

Memo

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To: Ken Maplesden, Senior Advisor Partnerships, Sports & Recreation

From: Amir Kayal, Specialist Designer –Safety, Auckland Design Office

Subject: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) statement on East Boroughs Basketball Court introduction to North Elstree reserve

Dear Ken,

Please find below my CPTED statement regarding the development of East Boroughs Basketball Court in Elstree North Reserve, Glen Innes. This memo provides a high-level CPTED assessment of the location nominated for the court. You may need to take a detailed assessment before or during the resource consent application.

Access

The Elstree North reserve has multiple entrance points from Elstree Ave and Leybourne Cir. Elstree reserve is adjacent to Tamaki College, with a low height visually permeable fencing that does not negatively impact the access from the college for students.

Layout

The indicated location for the court is on the existing basketball court. The existing court is located further away from Elstree Ave. The orientation of the existing court has improved its connection (both visually and physically) with the playground and street.

Surveillance and visibility

The reserve is open and wide, being visible from both Elstree Ave and Leybourne Cir. There are only a few trees on the northern side of the park that require trimming and crown lifting for improved visibility. There are also opportunities for passive surveillance from the neighbouring properties on Elstree Ave (the occupancy of these residences are not clear at the moment or not guaranteed in the future due to the Tamaki Redevelopment Project). Although the indicated location for the court is further away from Elstree Ave, it is not considered to have a significant impact on visibility of the court or the effectiveness of passive surveillance.

Lighting

Existing lighting on Elstree Ave does not seem to be sufficient for night time activities should the court be functional in the evenings, especially during the off daylight saving hours.

Activity mix

The Elstree North reserve is located within a residential suburban neighbourhood. It has Tamaki College on its southern boundary and Glenbrae School is located across the street on Leybourne Cir. The proximity to education facilities create greater opportunities for easier access to the court and have more activities.

Quality environments

The existing basketball court and playground seems to be fairly new. The dominant material used seems to be steel. Although this a longer lasting material, possibly with lower maintenance costs, it would be difficult to consider it as a high quality environment.

The proposed court will introduce new technologies such as Wi-Fi. The provision of Wi-Fi and other technology are fairly reasonable these days, considering their popularity among the younger generations. To avoid any unintended consequences, there are a few considerations such as

- clear communication with the community about the provision Wi-Fi,
- parental guidance for internet access,
- operation hours and its impact on social activities and nuisance.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the location nominated for the new basketball court is reasonably acceptable from a CPTED perspective.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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