

TAMAKI DRIVE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC

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To Ngati Whatua Orakei Reserves Board
c/ Auckland Council
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[\(amended submission\)](#)

The Tamaki Drive Protection Society Inc wishes to support the proposal under s 54 of the Reserves 1977 whereby the Ngati Whatua Orakei Reserves Board intends to grant a licence to occupy land to Ngati Whatua Orakei Whai Maia Ltd for a temporary tourist kiosk on Whenua Rangatira (Bastion Point).

The proposal

The Society notes that the kiosk will serve as a tourism information hub to visitors and residents alike, offering self-guided and guided tours of the lands and waters surrounding the area.

The kiosk will have an offering of coffee, tea, water and ice cream, and provide space for local artists to display authentic Maori works.

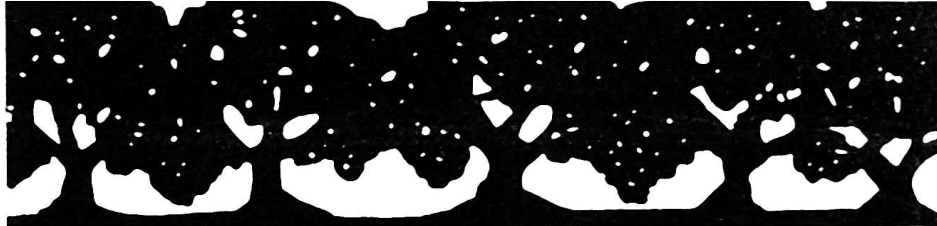
Hopefully juices and other small food items and confectionary will be added to meet all tastes for light snacks and refreshments.

The location near the roundabout at the top of Hapimana Street.

The Society is pleased to support this use of the whenua rangatira. The use will provide an appropriate public facility, with proximate access to the existing toilet block location. Thousands of visitors arrive in the area to experience the cultural history of the land, to view the memorial gardens, and to respect the Michael Savage memorial. The location is important as part of the outstanding historic whenua rangatira, with magnificent views of Rangitoto and the waters of the Hauraki Gulf. The kiosk facility will enhance the enjoyment by the public at this location.

An advantage of the proposed location for the kiosk is that the existing road roundabout and parking area on Hapimana Street is in place, and the traffic activities will not adversely affect in any material way the usage of Tamaki Drive as a busy arterial highway. Further, the kiosk will enhance the use and enjoyment of Tamaki Drive by pedestrians and cyclists who wish to access the public reserve area at a halfway point between Okahu Bay and Mission Bay, and need sustenance.

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Litter

Subject to the precise plans for the kiosk, the Society would encourage the development to include conditions that adequate provision is made for litter receptacles for disposal of refuse from the sale of products at the kiosk.

In other parts of the whenua rangatira, the policy of the Reserves Board is to not have refuse receptacles, and this policy has given rise to continuing litter problems in certain areas. The kiosk location is subject to wind, and litter on the ground will be blown around. Some overseas visitors do not read or understand English or Maori, and instructions to take litter home or in a bus are not effective.

Seats for visitor use

Further, it is hoped that some benches or seats will be added in the vicinity of the kiosk, to enhance the ability of visitors to rest on seats or benches while enjoying the refreshments that may be available at the kiosk. This need is especially appreciated by older visitors and those with young children. Presently there are no seats adjacent to the turning circle, and it is not practicable to sit on the grass during winter or muddy wet periods.

Conclusions

Finally the proposal is consistent with policies under the Tamaki Drive Master Plan (2013), being an important public document produced and endorsed by the Orakei Local Board.

The proposal is also supported by the objectives of the Tamaki Drive Protection Society Inc to promote and safeguard the unique amenities, heritage and use of Tamaki Drive in the public interest.

The Society as a submitter does not wish to appear at a hearing on the proposal, but as stated, supports the proposed granting of a licence.

No part of the submission is to be considered to be confidential.

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