

**Westgate Town Park - Received Submissions & Design Response**

| # | Source         | After reviewing the design of the park, are you happy with it as planned or are there any elements (such as layout, plants/trees, seating, water feature, toilets, caf   etc.) that you would like to see changed?  | If you have any further comments or suggestions about the design, please outline these below, with reasons why you have made that suggestion.  | Design Response   |
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| 1 | Shape Auckland | It looks good.  | More water features would look nice e.g. water fountains.  | Noted.  |
| 2 | Shape Auckland | <p>I can't see any playground for children apart from the water features. While water parks are great fun on really hot days, from a parents point of view they are a nuisance as children get cold and wet and fall over or are jostled by older kids and even with water recycling are fairly expensive to maintain and require constant monitoring to ensure the water remains clean.</p> <p>While there is open space it is all broken up so a group could not play volley ball on a section without running into a path. I think there are too many paths.</p> <p>Put in a fenced playground near a cafe. Make the green areas bigger so that they support more activities. I don't think a market should be allowed to operate in that space as the nearby shopping centre tenants are already finding it hard to make ends meet. There are plenty of markets, Oratia and Avondale being the closest and the Henderson Night Market, I don't think we need any more especially so close to these shops.</p>   | <p>I have concern about the water hazards to young children of the ponds shown. At the moment the park is not used much but if you are trying to make it a space for public gatherings, I think more effort must be made to stop young children accidentally wandering off over the wall into the pond.</p> <p>I plucked a child out of a pond near the end of the Rotorua Marathon who had wandered off from her parents and fell into a pond. These things happen particularly in a congested space.</p>   | <p>A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). The water feature will drain dry when fountains are not in operation and water will pool to a maximum depth of 80mm when in operation.</p>  |
| 3 | Shape Auckland | <p>OMG it is completely inaccessible for disabled users. There is no mobility parking, the seats are too low and inaccessible so a mobility impaired user will have immense difficulty and pain trying to stand (remember if they cannot stand after a fall a low ground seat will be impossibly painful). What is the point of having a park for the public if a fifth of the public are excluded from being able to access it. Disabled users need access within 50m of the space and it has no disabled access. (Like the Northwest mall where half many exits are stairway only with no accessible parking. The available parking around the streets is already over subscribed and yet this offers also no new parking for mothers with young children and babies either. I don't see any available access for my family (with a mobility impaired user), my sisters family (2 young children, 1 autistic), any of my friends (living in henderson massey with no available bus services to travel to the park) and many of my community (elderly, other families with disabilities and young families). When you have no capability to take a bus/train, or even to walk more than 50m it is like being cut out of your community and a design like the one proposed is a nail in our coffins, (making us more depressed, cut out, and suicidal). Please, please please change the design so our families can access our community. Please get advice from the beaccessible team, &amp; the ccs disability action teams. You are paying them to make community places accessible to the community and yet you come out with designs that are horrifying and inaccessible.</p> | <p>Please, please please change the design so our families can access our community. Please get advice from the beaccessible team, &amp; the ccs disability action teams. You are paying them to make community places accessible to the community and yet you come out with designs that are horrifying and inaccessible.</p>   | <p>The town park is being reviewed by a universal access expert to ensure it is suitable for all members of the community.</p>  |
| 4 | Shape Auckland | make sure there is enough seating for each section of the green space   |  | Seating is provided throughout the park including accessible bench seating and picnic tables  |
| 5 | Shape Auckland | <p>The park itself looks good but am concerned at the lack of public transport amenities for the Northwest Centre.</p> <p>It needs to have a park and ride facility and a bus terminal as there is not enough parking now for staff and customers, and people do not like to walk long distances.</p>   | <p>To reiterate, public transport must be a priority. The NorthWestern motorway is at a standstill now. There is no parking for staff at the Northwest Mall, and will only get worse as the new library and more retail etc opens.</p> <p>There looks to be no provision for a highrise parking building as at other town centres. So I assume that councillors and board members want the ratepayers to catch public transport.</p> <p>Therefore, a bus exchange of some sort where customers can change for transport elsewhere or disembark for the Northwest shops and park etc would have been a foregone conclusion.</p>   | <p>Not related to the design of the park although the location of the town park will be within walking distance of future bus stops.</p>  |
| 6 | Shape Auckland | <p>It is an ok design. There is no where safe for children to play so adults could relax and enjoy a picnic. A huge playground would be out of place but it would be amazing to have a natural kind of playground available that is fenced. A tree hut to climb. logs to balance on. giant chess board in the pavement.</p> <p>There is nothing in that space that would be a draw card for our family to use the area.</p>   | <p>Parking is really poor in the development and it stops people from coming when they can't find a park. Please, please put angle parking in instead of the two cars then tree then two cars that is in place. Please learn from other areas in Auckland as the parking in Auckland City (waterfront), Albany (mall area) is really bad and stops customers shopping and stopping in the areas.</p> <p>Parking a long way from the Westgate town park and carrying heavy picnic baskets over means I wouldn't use the area.</p> <p>What about putting in some fruit trees instead of all the ornamental trees? Fejoas, mandarins, avocado trees. This is a big draw card and encourages healthy eating and sharing of food.</p> | <p>A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). The design of the park has no control over the provision of parking in the streetscape however the location is such that the park is within walking distance of future bus stops, the mall and future commercial and residential sites.</p> |
| 7 | Shape Auckland | The layout looks beautiful it'll be great to have somewhere to take the kids to run and play  | I think a second set of toilets at other end of park would be better. A fully fence playground so that it's ideal for all ages and those parents who have multiple kids (twins etc) that want to be able to take kids to park on own and not have to worry about 1 running off on them. Picnic tables and maybe bbqs   | Existing toilets are considered adequate for everyday useage. Events etc. would require portaloos. Playground provided for in nearby Kopupaka Reserve. Picnic tables have been included in the design.  |

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| 8  | Shape Auckland   | <p>The plans are reasonable, and have good points, eg the walkways, water feature, daffodils as a spring feature.... however.</p> <p>There is no mention of a playground... a basic for such a space. Often take children to Tui Glen, a much loved play ground beautifully done, especially the use of old logs, as the containment surrounds. A basic simple, yet effective playground. Large climbing frames such as Tui Glen not required. However, some Auckland playground parks have very simple exercise circuits, that a child and parent can do together... what a brilliant idea...</p> <p>Tables. Nor is there any indication of some forms of tables to sit at, good old bbq style. Again such are found at Tui Glen. This again a basic necessity. Ask any parent, or grandparent, who are the ones often taking kiddies to playground areas.</p> <p>Trees, again, you can't go past those at Tui Glen, at the playground area. They give wonderful shade in hot summer suns, again for the kiddies, the parents and the grandparents. Decent shade trees, something sadly lacking these days in our new parks. And they usually are not natives, as natives don't have the lovely wide branching characteristics.</p> | <p>As above.</p> <p>There really is no use in having a nice area for people to meet, mix and mingle, unless there are things to do...</p> <p>So... thought just now... the likes of a petanque area... so easy, so well used.</p> <p>And why not some fruit trees.... and simple pergolas with grapes. Shade and food.</p> <p>And dear I add, water drinking fountains.</p> <p>Am happy to be contacted as really want to see a good common area, the locals can meet and become a real community.</p> <p>Community, is something missing in most places these days, in NZ. I would so love to see the areas made so that we get community back, and show 'em, Best in the West, cos West is Best.</p> | <p>A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). Large deciduous trees will be situated along the path to provide shade in Summer and sun in Winter over the lawn areas. A drinking fountain and picnic tables have been incorporated into the design.</p> |
| 9  | Shape Auckland   | <p>I hope that there is going to be a childrens playground incorporated into the design. There are very few playgrounds around this area</p>   | <p>I do hope that the awful dangerous road that runs down the side of the NorthWest Mall is going to disappear when the next stage is completed.</p> <p>It is bad enough at the moment when queues of cars go down then have to wait for the oncoming cars to go through. I was driving on the main road one day stopped at the lights our lights turned green next thing a car shot out from the NorthWest mall and straight across the road into the old Westgate. His light only had a left hand turn. When the next stage opens and there are caf  s and restaurants and office workers this should become pedestrians only no cars<br/>PLEASE</p>   | <p>Many of these comments are outside the scope of the town park design. A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools).</p>   |
| 10 | Shape Auckland   | <p>I would suggest that you spend the money on Henderson Shopping center area.<br/>It is much the more user friendly, much easier to access and is in need of a bit of TLC.</p> <p>The New shopping center at Westgate is very clean and tidy but oh such a pain to get to. It takes a while to find the right way into the shopping center/city center and once you do you only have the forever changing traffic lights to contend with. Who in there right mind would create a main road into the front of the shopping center right through a pedestrian precinct. Not just a road in and through but a cross road.. Dumb Dumb Dumb. Why hundreds of traffic lights one wonders, Each cross road is big enough for a huge round about. That would ease the stop go situation that is now prevalent. Sorry but I visit "The New Westage only as a last resort, and I live in Don Buck Road....</p> <p>Please think carefully before spending ratepayers money on what is a commercial enterprise.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Bob Jessopp 143 Don Buck Rd Massey.</p>  |  | <p>Not related to the design of the park.</p>   |
| 11 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good mix of all elements.</li> <li>- Like the caf   in park - Don't have a chain caf  . Will be a good asset for the area.</li> <li>- Water feature is such a good idea.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use trees that have seasonal colours to create interest.</li> <li>- Include comfortable furniture that's robust and picnic benches.</li> <li>- Make sure there's some disabled parking close by.</li> </ul>   | <p>Seasonal colours have been incorporated into planting palette. Disabled parking onstreet is outside the control of Parks but this feedback has been passed on to Auckland Transport. Access into and within the park is accessible to all and site will be within walking distance of future bus stops. Bench seating and picnic tables have been incorporated into the design.</p>  |
| 12 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very happy. West Auckland needs this.</li> <li>- Largely seasonal planting.</li> <li>- Love the blossom on the trees and flowers.</li> <li>- Water feature will be great for kids.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil comment</li> </ul>  | <p>Noted.</p>   |
| 13 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looks awesome.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil comment</li> </ul>  | <p>Noted.</p>   |
| 14 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child friendly outside eating area / caf  .</li> <li>- Maybe look at picnic boxes for children to sit on grass under trees etc.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If there could be a site available for a swimming pool complex.</li> </ul>  | <p>Noted. Picnic tables have been provided for in the design.</p>   |
| 15 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could the water feature be a water park like Potters Park?</li> <li>- Can the playground suit multiple age groups younger and older kids.</li> <li>- Picnic tables would be great as well.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil comment</li> </ul>  | <p>A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). Picnic tables have been provided for in the design.</p>   |
| 16 | Feedback Form Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I feel it's a great design, much nicer than St Lukes and Sylvia Park in my view.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perhaps more creation (walking / biking) areas would be fantastic.</li> </ul>   | <p>Noted. Cycle racks provided in design.</p>   |

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| 17 | Feedback Form Dr    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall support.</li> <li>- Café = indoor seating area a must and outdoor area ideally connect to grass for kids to play on.</li> <li>- Café and water feature to have adequate separation so noise of play doesn't detract from café.</li> <li>- Water feature: Would prefer an actual fenced playground so parent can relax over coffee / food. Also water feature will get kids soaking wet.</li> <li>- Desing needs to consider how parents in mall will want to use this space to keep kids occupied.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check out Borich Food Market for good example of a café / play space.</li> <li>- <a href="http://thegeneralistpr.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/11312582_1060441050637319_8429375405961810288_o.jpg">http://thegeneralistpr.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/11312582_1060441050637319_8429375405961810288_o.jpg</a></li> <li>- <a href="http://www.landscapedesigner.co.nz/wp-content/gallery/borics-map/Borics-Colour-Plan-.jpg">http://www.landscapedesigner.co.nz/wp-content/gallery/borics-map/Borics-Colour-Plan-.jpg</a>.</li> <li>- <a href="http://static1.squarespace.com/static/543ddb39e4b01fa7970f51ee/t/558fc662e4b0866b944d89b5/1435485832941/Boric+Food+Market+2">http://static1.squarespace.com/static/543ddb39e4b01fa7970f51ee/t/558fc662e4b0866b944d89b5/1435485832941/Boric+Food+Market+2</a></li> <li>- <a href="http://www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/uploads/3/7/7/5/37750665/1418865372.png">http://www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/uploads/3/7/7/5/37750665/1418865372.png</a></li> </ul> | A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). |
| 18 | Feedback Form Dr    | - I would love to see a childrens playground.  | - It would bring more families if there was a playground.  | A playground is provided for within the adjoining Kopupaka Reserve approximately 500m from the town park. The water feature will provide an interactive space for children and adults alike. The open lawn areas provide space for ballplay, running etc. The concrete areas include interpretive elements such as inground shellfish. The walls provide for balancing, climbing as well as interpretive elements (tools). |
| 19 | Feedback Form Dr    | - I would like to see a band stand.  |  | A dedicated 'event' area is identified in the plan including power supply.   |
| 20 | Email               | <p>After reading in the Western Leader about opinions being sought for the design of the Westgate Town Park, I would like to offer my opinion, my family and I having lived near Westgate and been involved in the community for a number of years.</p> <p>My immediate thoughts were to have a cherry tree grove, and when I looked up the concept plan I was absolutely delighted to see that was in the design! YAY!! Well done!! Some very treasured memories I have of good times with my children include going to Cornwall Park in spring and lying under the cherry trees, looking up at the blue sky through myriads of gorgeous pink cherry blossom, and letting the wind blow the blossoms off and float down on us. It was magic, and we still enjoy looking at those photos and reminiscing. Priceless.</p> <p>So I would like to thank you and endorse the concept of a grove of cherry trees. I like the choice of plants you have photos of in your concept plan - I love native trees and plantings (like kowhai, hebes, manuka, kowhai, renga renga lilies) but I think its lovely to include cherry blossom trees and daffodils. This provides seasonal interest and cheerfulness (and triggers memories), and we are so blessed to live in a climate where we can grow such a range of plants and have it all.</p> <p>The water park idea looks great too.</p> <p>I am very happy with your lovely concept plan, and wish to provide this feedback. Thankyou very much</p> |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Roads are not wide enough (after a cursory look at the plan).  |  | Not related to the design of the park.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Looks great.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | (Mum and daughter) A safe meeting spot. Like the play opportunity in the water, walls and grass. Great to have a cafe in park. Events to activate, art in the park could work here.  |  | Noted. Art incorporated into the fabric of the park via water feature, tools and shellfish insert in the concrete, walls which reflect upper reaches of Waitemata.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Looks great.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | More and better public transport please. I would like to have a green space in the town. Can I go for a walk there at lunchtime? Shared space / road and square (town square) relationship is confusing, wouldn't let my kids play there. I would like to have a coffee and watch my kids play. positive response to the cafe within the park.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Overall it is a good concept.  |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Where are the public transport links?  |  | Not related to the design of the park.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Where is an early childhood centre?  |  | Not related to the design of the park.   |
|    | Face to face - note | I like the lawn areas and pathways.  |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Positive towards the large trees and greenery. Would like variation.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Positive towards open areas to walk and relax and like the water feature idea.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Really like the park and having a café.  |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Looks very good but potentially too many paths.  |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Having the apartments next door is good.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Looks great.   |  | Noted.   |
|    | Face to face - note | Nikau's won't survive as the site gets very strong NW winds.   |  | This will be reviewed by the Parks Arborist.   |

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|  | Face to face - note | The shopping mall should be larger.   |  | Not related to the design of the park.                               |
|  | Face to face - note | Overall very happy – where is the bus station to get into town and around area? |  | Noted. Future bus stops will be within walking distance of the park. |
|  | Face to face - note | Generally happy but where is the public pool?                                   |  | Noted.   |
|  | Face to face - note | Looks really good (limited English).  |  | Noted.   |