

NOTICE OF MOTION

REMUERA HERITAGE – BUILDINGS AND TREES SCHEDULING

In terms of clause of 3.11.1 of the Ōrākei Local Board's Standing Orders, please place the following Notice of Motion on the agenda for the Ōrākei Local Board's business meeting to be held on 20 April

Executive summary:

1. Noel Reardon, the Heritage Manager has confirmed to Adam Milina and on email audit trail that the Heritage Unit has limited resources based on what was agreed during the last LTP and their focus is on the Unitary Plan. A number of heritage buildings, sites and trees remain in need of assessment for ensuring reasonable heritage protection.
2. Remuera Heritage is a respected community organisation who may be able to assist Council Heritage teams complete some of their work with reduced cost to ratepayers.
3. At any one time, the Council's Heritage Unit can only support a maximum of two projects of this nature in any year. Ōrākei is likely to miss out on support and risks losing more heritage assets pending heritage assessment work.
4. Ōrākei Local Board could agree to fund a heritage project for 17/18 and let the Unit know so that unit can plan its resourcing.
5. Remuera in particular does have a number of places of interest.
6. If the Board wants to consider a project for 17/18 then please let me know ASAP.

Recommendations:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) agree to include a Remuera Heritage Assessment project in its Local Board Agreement work programme for 2017/2018.
- b) require Council Heritage Unit to collaborate with Remuera Heritage to produce a project plan and costings and report to the Board's June 2017 meeting.

Discussion:

7. By email 22 March 2017, Council officer Adam Milina has reported on Noel Reardon's advice. That advice is copied as follows:

I have followed this up with Noel Reardon, the Heritage Manager and he has confirmed that the Heritage Unit has limited resources based on what was agreed during the last LTP and their focus is on the Unitary Plan.

Heritage Unit Work Programme

8. The Heritage Unit's work programme at present is:
 - 1) Fixing Unitary Plan errors both for buildings and trees
 - 2) Evaluating buildings/areas that were identified in the pre-1944 layer but didn't survive the Unitary Plan process. This is the priority as one of the reasons why Council accepted the deletion of the pre 1944 layer was that it could reinstate sites and areas through plan changes.
9. As a result, public nominations are a third priority at least as far as buildings go.
10. The Unit has also prioritised what it can actually do re new buildings and has developed a priority list of buildings (that were previously in the pre-1944 layer) that it is working through based on Heritage Advisory Panel advice. Basically it has picked buildings that it is reasonably confident will meet the criteria for scheduling. The Unit will be looking at a plan change for the first lot middle of this year. That should possibly allow it to carry out further evaluations in the next financial year although this will be dependent on how the plan changes go.
11. The Unit is finding that it is best to use the pre 1944 data as the basis for prioritization for the reasons above with public nominations as a reference check.
12. The Heritage Unit has undertaken additional evaluations for other local boards through the use of a consultant funded by local boards.
13. These costs do not include project co-ordination time and resource required from the Heritage Unit staff. Any letters and communication with the landowner is via a heritage officer, with site visits generally having an internal Heritage Unit member to go with the consultant. There is also preparation of the project brief, workshops and meetings with the Local Board members and Local Board advisors.
14. What this means is that at any one time the Unit can only support a maximum of two projects of this nature in any year. If the Ōrākei Local Board is looking to fund a project for 17/18, please let the Unit know ASAP so it can consider whether it can be resourced.

Ōrākei Historic Heritage

15. In the Ōrākei area the pre-1944 study list contains the following:
 - St Heliers - 12 places on the pre 1944 study list. One place was prioritised and is currently subject to evaluation via our own internal evaluation programme. 11 sites didn't make the first prioritisation list and will have to wait.

- Remuera- 31 places on the pre 1944 study list. Of these approximately 5 have now been scheduled via the Heritage NZ submission/evidence in the UP process. None of the remaining made the first prioritisation list.
 - Ōrākei: Four places of interest identified. Of those one is currently prioritised and subject to evaluation via our own internal evaluation programme. A further area is HNZ area which has a code of compliance for demolition.
16. In summary/conclusion, it would appear that Remuera in particular does have a number of places of interest. Should the local board wish to fund this work then there could be merit in a project noting that they are all second level priorities so there is a stronger likelihood that they will not meet the criteria for scheduling.

Notable Trees

17. This is the area where errors are a problem – and fixing them is the priority. The Unit does not have any resource to advance nominations, but may do so next year. However, until the Unit has scoped out the errors work it cannot provide definitive advice on what could be resourced next year.
18. In summary, I trust the email addresses the issues raised below, noting that it doesn't provide a solution to the problem faced by Sue and others.
19. If the Board wants to consider a project for 17/18 then please let me know ASAP and Suzanne will liaise with Noel to see what can be developed for Board consideration.

Author and signatory:



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