

# Halswell Skate and Recreation Park – notes from community meeting 7 June 2016

## WESTLAKE RESERVE

LIKES	DISLIKES
Skate park could give children something positive to do	Cover – dark at night – vandalism. Better lighting and cameras
Good accessibility to park. Bike/walk there – don't have to take main roads.	Expectation community will watch over the area
Neighbouring properties have wooden fencing	Places to hide by the lake
Toilets there – once restored	Concern people will be attracted to the park at night
Family orientated	Concern people would not use the public toilets
Central location – growth out west, close to Wigram	Bus stop too far away?
Draw card – attracts traffic. Community ownership, growth in respect for park.	Tucked away. Less traffic
Capacity for more use.	Far away from shops
Not an isolated area – houses nearby and children feel safe	Too close – across the street
Fit teenage demographic of area	Was 70-80 metres away – acoustics recommendation. Needs to be more than 40m from houses
Area with space for redevelopment including skate park and fitness trail	A lot of anti-social behavior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilets/bushes on fire</li> <li>• Child died</li> <li>• Graffiti</li> <li>• Port-a-loo thrown in lake</li> </ul> Worried it could get worse
Opportunity for community to be more involved	Noise of people talking at night at the playground
Toilet fixed as part of project?	Risk of placing skate park at park with history of anti-social behavior
Hoon Hay – kids enjoy facility no tagging/vandalism	Doesn't have a busy street going past it – tucked away
Near bus stop	Deep lake – young children swimming
Appropriate for ages of families moving in	Native ducks being killed by stones thrown by young children
Far enough away from nearest dwelling	Canadian geese/ducks will poo on concrete – slippery
Toilets	Not central enough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growing demographic</li> <li>• Not close to library, pool, sports facility</li> </ul>
Good for families	Not enough visibility
Doesn't impinge on rugby field (lots of space)	Not close to main thoroughfare
Strong community atmosphere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe area</li> <li>• Lots of people</li> <li>• Well used</li> </ul>	Rabbit warren – lost in streets, even buses

Wouldn't have an impact on vandalism	Anti-social behavior – toilets burnt down
Public transport very near and good	Concern there is not enough of a teenage demographic to use skate park
Potential for other equipment (large area – flying fox)	No training lights – no lights
Road visibility	Wildlife – 2 x dead swans (attacked), attacks increasing
Nearest houses screened (fences) – residents less affected	Tucked away – easy to hide, not a busy area
Fences around houses facing proposed sites	More rubbish potentially
Easily accessible	Near residential area
Big open space	Attracts demographic which vandalized playground (Rolleston)
Lots of houses mean passive surveillance	Changes use of park – wouldn't take younger children near a skate park
Lots of development so will serve many people (Dunbars) – will be central	Noise – 50m from nearest dwelling
Doesn't affect sports fields and other activities	Vandalism issue potentially gets worse
Lots of other activities going on (Lake, sports) – so good place to spend Council's money	Not as central as the Domain – further from shops
Community area – lots going on, sports, lake	Not used during the week – only on weekends for sport
Toilets	Enclosed
Good distance from nearest house	Not as central – too far out
Bus stop very close	Not as accessible as Halswell
	Quality/ecology of lake may be affected
	Wildlife could be affected – attacks
	Potentially more litter
	Too far from road – nearest road quiet
	Litter and tagging
	Wildlife
	Enclosed
	Icy points

Questions:

Will there be more rubbish bins and lights?

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### Knights Stream

Likes	Dislikes
On a main road – high visibility	Cross junction road with fast moving traffic
Proximity to school	Far away from the majority of Halswell
Future buyers can have an option to buy in an area with a skate park	Lack of a bus route
Can tolerate more development of amenities which can have similar use	Distance from shops
Developed/developing area so more young people	Wrong side of a major road
In future there could be more transport opportunity	Is Longhurst a better site?
Not near any other skate parks	On outskirts of Halswell, needs to be more centralised
Ideal second site	Parking
Close to motorway and future cycle routes	High speed zone limits foot traffic
In a developing area. Greenfields are several developing amenities	Needs to be easily accessible by multi-mode transport
Not interfering with existing dynamics	Poor accessibility to schools - majority
Area of potential growth	Only accessible to kids who live outside area
More visible so more passive surveillance	Not well serviced by bus service
More schools can develop in region	Concerns for parking due to high use currently limited parks
Because it is still developing future buyers can make a more informed choice	Denali Street already has issues and this site may make it worse
Blank canvas can be built to purpose	Why wasn't the corner of Hendersons and Halswell looked at?
No wildlife to be negatively impacted by additional usage	Graffiti is removed quickly so will often be little evidence on site visits
Good to locate other facilities with skate park to ensure family use	Isolated
Good to be close to a school – likely to be for primary age children	Not visible enough
Adjacent to car park gives better separation from houses	Not central to Halswell
Can be designed in with other recreational structures	Could dominate the park
Because it is a new area, people will know they move in	Accessibility across/along Halswell Junction Road
Primary school across the road	Lack of centrality to greater Halswell population (on edge of catchment)
Hasn't been developed yet. Already there when people buy properties	Don't know what the population mix will be
Can be developed in a safe way	No bus yet
Primary school nearby	On the fringe
Close to medical centre	Needs safer cycle access from the rest of Halswell

Good for a new area that doesn't have much	Doesn't have an established culture yet
Multiple facilities on plan – other youth facilities	Doesn't have a family feel
Don't need to move playgrounds around	

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## HALSWELL DOMAIN

LIKES	DISLIKES
Close to car parks and toilets	Sad to have a skate park in this location – would upset existing dynamics
Easy for supervision/mixed age	Behavior and language of users
Most central	Introducing undesirable element
High use park	Noise
Owned by the community	Antisocial behavior
Close to the toilets	Issue for wildlife
Near library	Rubbish
Close to local schools	Needs more lighting
Something for the kids to do (esp. during league games)	Maintenance of toilets improved
Self-policing	Needs to be close to the main road?
Something for the teenagers to do	Need to check stats – is there a need?
Taking ownership	Not enough space
Proximity to public transport	50m not enough distance
Central location (wider Halswell area)	Upset existing dynamic of playground
Close to residential	Issues at the moment
Proximity to other community facilities – closest of all the sites	Park at saturation point
Young people respect skate parks as they want to come back and use it	Noise would change dynamic (family, picnic, sports)
Position is important	Location?
Already community hub, close to amenities	Closer than 40m to CSMEE clubrooms
League clubrooms site?	Existing issue with tagging
Older siblings at the park when waiting for sports practice	Questioning 40m as best practice
Complimentary uses	Proximity to public transport
Option to entertain older children	Unsupervised
Youth groups	Long way away from high visibility traffic
Council monitors skate parks across the city	Asking local people to police
Extension of existing playground	Noise
Children can go there by themselves as they do not need to cross a main road	Night time activity could get worse
Central location within Halswell community	Too far from community facilities
Logical place	Already has a lot of activities
Future school on Milnes Road supports Halswell Domain site	Park fully utilised – heard from Council that it is at capacity
Family space – with the culture and respect who will look after the location	People already hanging out in the evening and problems happen
Skaters can be allies to the existing users of Halswell Domain	Who would be policing the area
	People have picnics where skate park is proposed

	Children will extend their skating into the car park – safety issue
	No lighting or rubbish bins
	Gates not locked
	Not natural surveillance as not on main road
	Already antisocial behavior which would create problems for skaters
	Proximity to private property
	Halswell Road frontage
	Not enough room – lovely as it is
	Environment is for young children as it is/young families
	Risk of vandalism to existing facilities eg Model Railway
	Clean, green and serene as it is
	Skate park stops the sale of property and will affect property values
	Traffic fast on William Britten Avenue
	Children has to cross State Highway to get there
	Hidden area by the Model Engineer Clubrooms where people could congregate
	Lots of crime/vandalism not being reported – so information not accurate
	Stones on Model Railway tracks
	Always patching up area
	575 signatures opposing

Alternative site:

Wetland area on Halswell Road