

Friday, 15 March 2019

Rev. Pauline Stewart
St Heliers Community Centre
100 St Heliers Road
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Dear Rev. Stewart,

RE Glendowie Community Centre - request to expand the size of the building

Thank you for your presentations and enquiries around a potential expansion of the Glendowie Community Centre.

The request has been considered by the Ōrākei Local Board who have received advice from council officers.

As you will be aware Crossfield Reserve has a masterplan (included in the Eastern Parks Masterplan 2012). This masterplan does not include an expansion of the Glendowie Community Centre.

It is the direction of Auckland Council that Community Centres provide venues for community groups delivering services at minimal cost. They do not provide venues for Early Childhood Education Centres which are commercial enterprises. Previous decisions by the Ōrākei Local Board did not support commercial activity or Early Childhood Education Centres being built within reserves or with in new community facilities.

An expansion to the Glendowie Community Centre is not currently budgeted for within the Long-Term Plan or supported in the Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2017.

The Board does not support the expansion of the Glendowie Community Centre at this time, although the board can support the community centre if they would like to trial new programmes or activations within the current footprint or using other council owned community facilities. The Board would also like to support the community centre if they would like to trial a coffee cart or similar commercial license within the reserve as a social enterprise. These enterprises would need to be funded by the community centre.

Thank you for the invitation to look around the centre at the recent renovations, the centre is looking much better, the board will continue to advocate for continued improvements to the Community Centre and surrounding reserve and Playground. It's the board's goal to have a Community Centre and reserve that the Community can be proud of.

The board would like to thank the management and staff at the Glendowie Community Centre for their ongoing commitment and management of this community asset.

Kind regards



Kit Parkinson
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