

25<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Carl May – Property Specialist Panuku
<b>Subject:</b>	315A Glengarry Road Glen Eden
<b>From:</b>	Andrew Wood -Team Leader Parks and Recreation Policy

### Purpose

1. To provide information relating to the s24 process to uplift the reserve status of 315A Glengarry Road and comment on specific objections raised by the Waitakere Ranges Local Board in their submission.

### Background

2. This property was presented for disposal by Panuku in 2015 and in accordance with process, was assessed against the Parks and Open Space Acquisition Policy 2013 in June 2015. Part of the assessment process includes obtaining the views on the disposal from parks operational staff.
3. A further assessment was requested and undertaken in June 2017 which included consideration of the property against the Open Space Provision Policy 2016.

### Assessment

4. The 2015 and 2017 assessments both concluded that there was no significant reason to retain the property for open space purposes specifically;
  - there is adequate levels of parks and open space provision in the immediate area to meet community recreation needs
  - the site is located within 200m of Nicolas Reserve which consists of a children's playground and pedestrian connection to West Coast Road east
  - a suburb park, Parrs Park, is located 350m north of the site and provides multiple recreation opportunities for the community
  - the site is located within the council's targeted walking distance of 450m to access open space in a low density residential zone
  - the property does not provide connections to existing open spaces
  - there are no known heritage, cultural or natural values of significance located within the site
  - the property does not improve the open space value of existing parks and open space
  - the site is narrow and very elongated with a dead end which considerably limits its function as a neighbourhood park
  - The retention of the site for use as open space was not supported by parks operational staff.

### Submission from Waitakere Ranges Local Board

5. The board supports its arguments with the following background:
  1. Evaluation work by the Auckland Council has shown that regionally, Glen Eden is significantly under-provided with parks – [There are parts of the wider Glen Eden area that have gaps in the provision of open space however this property is not assessed as being in one of those areas.](#)
  2. The largest nearby park is Parrs Park, but most of that parks area is taken up with leases, in particular, the lease for Hoani Waititi Marae, and sportsfields for formal sport. There is very little space for informal recreation and no room for community gardens. – [Parrs Park is classified as a suburb park and contains a number of the indicative amenities outlined in the Open Space Provision Policy 2016 including informal recreation. There are no specific policies supporting the provision of community gardens on suburb parks.](#)
  3. This is generally an area of low income families who would benefit from the existence of community gardens and orchards - [No specific policy comment.](#)

4. New housing is going in in the area, which is housing on small sections. Large areas of Glen Eden are zoned for intensification. There are three apartment blocks going into the area and there are no plans for additional open space- [See 1. In addition it should be noted that this particular sites configuration limits its function as a potential neighbourhood park.](#)
5. The Board has recently installed a shared path from Oratia to West Coast Road and has approved the continuation of this pathway into Parrs Park. This parcel of land is just off this route so is also easily accessible by people from Oratia, which also does not have much in the way of parks. That community could find a community garden space something it would support - [No specific policy comment.](#)