

NOTIFICATION OF SECURITY GATE INSTALLATION – SULPHUR BEACH RESERVE CARPARK AND BOAT RAMP

Following a significant number of complaints from users of the Sulphur Beach Reserve and neighbouring residents it has become apparent that a need for increased security exists. Feedback received from New Zealand Police identifies that over the last year the number of reported occurrences of anti-social behaviour has increased along with the number of break-ins to dinghy lockers leased to members of the public. These disturbances are primarily occurring overnight.

To achieve an increased level of security, subject to local board approval, Auckland Council will be installing a security gate along Sulphur Beach Road to deter this activity overnight. Early feedback on initial proposals received via key stakeholder representatives has been considered and incorporated into the final design. Information on the location and operating schedule is outlined below;

Location:

To enable safe manoeuvring the gate will be situated approximately halfway along Sulphur Beach Road from the Beach Road intersection at a location which enables a three-point turn to be completed if the gate is closed. The site is also immediately adjacent to the motorway ensuring it is visible to other road users and also exposed to motorway lighting to increase safety when operating the gate.



Operation:

The gate will operate on a combination padlock system. The gate will be locked on the following schedule, consistent with the operation of other reserves and boat access points across Auckland;

Summer: 5:30am to 10pm

Winter: 5:30am to 9pm

On limited special occasions such as New Year's Eve these restrictions will be relaxed with the gate remaining open longer than usual.

Access after-hours is available for emergency services and in special circumstances to park users by contacting the call centre and providing details of the situation. While the code will be subject to change, to maintain the integrity of the gate operation and the security it provides, any code that is received for after-hours access should not be shared with other users.

Signage:

Signage will be located at the intersection of Beach Road and Sulphur Beach Road warning of the gates operating hours. A further sign will be located at the gate itself and will include details for contacting the call centre.

The solution outlined above has been designed with consideration given to all users of the reserve including; Mooring lease holders; Dinghy locker lease holders, recreational users, emergency services and neighbouring residents. It is difficult to provide a solution which provides for all needs of all stakeholders. Following installation of the gate, feedback from New Zealand Police and the public will be monitored to determine the success of this solution.

If you have any questions about the installation of the gate or you would like to provide feedback, please email us at ParksNorthFeedback@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by the 15th March 2019 to enable consideration by the local board before final confirmation of details is given in late-March.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.

Kind Regards,

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