

Circa 100 car parks have been mentioned for area C. Is a scale plan that shows 100 parks in that area available?

There is no scale plan at this stage. While the identified area would comfortably fit up to 100 car parking spaces, exact numbers and a plan would not be prepared until/if the proposal is accepted through the Reserve Management Plan process, and then only if a proposal to activate this area was received.

How much room do car parking spaces take up?

An average car parking space measures 2.4m x 5.4m which equals 12.96m<sup>2</sup>. This does not account for manoeuvring space and access in and out. It is estimated that 100 spaces would require an area of approximately 2800m<sup>2</sup> (Area C measure about 4,000m<sup>2</sup>; about three per cent of Eskdale Park.)

The draft plans says Area C could have structures. What type of structures could be installed/erected in a flood zone?

Information on this is available in Sections 2.2 and 3.6 of the Draft Reserve Management Plan.

If Area C is activated, how will that affect the rest of the park; will 'overflow' users park in the current recreation areas?

Officers have considered potential safety issues related to vehicles having free access to the Passive Recreation Zone (as is currently allowed). The simplest method for ensuring the safety of users in a park from vehicles is to create a separate car park for vehicles and restrict access to grassed areas. Community consultation, however, has identified that the freedom to drive to any part of the park is an important feature of Eskdale Park for a number of users. To mitigate risks, the draft plan proposes consolidating the play area and making it and the cricket wicket and inaccessible to vehicles. As with all parks, Eskdale Park is a public space where all members of the community have unrestricted access, although Eskdale Park is one of the very few that allow vehicle access. Council cannot control how many people visit the park, when (except to vehicles when the gates are locked at night), or for what informal recreation activity.

Please see Section 2.10 of the Draft Reserve Management Plan for more information.