



**Notes:****Significance of Site:**

Ngāti Manuhiri are the iwi who are Mana Whenua for the rohe that extends from Bream Tail in the north to the Okura River in the south, inland taking in Albany, Puhoi, Kaipara Flats, Hoteo, Dairy Flat, Wellsford and east to the coast extending to include islands such as Kawau, Hauturu (Little Barrier), Āotea (Great Barrier) and Tiritiri Matangi to name a few.

The settlement of Ōmaha is built on a sand spit known to Ngāti Manuhiri as Te Taumutu. Urbanisation at the northern half of the spit mainly occurred in the early to mid 20th Century and thus there was little archaeological investigation. However in the early 1990's development of the southern half of the spit, confirmed intensive and generational occupation and use of the spit through the discovery of massive midden piles, artifacts and koiwi (human remains).

Previous visits to the Ōmaha Golf Club site and further north along the peninsula, have confirmed several midden adjacent the Whangateau Harbour shoreline by the seawall. In addition, at some point a midden was damaged by the construction of a drain in the middle of the northern half of the golf club.

**Concerns and Recommendations:**

The consent application from Council intends to formerly classify currently unclassified local purpose (esplanade) reserve – a 20m wide strip adjacent the CMA i.e. along the western edge of the peninsula north of the bridge. Because of existing use and values it is proposed to re-classify into 3 separate sections. Section 1 (southernmost) is to become Recreation Reserve as it is occupied and used by the Ōmaha Golf Club, and an Esplanade Reserve Classification would not allow for this recreational activity. The middle section is to be Local Purpose (esplanade) Reserve, which allows for the current occupation and use of both the Golf Club and the Tennis Club and informal public use further north. The northernmost third section has high conservation values and will be Local Purpose (foreshore protection) Reserve.

This reclassification exercise does not include any physical works and therefore Ngāti Manuhiri does not have any concerns re: earthworks at this time. It is noted however, that for Section 1, the classification of Recreation Reserve does allow to have buildings occupy the space. While not expected Ngāti Manuhiri wish to strongly stress that we would not support any new building within this

Reserve area and would request to see that reflected in the Reserve Management Plan. From the site visit, we were advised and viewed an existing equipment shed which does encroach into the 20m strip. A representative from the Ōmaha Golf Club, Geoff Smith, indicated that the Golf Club does intend to dismantle the shed at some time in the future and replace it with another further in land. Ngāti Manuhiri would appreciate being advised prior to these works.

Ngāti Manuhiri would appreciate working with any of the Clubs occupying/leasing these Council properties at any time, should they consider incorporating cultural design or interpretation on site.

With regard to the remaining classifications, including Lot 1 DP 147396, as local purpose (utility) reserve, Ngāti Manuhiri have no objections at this time

**This Kaitiaki Report relates only to this Application:**

Any future applications will require separate consideration and consultation by the Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management Unit. Any costs resulting from further consultation, site visits, information or other action relating to this Resource Consent Application will be the responsibility of the Applicant.

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