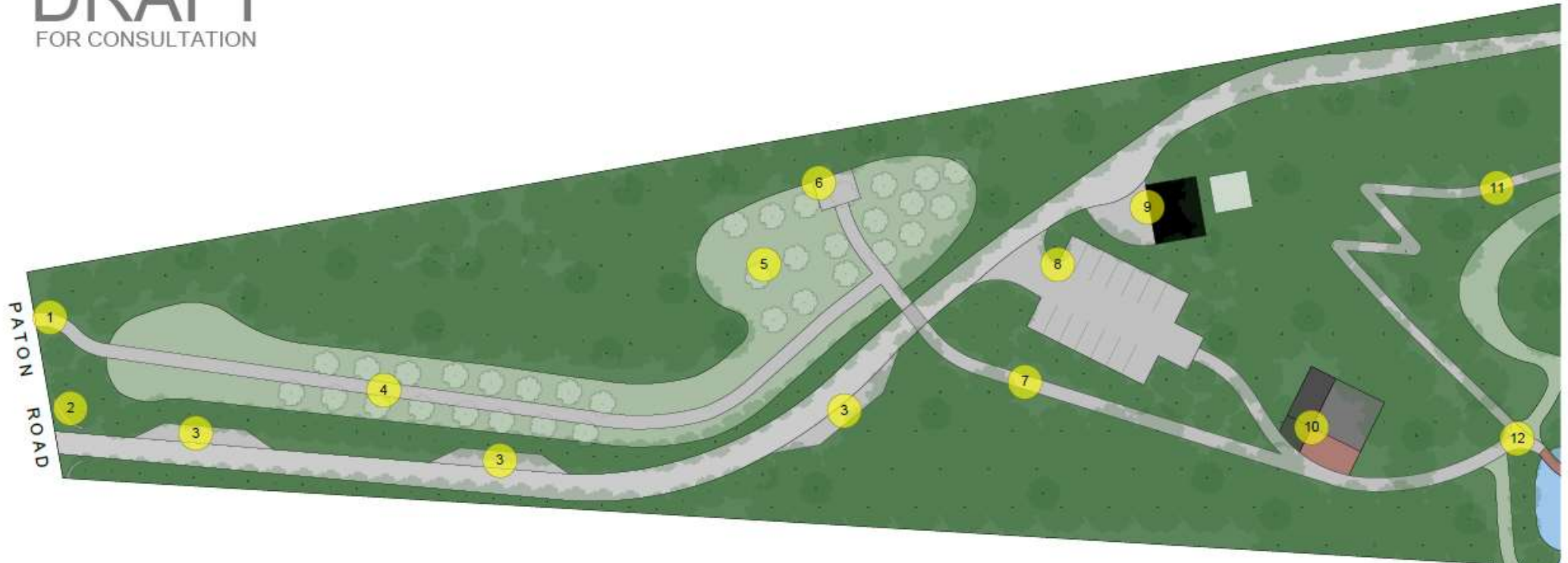
Q26 Do you have any other feedback on the concept plan or draft policies for Paton Reserve?

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|  Proposed Seating Area |  8 Lookout Location |
|  1 Paton Road Entry |  9 Natural Amphitheatre |
|  2 Paton Road Pedestrian Connection |  10 Citrus Grove and Coop Picnic Area with Potential for Concessionaire |
|  3 Meadow/Orchard Picnic Area |  11 Cupola Crescent Carpark |
|  4 Paton Road Carpark |  12 Potential Location for Playspace Development |
|  5 Potential Location for Concessionaire / Cafe / Toilets |  13 Cupola Crescent Exit |
|  6 Stormwater Retention including Wetland / Pond Development |  14 Cupola Crescent Entry |
|  7 Deck Area overlooking Wetland |  15 Initial Cupola Crescent Pedestrian Connection |



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| 1 | Pedestrian Access to Paton Road | 7 | Accessible Walkway to the Loop Track |
| 2 | Paton Road Entry, Recommend Developed Design | 8 | Paton Road Carpark |
| 3 | Temporary Pull-over Bay / Parallel Parking Locations - 2 Vehicles Per Bay | 9 | Recommend Securing Existing Shed to Create Maintenance Depot |
| 4 | Accessible Walking Track Connects the Wider Area to the Reserve | 10 | Potential Location for Concessionaire / Cafe / Toilets |
| 5 | Meadow / Orchard Picnic Area | 11 | Accessible Loop Track Connects Paton Road and Cupola Crescent Carparks |
| 6 | Potential Seating Location, recommend Community Style Picnic Tables | 12 | Central Node Including Connection to Wetland Development |



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View into Orchard Meadow



View into Proposed Carpark



View along Proposed Pedestrian Path



View into Existing Wetland



View into Proposed Carpark



View into Existing Stream





View onto Natural Amphitheatre



View from Coop Seating Area



View along Open Field



View across Reserve



View into Proposed Carpark



View from Lookout Picnic Area



KEY CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE DRAFT PLAN

Many of our parks and reserves are already fully developed – they require little more than ongoing maintenance. However, we could develop new reserves and improve others. Following earlier feedback from the community, several development proposals and ideas are now included in the Draft Plan.

Suggested improvements and changes to the current management regime for parks and reserves in Richmond Ward are summarised below.

Improving environmental wellbeing

- 1) Te Oranga o te Taiao (a concept intended to express the intergenerational importance to Māori of environmental health and wellbeing) is upheld by maintaining, restoring, protecting and enhancing the natural environment of parks and reserves in Richmond Ward. Revegetation with eco-sourced indigenous species, regular weed and humane animal pest control, and protection from incompatible activities, enhances the integrity of these areas – particularly those with Significant Native Habitats.
- 2) Management of esplanade reserves and other parks and reserves that adjoin waterways/the coastline is aligned with the concept of Te Mana o te Wai (see Glossary definition) and aims to ensure that the health and wellbeing of water and freshwater/coastal ecosystems is protected. Riparian plantings contribute to improved water quality and increased native biomass. Signage includes educational material about how reserve management protects waterways.
- 3) Maintenance practices continue to improve and reduce the potential for environmental harm. For example, minimising use of sprays and implementing alternative methods of weed control reduces potential runoff into waterways and protects habitat. Knowledge of ecological domains is considered when ecosourcing indigenous plant species for revegetation projects.
- 4) Many of the parks and reserves form part of a wider network of ecological corridors, creating and extending linkages ki uta ki tai/between the mountains and the sea.

Responding to climate change impacts

- 5) Reserve management and strategic purchase of reserve land provide opportunities for ecological retreat from climate change impacts.
- 6) Over the next century and beyond, sea-level rise and coastal inundation will inevitably impact many coastal reserves: this is accepted and management of these areas reflects this. Sustainable natural solutions are implemented to manage coastal hazards and vulnerabilities on coastal reserves, to minimise the impact on the natural environment and promote natural resilience. Coastal protection work on reserve land that is undertaken by adjacent landowners complies with the process outlined in the 'Coastal erosion protection structures on Council reserve land Policy'.
- 7) A 'managed retreat' approach to sea level rise is implemented by ensuring that coastal hazards and climate change are taken into account in the location, design and construction of all buildings, facilities and improvements, and that facilities and structures in high-risk areas are designed to be removable or expendable.

Building partnerships

- 8) Strengthened relationships and partnerships with iwi/Māori are based on mutual good faith, cooperation and respect.
- 9) Kaitiakitanga is reflected in the way that the parks, reserves and their values are managed.
- 10) There is increased understanding, respect and consideration of iwi/Māori worldview, tikanga and mātauranga Māori and this is incorporated into reserve management.

KEY CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE DRAFT PLAN (continued)

- 11)** Council and Te Taihū Iwi work together with community groups, other organisations, neighbours and volunteers to implement the objectives and policies of this Plan.

Increasing benefits of parks and reserves

- 12)** An appropriate mixture of indigenous and exotic species are planted in urban parks and reserves, including for rongoā/medicinal or raranga/weaving purposes, urban food, water quality, greater amenity, shelter and shade. Harvesting produce from fruit trees, community gardens and rongoā and raranga materials on a sustainable basis is encouraged.
- 13)** Bicultural values are increasingly reflected in parks and reserves, for example through the provision of bicultural signage and interpretation panels, use of te reo Māori names, and provide opportunities for installation of pouwhenua at reserve entrances.
- 14)** Pedestrian access (for example, to mahinga kai sites and the coastal environment) via the reserve network is enhanced. Walkway/cycleway linkages are progressively extended, as subdivision occurs.
- 15)** Additional or replacement recreational amenities (e.g. signage, information panels, toilets, picnic tables, barbeques, drinking water fountains, shade sails, paths and other facilities) are progressively provided in recreation reserves over time. 'Accessibility for all' principles guide this provision, ensuring that amenities are inclusive of tāngata whaikaha (disabled people), older people, parents and children and enhance wellbeing.
- 16)** Reserve design includes provision of spaces for social gatherings and informal recreation.
- 17)** Urban parks and reserves provide safe spaces for people. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are incorporated into reserve development. Where lighting is provided, consideration is given to solar and passive lighting.
- 18)** Lighting is purposefully absent from some reserves in rural areas, where management incorporates 'Dark Sky' principles.
- 19)** A review of existing toilet provision and the adequacy of their performance is undertaken, with new/replacement toilets and/or wastewater infrastructure/discharge fields provided in response.
- 20)** A wide range of new or upgraded amenities are proposed across several reserves, including:
- New or upgraded playgrounds at Central Park, Camberley Reserve, Lampton Reserve, Chertsey Reserve, Easby Park and Paton Reserve.
 - Active recreation features, including a basketball half court and cinema wall (Lampton), beginner-friendly pump track (Chelsea Avenue and Harriet Court reserves), a pump track and separation of bike and walking tracks in Easby Park.
 - Improved community facilities, including picnic tables, shade sails, and accessible pathways at several reserves.
 - Natural and sensory play elements, soft landscaping, feature rocks, and fruit trees to enhance play and biodiversity.
 - Amphitheatre for outdoor events and concerts, toilets, car parking and a potential café at Paton Reserve to support its development as a destination park.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on these proposed improvements, and whether there are other facilities or amenities you'd like to see added to Richmond Ward's reserves over the next 10 years.

HAVE A SAY

We invite you to make an online submission on the Draft Richmond Ward Reserve Management Plan at: shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews

