

Taniwha Reserve Public Consultation

Public consultation on the proposed Taniwha Reserve concept design was undertaken between 1 November and 30 November 2018. The aim of the consultation was to raise awareness of the project, to explain the key objectives of delivering a well-connected and safe public space and to provide the opportunity for public input into the design to ensure the final concept design reflected their needs and aspirations.

Feedback was sought through the following methods:

Online presence

- draft proposals, summary of project and questionnaire for public feedback posted on:
 - 'Have your say' website
 - Local Board facebook page
 - Neighbourly website.

Local Board office and Glen Innes Library

- draft proposals, summary of project and questionnaire for public feedback available as hard copy or directed to online platform.

Public Open Day

- sausage sizzle and 'meet and greet' at Grace International Church opposite Taniwha Reserve where proposals were discussed with the public
- draft proposals, summary of project and questionnaire for public feedback available as hard copy or directed to online platform.

Key stakeholders

- draft proposals, summary of project and questionnaire emailed directly to key stakeholders with the offer of face to face meeting if required.

Overall we had a small response from the public consultation however the outcome generally supported our proposals as summarised in the following table:

Question	Response	Design provision
What activities do you use the reserve for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Walking the dog • Cycling • Enjoying the natural environment • Recreational activities • Relaxing/sitting/sunbathing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared pedestrian/cycle paths providing multiple access points, choice of routes through the reserve and providing opportunity to engage with the stream • Restoration of the stream including riparian planting and significant tree planting to establish improved ecology and habitat • Flat grassed open spaces
What do you like most about the reserve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love the ability to be in nature, get out of suburbia for a little while, enjoy the bird songs and the beautiful views and peace of it all. • That it's a green space that follows the river, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of the stream including riparian planting and significant tree planting to establish

	<p>allowing users to connect with nature. you can follow the river for quite a way, and this has the potential to be a real asset to the area. The reserve is only a short walk from the GI town centre with all of its challenges, but it could be a world away. I like the name too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog friendly • Creek and trees - established growth and potential for a diverse ecology • Path - Access point from Epping St to Line Rd and Taniwha St. 	<p>improved ecology and habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared pedestrian/cycle paths providing multiple access points, choice of routes through the reserve and providing opportunity to engage with the stream
<p>Is there anything about the reserve you would like to see improved?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of the planting - more natives, less pest species! But also the maintenance of the vegetation. Planting for bird life. Canopy coverage is needed too. The quality of the waterway - allowing for improved habitat for aquatic life - yes please. It could be such a cool area, and it feels like it has been forgotten or ignored for a long time. • Sightlines into the reserve. Connection to the other reserves. I walk/bike with my dogs from Eastview reserve and the driveway I use to come down has no grate over the drain. I know about this problem but people who don't would hurt themselves. The connection between the reserves is clumsy and not pedestrian/ bike friendly. • Water cleanliness Better walk ways. Safer environment. • Accessibility and lighting • Rubbish and vegetation removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of the stream including riparian planting and significant tree planting to establish improved ecology and habitat • Development of wetland to manage significant stormwater events, improve water quality and create natural habitat • Land exchanges with adjacent developers (TRC) resulting in increased street frontages and improved sightlines through reserve • Establishment of greenway through reserve which will continue upstream through Eastview Reserve and downstream into Maybury Reserve when these reserves are developed – approach to road crossings between these reserves are being discussed with AT • Lighting to the main greenway route through the reserve
<p>The nature of Taniwha Reserve does not support providing formal playground facilities. However, an open gathering space could be provided. How might you like to use this space?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be good for picnics and concerts. • I really support the idea of seating, picnic and viewing points especially focussed towards the river - the hero of the reserve and the reason the park exists. The main way I would use it is a spot to eat lunch and take in the bird life. I think the bridge is a really strong idea to draw attention to the awa. It will be great to create connections and linkages both for housing in local area, but also for people using the river route for recreation. I love the wider paths to allow for improved circulation for cycling. • This would not be a good idea without the support of improved sightlines. The only space I have seen is behind the flats on the corner of Line Road and Taniwha Street. This could decrease privacy for those residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of viewing points with outlook over the wetland and stream including a range of seating options • Flat open grassed areas proposed at both Taniwha Street and Epping Street entrance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnics or football • Family picnics. Set up a dog only fenced area so dog owners can have their dogs off lead and socialising in a safe and secure space. • It feels like a missed opportunity to not have some sort of playground facilities there. However, for an open gathering space, benches should be provided for the public to feel invited in. This could be used potentially for picnics or personal training activities (Bootcamp). The re-design of the reserve is going to need to some serious thought, in order to make it feel like a valuable and usable green space in the area. 	
<p>Do you have any other comments about Taniwha Reserve and/or the proposed upgrade?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the improved sightlines to the park at entrances and exits. It will shift the park from being a 'corridor' to seeming much more of a space in its own right. <p>The river is an asset - and reorienting people to the river is a strong step in the right direction.</p> <p>I support the idea of additional interpretation or histories for the park. Often people need a bit of a prompt - it gives visitors and users of the park a talking point.</p> <p>I am not a big fan of lighting as a solution to security issues. There is enough light pollution in the world already. Nature needs down time, just as people do.</p> <p>I'd like to see the introduction of pollution (rubbish) filters for the awa as is used in other wetlands - to stop litter from making its way to Tamaki Estuary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think it is overdue but I am grateful for this work. • People and pet friendly environment. Cleaner reserve and water ways. • Ensure parking alongside the areas and lights for safe use • Remove the large vegetation (or preferably all vegetation) from alongside the creek to make it more visible from the path. This would also allow the mowing contractors to keep these areas maintained and prevent dumping rubbish into the creek and people congregating in these areas and leaving rubbish. Ensure any broken branches are removed so the mowing contractors can mow rather than going around them, which then creates unsightly areas. Remove vegetation from alongside the fence lines. I have noticed where there is no vegetation in these areas the dumping of rubbish is minimal or non-existent. • Extremely happy this is going to be upgraded. Whilst it is a shame that no playground facilities are going to be put in I appreciate that there are going to be playgrounds at Maybury and other reserves. If this is the case can Auckland Council and Auckland Transport please consider safe pedestrian crossing options on Taniwha Street. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with mana whenua will see the development of interpretation signage to be included in the reserve at key locations • Significant revegetation planned to improve riparian margin and provide ecological habitat