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**Sent:** Sunday, 25 June 2017 7:28 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Development of the area is a great idea. The mountain bike tracks are great and the idea of the wetland.

**How could we have done better?:**

It would have been awesome to see an adult outdoor exercise gym and an area for bbq and picnic tables. Also more on opening up access to waitoetoe beach.

**What have we missed?:**

See above

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Using land that's currently wasted

**How could we have done better?:**

Currently, dogs can be walked around the whole area. It's not clear whether they will still be able to.  
If dogs are banned from 'non-dog areas', the park becomes too small to exercise them adequately.

**What have we missed?:**

n/a

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Yes

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Mtb trails

**How could we have done better?:**

Pump track

**What have we missed?:**

Pump track

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No

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Generally speaking I think this is a great idea; more bike riding facilities are always a positive. And making use of land which may not be suitable for other purposes, especially for recreational facilities that function for the public good, is a win-win.

**How could we have done better?:**

**What have we missed?:**

I am mostly responding to bring up the idea of including, scattered amongst the BMX and mountain biking stuff, some bike trials obstacles. Included in this would be materials such as: large rocks/boulders, large concrete pipes, wooden platforms/beams, etc.

Bike trials obstacles/areas are typically not that difficult to set up, don't really take up huge amounts of physical space, and can often be a part of the landscaping and make use of areas which would be difficult to use for other biking sports.

I have included a few links to some images of the sort of thing I mean:

<https://ep1.pinkbike.org/p4pb9132948/p4pb9132948.jpg>

<http://www.trashzen.com/2010-trashzen/photos/cesarschool-zones4.jpg>

<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/I3nAAxxPlv8/maxresdefault.jpg>

[https://i.ytimg.com/vi/WOn\\_wZTocTE/maxresdefault.jpg](https://i.ytimg.com/vi/WOn_wZTocTE/maxresdefault.jpg)

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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

A good balance of mountain bike and other activities

**How could we have done better?:**

Put in few more beginner/medium skills mountain bike paths

**What have we missed?:**

More seats

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Yes

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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Keeping walkers, dogs and bikes separate is ideal. good signage is a must too. A good bike riding loop track is a good idea.

**How could we have done better?:**

its a shame the riding area is getting smaller, I suppose if there is effort put in to upgrading the trails that are there, that will compensate some what.

**What have we missed?:**

Mountain Bike Skill area?

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**What did we get right?:**

Developing the area

**How could we have done better?:**

Remove fencing

**What have we missed?:**

Possibly coin fed bbqs in the picnic area... like those on the tauranga beaches.

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No

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**From:** outtrim@xtra.co.nz  
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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

You left the Dunne Block alone

**How could we have done better?:**

Put several speed bumps along the road and car parking area. If drivers think the way is clear they will go to quickly. 10 km maximum. No excuses. Dogs can come from anywhere. Keep the area rugged as possible. We have plenty of lovely park like surrounds already in palmy

**What have we missed?:**

The wetlands are a lot wetter than you think and most people will find it unpleasant to walk through.

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Yes

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

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**What did we get right?:**

The mountain bike area.

**How could we have done better?:**

Make a bigger mountain bike area.

**What have we missed?:**

The supercross track.

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Yes

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

All I want to ensure is that you have toilets I am so over having to let my grandchildren (preschoolers) go in the bush. As they cannot manage the long trek over to Maxwells Line if we are picnicking down at Bills Bush. Also please make sure the paths are stroller and pram friendly..currently the muddy tracks just bog the pram down.

**How could we have done better?:**

It appears that you are more concerned about facilities for dogs than children...

**What have we missed?:**

You seem to have missed listening to people with toddlers.

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Mountain bike trails :)

**How could we have done better?:**

More mountain bike trails

**What have we missed?:**

Please make sure there is plenty of mountain bike trails, we don't have any in the city so this is a great chance

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Yes

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Improving the biking area is a good idea

**How could we have done better?:**

Don't like the parking being moved into the park as this takes away the wilderness idea of the park.

**What have we missed?:**

The fact that the community said they want to keep the wilderness feeling and the plan has a car park in the middle of it

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Opening and tidying the area up

**How could we have done better?:**

Increase space for mountain bike tracks. A lot of them will be lost with the proposed layout, so please leave as many as possible.

**What have we missed?:**

Needs more mountain bike tracks

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

Mountain bike track, good family friendly area by the sounds of things.

**How could we have done better?:**

More mountain bike tracks - fastest growing sport and there is a lack of good tracks in the area.

More tracks could also mean we could hold some races.

**What have we missed?:**

More MTB tracks.

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Yes

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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Great to see this.

Looking forward to the riverside being gradually made more magical and beautiful for the public and visitors.

**How could we have done better?:**

Enable files to be sent in right here in the questionnaire. =)

**What have we missed?:**

- Oliver asking for more...
- Consider allowing muzzled dogs anywhere at all. (Throughout the entire city too.)
- Put plenty of nice-looking seating all over the place, rather than just the eternal, boring, awkward to climb in and out of picnic benches.
- As at Takaro Park, a public toilet, a drinking fountain, and litter bins that discourage domestic waste dumping but make it easy to be good about litter.
- Design a really, really effective (but brief) signboard encouraging care about litter. See what other cities have succeeded with. Friendly, cheerful, positive.
- As at Takaro Park, a set of exercise machines to promote healthy exercise.
- Suitable shelter to enable musicians to play despite bad weather, and audience also to shelter as they watch. Enough for, say 5 musicians, and say, ten audience. Typically teenagers will probably use it. I realize deadbeats may use it at night, but that's part of the life of a humane city. If a toilet is handy, that'll prevent the worst of abuse.
- Put up a robust but interesting art piece to add some style to the place. Not a boring cliché politically correct one, something intriguing. A giant hand or head, an old tractor or some quaint monster iron thing from Stongs Metal Recyclers on Tremaine. Ask Keegan, he knows the idea. Something easy and fast to paint brightly, something interesting that kids of all ages will like.
- Safe illumination at night, designed to be really pretty though. Ask Venky, he'll know.

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

I like that there are many different activities in the one area and the car park in the middle.

**How could we have done better?:**

Could you have a couple of fences of dog areas?

**What have we missed?:**

Could you provide water for humans and dogs, as well as bins for the dog poop?

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Yes

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**From:** renee.schalkwijk@gmail.com  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Nike area, mountain bike tracks and play area are good. I don't agree with a small fenced area for dogs, the concept of a dog park is a large open area where dogs can run / play / socialise without bikes and other hazards. The dog park in Hamilton is fantastic and PNCC should look at having a similar space in PN for this. The space needs things to interest dogs, trees, various walkways etc. A small fenced off area will not achieve this

**How could we have done better?:**

See comments above, the small fenced dog area is not a good option. The concept of a dog park is a large open area where dogs can run / play / socialise without bikes and other hazards. The dog park in Hamilton is fantastic and PNCC should look at having a similar space in PN for this. The space needs things to interest dogs, trees, various walkways etc. A small fenced off area will not achieve this.

I would like to see the open lawn area in its entirety be a dog park.

**What have we missed?:**

The concept of a dog park!

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No

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

In comparison to the BMX area the dog area Dog Dog area looks way too small. I would say the numbers of users of the dog area would exceed the numbers of those using the bmx area. In my opinion this is tokenism.

**How could we have done better?:**

as above plus a greater area encompassing some trees for shade.

**What have we missed?:**

no mention of water fed to site.

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Yes

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**What did we get right?:**

Virtually nothing. Dogs and their behaviour are a reflection of their environment. Bad owners have bad dogs. The group of dog owners that have proposed and are pushing this idea are generally owners of larger dogs. Large dogs and smaller dogs which are not familiar with one another do not get on well together. A big proportion of the owners of small dogs are older people who during their childhood have been taught to respect other people. Among the mob that currently use this area there is a preponderance of younger non-cooperative, unthinking, disrespectful owners of larger dogs. Not all big dog owners are at fault in any way whatsoever.

**How could we have done better?:**

Let the larger dogs have 90% of the area but provide a small adequately (1800mm) high fenced area with double gates for those older people with their small dogs. Sometimes these little dogs are the only company that older people have and the owners do not like having their family roughed up by bigger dogs.

**What have we missed?:**

Dogs and most of their owners could not give a damn about waka sites or any other racist claims relating to fables and myths from the past.. Stop all the PC bull. The park should be for all and should not be considered tribal, not even in name. The Council planner who has gone public lately about not liking high or any fences should be sacked immediately as she has allowed her own bigoted ways to over-ride the wishes of the registration-paying dog owners.

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Yes

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Yes

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

I love this park. The space and freedom for dogs and family together is great. It is a real price of the wild in our own back yard.

**How could we have done better?:**

More regular spaced rubbish bins would be good. I see one more has gone in by the river but so many people are so lazy when it comes to rubbish.

**What have we missed?:**

There is an area not too big surrounded by Bush that would make an excellent place for a fenced area for especially the elderly to let their dogs roam free and interact with other dogs without the stress of running after the mischief's. It is across from the swing and is already self enclosed by Bush. There is parking on the Buick Cres road near to this area.

Also a small park by the swing already thereceived maybe a slide around a tree trunk and another swing would be awesome! !!

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Your doing something

**How could we have done better?:**

More MTB tracks

**What have we missed?:**

Mtb tracks

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No

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Continue with the mountain bike park

**How could we have done better?:**

Fenced dog area

**What have we missed?:**

Fenced dog area - doesn't have to be close to parking like it says in the below question.

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## Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

Nothing that makes it any better than it already is.

How could we have done better?

By putting a road through the middle of the park it defeats the purpose of keeping the wilderness. It says that you are extending the mountain bike track but putting all of the new areas and equipment would take away more tracks than you're building. It is highly unlikely the river would not be suitable.

What have we missed?

If you were to add equipment and areas down at the river could you do it over at the 'Dunne Block'? Nothing ~~is there~~ is there so you wouldn't be taking anything away. It would be very suitable for the dog area as it is a large field with no mountain bike tracks around. Bikes and dogs in the same area could be exotic.

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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Write to Waitoetoe Park Consultation, Palmerston North City Council, Private Bag 11034, The Square, Palmerston North, 4442 OR

Fill in the online form at pncc.govt.nz/waitoetoe OR Phone us on 356 8199

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## Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

Everything Great. Definately keep park as a wilderness area.

How could we have done better?

Include fenced dog socialisation and play area.

(Why not a fully fenced dog 'off leash' play area) Was it cost of fence? I feel the cost would be well worth it.

What have we missed?

Otherwise overall plan fantastic asset to the area

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

Dogs must be leash free over the whole park, as well as the fully fenced dog area.

How could we have done better?

What have we missed?

Need more doggy poo bins. There are not enough in the right places at the moment - at the access points from the sheds in Buck Cres for example.

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medium size

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** caitlinoshe@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 June 2017 9:05 AM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Retaining areas of cultural and ecological (wetlands) significance. I also thinking vegetating majority of the site and providing for multiple activities are great ideas.

**How could we have done better?:**

Addressing activities/areas that conflict. I suggest altering the proposed dog walking area and track to not go between the wetland areas and instead separate this activity from these areas of ecological significance. Dogs may disturb the wetland fauna. Due to the decline of wetlands over time through the Region it's important that these are maintained along with the fauna that inhabit them. PNCC may also want to consider completely fencing the wetlands off to further reduce disturbance.

**What have we missed?:**

n/a

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

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**What did we get right?:**

Great job overall. We like your decision to maintain the wild nature of the park. Particularly extending Bills Bush. We really enjoy the bird life in that area. We also really like the idea of the natural play area and letting the kids create their own fun.

**How could we have done better?:**

Your natural play area could be in a better place, it's all squashed up the top like you didn't really know where to put it. In its current location it has a bike skills track running through it, and has a dog walking track running alongside it, which will cause some problems (know from experience). Also it is completely under the trees. Perhaps you could move it further east so some of the play area is out in the open. You have a huge open space on the edge of the picnic park area (left side of walking track). Why not utilise it? The picnic park will be used by families anyway. It would also put more distance between wandering dogs and the kids.

**What have we missed?:**

Overall pretty happy with the design.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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Hilary

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**Phone number:**

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True



## Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

JUST ABOUT ALL OF IT! AWESOME PLAN!!

How could we have done better?

- \* DO FENCE A DOG AREA - REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT FOR NEW PUPPES & TRAINING ETC
- \* CLEAR TRACK TO "BEACH"
- \* PUBLIC TOILETS - ? IN PARKING AREA - KIDS GET "CAUGHT SHORT"

What have we missed?

- \* DOGGY DOO BINS?
- \* HOW ARE YOU PROTECTING/PRESERVING THE WETLAND?  
- ARE YOU DOING MORE WETLAND PLANTING TO ENHANCE IT?
- \* PREDATOR/PEST CONTROL - WETLAND

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** harriet.wellwood@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 June 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

more entrances

**How could we have done better?:**

more planting of nz native plants and community orchard and vege garden

**What have we missed?:**

water fountains (for humans and doggies) and plenty of rubbish bins

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

All interest groups are represented with a nice inclusion of local culture.

**How could we have done better?:**

There looks to be a lots of formal paths, fences and car parks which may make the area look over developed. A lot of existing paths are not shown in the plan. Spread some activities into the existing park and show how the Riverside Pathway will link to Tip Road and the Mangaone Stream. Not sure if all the arrival areas are required?

Unsure why the waka cannot be launched off the existing beach and avoid building a new road.

**What have we missed?:**

Still a lot of detail of agility stations for Dogs, skills equipment for bikes and play equipment to be developed. More trails for riding, some have been lost and there is little area for replacements. Plans for the Dunne Block if it can be purchased.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

I think it is great that the PNCC is investing in upgrading the park for more leisure activity for PN residents. The plan looks good and there is something for everyone. Really pleased to see a lot of work has gone into thinking about all recreational users.

**How could we have done better?:**

My only worry is that there is too much trying to be achieved for a small area. In particular for dog walkers. Along the river track is the only place in PN where dog owners can take their dogs for a walk off the lead. It is difficult enough with sharing with cyclists who do not respect dog walkers, by cycling very fast along shared tracks and not warning dog walkers that they are approaching, but having a car park in the middle of the park opens up risk that dogs will be run over by cars. The plan does try to mitigate this risk by tree planting and borders, but when dogs are off the lead it is very easy for them to run and play with other dogs and they won't be looking out for cars coming down the driveway. I therefore strongly suggest the car park stay where it is at Maxwells line. I don't think that bike riders and dog walkers will have any issue with walking or cycling from Maxwells line to Waitoetoe Park. Afterall, it is exercise that we are there for. Love the suggested signage but please ensure that there is also signage for dog walker asking them to respect others by picking up there dog poo. Those dog walkers who don't do this give good dog owners a bad name. Also, for cyclists to slow down when passing dog walkers. Some cyclists are very rude and arrogant.

**What have we missed?:**

Please can there be more rubbish bins all the way down the track. There are not enough rubbish bins for disposing of dog poo. Please can there also be some lighting that goes from the Ruha Street, Holiday Park car park all the way along the shared path to Waitoetoe park. Although it is not intended to be used at night, in the middle of winter, dog walkers have no choice but to exercise their dogs in the dark. Please also can we consider sealing the pathways where it is currently lime. The puddles and unevenness when it rains makes for not so pleasant walking. More water stations along the whole river path would be good so dogs and cyclists can have a drink and fill up water bottles. I know this is outside this plan, but you could make a start with this plane. I will be answering no to the next question, as I hope that the whole area can still be off the lead area for dogs as it is now. So no need for a small fully fenced area.

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** swetherall@mac.com  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Planning for flooding

**How could we have done better?:**

For Bikers/Mountain Bikers / Families with bikes

1. The existing trails in the Play Space be retained
2. Any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced
3. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited
4. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow for some all weather tracks
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

**What have we missed?:**

1. The existing trails in the Play Space be retained
2. Any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced
3. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited
4. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow for some all weather tracks
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

6. Keep the park as an off leash area for dogs

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Mtb tracks and family area

**How could we have done better?:**

Don't get rid off the popular mtb tracks on the side of the river☺That I use almost daily. Any tracks that get moved should be replaced and more should be joint - mtbing is one of the fastest growing sports and heaps of people will enjoy new facilities. There are not many places where anyone can ride any decent slightly challenging trails in the Palmerston North area. Building tracks at the river will help a load but what about the walking tracks around summerhill that are wide, well built and already get used by mountain bikers and walkers with no big issues. More of these tracks up summerhill - maybe seperate walking and riding tracks but it wouldn't be necessary with the width of the current paths. There is a ton of space up there! Other cities (Rotorua, taupo, wanaka, wellington ect) have good riding trails within 10 minutes riding. Why can't we? Get off your backs and do something decent for the area!

**What have we missed?:**

More Mtb tracks ect

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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Merle Lavin

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

No

**How could we have done better?:**

Retained more of the MTB tracks. These are the only dedicated MTB tracks within the city.

**What have we missed?:**

See above.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

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**How could we have done better?:**

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**What have we missed?:**

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Will be a good community space

**How could we have done better?:**

Further enhance cycling facilities within the development as they are a great option for young and old.

**What have we missed?:**

1. The existing trails in the Play Space be retained
2. Any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced
3. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited
4. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow for some all weather tracks
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

The area has not been overdeveloped

**How could we have done better?:**

Not removed existing MTB trails.

**What have we missed?:**

The addition of carparking so far into the park and a number fences will both reduce the feeling of "a wild and natural" park

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 July 2017 10:31 AM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

MTB tracks

**How could we have done better?:**

More MTB tracks

**What have we missed?:**

Fenced area for dogs?

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** clayandjak@gmail.com  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Natural play areas, dog agility and dog areas - all fantastic!! Leaving out exercise equipment was the right choice for this 'wilderness' park.

**How could we have done better?:**

The existing trails in the Play Space should be retained, not removed, and any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced

Keeping the trails, instead of reducing the trails, means that kids, families, teens and all non-driving people can still access a mountain biking park within the city limits - what other cities can say that?? It keeps it open for short rides after school or work, adding to our ease of living as a city. It's more accessible than Arapuke Park for year round use.

Don't create wide paths that encourage powered vehicles, but keep them all-weather.

Please, please use information boards and markers - something our city parks and walkways lack, and please show how it connects to the nearby trails, River Pathway to Esplanade etc for context.

**What have we missed?:**

Enclosed dog off-leash area - are we the only city to not have one now? And if it's not suitable here, then that's fine but where can we put one? I would drive across the city to access one for my rehomed greyhound who can't be off leash, unless in an enclosed area.

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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# Tell us what you think

## What did we get right?

Great dog off leash area.  
The paths are great for rainy/wet  
times  
Great kids (Kindy + school) are planting trees.

## How could we have done better?

## What have we missed?

I think it is dangerous for horses to be  
allowed in a dog off leash area. Their riders  
do not clean up after them. Many dogs are  
not used to horses. They could be kicked by a  
horse if got too close. Riders could be thrown off.

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fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☐

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

All good.

How could we have done better?

What have we missed?

Dog owners have to pick up dog do-dos.  
Do horse owners have to do  
same? If not how is it  
disposed of?

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☐

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

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How could we have done better?

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What have we missed?

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: DON & CAROLE WRIGHT

Contact: ---

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# Tell us what you think

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What did we get right?

Very good plan to develop  
Waitoetoe Park - good use of what  
is already a great leisure area.

How could we have done better?

Not happy about the extension of  
road from the newly planned car park  
to Waka point.

What have we missed?

Some seats & tables in picnic area

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Sue Stirling  
Contact: 021 127 4724

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** David Currin <dcurren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 7 July 2017 3:32 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan for Waitoetoe Park.  
I find this document gives the appearance of being somewhat hastily prepared and in my view incomplete.

The access way at 58 Buick Crescent has no connecting pathway shown. This is a popular access way and is already often very muddy through lack of maintenance and this would be exacerbated by the removal of the pathway which currently runs across the rear of Buick Crescent sections between Panieri Park and Bill's Bush, connecting also with the network of limestone pathways in the remainder of the park.

I understand that there was a proposal to allow controlled freedom camping for camper vans in the car park area in the old concrete works. I had thought that this proposal had been dropped but I have learned this morning that it has not. As the nearest neighbour to this site I strongly object to any such proposal, as do all of the neighbours to whom I have spoken about it. We all know the problems that these campers have caused around the country with their lack of concern for the environment and neighbours. I understand that access would be controlled by the issuing of a pass but experience has shown that they, the "Compliant" few, will let in their mates. Also, being "self contained" in no way means that these campers will use their own facilities when there is a way of avoiding the task of emptying those facilities. This is a health hazard, particularly for children playing in the area. Finally I see no need for such an area so close as it is to an existing camp ground nor do I feel any obligation to provide a free alternative for these people, maybe Council staff could offer their back yards as an alternative??? I notice that there is no mention of it in the draft Plan Documentation that I have received.

The car park area proposed on the old concrete works site is going to provide an excellent opportunity for motor bikers to gain access right into the heart of the park. A recent episode of damage caused by this illegal activity was brought to the Council's attention by many of the park's neighbours. The council response was that this would be dealt with in the draft plan and that it was a very difficult problem to deal with. This Car Park is only going to make it even more difficult. I worry about the safety of children using the park with these "Hoons" whizzing around and wonder if the Council are aware of their "Duty of Care" to provide a safe environment. It has not been dealt with in this draft and I wonder if there is any "Will" on the Council's part to do anything about this ongoing problem before there is an "Accident".

Reagrds

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Allowing Mountain bike trails in city limits

**How could we have done better?:**

Not taken away city trails for a play area which could be located elsewhere.

Ensured city trails that are being taken due to erosion work be relocated elsewhere

**What have we missed?:**

1. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited.
2. It is also the best place to mountain bike when short of time as most people can ride here from home.
3. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow some all weather tracks
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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Rachel Beaver

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**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

True

**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Not a lot!!

**How could we have done better?:**

Leave it as it is. Definitely do NOT want BMX & Mountain Bikes.

**What have we missed?:**

A few more wooden picnic tables would be great.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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N McLaughlin

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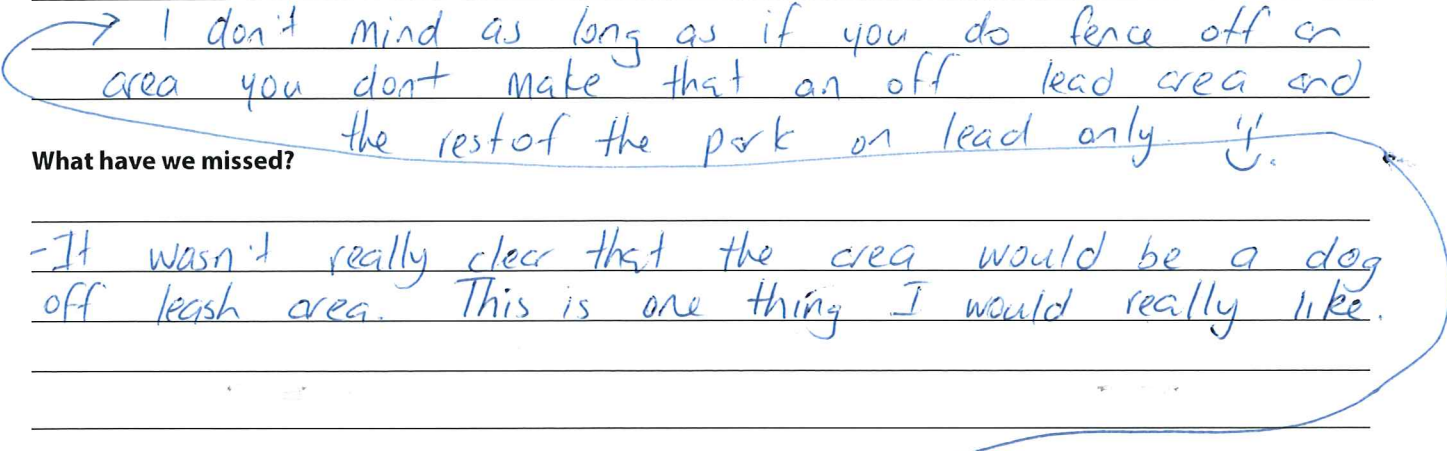


# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

-love the fact its staying a nature reserve.  
-Bicycle skills tracks and bmx area.

How could we have done better?

→ I don't mind as long as if you do fence off an area you don't make that an off lead area and the rest of the park on lead only. 

What have we missed?

-It wasn't really clear that the area would be a dog off leash area. This is one thing I would really like.

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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### What did we get right?

Agility track  
 Green spaces

### How could we have done better?

Fence/secure car parks to avoid accidents with dogs and cars

### What have we missed?

- Dog watering stations  
 - Bags & Bins for dog poo

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?** Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Cathy Reitsma

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

"maintaining wild and natural"

The park is good as it is now!

How could we have done better?

Don't put the carpark and roads in the middle of it! keep the carpark at the edge! If you put carparks in the centre you spoil the wild and natural nature of much of the park. If you keep the carpark at one edge, the rest of the park stays a wilderness area.

What have we missed?

Have grassy areas that are not mown to encourage wild flowers.

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

ITS ALL BULL SHITE  
YOU HAVE MADE UP YOUR MIND

MORE COUNCIL MONEY WASTED

How could we have done better?

NOT SPEND SO MUCH  
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT = SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS  
OLD PEOPLE

What have we missed?

WHEN IT RAINS FLOODING  
ABLUTION BLOCK

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☐

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Jason Pilkington  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 July 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** Merle Lavin  
**Subject:** FW: Please forward [#40E1BE]  
**Attachments:** Waitoetoe Park Jul 17.doc

Hi Merle

Please see email below and attach the above to their submission.

Regards

Jason

**JASON PILKINGTON | Leisure Assets Planner**

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**To:** Jason Pilkington  
**Subject:** FW: Please forward [#40E1BE]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Raewyn Hailes" <[Raewyn.Hailes@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz](mailto:Raewyn.Hailes@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz)>  
**Sent:** 12 July, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** "info@pncc.govt.nz" <[info@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:info@pncc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Please forward

Good Afternoon,

I have made an online submission today, to the Waitoetoe Park development plan and would like the attached document to go with the submission. Could you please forward to the appropriate person.

Regards

Raewyn

**Raewyn Hailes**

Access and Community Development Manager

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**ccs**  
**disability action**  
Including all people

Submission to Palmerston North City Council  
Waitoetoe Development Plan



12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**We would like to speak to our submission**



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**Recommendations**

- Palmerston North City Council collects regular accurate data on the ability of people with access needs to move around their community and use services (We can provide tools and advice to effectively do this).
- Palmerston North City Council involves people with access needs in planning.
- Palmerston North City Council works collaboratively with the disability sector to progressively identify access barriers in the community and remove them.

**About us**

CCS Disability Action is a community organisation that has been advocating for disabled people to be included in the community since 1935. As of June 30 2016, we were providing support to 3,505 children, young people and adults through our 16 branches, which operate from Northland to Invercargill. Our support focuses on breaking down barriers to participation. We receive a mixture of government and private funding.

CCS Disability Action has a national network of access coordinators, who work with local government and transport operators to create a more inclusive society. We also run the Mobility Parking scheme. As of June 30 2016, this scheme supported more than 130,037 people to more easily access their local towns and facilities.

What unites and drives our organisation is a common philosophy. We believe that the community should value and include disabled people.

**Introduction**

We appreciate the opportunity to submit on Council Plans. Councils play an important role in ensuring our communities include everyone. A key part of this is ensuring that council services and infrastructure are accessible to all. Improved accessibility strengthens communities, by ensuring everyone can participate. Improved accessibility also improves business and tourism opportunities.

A high level of accessibility is a sign of a progressive inclusive region and will attract a wider range of people as migrants and tourists, boosting the economy nationally, regionally and locally. Accessibility is important to social and economic prosperity, and with an aging population, will only become more important.

The New Zealand Standard on Access and Mobility, NZS 4121: 2001, states that:

“Accessibility not only means access for people with disabilities, but it also ensures efficiency, comfort and convenience for everyone else. It is a practical matter, and not an emotional issue.”

We encourage Palmerston North City Council to see access issues as a practical matter of ensuring everyone can access their community. We are keen to work in partnership with Palmerston North City Council to progressively improve accessibility and open up new opportunities.

**Accessibility**

Accessibility issues affect everyone at some time in their life. We all experience different levels of mobility; sometimes due to temporary causes such as injury, pregnancy or illness. As we age, it is increasingly due to more permanent causes such as impairments (Greater London Authority 2004, p.

3). Forty five per cent of people aged over 65 self-identified with some degree of disability in the last census (Statistics New Zealand, 2006).

While we are all affected by accessibility issues, people with permanent access needs are the most disadvantaged. In our experience their needs are often overlooked, even by professional planners, designers, architects and engineers.

No matter how good regulations and professionals are, there is no substitute for the real life experience of people with mobility needs. It is very easy for people without mobility needs to overlook the small, but very significant details that can have a large impact on whether people can get around their community or not.

Accessibility is an opportunity to include more people in the community. With the world's aging population, there will be a growing diversity in mobility needs. An individual's level of mobility should not be a barrier and developing infrastructure that is universally accessible will ensure that everyone can continue to live, work and fully participate in their chosen community.

To get it right the first time, councils need to consult with accessibility experts. This avoids the needs for expensive alterations later on and results in a better and cheaper outcomes for everyone.

### **Planning for accessibility**

It is important to consider accessibility issues when planning how our communities and transport systems develop.

Many of the barriers disabled people face are easy and relatively cheap to fix. What is required is a combination of expert knowledge and creative thinking. Expert knowledge is required from professionals and from disabled people themselves who face these barriers every day. Collaborative partnerships

between professionals and disabled people are a great way to develop creative solutions.

Accessibility is an on-going goal rather than a set of minimal standards to be complied with. There is always room for improvement, especially as new and innovative approaches are constantly being developed.

### **Accessibility and human rights**

People with access needs frequently face significant barriers accessing the community. Article 9 of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states that the government must take measures to ensure persons with disabilities have the right to access the physical environment on an equal basis with others.

These human rights measures are not aimed at giving disabled people special rights, but to ensure they can participate in society, the same as everyone else. Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good life and take a full and valued role in society. We all benefit from having a diverse community.

The Human Rights Commission in the Accessible Journey: Report of the Inquiry into Accessible Public Land Transport (Human Rights Commission, 2005) examined transport in detail. Among other recommendations they recommended;

- That the transport needs of disabled people be considered as a core and mandatory requirement for all public land transport planning, funding and implementation processes.
- Regional councils maintain a regional data set to support and monitor progress towards accessible public land transport service in their region.

**General Accessibility issues**

Disabled people need to have accessible routes all the way to their destination. If one part of the route is inaccessible, the whole route is inaccessible.

For example, it is little good having fully accessible buses if many bus stops and pedestrian routes are not accessible. Without effective and safe pedestrian routes, bus transport becomes inaccessible and unusable.

Accessibility needs to be planned and measured over journey and routes, rather than just focusing on individual transport and infrastructure components. Planners need to ensure people can get to where they need to go.

All councils should consult with people with access needs and collect accurate data. This data enables councils to accurately monitor and evaluate people with access needs' ability to actually use the transport and infrastructure system, effectively, monitoring enables councils to progressively identify and remove access barriers.

**Conclusion**

Councils need to ensure resources are spent wisely and are to the benefit of everyone in the community. Ensuring everyone can use council infrastructure and services means that the council and the community get maximum value for their investment.

Councils can make a huge difference for their citizens. How council plan and deliver infrastructure and services can determine whether someone is included in their community or not. A fully accessible community is required if everyone is able to participate and contribute to society. We encourage Palmerston North City Council to progressively improve the accessibility of their community.

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Keeping the wilderness, encouraging natural play, a fenced area for dog socialisation.

**How could we have done better?:**

Fence the whole dog area (continue the hidden fences), with appropriate gates, instead of the small fenced area. Self-closing gates would make this a safe off leash area.

**What have we missed?:**

Will there be enough parking for the extra visitors to be expected as the park is developed? Dogs must still be allowed in the rest of the park (not just dog walking area).

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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True

**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** jessicaleggnz@gmail.com  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

As the owners of the Dunne Block we are excited to see the plans to regenerate native trees and encourage residents to enjoy this area of land. We appreciate the work that has gone into this plan and are eager to work alongside you in creating habitat for endemic birds, frogs and insects.

**How could we have done better?:**

We are aware that there may have been some confusion around the boundaries between the area of public land which constitutes Waitoetoe Park and the block of land we own as members of the BH Dunne family trust. From walking down on the land and talking to the public we have realised that most are unaware that the area labelled on the above map as the "Dunne Block" is privately owned land. This could be further confused by the labeling of some of the Dunne Block with dark green in the map, which is to be planted by the Council with "tall native trees". We consider this area to be under our custodianship, and have not received any notification that these plans have been developed. We are in fact undertaking our own planting in this area and would like to make ourselves available for co-operation and communication with the Council around these developments. Perhaps the solution could be as simple as sign-posting the boundary between public and private land to inform visitors of any vulnerable plants or bird species as well as any risks to themselves such areas which may have been sprayed with chemicals.

**What have we missed?:**

There are currently many residents who enjoy letting their dogs run off leash around this area of land. However as we continue to plant native trees and shrubs and eradicate weeds and pests on our block we hope to see an increase in native birds in the area. We are concerned that the lack of a fully fenced, contained dog park area could jeopardise this as many wetland birds are vulnerable not only during nesting season but also throughout the year. We are also concerned that dogs off the leash and not within a contained area poses a significant threat to small children, the elderly and disabled. If Waitoetoe Park is to be accessible to everyone, there must be adequate space for dog owners to exercise and socialise their dogs without posing a risk to others.

We hope that plans can be made so that both native birds and lizards, dog owners, and other members of the public can all enjoy this beautiful and unique part of Palmerston North. We thank you very much for the time, effort and money that has been invested in this process.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Waitoetoe Park is a great area for a dog park. You should think about actually building one!

**How could we have done better?:**

Patently ridiculous to have a dog park that isn't securely fenced.

**What have we missed?:**

No dog has perfect recall. We need somewhere safe and secure where dogs can socialise and run free. This does not mean building a "small fully fenced dog park area within this park", by the way. This means fencing the whole thing.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

This park is as lovely as it is, so please do not do any thing with it. I walk my dog and also ride my horse in this NATURAL park, where nature is allowed to flourish.

**How could we have done better?:**

Not to turn this into a theme park. Leave it to nature, let children learn to use their own imagination, and please do not isolate dog walkers to a small fenced area, this park is for all of us to share as it is now. LEAVE IT.

**What have we missed?:**

Nothing! LEAVE IT. It's a beautiful park as it is. There are plenty of theme parks for kids in Palmerston North. Waitoetoe is the best park in Parua so why spend money on it when it's a perfect place to walk and ride my horse, not many places to ride around this area if you don't have a float. Just leave it as it is, PLEASE.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**What did we get right?:**

The core values.  
 Involving the community / user groups at an early stage.  
 Plans for planting and play areas.  
 Recognition of the history of the area.  
 Reference to the MRF - this Framework lays out the "requirements" for the Park and does not hinge on "development plans".

**How could we have done better?:**

Less emphasis on developments - there seem to be a lot of new / upgraded tracks proposed.  
 Include links to other local facilities in the Plan e.g. the "mountain bike" area developed a few years by the recycling centre could be access from the Park.  
 Less emphasis on parking in the Park. A lot of development is proposed in this area. Parking in the Park itself should be aimed at less mobile users.  
 There is no indication on the number of cars that may use the area.  
 It should be made clear whether off-lead dog areas are being reduced or not. I very much hope dogs will not be required to be on-lead for much of the Park.

**What have we missed?:**

Suggestions for encouraging "mutual respect" between users.  
 Clear statements on whether or not some areas will be off-limits to some users.  
 Some common sense e.g. dog watering facilities are not required, the river is close by.  
 Spelling out the expected impacts on the Park, in relation to the Park Values, how these impact on Values listed in the Plan, and whether the proposals are consistent with the Core Values. e.g. more pathways decreases wilderness and hence is not consistent with the Core Values.  
 The use of the Waitoetoe Beach cliffs for jumping into the river. This is a dangerous practice, especially as the cliffs are crumbling away, particularly after floods.  
 The impact of floods in general.  
 There is no mention of on-going maintenance, in particular ensuring pathways retain their "ideal" widths.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**What did we get right?:**

see below

**How could we have done better?:**

see below

**What have we missed?:**

Until a decision is made as to where another road bridge is built between Western suburbs and Massey/Linton etc, it is wrong to proceed with this development. There is every possibility that the most logical route follows from Maxwell's Line though the old concrete plant and crossing the Manawatu just upstream of where the Turitea flows in.

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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Steve Wrathall

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

- Wetland stays - Yay!
- Natural play area great.
- Keep the dog walking track.

How could we have done better?

- Amount of vehicle access into the park will inhibit the natural wilderness of the area.
- A lot of area is designated to <sup>maintain</sup> bike tracks - will this impact on other users of the park?

What have we missed?

- Don't understand the new entrance way - does this come off the existing road - and will the car park next to Panierin Park be removed?

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Helen Eades

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Thank you for all your hard work to get 'it right' for the City.  
We appreciate your effort and ideas

## Tell us what you think

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### What did we get right?

- wonderful information + acknowledgement of pioneers + Maori settlement
- Recent plantings of flax + natives along the shared path, + field (grass)
- Named trees so we can increase our knowledge. More fruit trees?
- Provision of extra seating so you can rest and absorb the beauty!
- Crushed limestone <sup>an</sup> excellent base to walk on.
- Excellent ideas to suit many aspects of recreation eg bikes BMX dogs etc etc.

### How could we have done better?

However, we note that Waitoetoe Park is to be known as Palmerston North's wilderness Play Space and by placing cars (noisy and polluting) <sup>these</sup> will <sup>only</sup> bring problems ~~also~~ such as increased litter (m<sup>eg</sup> McDonalds) problems with safety, <sup>noise</sup> scare wildlife birds etc away, from the natural wilderness ideology.

Suggest you create a larger car park near Parviri Park or Wetland,

### What have we missed?

- ↓
- Dunne block area. Hatauroa/entrance way could be for walking/biking etc but not for cars. Surely people who bike, B'MX, scooter would have the energy ability to do so along the shared path rather than bring cars, motor bikes in.
- \* Please ask all bikers to have a bell on their bike + use as have been near misses.
  - \* Please make shared paths wider to allow for us all, walkers joggers, mini motor bikes wheelchairs dogs (on a leash please) to come + pass if need be.

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P.S Have you researched flood frequency + patterns

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☐

- \* Please can we have a path by Bills Bush - shady on a hot summers day.

Name: Merv + Anne Ayers - In Riverdale for 45 years !!

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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shared trail

- joggers
- bikers

- dogs (a lot not on a leash)

- elderly

wheelchairs / disabled

- children

- bmx bikes

- mini motor bikes

not Right

handedness

more

Maori / acknowledgement

pioneer

crushed

limestone excellent base  
to walk.

~~deep~~

planting of flax, low vegetation  
along side track.

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Attn: Waitoetoe Park Development Plan  
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17 JUL 2017

**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** charsleypaul@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 July 2017 8:03 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

You are encouraging people to get outside and enjoy our beautiful river environment. I think it is good to provide bmx areas and mountain bike areas for young people.

**How could we have done better?:**

It looks like you are trying to separate, cyclists, walkers and dog owners. I think it would be better to encourage everyone to be considerate. I use this area riding my bicycle with my dog. Do I use the dog area or the bicycle area?

**What have we missed?:**

You seem to have designed this for people arriving in cars. I think it would be better to encourage people to use bicycles or walk. It would be better to increase the area of the existing parking at the end of maxwells line.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** preay@ihug.co.nz  
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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Allowed for some walking, mountain biking, and cycling

**How could we have done better?:**

The public response was for a wilderness. This plan is overdeveloped for a wilderness. The park is overdeveloped. It needs to fit in with the current environment. The access from Buick crescent is poorly used. A dog park should be somewhere else.

**What have we missed?:**

One of the Accesses from Buick Crescent. Proper

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

The wet lands will be an amazing space. The wilderness feel is great for this space and the planned native planting will be great for wilderness play!

**How could we have done better?:**

Less vehicle access. The new car parks are great and provide access for more people, but vehicles should stay away from the existing Riverside walkway to enhance the wilderness feel.

**What have we missed?:**

Maybe a board walkway for those areas prone to flooding and mud.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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Cindy Towers

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**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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True

**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

The dog park looks good.

**How could we have done better?:**

We need more mountain-biking tracks and areas, not less. My son has received so much enjoyment at the current tracks, with the generous free coaching offered by the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club. Mountain biking should be encouraged much more in our region.

**What have we missed?:**

The pedestrian bridge should be at this level.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**

Tina

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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False

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

In keeping with natural beauty  
Minimal as area prone to flooding.  
Dog areas away from bike areas.

How could we have done better?

Ensure M+ Bike & BMX area are sand based - not the surface  
used for dump jumps as this has caused too many  
injuries.

What have we missed?

Carpark is now some distance to toilet especially for those using  
sports ground.  
A few more seats scattered would be great as these existing  
ones are popular.  
Security concerns for carpark

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small  
fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Tracey Rayds

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

The Waitoetoe Park is planned and proposed to accommodate many activities. The key park values of "wilderness" may have been lost with so many activities included.

How could we have done better?

A fully fenced (dog) exercise and play area must be included. We have walked and cycled in areas both in NZ and Australia where fully fenced dog areas are and we feel 'safe' - Dogs need an area of freedom to play and socialise and a fully fenced area is the only way to achieve this.

What have we missed?

The fully fenced dog area - Families with young children - elderly visitors need security they will not be harassed by unleashed unruly dogs - Also cyclists must not feel threatened by dogs unleashed - Budget sufficient for (ongoing) maintenance and landscaping

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Jenny James

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

The concept is excellent, good use of a floodplain.

How could we have done better?

Must adhere to the original plan of a fenced dog exercise area. I have seen several, they are well used and serve an excellent function. A lack of fence for landscaping reasons is absurd.

What have we missed?

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: Alex Davis

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Not much.

**How could we have done better?:**

It looks as if the mountain biking area is greatly diminished from what it is now. The trails here are excellent for people like me, a senior citizen, who will not necessarily want to ride at more challenging sites like Arapuke or Rotorua. These trails are important for beginners of any age to learn and improve skills.

**What have we missed?:**

What about the flooding that occurs across Waitoetoe Park about every two years and totally scours out the existing limestone tracks. This requires huge expense to ameliorate each time it happens.

How does a river flood path deal with that? I would be interested to know how the council plans to deal with the risk of all these new recreational areas being scoured out by biennial floods.

Also, vehicle access should be limited so that motor vehicles do not wreck the mountain bike tracks and other recreational area.

What about putting the bridge to nowhere that is planned for near the motor camp down at Waitoetoe, as was one of the original suggestions for it, so that recreational riders could do a reasonable loop off-road?

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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Prue Fry

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**Phone number:**

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True

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** aaron@tuiland.co.nz  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 July 2017 10:43 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Good mixture of activities in one area.

**How could we have done better?:**

Making sure mtb tracks are retained and remain kid friendly, no cars or dogs to get in way of young riders, plus longer tracks for experienced riders away from walkers/dogs as some people can't get out of town to dedicated parks or have limited time.

**What have we missed?:**

Don't over developed it as can lead to vandals and encourage powered vehicles.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Keeping the area's wild feel

**How could we have done better?:**

Please don't remove any of the MTB trails as these are the only MTB riding trails in the city

1. The existing trails in the Play Space be retained,
2. Any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced,
3. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited.
4. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow for some all weather tracks.
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

**What have we missed?:**

The number of people who ride the mtb trails on a regular basis due to easy access, time restraints, abilities and learning

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**  
Julie Bowe

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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True

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Great tidy recreation area

**How could we have done better?:**

More mtb trails within the park with signage.

**What have we missed?:**

N/A

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**

Brett Garrett

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**Phone number:**

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True

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**Merle Lavin**

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**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

More infrastructure and a great number of features.

**How could we have done better?:**

This is the only mountain biking area in the city limits and this should be promoted and given more priority. Specifically, I suggest:

1. Retaining the existing trails located in the 'Play Space' area,
2. Developing an extensive network of all-weather mountain bike tracks in this area,
3. Adding map boards and trail markers.

**What have we missed?:**

n/a

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**

Shane Telfer

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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True



# Tell us what you think

## What did we get right?

Fenced off dog exercise area. Could be developed into puppy ~ untrained dogs rehabilitation exercise/control area.  
 Wetland area for native soul ~ bird-life is great, BUT dogs in nearby area may negate the ongoing safety of future generations  
 A pond would be an attraction for ducks etc albeit no in/out water flow.

## How could we have done better?

Think BMX area should be vms-fenced, otherwise users may tend to extend their activity onto walkway where cyclists and pedestrians like to venture unhindered  
 Car parks should be closer to the lovely picnic area, so as folk can carry their picnic paraphernalia (less distance) and not be obstructed by mountain bikers in that (between) area.

## What have we missed?

Viewing/Aesthetics forms in concrete, slightly elevated positions where river flow can be viewed when users rest and take in the vista. No trees to be planted in front, (as current wooden seating has mostly impeded views of river.)  
 In picnic area which is so nicely planted out with natives, and grassy areas should have 6-10 concrete table ~ chair sets for picnickers not wishing to lie on the grass. Concrete table/seatings will withstand any flood flow damage

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: Graeme Ekins

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

A concrete swimmers changing block (m+f)  
 No toilets, just a privy structure, say 50 metres inland from stony beach

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

*I think it is mostly very good.*

How could we have done better?

*I don't want the dog (fenced) area. Dogs should be socialised to other dogs in a walking situation, which must be good for the owners as well considering we are experiencing an obesity epidemic.*

What have we missed?

*I hope there are plenty of bins for rubbish and dog droppings.  
Are there speed humps to prevent speeding?*

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Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name: *Nerida Cornish*

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tell us what you think

What did we get right?

The whole concept is great! well done so far.

How could we have done better?

Does the dog walking area mean that dogs walk off-lead?

What have we missed?

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐ as long as dogs can be off lead in another area, eg in

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒ the picnic park!

Name: John Drake

Contact: 35 Pittwater Drive

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** iolaandneill@inspire.net.nz  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 July 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

In the main yes, but my concern is that too much is being concentrated on cycling off the expensive paths which people say are too boring.

**How could we have done better?:**

More concentration on the older walkers and small children by limiting cycling speed.

**What have we missed?:**

No mention of the Frisbee golf people who have been using the area for the past 20 years.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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063543741

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Looks amazing - great plan, like the additional mountain biking features.

**How could we have done better?:**

More mountain biking spaces, the current proposed one seems a wee bit small, would be great if we could expand it out to consume more of the space and incorporate mtb tracks into other areas.

**What have we missed?:**

Proposed mountain bike track design, would be good to see what trails are proposed and to what grade they will be designed. Trails for beginners, intermediate and advance riders.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**

Kane Bensemenn

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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**Merle Lavin**

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**From:** Submission  
**Subject:** FW: Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Enhancing this already great area,

**How could we have done better?:**

Get the 'bike park' away from the currently proposed area.

Enhance the area in Dunne Block that bikes have already made use of for the bike park and leave the nice wooded walks and space alone.

**What have we missed?:**

The fact a lot of people like the park the way it is.

Enhancements are great but residents like the quiet nature of the area.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

**Name:**

R Webster

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Phone number:**

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**Merle Lavin**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 27 July 2017 10:20 AM  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

The planting that has been done so far.

**How could we have done better?:**

Just leave it the way it is now.

**What have we missed?:**

Waitoetoe Park is a flood plain at the mercy of the river. On July 14, the river came up once again washing away lime stone paths, plants and signage. Two weeks later we are still in mud. I enjoy running along the limestone paths but, if the Council was to spend a lot of money developing the area only to have it damaged every 4-6 months it would be nothing but a waste. Waitoetoe is a lovely wilderness park just the way it is. I do appreciate the planting that has taken place but, the only thing I think that needs to be done now is clean up some of the concrete waste to make it a little bit safer. There is still a bit of steel reinforcing in the middle of the wasteland that could be removed. I would like to see it remain an open area for all to use. Expensive fencing could be damaged in a flood. Mountain Bike riders don't need expensive designer tracks. Let them use their imagination. I would like the whole park remain an off leash area for dogs. A little fenced in area will quickly become too muddy and is not near as nice as a wide open paddock to race around in.

Thank you.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**What did we get right?:**

Specific areas for dogs.  
New car park areas

**How could we have done better?:**

Retain at least the same number of MTB tracks that we already have. Also:

1. The existing trails in the Play Space be retained,
2. Any trails lost due to stop bank realignment or other development are replaced,
3. This is the only significant mountain bike area within the city limits so it is important for the young without vehicles and for riding when time is limited.
4. Limit the addition of wide paths and fences which give a developed feel and encourage powered vehicles. But allow for some all weather tracks,
5. Add map boards and trail markers.

**What have we missed?:**

not sure

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**What did we get right?:**

Including mountain bike trails is a really good move.

**How could we have done better?:**

Seen as this is the only mountain biking trails within the city, the number of trails should be at least the same as what is there currently. Having the ability to go not far from home and have a blast around the trails to keep my skills honed is really good. And I wish to still be able to do this.

**What have we missed?:**

More mountain bike trails. Both easy and technical.

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**What did we get right?:**

A plan going forward is great

**How could we have done better?:**

This area has many mountain bike tracks I feel as many as possible must be retained as it is one that is able to be accessed by young riders within the city boundary and the area in your own blurb is a wild & natural play space so limit the conversion of paths to wide groomed type.

**What have we missed?:**

Replace any mountain bike tracks lost during the stopbank realinement

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Yes

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No

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**What did we get right?:**

Dog agility stations I think are a great idea.

I would like to see some natural screening from the main river walkway around the current flat dog area opposite Paneri park- would help prevent the uncontrolled/ young dogs in training chasing after bikers

**How could we have done better?:**

I drive across town to walk my dog off lead at the park and we walk through the whole park- through the forest trails, up and down the banks through the concrete jungle. She loves it and I would be concerned if access to the park was going to be limited to certain areas or become to manufactured which the mountain bike area may do. We love the current wilderness aspect and she uses the current mountain bike trails to explore and chase the odd rabbit.

**What have we missed?:**

Perhaps look at current usage times of the park - I walk my dog early and other than other dog walkers in the main park area there are very few others using the park grounds. I would imagine that over winter, outside of school holiday times it may be a similar situation. This could be used to help prevent conflict over use of designated areas if during the peak times such as school holidays that access for dog walkers to say the mountain biking area is limited to say before 9am?

There can be a lot of dog walkers who seem to think that an off lead area has no requirement for control over your dog and even if the small dog area were to be included some education about control over you dog is required. If it won't come back on command it should not be off lead. Perhaps working with local dog obedience groups for education/training when the facilities are developed would help prevent issues arising. Lack of owner control of their dogs is one of the main reasons we restrict walking our dog at the park to early in the morning

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No

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**What did we get right?:**

A range of different areas and a large good sized moutain bike area

**How could we have done better?:**

Not a lot, looks pretty good

**What have we missed?:**

Maybe a playground

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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**From:** Submission  
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1 July 2017 11:56 PM

**To:** Submission

**Subject:** Waitoetoe Park Consultation

**What did we get right?:**

Tēnā Koutou.

In terms of the overall redevelopment of the park, we (Ngati Hineaute) have no issue as matters of sensitivities have all been clarified and have or are still being worked through with very little distractions or interference from other interested stakeholder group(s) within Palmerston North - to the best of our (my) knowledge. As far as possible, Ngāti Hineaute aspire only to ensure that the Pa site and surrounding whenua be preserved and protected from any further additional adverse effects upon its history, significance, importance and cultural connection to Rangitane as Mana Whenua.

The document / plan explains the cultural connection between Ngati Hineaute, the Paneiri people, and the Tupuna Te Kurupou as once being a living, breathing Pa Site - Kainga called Ahimate. This small village with its inhabitants of approximately 150 – 200 people lived a peaceful existent amongst the Hineaute of Rangitane, intermarrying and enjoying the abundant food stores of eels, vegetables, birds. The Paneiri were originally driven away from their lands by the Kahungunu from the Hawkes Bay from a place called – Te Roto a Tara (The Lake of Tara – Tara with whom Te Whanganui a Tara is named after, Wellington, Rangitane's half brother). Today, their original home is now called – Otatara, Napier.

When the Ahimate Pa was first visited by Kettle in 1859 he described the place as "miserable". This would have been accurate in the context of the Paneiri people first being driven away from Te Roto a Tara (Otatara) as refugees and then having to endure a further 30 year war between the Rangitane and Te Rauparaha and his Ngati Toa forces.

The consultation with Ngati Hineaute as both affected party and myself as the Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority working party group representative has seen a strong relationship developed with Jason Pilkington - Leisure Assets Planner. This relationship explored the reconnection to the Pa Site and the acknowledgement of the whenua has helped guide the development of the plan and the redevelopment of the park within a set of bi-culturally unique values and principles. These values are echoed as highly important and paramount seeing the Pa site and entrance features as highly significant to the redevelopment – attracting more users to the space and its immediate surroundings with dog handlers and other.

This plan is underpinned inadvertently by its own legal standing also within various sections in Part II of RMA, namely sections 6(e), 7(a) and 8. Decision makers exercising powers and functions under the RMA shall;

- s6(e): As a 'matter of national importance', recognise and provide for the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, areas, waahi tapu, and other Taonga
- s7(a): Have particular regard for kaitiakitanga
- s8: Take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

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The Ngati Hineaute Hapu Authority are in support of the redevelopment of the Pa Site - which comes with the FULL support of Danielle Harris and Wiremu Te AweAwe. The aspiration of which is not only to re-introduce the significance of the site and its cultural connection to Rangitane, its history, its importance, but to see this a cultural first for the City that can be equally enjoyed and utilised by all users of the Park, and residents of Palmerston North. The Pa Site proper has many layers but of utmost importance is that it must be welcoming and inviting for all users of the space with the intent that it should not be constructed to dissuade residents and visitors to explore the site and its natural surroundings.

In addition, the Pa Site is consistent with Iwi aspirations for the river - Te Awa o Manawatu, and its link to our Iwi economic development aspirations on the site in the future and the overall river framework plan.

What did you get right? You got this right.

**How could we have done better?:**

Nil

**What have we missed?:**

Flag - Iwi economic aspiration.

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Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

Yes

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## Waitoetoe Park Development Plan –

feedback from Andy Irving and Keila Martin, 1 August 2017

### Introducing us:

We have been using Waitoetoe Park for the past 4 years, since discovering it by chance. We are a couple and have a 3 year old child and a dog. We drive to the park from our house in West End and use it on average 3 times a week, particularly to give our daughter exercise as well as our dog. We enjoy the ruggedness of the park, variation of spaces and the hidden vastness of this site, right on our doorstep.

We agree with the 'light touch' approach to the development of Waitoetoe Park and are excited that this hidden gem will be further enhanced. Overall we are supportive of what is being proposed, however, there are a few issues that we would like to give feedback on.

### Renaming Waitoetoe Park

We agree that the park could be renamed. We are unsure that the name being proposed is the best option. Linking the name to a cremation practice/site – does this mean the park was used to cremate bodies? Would that not make it tapu? Interesting historically and could be included in general information about the park. Maybe this proposal process could be an opportunity to renew the meaning of this site? Could there be a Maori name for the park that represents and captures its new aspirational role as a cultural/public space for Rangataane and wider Palmerston North community? Something that better represents the kaupapa of this site going forward?

### Increase Maori cultural references

Signage/kiosk is obvious but it might also be worth considering incidental signage points that you discover as you move through the park. In Bills' Bush there are signs that appear at the base of some trees with their Maori name, this is useful to a degree and a concept like this could be elaborated which forms part of a journey/pathway; story telling as you go.

We can also see an opportunity for a modern architectural interpretation for a whare, one that may house river going waka, that responds to this river side site in an inventive way.



Steilneset Memorial, Norway

### Removal of weeds

Encouraging and replanting native plant species is great and the work that has been done by community is impressive. It would also be a shame to lose some of the more interesting sites of plant diversity in the park. Some plants such as the pine trees over the bmx track add a certain charm and help to create a distinct zone and dynamic space. We understand that for safety reasons the pine trees will need to be cut down but we also think it is worth appreciating what they add to the park. We also enjoy some of the wild grass fields, seeing these change over the season with their wasteland like

aspect (see Dutch landscaper, Piet Oudolf's work). There is a risk that a natives-only planting may end up feeling a bit artificial, a bit too cleaned up - keep it real and in balance somehow.



Grasslands by Piet Oudolf,

Trentham

#### Secret meadow

We love the partially hidden grasslands adjacent to 'Bills' Bush', could this be further enclosed, with only small paths accessing it, similar to present, besides a spot for the tractor-mower to get through.

#### Dog Agility/ fenced off area

We don't agree with having a sectioned-off area for dog. It seems excessive and overly specialised and would serve only a small niche. It would need to be proven that a large group of people would want this. It might also increase the number of dog users and as there is already a problem with dog excrement, this may cause more problems. Could also prove noisy with dogs socialising in a small space together?

Dog agility along the track seems like a novel idea. We imagine that children would also like to have a go at balancing on the robust structures being proposed. We also like the idea of an area where dogs can be washed – the limestone track combined with mud in winter months means we end up washing our dog after each outing to the park. It would be useful to do it before our muddy pooch gets in the car.

No doubt this has already been requested many times but we would like to see more rubbish bins, at every entrance way and throughout the park that are regularly cleared. Rubbish bag dispensers would also be valuable. Surely the money dog owners pay for dog registration would easily cover the cost of a regular supply of rubbish bags?

#### Carpark

We are strongly opposed to a carpark smack bang in the middle of the park. We love how at present you need to walk or cycle into the depths of the park. To have a carpark where it being proposed undermines the wilderness, urban escape experience of the park and would interrupt the potential depth of this wild estate. On the edge, out of sight and sound would be better, like where it is currently located?

We see no issue with a maintenance/cultural access way being provided, for restricted vehicle access.

#### Play

We like some of the concepts being proposed around natural play but also believe there is room for some 'industrial elements'. We like how some of the bike tracks incorporate parts of old buildings and slag piles. Maybe some reclaimable materials from parts of city demolition could be sensitively reused in this manner, in certain zones. It has a slight poetry to it, as if the edge of the city is being quietly taken back by the river (which it is). (see: John Radford's 'TIP' sculpture on Ponsonby Rd, Auckland and Geopark Stavanger in Norway).



John Radford's 'TIP' sculpture

The park could also be a place where environmental art is encouraged:



Spruce and ash tree, by Bob Verschueren, Italy

### Pathways

Will the range of pathways for pedestrians be maintained, such as the main pedestrian and cycle shared paths, pedestrian-only tracks, meandering paths and hidden tracks? We are concerned that these types of pathways will be too cleaned up and informal pathways will be lost. As a family we enjoy the 'secret tracks' we frequently take with our young daughter.

## Waitoetoe Park Reserve Development Plan

### Submission on behalf of the Waitoetoe Reserve Community

The following are comments on the draft plan that have been discussed by members of the Waitoetoe Reserve Community. We are an informal social group of local people who have a passionate interest and an active involvement in the use and development of Waitoetoe Park. We organise working bees, liaise with local schools and participate in other events to help with the upkeep and development of Waitoetoe Reserve. We help to promote the Reserve as a community asset.

Some of us have enjoyed the benefits of the Park in one way or other for over 40 years; i.e. pretty much since the development of the adjacent part of the Riverdale suburb.

Our members have appreciated the opportunity given by the Palmerston North City Council to be included in the Focus Groups and Working Party leading to the creation of the Draft Development Plan. It's the way that the Council and its residents should be able to work together.

We want to put on record our appreciation for the excellent and easy communications enabled throughout by PNCC Leisure Assets Planner, Jason Pilkington.

Verbatim excerpts from the draft development plan in the following parts of this submission are in *Italics*.

#### PLANNING CONTEXT

We understand and respect the planning considerations and requirements under which this plan was put together.

#### PARK VALUES

Members of our group agree with the broad values identified in the report and regard these sections as the most important framework underpinning the future use of and priorities for the Park. We and members of our neighbourhood either directly or indirectly identify with the various broad interest themes flagged in this section, i.e. Community Recreation, Environment and Biodiversity, Active Sport and Recreation, Dog Walkers/Agility/Socialisation.

Specific comments regarding the Park values are as follows:

##### Preliminary Values Assessment

1. *The Park should be maintained as an urban fringe wilderness area, and all design and development should take a 'light touch' approach to the existing area.*

Comment: This is the only substantial area of wilderness within easy reach of residents which is a refreshing alternative to the more orderly and manicured outdoor facilities elsewhere in the City.

Our members are passionate about ensuring that any “development” should take a light touch to preserve and enhance the wilderness values in the park for the benefit of all users.

2. *The existing wilderness (weeds, etc) should be gradually replaced with native planting in order to maintain and improve the ‘wilderness area’ and increase biodiversity and native wildlife in the area.*

Comment: Substantial areas of the Park, including the Dunne Block, have been ravaged by long term commercial exploitation by aggregate recovery and concrete mixing activities, therefore gradual revegetation of parts of the Park with native plantings offers an ideal means of remediation. It will enhance the wilderness character of the Park.

3. *The local community that has developed a ‘guardianship’ role as this reserve should be empowered to continue in this through the development plan.*

Comment: We, as well as others, have been closely involved in this ‘guardianship’ role so we would expect to be able to continue our involvement through, say, a development working group involving user interests. A major benefit of such an involvement is that it enhances communication and socialisation between users.

4. *Rangitāne have a special connection to this particular area, and this needs to be maintained and uplifted through a collaborative design/planning process and physical recognition through design features.*

Comment: We respect and value the connection with those aspects of Maori history associated with some areas within the Park, and agree with the on-going recognition of any areas so identified.

5. *Existing river access/beach plans (closer parking areas) remain in play (including upgrading of entrances).*

Comment: Beach and river access is valued by our members and other Park users, and we accept that limited areas closer to the beach could be set aside for parking within daylight hours. A thorough evaluation should tell us whether this can be managed without adversely affecting other Park users or endangering safety and security. The river poses some physical dangers for swimmers (currents, snags, holes) and health related risks caused by pollution.

6. *Low level, appropriately designed developments could be adopted.*

Comment: Points mentioned in this item will be discussed later in this submission.

## Park Values

*The community engagement work that has been undertaken has set out very clear values for the Park which will define the character of the Park and the level to which it can be developed. These values include:*

- *Wilderness – the feeling of it being a little bit unkempt, natural, less ordered.*
- *Remoteness – the contrast to its location less than 5km from the city centre, a place to escape the urban environment, experience nature*
- *Unstructured Activity – a place where activities don’t rely on infrastructure, are flexible, free form.*
- *Natural – where there is consideration and understanding of biodiversity, of nature, native planting, birds, bees*
- *Safe – a place that people of all ages can explore safely, with managed risks and good security*



Comment: These values absolutely capture our preferences for the on-going development and 'management' of the Park.

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Members of our group initially interpreted the proposals outlined in this section as somewhat more fixed than we expected them to be at this stage, but upon further consideration accepted that they are indicative only. Most of the people we know who use the Park seem to like it the way it is now, but are happy to see incremental developments over time. We want to avoid any chance of design elements being implemented without considered input from all users, and especially those that live in the immediate neighbourhood.

We agree that all users should be encouraged to be respectful and tolerant of others in the way they use the Park because, for example, there is potential for conflict between walkers (with or without dogs) and cyclists. We would prefer that any areas designated for individual user groups be kept to an absolute minimum and well signposted.

### Cultural Connection - Ahimate

Comment: We agree that the detailed design of specific cultural areas should be undertaken by Rangitāne in consultation with the Park working group.

### Dog Activities

*The Park has been identified as an ideal location for an off-lead dog park, however there needs to be a degree of structure around the design - without it having the feeling of being fenced or controlled.*

Comment: Most of the area of Waitoetoe Park is already an off-lead zone so nothing much would change. The only exceptions are the Panieri Park sportsground and any specified cultural areas. The complexity shown in the diagram in the draft plan seems way over the top and gives the impression of a much more comprehensive overhaul than is intended.

We don't support the erection of a fenced dog exercise area, since regular flooding occurs and a lot of work would be required to keep such a structure intact and free from debris.

*Dog agility stations are a highly desired development items, and it is considered that these could be spaced apart - - - - Each station needs to be designed to be safe and reduce potential erosion risks.*

Comment: This is supported provided it doesn't dominate parts of the Park, and is done in consultation with the Park working group.

*The provision of water for drinking and washing dogs is also an important consideration*

Comment: Members of our group who regularly exercise their dogs in the park do not regard this as essential.

### Mountain Biking and BMX

*The mountain bike community are keen to explore opportunities for lengthening tracks and creating different tracks for users of different skills. However, they are happy to work with other users of the Park to ensure there is a good balance of activities, and everyone can use the Park safely. The users of the tracks are interested in contributing to the development of the Park not only in track building, but in undertaking planting and other maintenance.*

Comment: Our group accepts that bike riding in all its forms are gaining in popularity for young and old, ultimately giving people access to and a greater appreciation of the great outdoors and the conservation hinterland. We support the opportunity for young riders to be given bike training in the Park, so close to suburbia. This necessitates providing trails, but it is important that these don't become a dominant feature throughout the Park, and where they intersect with other uses safety concerns are considered. It would be good to encourage all bike riders to install warning bells on their bikes (a requirement in many parts of Australia). It is important that the biking community and other users are prepared to work together over deciding the location of bike trails in the Park.

#### Planting/ Biodiversity

Comment: Planting and maintenance of trees and the enhancement of biodiversity in the Park are much favoured activities for members of our group, and this aspect is well elaborated in the draft development plan. We believe that the Park is an ideal place for residents and particularly school children to become actively engaged in a worthwhile conservation effort. It becomes a significant contributor to the City's Vegetation Framework, and dovetails seamlessly into the City's green corridors programme.

Biodiversity could be further enhanced by deploying more rat, possum and mustelid traps in the reserve to help enhance the protection of bird/insect/lizard/frog populations.

#### Natural Play

Comment: There are few better places in the city where children can experience natural play, so giving them such opportunities in the Park is enthusiastically supported.

#### Crime Prevention

Comment: It is important to ensure that any security related issues are well thought through because encouraging greater access may bring more opportunities for criminal activity. We appreciate the contributions made by the NZ Police in the drafting of this plan and happily defer to their recommendations regarding security.

### **DESIGN DEVELOPMENT**

#### Engagement Feedback

*It has been agreed by the Council, community and stakeholders that a detailed concept plan for the Park is not necessary. Rather, it is preferred that more open guidance be provided in regard to the locating of activities, accompanied by a set of design principles that allow flexibility of construction when budget and resources allow.*

Comment: Only brief comments will be made regarding the items covered in this section because the recommendations are there for guidance based on design principles, but not detailed concept plans. Our understanding is that a Park working group would help devise more detailed development plans as and when resources allow.

#### Vegetation patterns

*It's important to work with the existing vegetation patterns across the site. This will involve the enhancement and extension of wetland areas, increasing biodiversity along the river edge, but also opening up areas to allow views.*

Comment: Extending native plantings will help improve biodiversity and enhance the wilderness features of the Park.

#### Activity and circulation

*The plan below begins to set out activity centres and define circulation patterns.*

Comment: Some of our members initially took this diagram as representing something more definite than was intended. It is important to regard the diagram as indicative only and subject to further consideration.

### Strategic Concept Plan

*The plan on this page brings together all of the elements and sets out a strategic concept. It is designed as a plan to work to, rather than it necessarily reflecting the current use areas of the Park. Areas are set out in a way that balances the values of the Park with desired activities.*

Comment: Again, it is important to regard the diagram as indicative only and subject to further consideration.

## **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

*It is also important to recognise that although the activities are 'specialist' in the context of the Park, the target audience must remain wide. The areas must be safe and be able to be used by a wide range of age groups, demographic types and skill levels - and not be targeted solely for 'serious amateurs' or professionals (although these users should definitely be encouraged to use the facilities). It is inevitable during the detailed development of the Park that there will be pressures to expand activities, potentially beyond what is shown in the concept plan. It is important that any decisions to allow such expansions is made by the Council in consultation with either the working party or a range of community representatives. At all times, a balance of activities is needed, and the development must remain consistent with the Park values set out in this plan.*

Comment: We agree that in the development of the Park these guidelines need to be followed carefully otherwise interest groups may be tempted to go it alone without considering the interests of other Park users.

### Park Tracks

*The Riverside Walkway is predominantly a shared use path, as set out in the Manawatū River Framework. All users of the walkway have equal rights, and must respect all other users of the track.*

Comment: This an important overriding feature of the Park, and needs to be reinforced by adequate signage.

### Park Entry Drive, Car Parks and Arrival Areas

*The new car park should exemplify the wilderness value of the Park, whilst also reducing opportunities for undesirable vehicle crime. Parking bays and road widths should narrow to prevent opportunities for donuts and burnouts.*

Comment: As previously indicated, vehicle access to the Park and arrival areas need to be carefully planned and managed.

### Mountain Bike Tracks

Comment: Care needs to be taken to ensure tracks are compatible with the interests of other users, and that there are significant areas set aside where there are no mountain bike trails.

### Planting

*Significant planting has already been undertaken throughout extensive areas of the Park by various activity and interest groups. It is intended that this volunteer planting, and maintenance of this planting, be encouraged to continue. Throughout much of the Park, it is intended that native revegetation be the predominant form of planting, with the objective of enhancing biodiversity*

*values. The eastern end of the Park may support a greater variety of 'specimen trees', with a focus on edible nut trees.*

Comment: This an essential activity for the development of the Park because it aligns closely with the wilderness, conservation and education values accepted by most users of the Park. Our members are closely involved with the establishment of edible nut trees and support the planting of fruit trees by the local Riverdale Kindergarten. Both these activities are in small dedicated areas at the Eastern end of the Park.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Comment: We concur with the conclusions in the plan; specifically, that the agreed Park values must be respected in any developments, that sharing amongst Park users is fundamental to the successful development of the Park, and that the next steps designing and construction of various infrastructure will involve a working group with regular meetings to ensure engagement across all interest groups.

Don Scott

On behalf of the Waitoetoe Reserve Community



# Tell us what you think

## What did we get right?

The plan looks good. with limited effect on the wilderness feelup of the area.

Good to see emphasis on planting of trees and shrubs.

Good that a large open car park is not included - the small areas with raised ~~area~~ patches with trees looks lovely.

## How could we have done better?

Hopefully there will be paths for walkers that cyclists can not use.

Will there be rubbish bins in the car park area?

Will there be more seating? Need not be fancy - just a bench



## What have we missed?

The river is washing huge chunks of the bank away so some changes will be needed. I suppose no chance of flood protection slap bank!

In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August? Yes ☐ No ☒

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**From:** Submission  
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**What did we get right?:**

I think the idea of not turning the park into an overdeveloped garden is perfect. Keep it as it is as much as possible. Targeting current/real users is also very well thought out, as they are users who have already shown genuine interest in the park, particularly mountain bikers, cyclists, dog walkers and kids exploring. I am not sure where the waka user group comes into things, as your plan did not make clear if this was a new/future user group for the area? I have lived in the area for many years and never seen the area being used by that user group (nor other water sports users in kayaks/canoes etc) so I hope there is real need there and rate payer's money is being spent on something that will be used regularly and for the long term. The natural play for kids idea is also very well targeted and structural play facilities are not needed as they are already well provided for in other city parks. Overall, keep it as natural and wild as possible.

**How could we have done better?:**

I hope that the total number of mountain biking trials will not be lost in redevelopment. There is no mountain biking area within the city limits (other than this one) and this user group has shown the longest and most consistent usage of this area from both a building and usage perspective. Young bikers without cars cannot easily access Arapuke Mountain Bike Park, so Waitoetoe is a valuable venue for them and also for bikers who do not have time to travel up to Arapuke or just want to go for a quick ride after dinner in summer.

**What have we missed?:**

A properly designed pump track for cyclists would have more general appeal and usage potential than a BMX "kids" area. The city already has four kids tracks at Longburn, St Mary's, Terrace End and Ross Intermediate schools (with more on the way I understand through bikes in schools). Although only the St Mary's one is an actual pump track, the others are snake runs and do not fulfill the purpose of a pump track at all (Longburn seems to be neither to be honest). It would be good to see a pump track in the city that is not solely designed for and aimed at only kids, as not only kids would benefit from a large pump track, but rather all cyclists. Something similar to the one on the Napier waterfront, but made of dirt would keep many different biking user groups challenged and entertained in the long term.

Of note, there are currently a number of dirt bike riders who use this area. Thought will need to be given to the external fencing to ensure people on dirt bikes cannot enter and ride this area, as they will quickly destroy any tracks, pathways, plantings and so on, as such paths and tracks are not designed to stand up to motocross/dirt bike use.

While this is more within the purview of Horizons, there has been a lot of erosion of the river bank in that area. In some cases the bank is falling away right up to the current limestone bike path. Care will need to be taken to contain this as much as possible, while also not building tracks or trails too close to potential problem areas. Bike access also needs to be taken into account, as many cyclists access the park using the riverside pathway as it extends from the bridge on down the river. Every year the limestone section from the motor camp through to the access area adjacent to Riverdale Kindy gets washed away, thus preventing access by bike from that direction. Horizons needs to consider the long term benefits and cost saving to tar sealing that portion of track. While the

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pathway from the motor camp to the bridge always floods in winter, due to it being tar sealed, it never washes away and can be cycled on immediately after flood water subsides (with some silt surface but that is no problem). This tar sealing needs to be continued from the motor camp up to Waitoetoe park as continually rebuilding the limestone path every year is shortsighted and wasteful. If the tar sealed path in the bridge area can stand up to flooding, then I see no reason why that would not also be true for the area from the motor camp to the park.

**In the Annual Plan submission people wanted a fully fenced area to let their dogs run in. Should we have a small fully fenced dog park area within this park, close to parking?:**

Yes

**Do you wish to be heard by Councillors at a meeting on 14 August?:**

No

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True

## **Submission on PNCC Draft Waitoetoe Park Development Plan 2017**

**Date:** 2 August 2017

**From:** Keith Joblin, 3 College Street, Palmerston North

There is much to like about the draft Waitoetoe Park Development Plan (2017-2027) from the PNCC. In my opinion, all those involved have done a fine job – in particular in consultations with the public. I am particularly encouraged by the connections with Rangitāne o Manawatū in the development plan. I support the overall Draft Plan (DP) and in general support the direction it is going in.

However, below I suggest a new feature be added to enhance Waitoetoe Park. I hope that this is given serious consideration.

Also, I make comments to draw attention to some areas of which I disagree or have concern. In particular this is on the wilderness character of Waitoetoe Park. The comments are intended to help rather than criticise.

### **Floodplain Biodiversity Park:**

I propose a new feature for addition to Waitoetoe Park. I believe that there is an opportunity to create a Biodiversity Park in Area A (of approximately 17 hectares) marked on the map below. This dedicated biodiversity area would expand and enhance, and also complement, proposals and intentions outlined in the DP.

The aim is to restore the natural features and indigenous biodiversity to this Manawatū River floodplain – return it to indigenous vegetation similar to that which existed at the establishment of Palmerston North in 1866.

The project will re-create and establish indigenous floodplain ecosystems which are self-sustaining and allow the differing habitats and inhabitants to develop naturally. The establishment phase is expected to take 15 - 20 years but necessarily it will consist of a series of shorter term projects for specific purposes.

No large scale landscape changes are required or desired. The natural character of the area can be enhanced or restored and existing areas of native trees and pioneering plants will be utilized. Recent floods have revealed natural areas of wetland.

Plantings will include seasonal wetlands (may require small landform changes), rushes, sedges, flaxes, shrubs and broadleaf plants, open areas and where appropriate small groves of podocarps - in particular kahikatea, the dominant canopy trees in the original wetlands. Plantings will include riparian strips, flaxes for weavers and plants for maori medicines (Rongoa).

In keeping with recommendations in the DP (pg 13), development of Area A into a biodiversity area should include guidance and leadership from Rangitāne o Manawatū. This provides an educational and cultural opportunity to showcase maori stewardship practices and enable Rangitāne o Manawatū to demonstrate principles of Rangitānenuiarawa (tikanga) and tiakitanga (kaiteakitanga)) to the wider community. This could include signage and background information on iwi cultural values of wilderness.



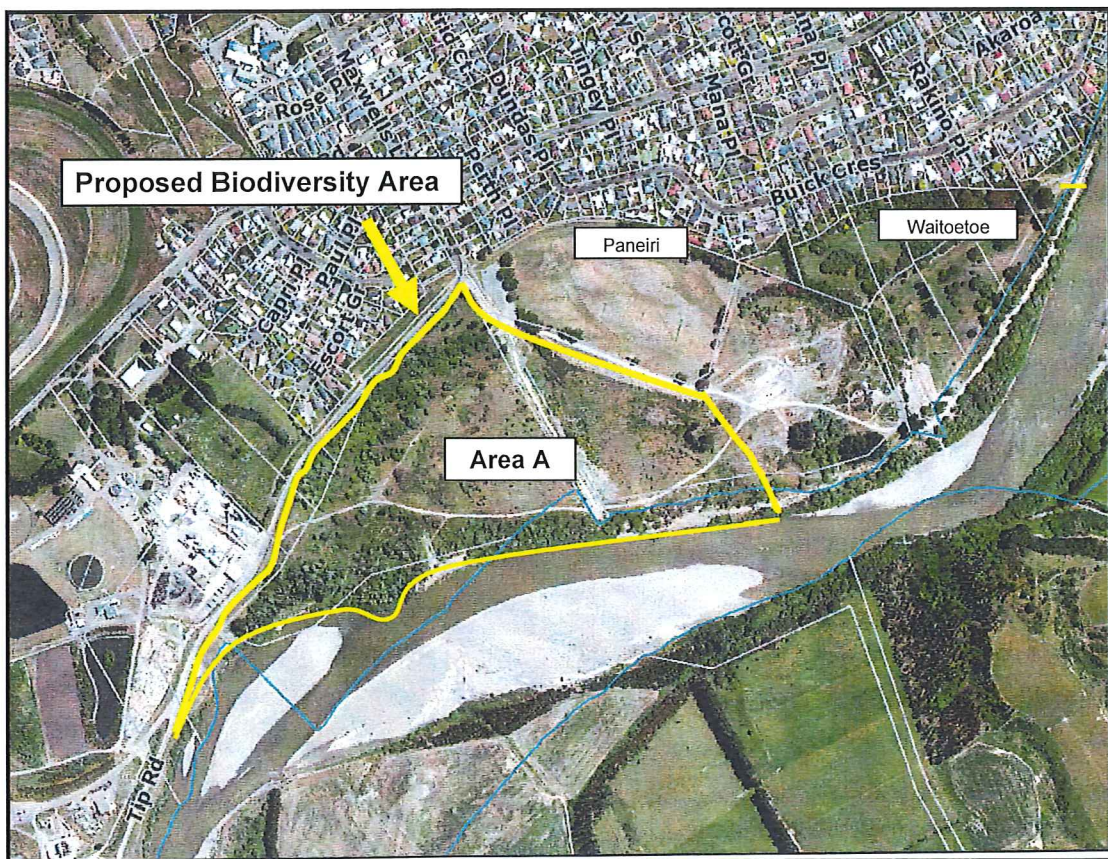
Size does matter. The area has to be of a sufficiently large size to allow populations of insects, plants, fish, birds and soil ecosystems to interact and adapt - to flourish in a natural environment. Because piecemeal fragmentation of the proposed area could make this proposal unviable, it is important that the area is not sub-divided into small discontinuous areas -unable to be self-sustaining. The proposed Area A is large enough for plants and ecosystems to be robust and resilient and adapt naturally with challenges from floods and extreme weather events.

To minimise fragmentation, the area will have only walking tracks for public access and enjoyment. To help protect wildlife, dogs would be on-lease in this area.

This biodiversity enhanced area will provide a key connection linking green corridors and their biodiversities in the Turitea and Mangaone catchments.

Such a Biodiversity Park provides a new distinctive river feature for Palmerston North residents. Its development and establishment together with the intrinsic values of biodiversity offer a range of focuses for recreational opportunities and community activities. The planning, planting, and monitoring of birds, insects, fish provide a wide range of educational and activity opportunities for citizen-science and green-space projects.

#### Map of Proposed Biodiversity Area



**Wilderness:**

As noted in the Manawātū River Framework 2016, this part of Rural West (Waitoetoe Park) is one of the only areas within PNCC boundaries able to provide a significant riverside wilderness experience. In this respect, the area is unique - it provides an opportunity for PN residents to enjoy a quite different destination experience to those planned for Urban and Rural East areas. More recently, feedback from the community has asked for retention of the area as wilderness as a priority - rich in biodiversity and natural values (page 10 in the Draft Plan).

In my opinion, the DP does not have the correct balance with respect to the wilderness character of Waitoetoe Park. The DP proposal is for the whole area is to be used for all activities (pg 20) - equalise and distribute activities over all areas - rather than allocate activities to discrete activity areas. In most Parks and Reserves this makes sense. However, dispersing activities throughout the site on an equal share basis has the potential to dilute wilderness values and lower wilderness integrity to the point of no return.

It is surprising that the DP lacks detail on retaining, maintaining or enhancing the wilderness itself - and does not identify, or rate or rank, the values of wilderness. I believe that some areas will have to have minimal direct activities and contain only few pathways and signage. The apparent lack of planning for wilderness contrasts with the details for intensive active experiences, designs for bike trails, dog training facilities etc.

To stimulate a wider discussion on wilderness and wilderness values I believe the following points need consideration.

Wilderness and the retention of the integrity of wilderness should have a maintenance or enhancement plan as part of the overall development plan.

Are wilderness areas regarded as secondary to other aspects of the Plan? In this respect, it is disappointing that the park values listed in the DP (page 11) describe wilderness areas as those which are “a little bit unkempt, natural, less ordered” but fail to attribute true value to them. The features and natural values of wilderness adjacent to the river are a much greater source of inspiration and enjoyment to citizens than as the blank canvas for activities.

Is wilderness seen as only a green backdrop for providing activities (primary activities?) such as bike trails, dog training etc? It seems obvious that inserting boardwalks, paths, fences and large open lawn areas, etc (as proposed on pg 21) are major interventions which in total no longer leave a wilderness in place. Instead, what is left are isolated specimen trees and dispersed small wetlands.

Where in the Plan is the focus on wilderness? What are priorities for wilderness areas?

How does the draft Plan intend to support and extend wilderness (strategic guidelines for future budgeting and work programmes).

Will all wilderness areas be retained? Will these to be treated as priority areas or will this depend on high community use?

As noted above, the size of a wilderness area is a prime determinant of its biodiversity value and for its ability to be self-sustaining. How big is the wilderness area(s) in the Plan? Are these areas going to be fragmented? What are the consequences of fragmentation for wilderness integrity?

Is consideration being given in the Plan to areas for the peaceful enjoyment of a natural environment near the river – away from urban noise, dogs, bikes, roads, cars etc?

I hope these comments result in further discussion about the value of wilderness areas in the Plan.

### **Specific Comments:**

1. In the Draft Plan (DP) the apparent flood path on maps is located incorrectly – eg Map on pg 19. The damage potential of what is becoming a regular flooding event is likely to increase and I believe is underestimated. As a result, many of the activities proposed for the south-western part of park (including the proposed dog training area) will be exposed to deep floods. This is likely to be more common in future with climate change. Proposed developments and structures should either be absent or able to cope with this.
2. I have reservations about some of the dog activities outlined in the DP. I disagree with the need for a proposed open dog walking area (see Map pg 20) and its location. This seems to be unnecessary in Waitoetoe Park because the whole 22 hectare of Waitoetoe Park already is a dog walking area at present – indeed much of it off-lease. Why is this area necessary? From the public consultation, of 12 respondents wanting dog socialisation, only 3 wanted a fenced area for this (Community Engagement Results pg 27). This hardly seems to be a mandate.
3. I am uncertain as to whether the details in maps in the Draft Plan are intended as templates, as discussion points or are only indicative. I strongly disagree with a need to have separate dog walking paths, walking paths and cycling paths – see DP map, pg 35 – all close together. The effect of 3 separate discrete paths is to fragment and disrupt the character and integrity of the wilderness of the area. More clarity is needed on the intended importance of the maps in the DP in this discussion.
4. I support the BMX and mountain-biking tracks currently in usage at Waitoetoe Park. These provide an adventurous and safe place for young and developing cyclists to enjoy. However, I have strong reservations about extensive proposed extensions for mountain bike tracks – particularly where such tracks are to be separate from dog tracks and from walking tracks and where the area is flat rather than mountainous.