

Attachment E: Summary of key findings from the service needs assessments for Birkenhead War Memorial Park

Service area	Key findings	How findings will be incorporated into the masterplan
Pool and leisure	<p>Pool provision in the local board area is appropriate for the current and likely future needs of the population (based on 2013 census data).</p> <p>The two pools in the local board area are in good locations to ensure a good reach for most of the population.</p>	Retain a pool at the park, potential to upgrade pool facilities to include play pool, splash pad or similar.
Park Services	Tracks (also see kauri dieback information below) – some gap in provision; upgrade of the service lane in the park to cater walking and cycling has been identified as a priority item in the Kaipatiki Connections Network Plan 2016	Upgrade service road as per Kaipatiki Connections Network Plan 2016
	Toilets and changing rooms at Mahara Ave – some toilets and changing rooms were housed in the (now removed) grandstand; some provision in the Cricket Club buildings	Toilets and changing rooms to be included in proposed multi-use sport and recreation facility at Mahara Avenue.
	Car parking – shortage of parking spaces in the park at peak times	Encourage use of public transport, carpooling and biking to the park.
	Sports field provision – some oversupply of hours, mostly for rugby league	Sports fields to be retained at Recreation Drive and Mahara Ave – no design implications. While the rugby league has a surplus of hours available to it, optimisation of the sports parks network may see surplus hours reallocated to codes who have shortfalls, via normal approval processes.
	Play –improve play experience at the park, include play for different age groups and nature play as per the Kaipatiki Strategic Play and SunSmart Provision Assessment	Retain existing playground by the top playing fields; Create māra hūpara (Māori play) in the gully between Recreation Drive and Mahara Ave
	Signage –there is a current lack of signage in the park (entrance, directional and interpretative)	Incorporate entrance, directional and interpretative signage in the design
	Kauri Dieback –kauri dieback is present in the local board area. Two tracks in the park have been temporarily closed to protect existing kauri in the park.	One track to be permanently closed (from cemetery), other tracks to be upgraded to protect kauri
Active Recreation	Lack of socialising spaces in the park	Add parks furniture; picnic/ BBQ areas in the design
Active Recreation	There is a shortage of indoor courts in the KLB area.	2-3 indoor court spaces to be provided for in the design of the proposed multi-use sport and recreation facility at Mahara Avenue.
	Upgrade the current athletics facilities at the park	Provide for upgrades of the athletics facilities, including netting for throwing circles, new/ improved long jump. The upgrade to a 400m running track was investigated, but there is insufficient space in the park for this.
	Development of mountain bike facilities at the site – not considered to be appropriate for the site due to risk of kauri dieback	Not to be included in design
	Gymnastics – a sub-regional facility already exists in Kaipatiki, any further sub-regional or regional facilities should be located further north; therefore, not recommended to develop at the park.;	Not to be included in design, potential to provide for special events at the proposed multi-use sport and recreation facility
Community Leases	<p>Currently 12 lessees at the park, many who own the facilities they are in.</p> <p>Two clusters of individual facilities, most at Recreation Drive. Three clubs are sharing the cricket club rooms (cricket, rugby league and athletics)</p> <p>All groups currently at the park meet the criteria in the Community Occupancy Guidelines and are eligible to occupy the site.</p> <p>Eligibility will be reassessed when lease agreements expire, based on the Community Occupancy Guidelines.</p>	Consolidation of facilities into three main hubs - as per the Community Occupancy Guidelines, groups are encouraged to cluster and share buildings and spaces. Proposal for one multi-use sports and recreation facility at Mahara Ave, two hubs at Recreation Drive (education and arts/culture/heritage); RSA and Rugby Club at Recreation Drive to remain as they are.
Community Places (hire facilities, community centers)	<p>No identified need for additional hire facilities or community centres in the Birkenhead area.</p> <p>Any facilities built in the park should be aligned with the qualities for community facilities in the Community Facilities Network Plan 2015.</p> <p>Council investment should be focused on strategically placed multi-purpose facilities, designed to accommodate different activities, programmes and services in an integrated manner.</p>	Any facilities built at the park should be designed based on the criteria in the Community Facilities Network Plan 2015 and be accessible, well placed, flexible, functional, consider local character, high quality and sustainable