

FRIMLEY PARK

Reserve Management Plan

THEMES & CONCEPTS

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The Frimley Park RMP process

- 1** Council notifies the community that the process is underway, calls for community input and gathers user data.
- 2** The input and data from step 1 is analysed and used to prepare key themes and concepts.
- 3** Those key themes and concepts are presented to the community for feedback, to check we are on the right track.
- 4** The feedback from steps 1, 2 and 3 is analysed and used to prepare a Draft Reserve Management Plan.
- 5** Public submissions on the Draft Reserve Management Plan are called for.
- 6** A council hearing is scheduled at which submitters to the draft plan can support their submission by speaking at the hearing.
- 7** Council adopts the final Reserve Management Plan subject to amendments made during the hearing.

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PARTICIPANTS

What you told us...

On behalf of Council, independent research company FOLKL carried out interviews, held a park gathering and co-ordinated a survey, to find out what park users liked about the park and what improvements they would like to see. In particular, respondents were asked how the 0.2 hectares of land that will be reintegrated into the park, once the maintenance shed area is removed, should be used. You can read the full FOLKL report [here](#).

That phase was followed by a public workshop, which helped refine the values, constraints and opportunities within the park. You can access the workshop information and summary from [here](#).



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What you liked

- Rose garden
- Mature trees and green space
- Space for walking
- Playground
- Sports ground
- Serene area for relaxation

What could be improved

- Dog and owner behaviour
- Toilet facilities
- More playground shade
- Traffic and parking congestion
- Litter management
- Cycling links to and from park
- Improved main entry and park pathways
- Historical and geographical information

Ideas for the integrated area

- Native plants and/or sensory garden
- Vegetable/rongoā garden and orchard
- Extended playground (to suit older children)
- Off-lead dog exercise area
- Water play or water feature
- Picnic area with park furniture and shade
- Amphitheatre/education



Arboricultural report

PAPER STREET TREE COMPANY

- Seven trees to be considered for protection in the District Plan
- Tree management recommendations including risk, planting and after care
- Tree removal (three)
- Tree benefit assessment (carbon storage and rainfall interception).

Archaeological report

ARCHAEOLOGY HAWKE'S BAY

- No recorded archaeological sites in the park
- Paleo channel (historic stream) identified
- Potential for archaeology at some depth, particularly near the paleo channel
- Use Accidental Discovery Protocols during any development.

Other information we have gathered...

As the public consultation was being carried out, Council also commissioned specialist reports to help us understand the historic context of the park, the health and importance of the trees in the park, and any archaeological considerations. You can access the full specialist reports from [here](#).



Historical report

HISTORIAN MICHAEL FOWLER

- Gifting of the land to Hastings Borough Council by Williams family
- Original homestead
- Establishment of Frimley Rose Garden
- Park amenities history: aquatic centre, playground, sports grounds.





Key themes & concepts

Council's parks team and our specialist advisers have now collated all of the available information to distil the key themes and concepts that will assist them to develop the Draft Reserve Management Plan. That signals the move into the regulatory phase of the process, which is governed by the Reserves Act 1977. The draft plan is expected to be published and formal submissions called for in June 2022.

This list is not exhaustive, nor does the inclusion of an idea mean it will make the draft plan; rather it reflects some of the most common ideas raised during the public consultation phase.

The parks team thanks everyone who has been involved in this process; your input has been very valuable. If you have questions, please email frimleypark@hdc.govt.nz

Key themes

- Retaining and valuing the open green space, trees and gardens
- Valuing and sharing the history of the park
- Developing play options
- Improving connections to and within the park
- Retaining spaces for organised sport and informal recreation
- Improving parking.

Concepts to be further investigated through the draft plan stage

- Vehicle parking, traffic safety and cycling connections
- Establishing a clear hierarchy of entranceways and connections to and within the park
- Expanding play and picnic areas, and educational opportunities
- Developing new garden types and areas
- Improving facilities and accessibility, including toilets, seating and path surfaces
- Formalising the protection of historic trees
- Celebrating the park's history and geology
- Future of Frimley Park poplar.

