

A new 10-year Reserve Management Plan is being prepared for Frimley Park and we want your input to help us make good decisions about how the park is used, managed and protected into the future.

Our much-loved parks and reserves provide us all with space for recreation, as well as a general sense of open space where we can enjoy the simple things in life, such as a picnic with family and friends. They are all different; ranging from our large premier playgrounds, and beachside reserves, to our rural parks and neighbourhood play spaces.

One of the responsibilities of the Council under the Reserves Act 1977 is to manage reserves in a way that works for our current residents and for future generations through the preparation of Reserve Management Plans.

Reserve Management planning enables Council to work with the community to establish the desired mix of use and protection for a reserve, and set in place policy to guide day-to-day management as well as the bigger projects – things like replacing playgrounds and introducing new activities. Determining our residents' preferences and establishing the best means to provide for them are essential ingredients for good management.

When complete, the Frimley Park Reserve Management Plan will capture the vision, policies and methods for enhancing, managing and protecting the recreation, sport, landscape, natural and cultural values of the park over the next 10 years.

What we need you to do

In this first of three phases of community consultation on the plan, we are asking for your vision for Frimley Park. At the same time we are collecting data on how the park is used at the moment.

That information will be used to prepare key themes and concepts that we will bring back to you for comment. In the final stage a Draft Reserve Management Plan will be prepared and your submissions will be called for. You will be able to support your submission by speaking at the Council hearing.



READ THIS INFORMATION



WHAT MAKES SENSE TO YOU



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The Frimley Park RMP process

Council notifies the community that the process is underway, calls for community input and gathers user data.

The input and data from step 1

is analysed and used to prepare key themes and concepts.

Those key themes and concepts are presented to the community for feedback, to check we are on the right track.

The feedback from steps 1,
2 and 3 is analysed and used
to prepare a Draft Reserve
Management Plan.

Public submissions on the
Draft Reserve Management
Plan are called for.

A council hearing is scheduled at which submitters to the draft plan can support their submission by speaking at the hearing.

Council adopts the final Reserve Management
Plan subject to amendments made during the hearing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS COUNCIL PREPARING A 10-YEAR RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) FOR FRIMLEY PARK?

Council is preparing the Frimley Park RMP in line with its policy of having an individual RMP for all of its major parks. (Smaller parks and those yet to have their individual plans prepared are managed under the District Wide Reserve Management Plan.) The timing of this process aligns with an agreement to prepare an RMP set out in the Resource Consent for the new Frimley water treatment and storage facility, being constructed on the southeast corner of the park.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN RMP?

RMPs ensure that the natural, recreational, historical and cultural values in reserves are protected. The plans must be reviewed every 10 years, however they can be revisited earlier if an issue arises that is best addressed by a review. Generally, RMPs set out things like what activities can be held on a reserve, playground and park management and development priorities, access into and through reserve areas, sign protocols, and landscape protection.

HOW INVOLVED CAN THE COMMUNITY BE?

There are a number of steps in the process, including three opportunities for the community to provide input using a number of channels. They include a survey (available online and in hard copy) and Coffee in the Park events, where you can talk to Council's Parks Team. Each of those opportunities will be widely advertised to ensure we receive as much input as possible.

HOW DO THE FRIMLEY POOL AND THE FRIMLEY WATER TREATMENT AND STORAGE FACILITY FIT INTO THIS?

Both of these facilities are on the park. The status of the area on which the Frimley water facility sits is Local Purpose Reserve, which allows for facilities that provide services to the community. The status of the rest of the park is Recreation Reserve which does not allow for such facilities. The Local Purpose Reserve has its own landscape plan, developed through the Resource Consent process, with work on that starting in the next planting season. Frimley Pools is managed under the Hastings Aquatics Strategy, which is being reviewed this year. That review will include public consultation.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE AREA OF THE PARK THAT HAS THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY ON IT WHEN IT IS REMOVED?

We want to hear your ideas! The facility (near the playground) is due to be removed within the next two years. How do you think that piece of the park would be best used?

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT FRIMLEY PARK TO CHANGE?

We want to hear from everyone, whether they love the park just as it is, or think there are ways to improve it.

WHAT IF ALL OF MY FEEDBACK WILL NOT FIT ON THE SURVEY FORM?

Please provide any additional information by email: alexm@hdc.govt.nz

HOW DO I GET REGULAR UPDATES?

Join the mailing list for Frimley Park: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/frimleypark

Find the survey here: www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

