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Thursday, 9 June 2022

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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Hastings District Council**

**Council Meeting**

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# Attachments – Officer Comments on Submissions

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*Te Rā Hui:*

Meeting date:

**Thursday, 9 June 2022**

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*Te Wā:*

Time:

**9.00am**

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*Te Wāhi:*

Venue:

**Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
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OFFICER COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS TO ANNUAL PLAN 2022 - 2023

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	<b>GENERIC ISSUES – MULTIPLE SUBMITTERS</b>																						
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Ben Jones (1)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services)</b></p> <p><b><u>Car Parking Provision</u></b>  <i>The submitter questions whether additional carparking has been provided from the increase in parking charges, and encourages lower parking charges.</i></p> <p>HDC is currently undertaking a comprehensive parking study to evaluate parking needs currently and into the future. The increase in parking fees is also used to cover increased costs and to service existing loans and to fund future projects like laneway developments which link Heretaunga Street to existing parking areas.</p> <p>One of these redevelopments is the former HB Farmers' Cooperative Building at 206 Queen Street which includes 18 public car spaces and five leased spaces off-street linked to Heretaunga Street.</p>																						
Toby Payton (3)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><b><u>Tennis Courts Memorial Park Haumoana</u></b>  <i>The submitter request the resurfacing and maintenance of the tennis courts at Memorial Park Haumoana.</i></p> <p>Officers advise that an allocation for resurfacing the courts is included in next year's renewals budget.</p>																						

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	Officers are also looking at other surfacing options such as synthetic turf to see if an improved facility can be achieved to enhance recreation values. Final decisions will be made in consultation with local users and coordinated with the Transport team's sealing contractors.
Liffy Roberts (4) Cape Coast Community Group	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Cape Coast Signage</u></p> <p><i>The submitter makes suggestions regarding entry signage at Black Bridge.</i></p> <p>Entry signage for Cape Coast has been raised at the last two Cape Coast community group meetings with both the number of signs and their deteriorating condition being discussed. The community noticeboard located outside the Haumoana Four Square is due to be replaced through the Community Plan budget in the 2021-2022 financial year.</p> <p>Sign 6" the 'Welcome to the Cape Coast' sign can therefore be removed from a Community Planning perspective.</p> <p>The CCCG also request a new Gateway sign be installed that would proudly announce one's arrival in Cape Coast. Officers advise that there are funds available in the Transportation signs budget that can be used to fund the sign. The design will need to be coordinated with the Community, Communications, Transportation and Parks Teams to ensure the signage meets promotional, traffic safety and aesthetic requirements.</p>
Graham Riach (5)	The submitter encourages Council to object to the proposed Three Water reforms.
Alan Simpson (6)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Strategy &amp; Development)</b></p> <p><u>Flaxmere Housing</u></p> <p><i>The submitter questions whether Hastings residents are going to subsidise Flaxmere housing sites being developed on Council land.</i></p> <p>Council applied for and received Government funding to provide 'Services Infrastructure' to 3 separate development sites (including the Town Centre) in Flaxmere on Council owned land.</p> <p>In line with Council's 'Place Based Housing Strategies', Council is bringing serviced land to the market, to enable affordable and social housing outcomes for our community and help address the current housing supply crisis.</p> <p>Council land will be sold for development in alignment with registered valuations commissioned by Council.</p> <p>Council has sought, through public tender processes, proposals from suitably qualified businesses and entities, to be 'Development Partners' for the delivery of quality and affordable housing outcomes for our community. This Tender Process is expected to conclude in the second half of 2022.</p> <p>There is no Council Policy in place for ratepayer subsidisation of the costs of making Council land available for residential or commercial development.</p>

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	Application of the net funds realised from the development and sale of Council land will be a decision matter for future Councils.
James Taylor (7)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Strategy &amp; Development)</b></p> <p><u>Vaccine Pass Requirements</u>  <i>The submitter questions the Council's approach to determining vaccine pass requirements for Council facilities.</i></p> <p>Section 42 of the Local Government Act details the responsibilities of the Council appointed Chief Executive. Some of these responsibilities include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing advice to Council</li> <li>• Implementing Council Decisions</li> <li>• Ensuring all delegated responsibilities, duties and powers are properly performed or exercised.</li> </ul> <p>Under COVID 19 Alert Levels and the subsequent COVID Protection Framework the Chief Executive was and is required to ensure Council compliance with Government directives (sometimes within the relatively short timeframes specified), and it is also important for Council to be a role model organisation (in respect of compliance with Government directives) in the community response to containing the spread of COVID.</p> <p>Businesses and work places were and are able to use 'My Vaccine Passes' as a requirement for entry if they so choose, as a tool to help contain the spread of the COVID 19. Workplaces were encouraged, and in some cases required, to utilise other tools such as mask wearing, physical distancing and having staff work from home.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, based on health and safety risk assessments of Council sites, adopted 'My Vaccine Pass' requirements. The Chief Executive has a legal duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act to ensure the health and safety interests of Council staff, contractors and our community, and as such is required to make operational decisions such as this.</p> <p>The Chief Executive reports on Council's Health and Safety risk management to the Risk and Assurance Committee, Operations and Monitoring Committee and to Council, where Governance feedback and direction is provided to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>Council welcomes the submitter's feedback on these decisions.</p>
Nadia Staples (8)	The submitter encourages Council to object to the proposed Three Water reforms.

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Russell Clement (9)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Martin Jarvis: (Waste and Data Services Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Container surcharge and food waste</u>  <i>The submitter comments on the merits of container surcharges and food waste collection services.</i></p> <p>The waste team have responded already as this submission related to the government consultation on transforming recycling which closes 22 May. The submitter has been encouraged to make a submission directly to the Ministry for the Environment.</p>
Dionne Robinson (11) (HB Dog Training Club)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>John Payne: (Regulatory Solutions Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Dog off leash and fenced areas</u>  <i>The submitter calls for more dog friendly areas (off lead or fenced areas).</i></p> <p>The dog control bylaw and policy were renewed in 2021. All dog owners were written to for submissions at this time. Council considers that the current balance of on and off lead areas is sufficient.</p>
Ray Daly (12)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan: (Group Manager Corporate)</b></p> <p><u>Rates Increases</u>  <i>The submitter calls for reduced spending and lower rate increases.</i></p> <p>Council, like many households, is experiencing significant inflationary pressures to deliver the essential services that it provides. Included in that is a need to maintain what assets it has to ensure they are fit for purpose and last their expected lifetime, ensuring that future ratepayers are not left with an unnecessary burden. Council can, however, look to reduce the levels of service provided to mitigate the inflationary pressures currently being felt.</p> <p>Council cannot use the revaluation process to collect additional rates. The revaluation process is merely a tool to redistribute the total rates collected based on the land value of those properties. If your property increases at a rate greater than the average, then you will experience an increase in your rates. Conversely, if your property increases at a rate less than the average, then you may experience a decrease in your rates.</p>
Rob Poole (13)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan: (Group Manager Corporate)</b></p> <p><u>Havelock North Promotion targeted rate</u>  <i>The submitter questions the inclusion of some properties within the rating area and where the funding should sit.</i></p> <p>The proposed catchment extension takes in a variety of different properties and would increase the number of properties paying the targeted rate from 45 to 113. The rate would apply to any commercially rated property within the proposed catchment area.</p>

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	<p>The submitter's property in question (3 Martin Place - Health Provider Office) falls within the extended area and would pay \$672 incl GST (21/22 Annual Rates of \$8,989). 7 Goddard Lane which houses the retirement village / care facility (Mary Doyle), sits outside the proposed catchment and is rated residential so is not subject to the rate.</p> <p>Officers recognise that not all properties within the catchment area will benefit to the same degree, from those activities undertaken by the Business Association, however benefit is still likely to be accrued through a more vibrant Havelock CBD.</p>
Johnny Ryan (17)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Strategy &amp; Development)</b></p> <p><u>Covid Response</u>  <i>The submitter reflects on the impact on residents of closing Council amenities.</i></p> <p>The submitter wishes to help Council understand the effects on the community of closing amenities.</p> <p>Under COVID 19 Alert Levels and the subsequent COVID Protection Framework, the Chief Executive was and is required to ensure Council compliance with Government directives (sometimes within the relatively short timeframes specified), and it is also important for Council to be a role model organisation (in respect of compliance with Government directives) in the community response to containing the spread of COVID. Operational decisions relating to facility closures were made on occasion (mostly in relation to pools and libraries). These decisions took account of staffing levels on any particular day, specific Alert Level requirements, and the Chief Executive's responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act.</p> <p>Council, in a public Council meeting, decided to keep the Splash Planet Aquatic Facility closed for the 2021/2022 season. This decision was made after consideration of substantial expert public health, Health and Safety and legal advice.</p> <p>In all decisions re closure of amenities, the consequences of closure on the community has been considered (by the Chief Executive / Council) along with responsibilities under Health and Safety legislation and the prevailing Government COVID response requirements at the time.</p> <p>Council welcomes the submitter's feedback on these decisions.</p>
Garth Raikes (18)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Percival Road</u>  <i>The submitter comments on the safety of Percival Road along with its upkeep.</i></p> <p>Council has recently commenced a study, which involves including a review of previous reports relevant to this area, to identify the future needs and</p>



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	<p>improvements to the road network in the area including Percival Road, Lyndhurst Road, and the intersections with both of these roads. The key aim of this study is to provide improved safety and accessibility for all road users around the area, both now and into the future, with the study scheduled to be completed within the next three months.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p>Council's maintenance contractors which maintain the tree assets undertook a recent condition grade inspection which showed the trees are currently in very good condition.</p>
Jane Herries (19)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan: (Group Manager Corporate)</b></p> <p><u>Rates Increases</u>  <i>The submitter calls for reduced spending and lower rate increases.</i></p> <p>Council has worked hard to keep the rate increase for 2022/23 to exactly what was proposed in the Long Term Plan despite the significant inflationary pressures being felt. However, the submitter is correct - if rate increases are to be reduced then Council spending will have to be reprioritised which will likely require a reduction in some levels of services provided.</p>
John Eaden (20) (Hastings Landmarks Trust)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Lex Verhoeven (Strategy Manager)</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b></p> <p>The submitter outlines support for a number of aspects contained in the Annual Plan which are noted and appreciated. A number of other suggestions and useful observations are outlined within the submission which are to varying degrees being picked up in Council work programmes, planning processes, housing/transport/growth strategies or more recently adopted strategies such as the Eco District Strategy.</p> <p>The valuable work of the Hastings Landmarks Trust is acknowledged. The submission has been circulated to the relevant parts of Council as a point of reference for future service delivery and planning.</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p>Addressing climate change has been imbedded in Council's "business as usual" since adopting sustainable development approach in 2008. More recently however Council has moved towards a more organisational and strategic approach with the formation of the Eco-District Subcommittee and the production of a Strategic Overview incorporating a priority focus on addressing Climate Change.</p> <p>Provision is made in the Long Term Plan to significantly ramp up dedicated resources over the next two years as the Council further develops its strategic Climate Change actions in collaboration with regional partners and organisations such as the Landmarks Trust. Currently the Council is</p>

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	<p>undertaking emissions inventory of its own operations and contributing to a regional community emissions inventory as a starting point.</p> <p><u>Housing for Our People</u></p> <p>The points raised by the Landmarks Trust are noted and will be considered on a sub-regional basis as part of the forthcoming Future Development Strategy required under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, which will effectively replace the current Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy. Opportunities for engagement will enable the Landmarks Trust to further advocate for these points as a part of that process.</p> <p><u>Open Space / Suburban Centres</u></p> <p>Officers also note that the care of open space areas has been variable over the last twelve months due to the effects of Covid 19 in reducing the capacity of contractors to get workers on the ground due to both illness and recruitment problems. We are confident this will be better addressed in the coming year with the employment of additional staff and the use of additional sub-contractors.</p> <p><u>Suburban Centre Upgrades</u> - Council has a small ongoing allocation in the LTP for enhancing suburban centres. With the focus being on Hastings CBD, staff and contractor resources are making it difficult to be responsive to the smaller centres' needs.</p>
<p>Sam Alexander (21) (Hawke's Bay Racing)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Naomi Fergusson (Group Manager: Marketing, Communications &amp; Engagement)</b></p> <p><u>Spring Racing Carnival</u></p> <p><i>The submitter seeks funding support of \$25,000 towards the Spring Racing Carnival.</i></p> <p>The Council has sponsored this event since 2014 (\$22k - \$25k per annum), recognising its alignment with the Events Strategy goals, particularly tourism and economic development. Tourism also aids in the promotion of Hastings District reputation, and the event is enjoyed by thousands of locals as either racing enthusiasts/trainers/owners or as a fun event to attend with friends or through corporate packages.</p> <p>HB Racing also supports a local charity through the Tarzino Trophy Daffodil Race day which is the first race for the season. This is a charity race day with the event partnering with Hawke's Bay Cancer Society to support Daffodil Day in association with the TAB and Westbury Stud. The Daffodil Day is purely dedicated to fundraising with 100% of the donations going to the Cancer Society HB (all \$10 general admission gate fees).</p> <p>In terms of economic benefits, this event is also our best performer on a dollar for dollar for delivering economic benefit to the district. This is through both the number of visitors to Hastings and their spend while in the district, and the amount of wages paid to event staff across the series (e.g. security and wait staff). The most recent Event Economics report shows a benefit to cost ratio of 1.75 (target for Council-supported significant events is 1.2) with net benefit of \$1.35m.</p>

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	<p>Councillors have commented previously in regard to supporting an event that enables gambling and alcohol consumption. To date we are not aware of any significant issues rising from this event (raised by our own departments or Police) any different to those that would be seen following any major community event where alcohol is present (e.g. music concerts, wine festivals etc.). Most televised sports enable gambling (rugby, cricket etc.) which have also been sponsored by Council from time to time in recognition of the economic benefits.</p> <p>If the Council is of a mind to support this event, it is suggested by officers that a multi-year funding agreement be put in place.</p>
Liz Vanderpump (22)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Speeding Bennett Road</u></p> <p><i>The submitter comments on the safety of Bennett Road and proposed improvements.</i></p> <p>Officers will investigate the speeding complaints by way of a traffic survey. It is noted that with the construction of the Kura, and the changes to the Speed Limit Rule, Council will be required to reduce speeds on Bennett Road past the school in upcoming years, and intend to include this Kura in the first tranche of school speed limit reviews. Council has also been working with the local community to remove boy racers from the Waipatu and Ruahāpia areas, the most notable being the road closures of Ōtene and Ruahāpia Roads.</p> <p>With regard to the shared path, the design was subject to a road safety audit carried out by independent safety engineers who were satisfied with both the width and separation of the path in this environment. As such Council has no intention to install barriers between the road and footpath at this stage.</p>
Moirā Lindsay (23) Nic Simcox (24) Matthew Goodin (73)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Haumoana Road and Beach Road safety</u></p> <p><i>The submitters comment on safety concerns on Haumoana and Beach Roads, particularly in respect of speed.</i></p> <p>Council will conduct traffic surveys on Haumoana and Beach Roads to determine the extent of the speeding problem and to determine a suitable traffic calming intervention if required.</p>
Melissa Campbell (25)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Strategy &amp; Development)</b></p> <p><u>Covid Response and democratic processes</u></p> <p><i>The submitter asks for a review of Council's approach to closing facilities (as part of Covid response) in light of its community consultation and engagement obligations.</i></p> <p>Section 82 of the Local Government Act details the Principles of Consultation for Local Government. Persons who will or may be affected by, or have an</p>

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	<p>interest in, the decision or matter should be provided by Council with reasonable access to relevant information and provided with a reasonable opportunity to present those views to Council.</p> <p>Under COVID 19 Alert Levels and the subsequent COVID Protection Framework, the Chief Executive was and is required to ensure Council compliance with Government directives (sometimes within the relatively short timeframes specified), and it is also important for Council to be a role model organisation (in respect of compliance with Government directives) in the community response to containing the spread of COVID. Operational decisions relating to facility closures were made on occasion (mostly in relation to pools and libraries). These decisions took account of staffing levels on any particular day, specific Alert Level requirements, and the Chief Executive's responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act.</p> <p>Council, in a public Council meeting, decided to keep the Splash Planet Aquatic Facility closed for the 2021/2022 season. This decision was made after consideration of substantial expert public health, Health and Safety and legal advice.</p> <p>In all decisions re closure of amenities, the consequences of closure on the community has been considered (by the Chief Executive / Council) along with responsibilities under Health and Safety legislation and the prevailing Government COVID response requirements at the time.</p> <p>Section 3.0 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy outlines instances where community engagement may not be appropriate or required and provides the Council with the ability to take the decisions, in its discretion, it is elected to take for the benefit of the wider community.</p> <p>Council welcomes the submitter's feedback on these decisions, and will provide relevant information as requested if Council has this information.</p>
Rowan Sherwood (26)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b>  <b>Rowan Wallis (Environmental Policy Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Land Rezoning</u>  <i>The submitter puts forward land rezoning suggestions in the area between Maraekākaho and Mangaroa Roads.</i></p> <p>As Tier 2 authorities under the National Policy Statement – Urban Development, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council are required to produce a Future Development Strategy (FDS) setting out the urban growth needs of the sub-region for the next 30 years. Part of this process is looking at where the growth of the cities might best be directed by means of assessing them against a large number of criteria. This is the correct process for considering any rezoning proposals put forward.</p> <p>Council is currently compiling a register of rezoning requests that will be considered as part of the forthcoming Future Development Strategy required under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development. This will effectively replace the current Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy</p>

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	and opportunities for engagement will enable Mr Sherwood to further advocate for development in this area as a part of that process.
Stuart Burden (27)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan: (Group Manager Corporate)</b></p> <p><u>Rates Increases</u>  <i>The submitter calls for reduced spending and lower rate increases and comments on the extent of rates relative to services for properties on the Heretaunga Plains.</i></p> <p>Council has worked hard to keep the rate increase for 2022/23 to exactly what was proposed in the Long Term Plan. Council is feeling the impact of significant inflationary pressures which are driving up the cost of providing its essential services.</p> <p>Council acknowledges that those living in the rural areas have a reduced access to community facilities like parks, playgrounds and libraries, and as such contribute a discounted amount to these activities when compared to urban ratepayers. Hastings District Council operates a relatively unique rating system with two distinct rating areas for the urban and rural ratepayers in an attempt to create a fairer and more equitable rating system.</p> <p>Within Rating Area One the same philosophy applies whereby the differential rating system applies a discount to properties outside of the main urban areas (such as those located on the Heretaunga Plains) to reflect a lower level of service and access to some facilities.</p>
Keith Newman (28)	<p>The submitter supports the Haumoana Seawall proposal.</p> <p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Haumoana Road and Beach Road safety</u>  <i>The submitter's comment on safety concerns on Haumoana and Beach Roads, particularly in respect of speed and parking availability parallel to the limestone track.</i></p> <p>Council is currently investigating improvements on the seaward side of Clifton Road opposite the shops to provide for parallel parking which is clearly separated from the limestone cycle track. It is anticipated that the improvements would be undertaken in the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p><u>Haumoana Limestone Track</u>  <i>The submitter comments on maintenance aspects of the limestone track.</i></p> <p>Council undertakes routine maintenance on lime sand paths, and inspects paths regularly. Contractors undertake necessary works to keep the paths in good condition including placement of more aggregate and spraying the paths for weeds. The low point identified is one which we will be taking further action on to minimise the ponding while not creating a new asset with high maintenance.</p>

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Luke Mason (29)	The submitter supports improvements made in the Russell Street North area which are appreciated and noted.
Ted Miller (30)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Rangiora Street</u></p> <p><i>The submitter asks about speed reduction around school finish times in Rangiora Street.</i></p> <p>With the recent changes to the Speed Limit Rule, Council is required to reduce speeds around schools in upcoming years. Officers have identified that Mahora Primary School is a high priority candidate which should be considered in the first tranche of Speed Limit reviews, which is likely to occur within the next two years. It is highly likely that Rangiora Street will be included within the Mahora Primary School speed zone along with Frederick Street West and Duke Street.</p>
Nora Priest (31)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Cape Coast traffic calming devices</u></p> <p><i>The submitter comments on safety concerns on Haumoana Rd, Beach Rd and Wellwood Terrace.</i></p> <p>Council will conduct traffic surveys on Wellwood Terrace, Haumoana Road and Beach Road to determine the extent of the speeding problem and to determine a suitable traffic calming intervention if required.</p> <p>It is also noted that Wellwood Terrace and the roads connecting to Clifton Road will be included in the next speed limit review as there has been a request to reduce the area to 30km/h.</p>
Simon Dunn (32)	The submitter supports a number of the initiatives contained in the Annual Plan and the comments are appreciated and noted.
Sophie Saathof (33)	The submitter supports the H18 Seawall proposal and the comments are appreciated and noted.
Wayne Rewcastle (34)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Napier Road Planting</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests funding be included to deliver the proposed planting plan for Napier Road presented to the Eco District Subcommittee.</i></p> <p>Officers have reported to Eco-Districts on a number of potential streetscape enhancements including Napier Road. The estimated cost to undertake the shrub planting is \$136,000 with annual maintenance at \$18,000pa. The committee also</p>

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	<p>considered a request to plant the new Crosses roundabout with shrubs at an estimated cost of \$67,000 with maintenance at \$17000pa.</p> <p>These requests and others will be presented to Council as part of a more complete levels of service package. This more comprehensive workshop will give Council a fuller picture of the costs and impacts of delivering higher levels of service across the district and any decisions or directions given could then be more holistically be considered as part of the draft LTP formulation.</p>
Lydia Hartshorne (35)	The submitter supports a number of the initiatives contained in the Annual Plan and the comments are appreciated and noted.
Walter Breustedt (37)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Reduction of Carbon Emissions</u>  <i>The submitter puts forward suggestions to reduce emissions in respect of a number of Council activities.</i></p> <p>Facility Managers are working closely with Asset Management around ensuring any facility upgrades incorporate renewable energy considerations. The Aquatics Team specifically are in regular contact with the submitter on actions that are currently being taken to reduce CO2 emissions around the pools' activities.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b></p> <p><u>Climate Change</u>          Addressing climate change has been imbedded in Council's "business as usual" since adopting sustainable development approach in 2008. More recently however Council has moved towards a more organisational and strategic approach with the formation of the Eco-District Subcommittee and the production of a Strategic Overview incorporating a priority focus on addressing Climate Change.</p> <p>Provision is made in the Long Term Plan to significantly ramp up dedicated resources over the next two years as the Council further develops its strategic Climate Change actions in collaboration with regional partners. Currently the Council is undertaking emissions inventory of its own operations and contributing to a regional community emissions inventory as a starting point. While planning and research is important for guiding actions, urgent action is required and "low hanging fruit" should be picked in the meantime. In that respect Mr Breustedt provides some worthy food for thought.</p>
Benjamin Evans (38)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Funding Support for Taekwon-Do for kids</u>  <i>The submitter requests funding towards a Taekwon-Do programme for kids.</i></p>

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	<p>This submission aligns with Pathways for our 'People and Enhancing where we Live' in the Long Term Plan and also aligns with all 4 objectives in the Youth Potential Action Plan.</p> <p>Ben's programme supports and works with young people where cost, social adversity and physical and mental disabilities may be a barrier for them participating in physical activity.</p> <p>HDC Officers (Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor and Youth Potential Lead) have both spoken with Mr Evans on separate occasions to give advice re: HDC funding opportunities. To date no funding applications have been received.</p>
Katherine Basher (39)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Tangoio Beach Subdivision</u>  <i>The submitter comments on the future maintenance and planting at Tangoio.</i></p> <p>Officers are aware that there are some teething issues with the condition of the streetscape and reserves in this development. Work on replacement planting and reserve treatments are ongoing with the developer. As the community wishes to volunteer assistance, officers will engage with them in a care group capacity to help improve the reserve offering.</p> <p>This approach to improvements will require some modest funding from across the Asset Management Group, including Transportation (minor street mowing), Open Spaces (trees and minor landscaping) and 3 Waters low level maintenance of the stormwater swales.</p>
Ben Lennan (40)	<p>The submitter supports the H18 Seawall proposal and the comments are appreciated and noted.</p>
Jo Husband (41)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Senior Housing</u>  <i>The submitter urges Council to look at the future of its Senior Housing offering.</i></p> <p>Council adopted the Medium and Long Term Housing Strategy Kāinga Paneke, Kāinga Pānuku in 2021.</p> <p>There are six workstreams within the strategy with the fourth having a focus on Senior Housing. Officers are currently working through the actions associated with this workstream.</p>
Elsa Waldin (42)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b>  <b>Rowan Wallis (Environmental Policy Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Havelock North Character Zone</u>  <i>The submitter suggests a review of the Havelock North Character Zone and the future of housing provision within the area.</i></p>



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	<p>The right balance between protecting character and promoting intensification to home our people is a big issue for our community. At a high level further consideration will be given to this issue on a sub-regional basis as part of the forthcoming Future Development Strategy required under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development. This will effectively replace the current Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy and opportunities for engagement will enable Ms Waldin to further advocate on this point as a part of that process.</p> <p>The Havelock North Character zone was introduced into the District Plan at the last plan review. This was in response to community feedback that the character of the long established area of Havelock North was losing its character and amenity. A landscape architect was engaged to ascertain the extent of the character zone.</p> <p>The Council is currently reviewing its Medium Density Strategy to see how greater levels of intensification might be achieved.</p>
Chris Tremain (43) (Cranford Hospice)	The submitter provides Council with an update on the Cranford Hospice project.
Polly Zachan (44)	<p>The submitter supports the Haumoana Seawall proposal.</p> <p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Pirau Road</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests the upgrading/sealing of Pirau Road.</i></p> <p>The seal extension programme is tightly connected with the funding approach of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) which sets out the rules to obtain subsidy funding for this type of work. The Council's current policy position is to support seal extension work where subsidy for the work can be obtained. Sealing roads without NZTA subsidy would be more than double Council's cost (and ratepayers funding) for this activity.</p> <p>The seal extension programme has been debated by both the Rural Community Board and Council as part of the current Long Term Plan and previous long term planning processes. Officers can confirm that under current Council plans, there is no budget for seal extensions on any HDC roads in the short to medium term. Under the NZTA economic evaluation procedures, seal extension projects tend to become economically beneficial when traffic volumes exceed 200 to 250 vehicles per day. The traffic volumes on Pirau Road are estimated at 50 vehicles per day.</p> <p>Council does have a dust mitigation policy, which this property may be eligible to take advantage of. This policy sets out the framework for sealing outside properties where dust nuisance is prevalent. The framework requires each applicant to apply for up to 200m of sealing, of which the applicant pays for 46% of the cost to do the work. Typically the cost for sealing 200m is \$30,000, so an application would be required to fund up to \$13,800 of this cost. Should</p>

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	the submitter be interested in taking up this opportunity, officers would be happy to meet on site to confirm the location and extent of the work.
Jim Hay-Mackenzie (45) <i>Flaxmere College</i>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Flaxmere College Landscaping</u>  <i>The submitter requests Council funding support towards the \$75,000 cost of stage 2 landscape works.</i></p> <p>While Council is supportive of the enhancements that Flaxmere College is carrying out, it has been reluctant in the past to spend ratepayer funds on school or other institutions' projects. In doing so would create a precedent and open the way for many similar requests that would be hard to refuse and be costly.</p> <p>Officers suggest that Council could appropriately supply the mulch that they require, free of charge.</p>
Walter Breustedt (46)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b></p> <p><u>Climate Change</u>          Addressing climate change has been imbedded in Council's "business as usual" since adopting sustainable development approach in 2008. More recently however Council has moved towards a more organisational and strategic approach with the formation of the Eco-District Subcommittee and the production of a Strategic Overview incorporating a priority focus on addressing Climate Change.</p> <p>Provision is made in the Long Term Plan to significantly ramp up dedicated resources over the next two years as the Council further develops its strategic Climate Change actions in collaboration with regional partners. Currently the Council is undertaking emissions inventory of its own operations and contributing to a regional community emissions inventory as a starting point. While planning and research is important for guiding actions, urgent action is required and "low hanging fruit" should be picked in the meantime. In that respect Mr Breustedt provides some worthy food for thought.</p> <p><u>Urban Sealed Surfaces</u>  <i>The submitter outlines suggestions for reducing the sealed coverage in urban environments and comments on the current District Plan provisions.</i></p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p>HDC actively reduce sealed surfaces in the urban area when roads are being reconstructed. In general, the existing urban roads width is 12m wide and this is reduced to 9m width. This change results in an additional 1.5m grassed berm along the road. We note the submitter's suggestion regarding altering the vehicle crossing configuration but in practice if an area of grass is being trafficked by vehicles it gets compacted to the point that no vegetation will grow there and during winter it turns to mud which may lead to complaints by residents. The other aspect for consideration is that the sealed surface provides</p>

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	<p>a level of protection from wheel loading for any services located under the driveway.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rowan Wallis (Environmental Policy Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Urban Sealed Surfaces and District Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines suggestions for reducing the sealed coverage in urban environments and comments on the current District Plan provisions.</i></p> <p>The submitter suggests that an education approach be adopted to inform property owners and the development community that there is a maximum site coverage rule in the district that prevents extensive sealing of a site.</p> <p>The submitter is correct that greater levels of intensification lead to a reduction in permeable areas and greater levels of stormwater run-off. It would be useful to undertake an education programme. This could be discussed with the Communications Team and this could also be raised at one of the Developers Forums which are hosted by the Planning &amp; Regulatory Group.</p>
David Brownrigg (49)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Hastings City Centre and Market Street South</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a set of proposed enhancements in the Market Street area.</i></p> <p>Farming House occupies 211 Market Street South. In 2004 a Licence to Occupy the footpath outside the building to accommodate a patio for the café (as part of the new commercial development) was granted. The Licence was approved on the basis that the works were designed to harmoniously integrate into the streetscape and contributed to the ongoing beautification of the City Centre.</p> <p>Due to an increase in foot traffic and popularity of the café, the owner of Farming House is funding further enhancement of the patio area, by the provision of permanent outdoor umbrellas, to enable the use all year round of the outdoor patio area. The umbrellas utilised in Heretaunga Street are being installed, to compliment the design palette within the City Centre.</p> <p>The submitter is seeking a partnership with Council, to further enhance this area, by the provision of a permanent seating area across the road outside the Church, that customers can take their coffees to; and a raised pedestrian crossing across Market Street, to facilitate easy crossing. It is not intended (nor would it be permitted) for the café to serve patrons in the seating area across the road.</p> <p>The Transportation Engineers have identified their support for the creation of a raised platform 'courtesy crossing', to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians across this part of Market Street.</p> <p>The Environmental Health team support the creation of a permanent outdoor seating area, however this will not be licensed for formal use for the café, nor will they be permitted to provide table service.</p>

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	<p>The proposed design provided by the submitter is supported in that it compliments the existing style and design of the city centre palette. Officers consider that the proposal will enhance the area, and provide an additional outdoor dining area within the west end of the City Centre. \$440,000 was included in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 City Centre Revitalisation Budget for 'West Amenity Enhancements'. \$220,000 was spent on the provision of outdoor seating and hospitality areas outside John's Bakery, Thompson's Suits and Madeline's Café in 21/22. While the remaining \$220,000 is allocated to streetscape enhancements at the King and Market Street intersections with Heretaunga Street; the King enhancements can happen as part of the King Streetscape Upgrade scheduled in 21/22, which could leave funding available to complete this additional west end enhancement.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that Council support this city centre enhancement, given that the applicant is proposing to fund a large share of the work, and aim to carry out the works next financial year, time and resource permitting. The Transportation Team have advised that they can fund the pedestrian threshold next financial year on the basis of speed management and public safety.</p>
Submitter (51)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services)</b></p> <p><u>Noise and Air Pollution</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines concerns in respect of frost fans and bird scarers.</i></p> <p>The District Plan does have a policy to manage the effects of noise associated with crop protection equipment.</p> <p><b>POLICY NSP4</b></p> <p><i>Manage the emission of noise associated with agricultural, viticultural and horticultural activities so that the operation of noise equipment, and in particular crop protection equipment, is provided for while avoiding the generation of unnecessary or unreasonably high noise levels.</i></p> <p>The performance standard that is associated with this policy is:</p> <p>Frost Protection Fans shall be located such that noise from a frost fan shall not exceed 65 dB LAeq(15 min) when measured outdoors at a distance which is the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 300 metres from the device; or</li> <li>(ii) At the notional boundary of any existing noise sensitive activity (other than on the site on which the frost fan is situated or any other adjoining site in the same ownership), or at any point within a Residential Zone.</li> </ul> <p>The submitters have asked why the cumulative effects of frost fans are not taken into account within the performance standard and consideration given to limits on their operation.</p> <p>The District Plan has a "Right to Farm" philosophy which recognises that there are well established 'amenity levels' associated with the principal activities of the area, and that new or emerging activities must acknowledge these amenity standards as part of the ongoing operation and development of the rural resources of the Hastings District.</p>

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	<p>At the time that the District Plan was reviewed (2013) the rules associated with Frost Fans were considered by the Council against that philosophy. Given the length of time since these rules were applied and the changing technology it would be timely to look at these provisions again in terms of applied best practice. It is recommended that the issue be referred to the District Plan and Bylaws Subcommittee for consideration.</p> <p>The air quality issues raised by the submitter fall under the responsibility of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.</p>
Liz Remmerswaal (52)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Peace Pole/Pou</u>  <i>The submitter outlines a proposal for the installation of a Peace Pole/Pou in Civic Square.</i></p> <p>Officers are generally in support of the installation of the peace pou in Civic Square. It is however noted that the planning for revamp of Civic Square will continue next year and the placement of the peace pou would best be deferred so as to include consideration of its place in the revamped open space. It would seem prudent to include the role and placement of a peace pou in the wider consultation process so that its place is appropriate and accepted by the wider community. While officers are not opposed to a temporary location this response would need to recognise the pou could well be removed or relocated at a later stage.</p>
Richard Coles (53) (Waipātiki Community Assn)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Waipātiki Reserve Management Plan</u>  <i>The submitter requests a review of the Waipātiki Reserve Management Plan.</i></p> <p>Officers are in support of the request to review the Waipātiki Reserve Management Plan and support the continued strong relationship with the local community.</p> <p>Unfortunately there is insufficient resource in house to carry out the planned and requested RMPs. Council's LTP priorities include completing the Havelock Hills, Eskdale Park and Frimley Park RMPs, commencing reviews of the District-wide RMP, Waimārama RMP and flagging a potential Showgrounds RMP.</p> <p>Without substantial additional resource or reprioritisation, Waipātiki will probably need to wait its turn. Officers also note that Council is yet to obtain ownership of additional Waipātiki reserves so it would seem prudent to wait until ownership is transferred before commencing a RMP for the wider reserve offering.</p>
Jim Galloway (54) (Federated Farmers)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan (Group Manager Corporate Services)</b></p> <p><u>Funding Matters</u></p>

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	<p><i>The submitter comments on the funding of the Showgrounds proposal and the use of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) funding mechanism.</i></p> <p>Council acknowledges the Federated Farmers' support for keeping the rate increase in line with the Long Term Plan.</p> <p>Feedback received for the purchase of the Showgrounds is noted and is covered by the general response to submissions received for the showgrounds purchase.</p> <p>Officers note the impact the revaluations can have on the redistribution of rates and any impacts will be assessed as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan.</p> <p>The comments regarding the level of uniform charges as part of Council's overall funding mix are noted and are constantly evaluated.</p>
<p>Jock Mackintosh (55) (Mitre 10 Park)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Bruce Allan (Group Manager Corporate Services)</b></p> <p><u>Mitre 10 Park Funding requests</u>  <i>The submitter request an increase in operational support of \$35,000 to address inflation pressure along with \$100,000 toward the cricket and boxing centre.</i></p> <p>The operating funding received by the Trust from Council is on the basis that the facilities provided are those that Council would ordinarily provide, like sports fields, netball courts, athletic tracks and hockey turfs. The Trust does a good job of attracting additional funding through sponsorships, other grants and users, however, is reliant on Council support to manage the facilities.</p> <p>The two trusts at the Sports Park are currently undertaking a governance review which may change the operating expenditure landscape. However, it is acknowledged that the Regional Sports Park Trust has been impacted by rising costs to maintain their facilities just the same as Council has.</p> <p>The request for additional capital funding for the boxing and cricket facilities is noted and Council will receive a further update from the Trust when they present their submission with regard to any further fundraising successes they may have had.</p>
<p>Emma Buttle (58) (Te Mata Park Trust Board)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Te Mata Park – Funding towards essential services</u>  <i>The submitter requests a contribution of \$115,000 towards essential services costs.</i></p> <p>Officers agree that Te Mata Park is certainly an important asset that is widely enjoyed by the community. The issues with the water supply and effluent disposal systems have been gradually increasing and the proposal to permanently address the situation is supported.</p> <p>The suggested proposals, that will utilise Council's reticulated systems, will have benefits to both the Trust's and Council's assets, by ensuring a clean reliable water supply and an effective and efficient system for effluent removal. Currently Peak House and HDC's park gates toilets rely on in ground effluent systems and bore water. While HDC's toilet effluent system is operating well, it is put under stress in busy times and would benefit from having a reticulated system. The failing water system affects both facilities to varying degrees.</p>

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	<p>The request for funding for a Peak House feasibility report is similarly supported and was mooted by officer when the original park management plan was undertaken.</p> <p>The conundrum for both the Trust and Council is how to deal with the requests in a logical manner, given the future of Peak House may be uncertain. In addition, Peak House's effluent system is probably the most precarious state and is probably the highest priority, but does one invest or not?</p> <p>Given the prime location of Peak House, it is probably fair to say that some form of facility will likely continue to occupy the space, even if the current building was to go.</p> <p>On this basis the funding proposals might be prioritised as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade the effluent system</li> <li>• Upgrade the water supply</li> <li>• Undertake the feasibility review</li> </ul> <p>On this basis, and bearing in mind other competing projects, officers suggest the following funding allocations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022/23 - \$45,000 for sewer upgrade contribution</li> <li>• 2023/24 - \$50,000 for water upgrade contribution</li> <li>• 2024/25 - \$20,000 for Peak House feasibility study</li> </ul>
Silke Whittaker (60)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Mark Clews (Principal Advisor District Development)</b>  <b>Rowan Wallis (Environmental Policy Manager)</b>  <b>Craig Thew (Group Manager Asset Management)</b></p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p><i>The submitter comments on a number of aspects of the climate change challenge.</i></p> <p>The urgency around the need to address climate change is acknowledged. Addressing climate change has been imbedded in Council's "business as usual" since adopting sustainable development approach in 2008. More recently however Council has moved towards a more organisational and strategic approach with the formation of the Eco-District Subcommittee and the production of a Strategic Overview incorporating a priority focus on addressing Climate Change.</p> <p>Provision is made in the Long Term Plan to significantly ramp up dedicated resources over the next two years as the Council further develops its strategic Climate Change actions in collaboration with regional partners and organisations such as the Climate Impact Hub Collective. Currently the Council is undertaking emissions inventory of its own operations and contributing to a regional community emissions inventory as a starting point.</p>

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	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rowan Wallis (Environmental Policy Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p><i>The submitter comments on a number of aspects of the climate change challenge.</i></p> <p>The submitter has raised the possibility of establishing a Climate Impact Hub focussing on environmental sustainability, regenerative food systems, biodiversity and a circular economy. The Showgrounds site is zoned Plains Production and is scheduled as Hawke's Bay Showgrounds providing principally for Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Shows, exhibitions, Field days, and community events. More detail on the activities associated with the hub would be required to assess it against the activities for which the site is scheduled. There may be the need for a resource consent application to be applied for.</p> <p>Another point of submission raised is the issue of the retention of the heritage trees at the Tomoana Showgrounds. A number of the trees are identified as outstanding trees in the district plan. This includes the line of Red Horse Chestnuts on the driveway into the showgrounds and a number of Californian Big Trees along the Kenilworth Road boundary. This status will ensure that any pruning or removal of the trees will require a resource consent application to be made and consideration will be given to the health of the tree and the effect on the amenity of the showgrounds. There are a significant number of other trees within the showgrounds that are not currently protected and their future should form part of the consideration of the future management plan for the showgrounds.</p>
Gina Wishart (61)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Russell Street beautification</u></p> <p><i>The submitter passes on their support for proposed improvements in Russell Street.</i></p> <p>In March 2020 Council discussed the possibility of bringing forward Stage 1 of the City Centre Mall enhancements which included the realignment of Russell Street and the fountain, given the condition of the paving around the fountain. This work will provide additional outdoor seating space on the corner of Heretaunga 100 and Russell Street, however does require the reduction in the size of the fountain. While providing additional pavement space on the corner, the realignment still does not provide enough space for both outdoor dining and parallel carparking outside the new businesses on Russell Street. Realignment of Russell Street and the fountain is a substantial project, and unlikely to be able to be completed, amongst other work priorities, within the next two years.</p> <p>Officers are however supportive of the provision of an outdoor dining area outside the businesses along Russell Street, however this would require the loss of at least one carparking space.</p> <p>There are number of requests at the moment that Officers are considering regarding the creation of outdoor hospitality areas. A Parking Study of the City</p>



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	<p>Centre is currently in the process of being undertaken, which will assess if current parking provisions are adequate and meet current and future demands. It would seem prudent to await the findings of this study, before making recommendations on the loss of existing carparks in the city centre, unless already identified in the Revitalisation Plan.</p>
<p>Ryan Hambleton/Mark Aspden (62) (Sport Hawke's Bay)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Sport and Recreation</u>  <i>The submitter comments on a number of aspects in respect of sport and recreation and the ongoing partnership with Council.</i></p> <p>HDC acknowledges Sport HB's submission and thanks Sport HB for their ongoing partnership both in regards to funding and strategy development and implementation. This partnership assists to ensure that the wellbeing of our community is prioritised through play, active recreation and sport.</p>
<p>David Pannett (63) (Creative NZ)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Arts and Culture</u>  <i>The submitter comments on a number of aspects of Council's work and achievements in the arts, culture and creativity arena.</i></p> <p>Hastings District Council agrees with Creative NZ (CNZ) around the important part that arts, culture and creativity play in ensuring social cohesion and healthy communities and has committed to an Arts, Culture and Creativity Strategy aligning with the Toi Tū Regionalised Framework.</p> <p>HDC has also committed to working with Ngā Toi to ensure the Toi Tū Framework and strategic plans are implemented.</p> <p>Through these and other activities in Council, HDC recognises that arts, culture and creativity are well-placed to help Council deliver wellbeing outcomes to our community.</p> <p>HDC acknowledges and has acted upon the strong contribution that arts and culture can make to the social, economic and environmental wellbeings through its continued investment in arts facilities, community activities and arts organisations and through the COVID-19 Recovery Activity Plan.</p> <p>The redevelopment of the Hastings City Centre has been an enormous investment to ensure Council is achieving its objectives.</p> <p>HDC will consider the suggestions in CNZ's submission to drive economic, social and cultural growth and are already implementing many of them through Toitōi Hawke's Bay Arts &amp; Events Centre and the COVID-19 Recovery Activity Plan.</p>

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Stephanie Howard (64)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Okawa Esplanade Reserve</u>  <i>The submitter requests funding support to invest in the Okawa Stream Reserve (\$20,000 year 1 and ongoing annual investment of \$2,000 - \$5,000 per annum).</i></p> <p>Officers are in support of the local community group seeking to undertake the ongoing restoration of the Okawa Stream Reserve. The reserve covers approximately 9000m2 and contains some regenerating native forest which is in scarce supply in the district and therefore worthy of protection.</p> <p>The group seeks funding to assist in fencing, pest tree control and replanting.</p> <p>Officers advise that Council can undertake pest tree and species work under the existing maintenance contract, thus negating the need for the local group to undertake this work. However their assistance in erecting new fencing and native tree planting would add real value to the reserve.</p> <p>In order to undertake this work, an initial allocation of \$6,000 for the group would be of benefit to get the project underway. Further funding would be assessed after year 1 is complete and the next stage work scoped out. Annual pest plant destruction help will be locked in regardless.</p>
Kiri Goodspeed (65) (Te Pōhue Districts Charitable Trust)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Te Pōhue Domain Recreational Reserve</u>  <i>The submitter points to a number of aspects in relation to the Te Pōhue Domain Recreational Reserve.</i></p> <p>The submitter requests a formal handover of ownership of the Hall. The hall is essentially already in community ownership as it is not a HDC asset. Officers will prepare a letter for the new Trust formally “handing over” ownership over ownership of the hall to them. This should clear up any confusion.</p> <p>RMP - Officers are in general support of the request to formulate a Reserve Management Plan, however the size of the reserve, being approximately 2 hectares would realistically mean that any plan contemplated in the future would be an amalgam of other similar rural reserves.</p> <p>Unfortunately there is insufficient staff resource to carry out the planned and newly requested RMPs. Council’s LTP priorities include completing the Havelock Hills, Eskdale Park and Frimley Park RMPs, commencing reviews of the District wide RMP, Waimārama RMP and a potential Showgrounds RMP.</p> <p>Without substantial additional resource or reprioritisation, Te Pōhue will need to wait its turn. Officers also note that Council does not own the Te Pōhue Domain Reserve and any actions on preparing an RMP will need to be done in agreement and partnership with Mangaharuru Tangitū and the local community.</p> <p>Funding request – The care of the Te Pōhue Domain was historically carried out by the community. Over time the ability of the community to manage its upkeep</p>

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	<p>has diminished and as with other clubs and community groups, volunteers are hard to come by.</p> <p>Officers are generally in support of the request to assist the newly formed Trust as it seeks to upgrade the hall and grounds. Officers also note that the Crown has made \$40,000 available to the Trust for upkeep work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers suggest that the spraying of pest species should be carried out by HDC contractors who have the appropriate equipment and approvals. This can be covered under the existing maintenance contract</li> <li>• Officers suggest a funding contribution of \$4,000 could be made to assist in the mowing of the reserve next year. Future funding can be made as part of the following year's Annual Plan</li> </ul>
<p><i>Tristan Secombe (66)</i>  <i>(Havelock North Wanderers)</i></p>	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Sportsgrounds</u>  <i>The submitter seeks assistance in obtaining access to Mitre 10 Park and seeks funding for Guthrie Park maintenance.</i></p> <p>The submitter raises issues with the state of Guthrie Park in terms of its ability to cater for growing popularity of football in Havelock North.</p> <p>Council is aware of growing pressure for outdoor sports in Havelock North and has funds set aside to undertake a sportsfield use analysis. The lack of available staff resource to manage the engagement of consultants has unfortunately delayed the start of the review. It is hoped to have the process underway with in the next 4 – 8 weeks. This resultant study will give Council confidence in identifying shortfalls and potential solutions. This process will likely impact on Guthrie Park's future.</p> <p>In anticipation of the growing needs, the LTP has a \$1.4m placeholder allocated over 2027-29, for changing shed improvements.</p> <p>Havelock North Wanderers Football Club seeks funding assistance to support their central league's team use of the Regional Sports Park. With their elevation to a national league, the RSP offers a superior location. The fees for using the RSP for a season are \$13,500.</p> <p>Officers have canvassed the proposition of accessing community grants but have advised that it is unlikely to fit the criteria and would be a low priority. The Community Grants advisor has offered to help with obtaining corporate sponsorship.</p> <p>While officers are supportive of the achievements of the club, the Parks budget does not have a dedicated provision for assisting this type of application. Officers are also aware that that should funds be made available, it may well set a precedent, for other clubs seeking Council financial assistance. In saying this, it is noted that the team's efforts are recognised and it is also noted that out of town visiting teams have spoken highly of the facilities.</p>

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	<p>It could be argued that the current use of RSP may have a beneficial impact on the state of Guthrie Park as it is reducing the impact on the park's facilities and turf. As the club is charged \$13,500 for the season and to reduce the burden, Council could consider helping with a portion of the fees.</p> <p>A small donation of \$6,500 may be warranted to assist the club in this first year in the central league as well as offering additional staff assistance in applying for sponsorship – that however is a matter for Council consideration.</p>
<p>Michelle Lucas (67) (Disability Action)</p>	<p>The submitter overviews the approach to better support disabled people in our community. Specific recommendation put forward pertain to the following:</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Ashley Humphrey (Project Manager Strategy Growth and Development)</b></p> <p><u>Lifemark Certification and Development Contributions Policy</u>  <i>The submitter comments on the use of the Development Contributions regime in incentivising an increase in universally designed home.</i></p> <p>Officers note that Hamilton City Council are currently offering a 50% remission of Development Contribution charges for eligible developments (where they achieve the Lifemark 4 star rating) in the CBD until 2024.</p> <p>Council has explored offering remissions, discounts or providing a grant fund to encourage certain types of development, but historically refrained from doing so noting that Development Contributions are typically a small overall component of the cost.</p> <p>If Council was of a mind, Officers could investigate options although clear clarity around the type of development it seeks to support would need to be provided.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><u>Community Accessibility Fund</u>  <i>The submitter requests the establishment of a fund for community groups focussed on accessibility initiatives.</i></p> <p>CCS Disability Action is a member of the Safer Hastings Coalition and is represented through the Disability Reference Group, which provides a platform for HDC to consult with the disability sector. Through this consultation, an access audit was completed for the Cornwall Park tea room upgrade and accessible playground, the costs of which were met through public spaces as part of the upgrade.</p> <p>Council has a number of grant opportunities for community organisations, most notably the Single Year Community Grants which opens in March annually.</p> <p>Currently the three priorities for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uplifting our communities' wellbeing by providing access to help and advice</li> <li>• Fostering a sense of pride within our district and across our diverse</li> </ul>

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	<p>communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting happy, healthy and active communities.</li> </ul> <p>Community Projects focussed on accessibility initiatives could fit within any of these current priorities.</p> <p>The Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor will be presenting a paper to the Civic and Administration Subcommittee towards the end of 2022 to discuss and finalise the funding priorities for the next three year term. The committee may choose to put more focus on accessibility initiatives through this process.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Accessible Street Audit of the CBD</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests that an Accessible Street Audit of the CBD be undertaken.</i></p> <p><b>Accessible Street Audits:</b>        Council typically carries out Road Safety Audits on the street network and transport projects, which look at the risks posed to all road users. Where appropriate, Non-Motorised User audits and CPTED audits (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) can also be used and Council may consider adding Accessible Street Audits as an option.</p> <p>This could be a joint project between Transportation, Safer Hastings and the Hastings City Business Association, the HCBA already have an emphasis on street safety and could add an accessibility focus.</p> <p><b>Shared Paths:</b>        Hawke's Bay has an extensive network of shared paths, with both the Hawke's Bay Trails and iWay networks largely comprised of this style of infrastructure. With constrained corridor width and relatively low density of people walking and cycling, this is often the best solution to provide dedicated infrastructure separated from vehicle traffic.</p> <p>We acknowledge that this does rely on common courtesy from path users, which we encourage through Council's "Share with Care" campaigns and signage.</p> <p>Please note that under current legislation it is illegal for any device other than a bicycle to use a cycle lane, so electric mobility devices such as e-scooters are legally restricted to using footpaths or shared paths where provided. This law is being reviewed as part of the Accessible Streets rule changes, which may also allow cycles onto all footpaths.</p> <p><b>Planning and Design Guidelines:</b>        All transport projects carried out by Council take into consideration the latest guidance from NZTA, including the just released "Pedestrian Network Guidance" and the "Cycling Network Guidance".</p>
Stephanie Muller (68) (Summerset)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Ashley Humphrey (Project Manager Strategy Growth and Development)</b></p>

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	<p><u>Development Contributions Policy</u> <i>The submitter supports the submission made by the Retirement Villages Association or New Zealand Incorporated (RVA) under Submission No 74.</i></p> <p>Refer to Officer comments under Submission No 74.</p>						
Lucinda Perry (69) (Hastings City Business Assn)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b> <b>John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory Services)</b></p> <p><u>Parking</u> <i>The submitter comments on free parking in the CBD.</i></p> <p>Free parking in the Hastings CBD has been approved by Council as part of the COVID recovery plan for the month of July 2022.</p> <p>HDC is currently undertaking a comprehensive parking study to evaluate parking needs currently and into the future. The increase in parking fees is also used to cover increased costs and for service existing loans and to fund future projects like laneway developments.</p> <p>One of these redevelopments is the former HB Farmers Cooperative Building at 206 Queen Street which includes 18 public car spaces and five leased spaces off-street linked to Heretaunga Street. Additionally, Council is considering converting 20 on-street parking spaces on Russell Street precinct to leased parking at \$5 per day. There are likely to be additional recommendations coming from the comprehensive parking study.</p> <p>The parking fines are determined by legislation.</p> <p>The matter of how parking was funded was extensively canvassed in 2017 with the community clearly supporting payment by meters as shown below.</p> <table><tr><th>Community Feedback</th><th>Meters</th><th>Targeted Rate</th></tr><tr><td>Hastings Inner City Parking</td><td>68%</td><td>32%</td></tr></table> <p>It needs to be noted that parking in Havelock North is funded by a targeted rate as opposed to meters in the CBD. The annual targeted rate for Havelock North village is \$30 for residential properties and \$90 for commercial / industrial properties.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Bruce Allan (Group Manager Corporate Services)</b></p> <p><u>Security</u> <i>The submitter comments on security in the CBD).</i></p> <p>Following the public meeting with the HCBA members on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Toitoti and the Council meeting that followed that same week, Council has agreed to increase the provision set aside to increase the number of cameras in the CBD and have also agreed to recruit an additional 2 City Assist staff to bolster the</p>	Community Feedback	Meters	Targeted Rate	Hastings Inner City Parking	68%	32%
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	<p>roster and increase their visibility in the CBD. Officers have also invited the HCBA Board and members to come and have a look at the CCTV monitoring centre to improve awareness of the extensive network and the benefits that the extensive CCTV network provides.</p>
John Roil (70)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Ashley Humphrey (Project Manager Strategy Growth and Development)</b></p> <p><u>Development Contributions Policy</u>  <i>The submitter comments on aspects of the Development Contributions Policy.</i></p> <p>In accordance with legislation, Council is required to recognise the benefit of the infrastructure being put in place within the Irongate Catchment to the wider community through its cost allocations.</p> <p>An example of this is its allocation of the costs associated with the York / Maraekākaho Rd Roundabout, which is being partially funded through rates and Development Contributions.</p> <p>Council can choose to reflect the wider community benefits through economic growth / job creation, and those listed by the submitter, by considering a reduction to the DC rate to reflect a 'public good'. Council would need to be mindful that any reduction however would need to be recovered from other sources (i.e Rates).</p> <p>As land is developed within the Irongate Catchment, the General rate applied to that property will change from Horticulture / Farming to Commercial, thus increasing our rating base. This is no different to any residential subdivision or other growth across the district. However, with growth comes additional costs to support and maintain those assets/services. Collecting more rates from one group of properties does not automatically lead to a reduction across others.</p>
Emma Sey (71)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Hastings Alive Focus</u>  <i>The submitter seeks changes to the programming of CBD projects.</i></p> <p>Officers can confirm that funding is available next financial year (22/23) for the King Streetscape Upgrade, between Eastbourne Street and Queen Street. Officers have spoken to the owner of Café Sutto who has confirmed support for the creation of an enhanced outdoor dining area on their King Street frontage area, provided that this only results in the loss of 1 carpark.</p> <p>While the potential creation of a pocket park in the King Street public carpark was identified in the Revitalisation Plan, it was not funded, as required a partnership with the owner of the building currently occupied by Café Sutto. The owner of Café Sutto is currently happy to just have the space outside on King Street for outdoor dining. The space also currently provides required accessibility carparks, and faces the public toilet. It is therefore not Officers' intention to include the creation of the pocket park with the streetscape upgrade of King Street, nor is it recommended.</p>

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	<p>The submitter also comments that it would be ideal to consult with CBD businesses on the plans for Projects 1A - Central Plaza green space improvements and 1B - Central Plaza paved space improvements as this area seems to cause a 'divide' between the East and West of our CBD, and to then bring forward the plans to get this area improved.</p> <p>Funding for Projects 1A and 1B is currently in 2024/25 financial year. This is due to a decision of Council to prioritise the upgrade of Civic Square first, to combine this with required building upgrades to the library and art gallery. In addition, due to a rapidly changing city centre and limited resources, Officers consider that this is the sensible timeframe allocated to this project. It will also enable completion of the Parking Study that will identify future requirements, in particular the northern and southern carparks.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services)</b></p> <p><u>Parking</u></p> <p><i>The submitter seeks more off-street parking in the CBD.</i></p> <p>HDC is currently undertaking a comprehensive parking study to evaluate parking needs currently and into the future. The October study period provides Council with time to see the implications of post COVID parking patterns and the impact of people continuing to work from home.</p> <p>Parking development is ongoing. One of these redevelopments is the former HB Farmers' Cooperative Building at 206 Queen Street which includes 18 public car spaces and five leased spaces off-street linked to Heretaunga Street. Additionally, Council are considering converting 20 on-street parking spaces on Russell Street precinct to leased parking at \$5 per day. There are likely to be additional recommendations coming from the comprehensive parking study.</p>
Emma McRobbie (72) (Havelock Nth Business Assn)	<p>The submitter is supportive of the extension to the Havelock North Promotion Targeted Rate proposal and makes the following requests:</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Bruce Allan (Group Manager Corporate Services)</b></p> <p><u>Security</u></p> <p><i>The submitter comments on the need for a City Assist presence in the Havelock North CBD and requests further rollout of CCTV.</i></p> <p>Officers note the request for increased City Assist support in Havelock North. Council has recently agreed to recruit an additional two City Assist staff to bolster the roster and increase their visibility across the Hastings CBD and the Havelock North Village. Staff are currently revising the roster and the implementation of these additional resources to best meet the needs of our community.</p> <p>There is currently no additional investment in CCTV cameras set down for Havelock North, however, officers will continue to monitor activity and reassess priorities into the future. Council has included an additional \$75,000 of capital spend into the 2022/23 budget for additional cameras and this will roll</p>



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	<p>forward into future years allowing for a continued investment programme to be implemented.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Vibrancy Fund</u>  <i>The submitter seeks an update in respect of the LTP request in respect of the use of vibrancy funds.</i></p> <p>Officers understand the desire to add vibrancy to the H Nth CBD. The current Vibrancy \$50,000 and Activations \$100,000 budgets are both targeted specifically at energising the Hastings CBD. Council has already committed \$50,000 to pay for the new projector and the remaining money has been committed to other vibrancy activations including increased Christmas decorations. If Council wants to contribute to new initiatives in the Village as requested, it will need to allocate new funds in the Annual Plan.</p> <p><u>Project Updates</u>          Planters – Officers have prepared draft plans for planters across all hospitality premises. Once the cost estimates are complete, we will return to the association for feedback and prioritisation.</p> <p><u>Joll Rd</u> – A draft plan has also been prepared and being costed for the upgrade of the next section of Joll Road. The availability of cobblestones is slowing progress on advancing this project, as is contractor availability.</p> <p><u>Treachers Lane upgrade</u> – officers are also having a draft plan costed to upgrade the footpath adjacent to the hospitality offerings in Treachers Lane. This will also be reported back to the Association for feedback and then back to Council for consideration.</p> <p><u>Shrub renewals</u> – An additional 2000 shrubs will be planted in and around the town centre as part of this year’s renewal programme.</p> <p>Progress on all the above projects has been slower than optimal due to lack of in house project managers and contractor unavailability. A brighter recruitment horizon may see some positive progress in advancing the Village projects.</p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Naomi Fergusson (Group Manager: Marketing, Communications and Engagement)</b></p> <p><u>Village Street Carnival</u>  <i>The submitter seeks funding for the Village Street Carnival.</i></p> <p>The Council has sponsored this event for over five years (\$10k - \$15k per annum), recognising its alignment with Council’s strategic goals, particularly in economic development and community well-being. It is community lead, through the Business Association, and for the community.</p> <p>Havelock North’s version of the Blossom Parade, the Village Street Carnival, has strong support from the community and local businesses and is run</p>

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	<p>effectively through the Association to deliver growth opportunities back to their members and unites the Havelock North community.</p> <p>The targeted rate is the main source of income for the Association however this event has been supported historically through our city vibrancy fund to the value of \$15k which is approximately 50% of the event cost with businesses covering the balance through the targeted rate. Due to the criteria and funding process change for the vibrancy fund this event now falls outside this funding opportunity and is looking for long term funding security.</p> <p>If the Council is of a mind to support this event, it is suggested by officers that a multi-year funding agreement be put in place.</p>
Nicola De Wit (74) <i>(Chapman Tripp)</i>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Ashley Humphrey (Project Manager Strategy Growth and Development)</b></p> <p><u>Development Contributions Policy</u>  <i>The submitter comments on the Development Contributions Policy and the relief sought.</i></p> <p>The submitter supports the introduction of reduced retirement care unit / care room HUE to broadly reflect a lesser demand being placed on council infrastructure, however feels the HUE rate should be marginally lower, using Auckland City Council's approach as an example.</p> <p>The proposed HUE rates were a product of reviewing other council approaches and a review of special assessments generated in respect of local retirement villages constructed in recent years. The proposed HUE rates are marginally higher than Auckland but sit within the range of other councils. Officers would not be averse to a nationwide HUE rate which would provide a consistency across the country, although all NZ councils would need to support such a request.</p>
Richard Hira (75)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Kirkpatrick Park</u>  <i>The submitter requests roofing over the Kirkpatrick basketball court.</i></p> <p>Officers are supportive of the efforts of several groups who collectively work to improve the wellbeing of Camberley community. The proposal to cover the existing hard court will provide all year weather protected recreation options. There is no funding available in the 2022/23 budget so if Council wishes to advance this proposal it would need to make approximately \$500,000 available.</p> <p>However, in terms of prudent financial management, current planning work on a strategic direction for Camberley is currently being formulated and while this will take some time, it is probably more realistic to consider the proposal as part of an overall community plan.</p> <p>Officers also note that there are park buildings that are poorly used and are in a poor state. Options to assess the existing facility utilisation and possible redirecting of upgrade funds would best be done in a holistic review of the</p>

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	coming 12 – 18 months. On this basis officers recommend deferring the current decision and assessing it as a part of the wider Camberley community planning process.
Hayley Lawrence (76) (Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust)	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b>  <b>Dr James Graham (Pou Ahurea Matua)</b></p> <p><u>Signage, Pou and Kaka Chicks</u>  <i>The submitter requests support for the installation of signage and Pou at reserves at Panepaoa and Tangoio. Support for the release of captive kaka chicks is also sought.</i></p> <p>Signage - Officers are in support of the request to erect signage at two locations near Tangoio. There is a modest existing funding stream that could be utilised to deliver the project. We would respectfully request that the Maungaharuru Tangitū Trust give their assistance in the story telling/korero so that it is done properly.</p> <p>Pou – Again, officers are in support of the pou request and advise that there are some modest funds available to help kick start the project. Officers can work with MTT to develop a design, report to Council and help with fundraising.</p>
Paul Bevin (78) (R.N.Z.A.C)	The submitter requests a contribution of \$75,000 (potentially spread over 2-3 years) towards the Royal NZ Armoured Corps History Project. This is a matter for Council consideration.
Sarah Greening-Smith (79)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve</u>  <i>The submitter requests the addition of a splash pad at the Ngaruroro Avenue reserve.</i></p> <p>Officers are aware that many local communities request the installation of splash pads in playground upgrades. The request for a splash pad at Ngaruroro Ave Reserve was discussed as part of the current water/playground upgrade.</p> <p>While the attractiveness of splash pad play and water play is clear, there are significant costs to install and maintain splash pad facilities.</p> <p>To date Council has typically installed Splash pads/water play facilities in our high-use premier parks only, where they provide the highest use for the level of investment – e.g. Cornwall Park, Flaxmere Park and Havelock North Village Green.</p> <p>There is a small splash pad at Camberley in Kirkpatrick Park but this is the exception.</p> <p>It would be very expensive for Council to positively respond to and provide splash pads at all local reserves. In addition to installation costs starting at \$200,000, there are also annual costs for maintenance (excl renewals and repairs)</p>

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	<p>ranges from \$2,500 to over \$10,000 per annum. For these reasons no splash pads have be recommended for installation in neighbourhood parks due to the significant capital outlay to install and maintain.</p> <p>In addition and importantly, as our water supply in summer has become more subject to restrictions, the use of splash pads is also becoming more tenuous. It would therefore seem somewhat wasteful to spend funds on a play feature that has limited utilisation.</p> <p>The planning of this playground upgrade recognised a range of needs and has recommended funding be directed to a range of recreational play pieces. In this context the water play item is too expensive and only provides limited active use.</p> <p>For these reasons, officers do not support the installation of a splash pad at Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve.</p>
Jacqueline Kim Taylor (80)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Riverlands</u>  <i>The submitter requests various improvements to the Riverlands open space area.</i></p> <p>Officers agree that River Road provides an important entry point to the Tuki Tuki River and some enhancements would be a positive addition to this open space. We also note that this area provides a hideaway location for sections of the community who undertake anti-social behaviour. This leaves HDC and HBRC with sizeable clean-up operations from time to time.</p> <p>Officers have estimated the costs to undertake the works as requested. They are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpark sealing \$150,000</li> <li>• Landscape Design \$15,000</li> <li>• Rubbish Bin \$3,500</li> <li>• Toilet block \$250,000</li> <li>• Park Enhancements \$75,000</li> <li>• CCTV Camera \$35,000</li> </ul> <p>As with some other access points to rivers, River Road provides a low level of service based to providing a basic carpark to allow access to the river and Rotary pathway. While all the suggestions would improve the area, they are costly especially in a tight financial environment.</p> <p>The desire to seal the carpark and provide toilet facilities are generally supported by officers but given the other competing community aspirations for new assets across the district, they are probably not a priority in terms of benefits delivered to the wider community.</p> <p>In saying this, HBRC is willing to dedicate some resource to the area and are suggesting some external funding might also be available for a toilet. If Council was of the mind, it could consider providing funding for the installation and maintenance of a rubbish bin (\$3,500) and some initial signage (\$6,500) and</p>

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	additional consultancy to undertake the park planning (\$15,000.) Other larger ticket items would best be deferred for consideration in the next LTP, once an overall park landscape plan is formulated in partnership with HBRC and the local community. A \$20,000 allocation for 2022/23 would enable these initial actions to be undertaken.
Ricardo Fox (81)	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><u>Bill Mathewson Park Lighting</u>  <i>The submitter requests the installation of lights on Bill Mathewson Park.</i></p> <p>While officers agree that the lights are beneficial for winter sporting activities for the local area and Tamatea RFC, the request poses issues for Council insofar as historically Council has not funded lights for any sports clubs.</p> <p>Officers met club officials and recommended that they do their own fundraising and if they were to come back to Council with a proposition that saw HDC making a smaller contribution, to get the project over the line, they may well be successful.</p> <p>On this basis officers would suggest that the current request be declined but ask the submitters to reapply when they have a more favourable proposition. As an aside, officers also note that this is the second request for funding to upgrade the lights at Bill Mathewson Park. Officers suggested that a fund could be set aside in the LTP to help clubs upgrade lights but this suggestion was turned down on the same grounds.</p>