

Memorandum

To: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

From: Darren Cunningham – Senior Land Use Advisor, Land Advisory Services, Auckland Council

Date: 30/06/17

Subject: Land Owner Approval request to locate a 20ft container containing rat traps and stations at Fort Takapuna.

1. Purpose

To obtain delegation from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board to the Manager Land Advisory Services to issue landowner approval to the applicant, Auckland Council's Biosecurity team, to locate a 20ft container containing rat traps and stations at Fort Takapuna Reserve.

2. Applicant's proposal

The applicant, Auckland Council's Biosecurity team, is seeking land owner approval to locate a 20ft container containing rat traps and stations at Fort Takapuna until approximately the end of October 2017. The applicant has advised that Ngati Whatua are donating 1500 rat traps and stations for distribution to Devonport residents, with a container used as a storage point for the traps and stations during the staged distribution of them. The storage container will take up approximately 2-3 car parking spaces at Fort Takapuna.

3. Recommended conditions

Conditions will be placed on any landowner approval granted and will include (but are not limited to):

- a Health and Safety plan,
- standard liability conditions including insurance and full reinstatement of any disturbed ground,
- litter and rubbish control.

4. Analysis

Overall, the applicant's proposal is considered to be acceptable to the Community Facilities Department because;

- The storage container will be located in the gravel car park area of Fort Takapuna Reserve and will not affect access to, or use of, Fort Takapuna

Reserve. Although the container will take up 2-3 car parking spaces, the container will only be temporary and it is considered there is sufficient parking also available in nearby surrounding streets to alleviate the loss of the car parking spaces taken up by the container.

- There will be no damage to the reserve as the container will be sitting on top of the gravel car park area of the reserve and not any grassed area.
- The container will not affect the operational maintenance of the Fort Takapuna Reserve as the container will be located in the car park area of the Reserve, and furthermore Council's Maintenance Delivery team has not provided any objection to the proposal.

5. Options

- a) Support/accept the Land Owner Approval. This is the recommended option and considered to be the best option as the proposal will not adversely affect access to or the use of Fort Takapuna Reserve, whilst also assisting with predator and pest control in the Devonport area.
- b) Reject the Land owner Approval application. This option is not recommended as it will not allow the applicant to undertake predator and pest control in the Devonport area.

6. Recommendation

That the Devonport-Takapuna Board:

- a) Recommend that the Land Owner Approval application for the applicant, Auckland Council's Biosecurity team, be supported to locate a 20ft container, containing rat traps and stations for distribution, at Fort Takapuna Reserve until approximately the end of October 2017.
- b) Recommend that the Manager of Land Advisory Services, Community Facilities determines all relevant conditions and signs off a Land Owner Approval letter.

Signed: _____ [Chair]

Dated: _____

Signed: _____ [Deputy Chair]

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