

Key submitter feedback to HMNZS Steadfast landscape plan Support	Project team response
<p>Support community access to the land and buildings to meet local, wider and diversifying future community, recreational and cultural needs.</p>	<p>Staff support in general. No plans to replace buildings, but could consider re-purposing where appropriate. Parking considerations have been addressed in terms of site capacity and road safety. However, need to remember that this is not a community park. Its purpose is more aligned to natural restoration and informal recreation and heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunkers in true left of valley (east side) are all within rock fall hazard zone so currently not able to be safely accessed. Will consider opening lowest bunker (bunker nearest road) but make safe and allow access to (not into) others on western side. • Review of Guard house is required especially given the range of suggestions for future use. • No plans for a drinking fountain but agree that seating can be considered in areas that are deemed safe from rock fall • Staff will investigate opportunities for facilities to have disability access. • Parade ground will be kept grassed
<p>Support a collaborative and robust approach to achieving this via long term tenure and resourcing agreement/s between the community, Council and TS Godley (separate Property report).</p>	<p>Staff support this approach which will be confirmed in a separate Property report. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have received a draft MOU and are currently working with Community legal representatives to produce a document that operates in conjunction with a lease and assists in securing access and security of tenure for all users. • The Council recognises that the when the property was purchased it was on behalf of the community for community purpose. Sale of the buildings would be inconsistent with that. • Ownership of the buildings by the Council on behalf of the community will be retained. • Lease arrangements will be sufficient tenure to meet the needs of all parties • TS Godley have confirmed minimum base line funding to undertake proposed works • The options for providing sufficient tenure to enable the Cass Bay Resident's association to raise funding in the future have been considered and addressed
<p>Support track development and public access including calls for wider links.</p>	<p>Loop tracks have been retained in the revised landscape plan, however access along the top of the reserve (true right of the valley) has been removed to avoid rock fall hazards. The link to Whakaraupo has been realigned to avoid rock fall hazards.</p>

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	Proposed tracks are all subject to geotech and Ecological Impact Assessment process, plus final design detail.
Support a range of track use options for differing abilities including shared or separate cycle access.	<p>A range of tracks will be provided including shared use, walking and MTB descending tracks. Exact alignments will be determined following geotech, design and environmental impact reviews.</p> <p>We agree that new tracks can provide access for planting higher up.</p> <p>We aware are of benefits of a range of tracks for children and families, especially locals, and this will be included in the vision for the park.</p> <p>The waterway will be accessible in a number of locations.</p>
Support native including riparian planting and propagation including nursery, increasing biodiversity, pest control.	<p>There are no current plans for a Council-led pest programme in the reserve, however welcome community led initiatives, and an animal pest control plan can be developed. There is no staff support to investigate pest proof fencing at this point in time.</p> <p>Staff support ongoing habitat restoration including planting and predator/pest control, but do not see a requirement for a skink enclosure.</p> <p>The plan includes eradication of silver poplar and other woody weeds.</p>
Support environmental management including fire prevention programme and tiered approach.	<p>Staff agree to plan and implement a fire resilience programme for the park.</p> <p>Wording has been added to plan to reflect the proposal to manage the area in three tiers – e.g. lower including main buildings, nursery, middle including active recreation areas, upper including restricted/no access areas.</p>
Suggestions	
Most key groups see the need for planning and communication between the various groups involved, including the nursery and volunteers.	Agreed, but staff wouldn't support a specific management plan for this reserve in the short-to-medium term as there are higher priorities city-wide. The implementation plan will include a vision statement and detail on how the site will be managed and developed e.g. organised volunteer planting, planning for links outside of the reserve.
About 20% prefer an alternative Maori name for the park such as Motu-kauati-rahi	This proposal will be put forward as a recommendation to the community board who will decide whether to request that Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke gift this name to the Council.

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The same number would like to see the land gazetted as a reserve.	This will also be put forward as a recommendation to the Board – possibly as Heritage/Recreation mix.
A similar number request public toilets on site.	Staff to investigate co-sharing a toilet facility attached to the TS Godley shower/ablutions block.
Several requests to include heritage recognition/restoration eg guard house.	Will be commissioned as budget is available and investigation complete to confirm what will be done eg restoration of lowest bunker near the road, possible access (not into) to others on western side if made safe Buildings are seen as important to the heritage fabric of the reserve.
Several more flag the need to identify and manage risk from contaminants such as asbestos.	All structures require contaminate testing.
Concerns	
Need adequate security for buildings and nursery.	Agree that this needs to happen. The park will be locked at night to vehicles, but there will be 24/7 foot access. Road safety needs reviewing. The entrance way needs to be set up to allow enough speed and visibility to pull into traffic.
Access to the site - traffic speed and visibility to the main entrance.	The steep gravel driveway needs sealing to manage safety on busy main road bend (loose gravel can make cars skid/slide out on to busy road – or cause wheels to spin meaning can't generate enough speed to pull into gaps in traffic.
Possible noise/stock disruption issues for neighbours, associated with increased use.	Staff will investigate and negotiate 50/50 cost share if fence repairs needed?
Future of the nursery: Support for retention, but some differing views on the best way forward for management, public access to adjacent land and plant supply requirements.	There is a long standing agreement for access to the lower south East corner for the purpose of raising plants for Council reserves. Staff recognise the benefits of the continued operation of the nursery and we have confirmed an arrangement that formalises a nursery operation with clear outcomes on governance, production, public access, security and opportunities for other volunteers to become involved.