

Agenda for a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2016** commencing at **9.00am**.

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Board in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Board.

A 30-minute presentation will take place at the conclusion of the meeting on the Building Consent review undertaken by Connections

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Open Meeting

To	Policy & Regulatory Committee
From	Gavin Ion Chief Executive
Date	18 August 2016
Prepared by	Wanda Wright Committee Secretary
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1605057
Report Title	Confirmation of Minutes

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the minutes of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 16 August 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting;

AND THAT the Public Excluded minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and remain confidential and unavailable to the public.

3. ATTACHMENTS

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia held on **TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2016** commencing at **9.00am**.

Present:

Cr DW Fulton (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor Mr AM Sanson
Cr JC Baddeley
Cr JA Church
Cr R Costar
Cr JM Gibb
Cr WD Hayes
Cr SD Lynch [*until 11.49am*]
Cr RC McGuire
Cr LM Petersen
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr MR Solomon
Cr GS Tait

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Ms S Duignan (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr T Harty (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs W Wright (Committee Secretary)
Mr C Clarke (Roading Manager)
Ms AM D'Aubert (Consents Manager)
Mr R MacCulloch (Regulatory Manager)
Mrs A Parquist (Customer Delivery Manager)
Mr C Birkett (Monitoring Team Leader)
Mr M Balloch (Building Quality Manager)
Mr G Bailey (Open Spaces Operations Team Leader)
Mr G Boundy (Senior Environmental Planner)
Mr R Bullock (NZTA)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Church)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7 which shall be discussed with the public excluded;

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Standing Order 3.7.2 the order of business be changed with agenda items 7.3 [*Draft Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy*], 7.6 [*Draft Grass Verge Policy 2016*], 7.11 [*Delegated Resource Consents Approved for the months of June and July 2016*] and 7.14 [*Hauraki Gulf Forum Governance Review Update*] be discussed at an appropriate time during the course of the meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Hayes/Sedgwick)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/02

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

RECEIPT OF HEARING MINUTES OF DECISIONS

P&R Hearing (Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2016) held on Monday 20 June 2016
Agenda Item 6.1

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Costar)

THAT the minutes of the hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee – Proposed Waikato District Council Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 - held on Monday 20 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that hearing.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/03/1

P&R Hearing (Proposed Beaches and Reserves Bylaw 2016) held on Wednesday 22 June 2016
Agenda Item 6.2

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Hayes)

THAT the minutes of the hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee – Proposed Waikato District Council Proposed Beaches and Reserves Bylaw 2016 – held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that hearing.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/03/2

P&R Hearing (Proposed Trade Waste and Wastewater Bylaw 2016) held on Wednesday 29 June 2016
Agenda Item 6.3

Resolved: (Crs Baddeley/Costar)

THAT the minutes of the hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee – Proposed Waikato District Council Trade Waste and Wastewater Bylaw 2016 – held on Wednesday 29 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that hearing.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/03/3

P&R Hearing (Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016) held on Wednesday 6 July 2016
Agenda Item 6.4

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Church)

THAT the minutes of the hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee – Proposed Waikato District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 – held on Wednesday 6 July 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that hearing.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/03/4

REPORTS

Draft Plaques, Memorials and Monuments Policy
Agenda Item 7.3

The Open Spaces Operations Team Leader gave a verbal overview and answered questions by the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Lynch/Sedgwick)

THAT the report of the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the Committee approves the Plaques, Memorials and Monuments

Policy for adoption at the next Council Meeting on 12 September 2016.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/1

Draft Grass Verge Policy 2016

Agenda Item 7.6

The Open Spaces Operations Team Leader gave a verbal overview and answered questions by the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Lynch)

THAT the report of the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the Grass Verge Policy be amended and reported to the Council Meeting on 12 September 2016;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff provide an Annual Progress Report to Council with the intention of reducing the amount of grass verge maintenance to zero, within three years.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/2

Cr Sedgwick requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

Summary of Applications Determined by the District Licensing Committee

Agenda Item 7.1

Resolved: (Crs Lynch/Smith)

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support - be received.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/3

Feedback and recommendations based on early engagement on the Waikato Regional Transport Committee's Speed Management Project

Agenda Item 7.2

The Roding Manager gave an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee. Mr Bullock (NZTA) clarified some points and answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Sedgwick)

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery, and the Waikato Regional Transport Committee be received;

AND THAT the feedback received from this trial be incorporated into the district wide review of the Speed Limits Bylaw 2011 in early 2017.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/4

Amendments to Delegations Register
Agenda Item 7.4

The Chief Executive gave an overview of this item and answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Costar/Petersen)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT Council approves the amendment to the Delegations Register to allow the General Manager Service Delivery and the Roading Manager to act in respect of all matters under the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Device 2004.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/5

Amendment to Chief Executive's Delegation
Agenda Item 7.5

The Chief Executive clarified the intent for this request.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Tait)

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received;

AND THAT the Policy & Regulatory Committee recommends to Council that it delegates to the Chief Executive the approval of delegations (including financial) for all positions;

AND FURTHER THAT any such delegations are a subset of the delegations available to the Chief Executive and that financial delegations are at levels lower than those available to the Chief Executive.

CARRIED on a show of hands, 8 voting in FAVOUR and 6 voting AGAINST

P&R1608/04/6

Review of Water Supply Policies
Agenda Item 7.7

The General Manager Service Delivery gave an overview of this item and answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Costar)

THAT the report of the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the revised water supply policy is referred to Council for approval and the existing water supply policies **WDC 04/53/3/2, WDC1008/05/1/2, WDC05/33/1/3 and WDC04/53/3/2** are rescinded.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/7

Year-end Report
Agenda Item 7.8

The General Manager Customer Support gave an overview of this item. The following staff answered questions from the Committee: the Consents Manager, the Building Quality Manager, the Chief Executive, the Regulatory Manager and Customer Delivery Manager.

Resolved: (Crs Lynch/Hayes)

THAT the report from the **General Manager Customer Support - be received.**

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/8

Delegated Resource Consents Approved for the months of June and July 2016
Agenda Item 7.11

The Consents Manager answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Smith)

THAT the report of the **General Manager Customer Support – dated 4 August 2016 be received.**

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/9

Designation of parks for electric charging station
Agenda Item 7.9

The Monitoring Team Leader gave an overview and answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Baddeley)

THAT the report from the **Group Manager Customer Support be received;**

AND THAT Council supports the establishment of electric charging stations in Raglan and elsewhere in the District;

AND FURTHER THAT staff discuss the detail with WEL noting preferred Attachment 2 in the agenda report but not excluding other options.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/10

2016 Meeting Calendar
Agenda Item 7.10

Resolved: (Crs Petersen/Smith)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive – be received.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/11

Local Government New Zealand Conference 2016
Agenda Item 7.12

The Chief Executive gave an overview of the content of the Conference.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Costar)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT Council write to LGNZ expressing an expectation that remits are presented early enough to Councils with at least 14 days' notice to enable Councils to consider the matters prior to the meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/12

Hauraki Gulf Forum Governance Review Update
Agenda Item 7.14

The Chief Executive gave an overview of this item. The Senior Environmental Planner answered questions from the Committee.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Costar)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received;

AND THAT our representative is authorised to present the views of this Council at the Forum Review:

- **Representation of the Forum (balance of Mana Whenua and elected representatives)**
- **Minister of Conservation appointments and NGO's to be advisers and not members of this Forum.**

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/13

Review of Remuneration Policies

Agenda Item 7.13

The Chief Executive gave an overview of this item.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Church)

THAT the report from the General Manager Strategy & Support be received;

AND THAT the Staff Remuneration and Employment Policy, and Chief Executive Remuneration and Employment Policy be referred to Council for approval, and the existing Staff Remuneration and Employment Policy, Chief Executive Remuneration and Employment Policy, and Management Consultant Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED on the voices

P&R1608/04/14

Cr Smith requested his dissenting vote be recorded.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Tait)

THAT the report of the Chief Executive – *Exclusion of the Public* – be received;

AND THAT the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion on the following items of business:

P&R1608/05

REPORTS

a. Chief Executive's Business Plan

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) and 48(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by sections 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part(s) of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:

Section 7(2)(a)

Section 48(d)

Resolutions P&R1608/05 – P&R1608/06 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

MINUTES for the public excluded section of the meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on **TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2016.**

REPORTS

Removed.

Open Meeting

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
From	S Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	9 September 2016
Prepared by	Beryl McCauley
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	I603232
Report Title	Delegated Resource Consents Approved for the month of August 2016

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report gives information relating to all delegated Resource Consents processed for the month of August 2016 excluding hearings

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the General Manager Customer Support – Delegated Resource Consents Approved for the month of August 2016 - dated 9 September 2016 be received

3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

There were no Commissioners appointed for the month of August

4. ATTACHMENTS

Delegated Authority Report - attached

Delegated Authority Report¹⁴

Period from 1 August 2016 to 31 August 2016

Awaroa ki Tuakau		Ward Total: 24		
Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
R H Van Der Meer, W A Van Der Meer	LUC0007/17	29 McIntosh Drive POKENO	Construct a dwelling that exceeds permitted earthworks volume and cut height, and encroaches into the side and rear yards in the Village Zone.	Granted
R W Verhoef	LUC0017/17	7D Macks Road POKENO	Erect a new dwelling which encroaches the road boundary in the Village Zone	Granted
Venture Developments Limited	LUC0024/17	4 Raithburn Terrace POKENO	To undertake earthworks in the Residential 2 Zone that exceed the permitted volume and cut depth and for a dwelling that protrudes through the height in relation to boundary plane.	Granted
E J Mhawukeli Trust	LUC0034/17	1 Craighall Court POKENO	Undertake earthworks exceeding 100m ³ to provide a building platform for a dwelling which protrudes the height in relation to boundary plane in the Residential 2 Zone.	Granted
Platinum Homes Limited	LUC0036/17	35 Raithburn Terrace POKENO	Undertake earthworks that exceed the permitted volume in connection with the construction of a dwelling in the Residential 2 Zone.	Granted
L D Rooney, M J Fraser AJF Trustee No 4 Limited	LUC0041/17	38 Jellicoe Avenue TUAKAU	To construct a carport in the Residential Zone that encroaches into the permitted 1m side yard.	Granted
Gladwin Homes Limited	LUC0050/17	2B Bankhall Lane PVT POKENO	Retrospective earthworks exceeding 100m ³ to provide a building platform in the Residential 2 Zone.	Granted
Bromley Park Hatcheries Limited	LUC0067/17	115 Brown Road TUAKAU	The deposition of cleanfill onsite to assist in the construction of a level building platform for a chicken shed.	Granted
A M Jordan	LUC0260/16	600 Whiriwhiri Road WAIUKU	Retrospective consent to operate an outdoor active recreation facility in the Rural Zone.	Granted
Helenslee Investments Limited	LUC0494/16	Hillpark Drive POKENO	Blanket land use consent over Lots 713-717 (inclusive) to infringe into the 20 metre State Highway yard setback and to construct a 2 metre high acoustic fence on the State Highway Yard boundary of the balance lot Stage 11B to create 24 new residential lots within the Residential 2 Zone	Granted
I W McGregor, B W McGregor	SUB0005/17	58A Maioro Road WAIUKU	Undertake a common boundary relocation subdivision involving two Computer Freehold Registers in the Village Business Zone and for an easement over Lot 2 DP 30655.	Granted

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K M Gruber, G Kothen	SUB0011/17	355 Bald Hill Road WAIUKU	To undertake subdivision in the Rural Zone via the transfer of one rural lot with both donor and receiver lots outside the EEOA	Granted
M J Fraser, L D Rooney, AJF Trustee No 4 Limited	SUB0017/17	38 Jellicoe Avenue TUAKAU	Undertake a two lot subdivision from one certificate of title in the Residential Zone.	Granted
F M E Good	SUB0046/16.02	17 Kidd Road WAIUKU	Change of conditions to Condition 10, 11 & 12 in regards to administrative changes to remove unnecessary wording.	Granted
Greig & Bovill Developments No 2 Ltd	SUB0092/15.04	28A Elizabeth Street TUAKAU	S127 to change condition 30(d) of subdivision consent, which relates to a consent notice for building development on Lots 2 to 11.	Granted
Orrsome Investments Limited	SUB0118/15.01	11 School Road TUAKAU	Cancellation of existing easements pursuant to Section 243(e) of the Resource Management Act 1991 to be replaced with new easements.	Granted
R D Collett	SUB0135/16	Buckland Road BUCKLAND	PART A (donor site) - To undertake an environmental lot subdivision that results in the creation of two lots from the protection of an indigenous feature inside the EEOA in the Rural Zone PART B (receiver site) - To undertake a transferable rural lot subdivision by transferring two development entitlements to a receiver site inside the EEOA and undertake a boundary relocation in the Rural Zone	Granted
R E Foley	SUB0140/16	28 Gibson Road TUAKAU	To undertake a two lot subdivision in the Residential Zone.	Granted
S G Swift, W J MacDonald	SUB0141/16	39A Dean Road POKENO	Undertake a 3 lot subdivision (2 additional lots) with no approved concept plan	Granted
L G Evans, E A Bailey	SUB0146/16	227 Jericho Road PUKEKOHE	To transfer an already consented lot created from SUB0076/13 to another location within the same certificate of title held under the same ownership to create proposed Lot 1 (2.08ha).	Granted
C Marriner, J Marriner	SUB0150/16	96 Hull Road WAIUKU	To create one lot within the receiver site by transferring one rural lot right from the donor site through the amalgamation of two rural titles	Granted
G S Yelchich	SUB0151/16	Butchers Bridge Road WAIUKU	Undertake a boundary adjustment and subdivision in the Rural Zone via the transfer of one consented lot with both donor and receiver lots outside the EEOA.	Granted

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Helenslee Investments Limited	SUB0166/16	Raithburn Terrace POKENO	Stage 1 IB to create 24 new residential lots within the Residential 2 Zone and blanket land use consent over Lots 713-717 (inclusive) to infringe into the 20 metre State Highway yard setback and to construct a 2 metre high acoustic fence on the State Highway Yard boundary of the balance lot.	Granted
Pokeno Village Holdings Limited	SUB0173/16	66 Hitchen Road POKENO	Create 35 vacant residential lots, 1 JOAL and one road (to vest) on land zoned Residential 2 and Light Industrial.	Granted

Eureka Ward Total: 6

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
C Nell, M M Nell	LUC0053/17	859 Victoria Road TAUWHARE	To construct a dependent person's dwelling in the Rural Zone that does not share an outdoor living court with the main dwelling on the site	Granted
N Bansal, S Bansal	LUC0059/17	47C Glen Ida Way TAUWHARE	Retrospective consent for earthworks within the Hauraki Gulf Catchment Area in order to provide a suitable building platform for a new dwelling, attached garage and driveway.	Granted
Signature Homes	LUC0463/16	502B Tauwhare Road MATANGI	To construct and operate a show home as a commercial activity from a site in the Rural Zone for a period of 12 months and erect associated signs.	Granted
Harrmac Farms Limited	SUB0002/17	584 Piako Road GORDONTON	To relocate the boundaries of two sites to create one small rural lifestyle block (Lot 1) and one large productive rural site (lot 2).	Granted
NZ Transport Agency	SUB0124/16	480 Ruakura Road RUAKURA	Right-of-way application pursuant to section 348 of the Local Government Act 1974 for two rights-of-way.	Granted
C T Paterson, A L Paterson	SUB0157/16	512 Telephone Road PUKETAHA	Relocate the boundaries of three sites to create two small rural lifestyle blocks (Lots 1 and 2) and one large productive rural site (lot 3)	Granted

Hukanui - Waerenga Ward Total: 5

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
Turton Builders	LUC0023/17	Boyd Road HORSHAM DOWNS	To construct a new dwelling and stables that will exceed the 500 m2 building coverage with earthworks that will exceed the permitted area of 1000 m2.	Granted
Zealong Tea Estate Limited	LUC0033/17	495C Gordonton Road ROTOTUNA	Planning Certificate for the Sale of Alcohol for an On licence on a site in the Rural Zone	Approved

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D J Jamieson	LUC0073/17	20 Carter Road WAERENGA	To construct a new garage that is to encroach upon the permitted 12 m setback from the southern (side) and western (rear) boundaries.	Granted
Schick Civil Construction Limited	LUC0079/16	175 Puketaha Road ROTOTUNA	Deposit cleanfill in the Rural Zone which involves earthworks to import fill which exceeds the maximum permitted fill volume, maximum permitted depth of fill and maximum permitted area of 200m ³ , and generates additional traffic movements from an existing vehicle entrance	Granted
D P Cridge	SUB0010/17	837 Woodlands Road GORDONTON	Boundary relocation to create Lots 1 and 2, with Lot 2 being amalgamated with Lot 1 DP 83148	Granted

Huntly Ward Total: 1

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
PFL Residential Trustee Co Ltd	SUB0007/17	114 Riverview Road HUNTLY	To subdivide one certificate of title in the Living Zone to create two titles where the resultant lots do not meet the minimum permitted size.	Granted

Newcastle Ward Total: 5

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
Anthem Homes Limited	LUC0031/17	12B Miriama Way WHATAWHATA	Construct a new dwelling where the part of the lounge room and attached garage will encroach into a side minimum building setback and that does not meet required on-site parking spaces	Granted
P W Ward	LUC0054/17	38 Dromara Drive ROKOKAURI	To construct a new dwelling with an attached Dependent Person's Dwelling that does not share an outdoor living court.	Granted
J P R Wilkins	LUC0070/17	482B Karakariki Road KARAKARIKI	To construct a shed within the permitted setbacks in the Rural Zone	Granted
Highview Properties Limited	SUB0012/17	2089 Te Pahu Road WHATAWHATA	Undertake a two stage subdivision in the Country Living Zone which involves District Plan rules failures relating to existing building setbacks and separation distances for vehicle crossings.	Granted
JJ Dixon, C R Dixon	SUB0027/17	463 Horotiu Road HOROTIU	Cancellation of existing easements pursuant to Section 243(e) of the Resource Management Act 1991.	Granted

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Ngaruawahia		Ward Total: 7		
Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
Waikato District Council	DES0012/16	State Highway 1 NGARUAWAHIA	Notice of Requirement for the construction, operation and maintenance of water storage and pump station facilities.	AcceptFull
Ngaruawahia Community Board	LUC0015/17	8B Brownlee Avenue NGARUAWAHIA	To construct a waharoa (entranceway) within the permitted building setbacks in the Rural Zone.	Granted
Te Awa River Ride Charitable Trust	LUC0022/17	River Road NGARUAWAHIA	Construct and use a shared cycle and walkway along the true right bank of the Waikato River exceeding permitted earthworks volumes and areas in the Landscape Policy Area.	Granted
B A Weal	LUC0026/17	48 Waikato Esplanade NGARUAWAHIA	To relocate a used dwelling onto a vacant site located within the Living Zone where the dwelling will fail to comply with daylight admission rule.	Granted
JCB Builders (2014) Ltd	LUC0028/17	98 Driver Road TAUPIRI	To construct a shed to be utilised for storage and as a workshop in the Rural Zone that encroaches upon the 12 m setback from the northern (front) and north-eastern (side) boundaries.	Granted
Silver Fern Honey NZ Limited	LUC0400/14.01	57 Ormsby Road NGARUAWAHIA	S127 to change conditions of consent to allow for an addition to the existing building and a change in parking location	Granted
River Road North Limited	SUB0022/17	42 Duke Street NGARUAWAHIA	To alter legal boundaries between two existing titles to create two new lots of 7430m ² and 43502m ² (4.3502ha) in the New Residential Zone.	Granted
Onewhero-Te Akau		Ward Total: 1		
Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
B R Ferguson, G B Ferguson	SUB0004/17	1682 Churchill Road TUAKAU	To undertake a Transferable Rural Lot Right subdivision to create one additional lot of 6100m ² and a balance lot of 1.95ha.	Granted
Raglan		Ward Total: 4		
Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
G S Tookey	LUC0012/17	4316A State Highway 23 RAGLAN	To relocate a 25m ² second hand dwelling, to construct a new sleepout and swimming pool that will encroach on the southern boundary where a 12m setback is permitted.	Granted
D E Amore	LUC0029/17	49B Mangakino Road TE UKU	To relocate and reinstate a 127m ² single level residential dwelling to a site in the Rural Zone.	Granted

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E J Rickard, B J Rickard	LUC0037/17	21 Robertson Street RAGLAN	To relocate a 130m ² single level new dwelling to a site in the New Residential Zone Raglan	Granted
G L Lempriere, A N R Lempriere	LUC0525/16	98E Greenslade Road RAGLAN	To undertake earthworks that exceed the permitted volume for the purpose of constructing a suitable building platform for a dwelling that encroaches into a daylight admission plane and an associated deck that encroaches into an internal setback.	Granted

Tamahere Ward Total: 6

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
J J Lester	LUC0058/17	49A Te Awa Lane TAMAHERE	Retrospective consent for a Dependent Person's Dwelling in the Rural Zone.	Granted
J L Woods, R F Fagan	LUC0448/16	14 Dalbeth Place MATANGI	Retrospective consent for a barn lean-to that encroaches upon the permitted setback southern boundary and contributes to the total gross area of accessory buildings on site exceeding the 80 m ² limit and impervious surfaces exceeding the permitted 700 m ² .	Granted
A E Rolfe	SUB0015/17	6 Bates Road TAMAHERE	To undertake a boundary relocation between two certificates of title	Granted
Transpower New Zealand Limited	SUB0028/17	165A Matangi Road MATANGI	To create a right of way easement in gross in favour of Transpower New Zealand in order to provide vehicle access to transmission lines.	Granted
C G Jones	SUB0161/16.01	28 Devine Road TAMAHERE	S127 to vary the existing subdivision consent by replacing the existing scheme plan which shows the amended easement schedule	Granted
C Yu, G Yu	SUB0165/16	55 Windmill Road TAMAHERE	Undertake a subdivision to create four new titles of 8635m ² (Lot 1), 5000m ² (Lot 2), 4.1815ha (Lot 3) and 5000m ² (Lot 4) from three existing titles in the Country Living Zone.	Granted

Whangamarino Ward Total: 5

Applicant	ID No	Address	Details	Decision
M M Rowbottom	LUC0020/17	53 Whangamarino Road TE KAUPHATA	Construct a dwelling within 25 metres of the adjoining allotment boundaries.	Granted
Signature Homes Limited	LUC0423/16	18 Te Kauwhata Road TE KAUPHATA	Establish a new childcare centre in the New Residential Zone, where the gross floor area of the non-residential building, total impervious surfaces, number of vehicle movements and volume and area of earthworks exceed the maximum permitted thresholds, in addition to access, car parking and manoeuvring non-compliances.	Granted

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L A Holder	LUC0499/16	31B Blunt Road TE KAUWHATA	To construct a new dwelling that encroaches upon the permitted 6m setback from the rear and 3m from the side boundaries and the total impervious surfaces will exceed the permitted 50%.	Granted
D W Laing	SUB0149/16	48 Vineyard Road TE KAUWHATA	Undertake a subdivision to create one additional lot within the Country Living Zone	Granted
Lanisa Holdings Limited	SUB0159/08.04	Esk Road MARAMARUA	S127 to change condition UCI to correct a reference to a pond	Granted

Open Meeting

To	Policy & Regulatory Committee
From	Gavin Ion Chief Executive
Date	26 August 2016
Prepared by	Deborah Lee Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1594177
Report Title	LGNZ Conference – Te Maruata Advisory Committee Meeting

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillor Solomon attended the LGNZ Conference Te Maruata Advisory Committee meeting on behalf of Council on 23 July 2016.

The attached report from Councillor Solomon provides an overview of that meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

3. ATTACHMENTS

Report from Councillor Solomon

BRIEFING PAPERS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2016 – DUNEDIN**TE MARUATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Dunedin Centre, Octagon:**

Members: Alf Filiapaina Auckland Council, Bonita Bigham South Taranaki, Moera Solomon Waikato District (Dr Mike Reid, Clare Wooding)

Non Members:

Anne Marie Ellison	Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti
Mahinarangi Hakaraia	Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti
Hohepa Potini	Adviser Kapiti Coast District Council
Tui Lewis	Councillor Hutt City
Janice Wall	Standing for Taupo District Council
Brenda Steele	Rodney Local Board Chair
Bayden Barber	Hastings Rural Community Board
Adrian Te Patu	Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board
Christine Wilson	Lyttelton Mt Herbert Community Board
Alf Rilipaina	Auckland Council
Bonita Bigham	South Taranaki

Apologies were received from Dover Samuels, Mere Peka Tait Jamieson, Adrienne Pierce, John Forbes, Tipa Mahuta & Timothy Bramley Hoani Langsbury

Attendees were disappointed as members of Te Maruata Committee were missing. Progress needs to be made about membership. Consequently the meeting opened with whanauatanga in consideration of the kaupapa.

MEMBERSHIP

An up-date of The Review of Council-Iwi Participation Arrangements caused lively debate. Current practice and process amendments for Maori were delivered.

The Objectives of Te Maruata are to

1. Increase Maori Participation in Local Government
2. Provide advice to the National Body
3. Relationships with Iwi Maori and Councils

To maintain the continuation of Te Maruata objectives through their delegated authority a remit was issued from the Hui and that was to increase the Membership of Te Maruata by enabling admission of Community Board Maori Members and Tribal Advisors.

ELECTIONS

Once again a round table conversation indicating more activity from the Committee ourselves is required given the “Department Fix” does not work. Increasing viewership – Maori T.V. also our Iwi Radio, and trends in Digital Media is typically what Maori locally rely upon or target as well as the Marae, the local Hui, Tribal Trusts.

Perhaps the arrangements of JMA – MoU – working the RMA and LGA has taken over the volunteer democratic involvement in decision making from Maori. No clear understanding why Maori do not vote and appear interested in tribal affairs primarily and are keenly represented in the volunteering positions of sporting/cultural activities (professional footballers/kapa haka performers). We need to get our people out there voting by using all the resources available. How can we talk Succession Plans if there is nothing (position) to succeed to?

LGNZ UP-DATE / CCOs

When informed that the new Bill of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment would not need permission from Council to create CCOs there arose many questions and queries:

- Infrastructure requirements will be different
- Rate payers have already paid for same
- Are the CCOs knowledgeable or strong enough
- The processes are too complex especially over boundaries

The Hui was very lively and concerns seem to be right across the Nation as to the problem of Maori participation in Local Government. I thank the Council for allowing me to attend as after approximately 15 years under Nga Mata Kokiri and Te Maruata, I am always pleased to inform our Committee that of 6 potential candidates at the last election in the Ward of Ngaruawahia 4 were Maori.

(Was grounded at Christchurch Airport returning home, bomb-scare adding to the Southern Sojourn)

Moera

Open Meeting

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
From	Sue Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	6 September 2016
Prepared by	Craig Birkett Monitoring Team Leader
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1601745
Report Title	Designation of parks for electric charging station

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on the 16 August 2016 the Policy and Regulatory Committee resolved to support the establishment of an electric charging station in Raglan and elsewhere in the District. It also resolved that staff discuss the detail regarding the establishment of the charging station with WEL, noting the preferred location of the carpark on the eastern side of the Town Hall (behind the current visitor sign) but not to exclude other options. Council staff have met with WEL networks and they have confirmed that this is their preferred location due to the presence of a suitable power supply, and an ability for vehicles to manoeuvre into the parking space to allow for charging to occur. Staff have also identified that this is a preferred location as it does not reduce the number of public parking spaces in the Raglan CBD.

A licence to occupy for the charging station is being discussed with WEL networks and will be put in place prior to the charging stations installation.

In order to progress the designation of these carparks a resolution is required from Council changing Schedule 1 and Map 3. This report seeks approval for this proposal and the necessary amendments to Schedule 1 and Map 3.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the **Group Manager Customer Support** be received;

AND THAT , the proposed amendments to **Schedule 1 and Map 3 of Waikato District Council Public Places Bylaw 2016** are adopted by the **Council** at its meeting on **3 October 2016**.

3. BACKGROUND

WEL Networks (WEL) has requested that Council support the placement of a high speed electric vehicle charger in Raglan. WEL have asked that the charger be placed in a Council carpark area. Following the Policy and Regulatory Committee meeting on 16 August 2016 a meeting occurred with WEL. At this meeting it was confirmed that the first two carparks in the current permit parking zone (behind the visitor sign) is the best location. The reasons for this are:

- WEL have a power box that can be used to supply power to the charging station nearby.
- Electric vehicles can have charging ports in different positions on the vehicle and in some instances it may be necessary to reverse the vehicle into the parking space.
- The preferred location is currently restricted to parking permit holders only. There will therefore be no reduction in the parking available to the general public.

In order to ensure that these parks are available for electric vehicles, WEL has requested that they be dedicated carparks. It is appropriate that a time limit of 60 minutes be applied to these parking spaces so that they are available to be used for charging by other electric vehicles once one vehicle has been charged. The charging time of electric vehicles can vary significantly but most vehicles are able to get to an 80% charge within 30 minutes.

The Waikato District Council Public Places Bylaw 2016 (public places bylaw) allows Council to define the vehicles or classes of vehicle that may be entitled to use any parking place and the conditions to which such parking place may be used. A change to the schedule of the public places bylaw is required to designate these parks for sole use of electric vehicles. This amendment to the schedule of the bylaw can be made by the resolution of Council.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

The preferred location for the charging station is in an area that is currently used for permit parking by the Community House, Plunket, and the Raglan Community Radio Station. These users have been made aware of the proposed change to the parking restrictions in this area.

If the parking restriction is put in place signage will need to be placed in front of the parks identifying that only electric vehicles will be able to park in those spaces for a maximum of 60 minutes.

An amendment to Schedule 1 and Map 3 of the public places bylaw will be necessary in order to designate the parks for electric vehicles. The recommended amendments are identified in Attachment I; the amendments are coloured red as a tracked change.

In order to ensure that the obligations for WEL and Council are clear regarding the use of the site, a licence to occupy agreement will be entered into with WEL prior to the placement of the charging station.

4.2 OPTIONS

Option A: Recommend that the schedule of the bylaw is amended to show designated parks in the carpark located on the eastern side of the Town Hall.

This is the preferred option and will allow for vehicles to be parked in a location that enables the CBD to be used and enjoyed while vehicles are charging. This location has been assessed by both WEL and Council and it has been established that a charging station is able to be placed in close proximity to the vehicles.

It is noted that this is not the preferred location for the Raglan Community Board.

Option B: Recommend that the schedule of the bylaw is amended but identify another location.

Council and WEL have considered other options however this is the best location in terms of having the services (proximity to the appropriate electric cable) and ability for vehicles to be parked safely. This is not a preferred option.

Option C: Recommend that there is no change to the public places bylaw.

If the Committee does not support the placement of designated parks for electric vehicle charging then this will be reported to WEL. This is not a preferred option.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

Any expenses in marking this area and placing signage will be met from existing budgets.

5.2 LEGAL

In order to designate the carparks for use by electric vehicles, a change to Schedule 1 and Map 3 of the Public Places Bylaw is required. This can be done by resolution of Council as provided for in clause 41 of the bylaw.

5.3 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

This decision does not trigger the Significance & Engagement Policy.

6. CONCLUSION

A recommendation is sought from the Policy and Regulatory Committee on the amendment of the bylaw in order to allow for designated parks for electric vehicles to be placed in the carpark located on the eastern side of the Town Hall.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposed amended Schedule 1 and Map 3

Schedule I

Waikato District Parking Restrictions

Pursuant to the Land Transport Act 1998 **Council Hereby Declares** the following parking, standing, and stopping restrictions, limitations, and prohibitions apply to any vehicle or specified class or description of vehicle on any road, or portion of a road, or other area, controlled by the Council, and specified as follows:

Unless otherwise stated, time limits specified in this schedule shall apply between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm – daily except public holidays.

TIME LIMITED PARKING AREAS

Type of Restriction	Applicable to (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 120 MINUTES		
No person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park for a longer period than one hundred and twenty minutes, on any of the following roads or portions of road	All vehicles.	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Shand Lane ii) Any part of Station Place iii) Apart of Venna Fry Lane
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Galileo Street ii) Any part of Martin Street iii) Any part of Newcastle Street
		<p>Raglan Community The specified time limits for the following roads shall apply between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm daily, including public holidays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Bow Street (as identified on Map 3) ii) Any part of Wallis Street (as identified on Map 3) iv) Any part of Wallis Street - Raglan Wharf (as identified on Map 4) v) Any part of Bankart Street (as identified on Map 3)

MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 60 MINUTES	All vehicles	Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1) i) Any part of Venna Fry Lane iii) Any part of Shand Lane iv) Any part of Mine Square (BNZ Carpark) v) Any part of Main Street
No person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park for a longer period than sixty minutes, on any of the following roads or portions of road		Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2) i) Any part of Jesmond Street
MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 60 MINUTES (contd)	All vehicles	Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3) The specified time limits for the following roads shall apply between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm daily, including public holidays: i) Any part of Bow Street ii) Any part of Wainui Road iii) Any part of Wi Neera Street iv) Any part of Wallis Street
MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 30 MINUTES	All vehicles	Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1) i) Any part of Main Street
No person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park for a longer period than thirty minutes, on any of the following roads or portions of road		Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3) The specified time limits for the following roads shall apply between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm daily, including public holidays: i) Any part of Bow Street ii) Any part of Wainui Road
MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 15 MINUTES	All Vehicles	Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1) i) Any part of Main Street
No person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park for a longer period than fifteen minutes, on any of the following roads or portions of roads.		Ngaruawahia Community i) Any part of Great South Road

		<p>Raglan Community The specified time limits for the following roads shall apply between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm daily, including public holidays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Bow Street (as identified on Map 3) ii) Any part of Raglan Wharf (as identified on Map 4)
<p>MAXIMUM PARKING TIME LIMIT 5 MINUTES</p>	All vehicles	<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Great South Road
<p>No person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park for a longer period than five minutes, on any of the following roads or portions of road</p>		

SPECIAL PARKING AREAS

Type of Restriction	Applicable to (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
PERMIT ONLY PARKING AREAS		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as reserved or permit-only parking areas and no person except those who have been issued with a relevant permit shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or park in these parking spaces or areas.	All Vehicles except those displaying relevant parking permits.	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Venna Fry Lane and the carpark between the railway overbridge and No. 178 Main Street ii) Any part of Shand Lane iii) Any part of Mine Square (BNZ Carpark) iv) Any part of Station Place
		<p>Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Bow Street - any part of the carpark located on the eastern side of the Town Hall
DISABLED PARKING AREAS		
The following portion of roads are hereby constituted as disabled parking areas for the exclusive use of any disabled person. No person, except those holding and displaying an Operation Mobility Concession Card on the inside of their vehicle, shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in these parking spaces or areas.	All Vehicles except those clearly displaying Operation Mobility Concession Card.	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Main Street ii) Any part of Venna Fry Lane or the carparks accessed from Venna Fry Lane iii) Any part of Shand Lane iv) Any part of Mine Square (BNZ Carpark)
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Jesmond Street ii) Any part of Galileo Street iii) Any part of Newcastle Street
		<p>Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Bow Street ii) Any part of Wainui Road iii) Any part of Wallis Street iiii) Any part of Wi Neera Street

Type of Restriction	Applicable to (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
EMERGENCY VEHICLE PARKING AREAS		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as reserved for emergency service vehicles only and no person shall allow any vehicle other than an emergency service vehicle to stop, stand or park on any of the following roads or portions of roads 24 hours a day.	All Vehicles except emergency vehicles.	<p>Raglan Community</p> <p>i) Any part of Raglan Wharf as indicated on Map 4</p>
TAXI STANDS		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as a taxi stand and no person shall allow any vehicle other than a clearly identified taxi to stop, stand or park, on any of the following roads or portions of roads	All Vehicles except taxis	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <p>i) Any part of Main Street</p>
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <p>i) Any part of Jesmond Street</p>
BUS STOPS		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted bus stops and restricted to use for stopping, standing or parking by Large Passenger Vehicles and no person shall allow any other vehicle to stop, stand or park, on any of the following roads or portions of roads	All Vehicles except Buses	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <p>i) Any part of Main Street</p>
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <p>i) Any part of Great South Rd (SH1)</p>
		<p>Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3)</p> <p>i) Any part of Bow Street</p>

Type of Restriction	Applicable to (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
LOADING ZONES		
The following portion of road is hereby constituted as a loading zone and no person shall allow any vehicle, except a Goods Vehicle, to stop, stand or park on any of the following roads or portions of roads.	All Vehicles – Except Goods Vehicles	Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1) i) Any part of Main Street ii) Any part of Venna Fry Lane
		Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2) i) Any part of Jesmond Street
		Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3) i) Any part of Bow Street
CAR AND TRAILER PARKING AREAS 48 HOURS		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as reserved for the parking of cars with boat trailers only and no person shall allow any vehicle other than a car and boat trailer to stand or park, on any of the following roads or portions of roads. A car and trailer is only permitted to park in these areas for a maximum of forty eight hours (2 days).		Raglan Community i) Raglan Wharf (as identified on Map 4)
<u>ELECTRIC VEHICLES P60 Minutes</u>		
<u>The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as reserved for the parking of electric cars only and no person shall allow any vehicle other than an electric car, on any of the specified parking areas. An electric vehicle is only permitted to park in these areas for a maximum of 60 minutes.</u>	<u>All Vehicles – Except electric vehicles</u>	<u>Raglan Community (as identified on Map 4)</u> <u>i) Bow Street - any part of the carpark located on the eastern side of the Town Hall</u>

PARKING PLACES

Type of Restriction	Applicable to: (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
PARKING PLACES OR PARKING AREAS		
The following portions of road or land are hereby constituted as parking places or parking areas.	All Vehicles	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Main Street ii) Shand Lane iii) Station Place iv) Mine Square (BNZ Carpark) v) Venna Fry Lane
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Jesmond Street ii) Galileo Street iii) Market Street iv) Newcastle Street v) Newcastle Street Carpark vi) Martin Street vii) Great South Road
		<p>Raglan Community (as identified on Maps 3 and 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Bow Street ii) Wainui Road iii) Wi Neera Street iv) Bankart Street v) Wallis Street (western end) vi) Wallis Street (eastern end) vii) Raglan Wharf

NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

Type of Restriction	Applicable to (Specified Type of Vehicle)	Applicable to (Specified Area/Road)
NO STOPPING OR PARKING AT ALL TIMES		
The following portions of roads are hereby constituted as no stopping areas and no person shall allow any vehicle to stop, stand or be parked whether attended or unattended in any of the following 'No Parking' areas where a traffic sign is erected or marked on the road (in accordance with the provisions of the Land Transport Rule "Traffic Control Devices 2004"), except in conformity with the terms of any prohibition, limitation or restriction applying to that zone. This restriction shall apply 24 hours a day unless otherwise stated.	All Vehicles	<p>Huntly Community (as identified on Map 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Venna Fry Lane ii) Any part of Civic Place iii) Any part of Main Street iv) Any part of Station Place v) Any part of Shand Lane vi) Any part of Mine Square (BNZ Plaza)
		<p>Ngaruawahia Community (as identified on Map 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Jesmond Street ii) Any part of Market Street iii) Any part of Lower Waikato Esplanade iv) Any part of Galileo Street v) Any part of Great South Road vi) Any part of Martin Street
		<p>Raglan Community (as identified on Map 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Any part of Bow Street ii) Any part of Wi Neera Street iii) Any part of Cliff Street iv) Any part of Wallis Street vi) Any part of Wainui Road (including Helipad Area) vii) Any part of Bankart Street vi) Any part of Wallis Street/Raglan Wharf (as identified on Map 4)



Legend	
	Bus Stop
	Car and Boat Trailer
	Disabled
	Electric Vehicle
	Loading Zone
	No Limit
	No Parking
	P15
	P30
	P60
	P120
	Reserved
	Taxi

Open Meeting

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
From	Sue Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	2 September 2016
Prepared by	Megan May Animal Control Team Leader
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1603421
Report Title	Amendment to Schedule One of The Dog Control Bylaw following Community Engagement

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 11 July 2016 Council resolved to undertake community engagement in Tamahere and Pokeno in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002, and Section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996. This engagement process was used to identify the level of community interest and support for the two potential areas of land that could be designated as off lead dog exercise areas. As this review is seeking to amend the Bylaw Schedules only, in accordance with clause 8 of the Bylaw this can be done via resolution, and section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 (principles of consultation).

Our engagement period was from 20 July to 24 August 2016 and involved letters to dog owners within the areas, letters to residents neighbouring the proposed areas and also attendance at the local market days by staff. This engagement generated 150 submissions with 95% support in Pokeno and 80% support in Tamahere. Some submitters commented on both proposed areas.

The purpose of this report is to present the outcomes of the community engagement, provide options for development in these areas and seek Council resolution in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 for Schedule One of the Bylaw is to be amended.

2. ON RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support - Amendment to Schedule One of The Dog Control Bylaw following Community Engagement be received;

AND THAT the Committee recommends to Council that budget of \$25,000 is approved to complete the required works;

AND FURTHER THAT the works are to be loan funded, with principal repayments from the Parks & Reserves Replacement Fund and interest repayments from general rate.

3. BACKGROUND

During 2014/15, a review of the Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw and Policy was completed. During this time, the public were consulted with and submissions were heard prior to the final documents being approved and coming into force on 1 May 2015.

At the time of consultation, some concerns were raised by members of the community in both Tamahere and Pokeno regarding the lack of off lead exercise areas provided for their dogs within their communities. Discussions were had with the Parks and Reserve team to identify suitable locations that were away from main roads, sports fields and children's play equipment. There were no suitable areas identified at the time so were therefore not included in Schedule One of the Bylaw. It was noted at the time that Section 8.1 of the Bylaw made allowances for additional areas to be designated by Council Resolution if they became available in the future.

Since this time, two areas were identified as being potentially suitable as off lead exercise areas – Pokeno Domain in Pokeno and the Te Awa Reserve Walkway in Tamahere. An engagement process followed and resulted in submissions from 168 members of the public.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 POKENO DOMAIN

The engagement in Pokeno included information mail outs to residents and dog owners within the community and also attendance at the Pokeno market on 7 August. During the engagement period we received 44 submissions with 80% of submitters supporting the proposed area. The following comments were made in support of the proposed exercise areas;

- Residential sections are too small so exercise area is necessary
- Live next door and support as long as they are kept under control and don't kill chickens
- Yes, needs to be fully fenced with rubbish bins and poo bag dispensers
- Need access for wheelchairs and buggies
- As long as the area is well fenced to stop dogs accessing stock

From the submitters that opposed the exercise area, the following comments were made;

- People won't use it as it is too far from Pokeno and the ground is uneven
- Stock/wildlife concerns
- Somewhere closer to Pokeno would be better
- Too far away (2 kms from subdivision)
- No footpaths to get there from town

- Something closer would be used more
- Worries about increase in noise and cars hurtling down road
- Will the gates self-shut? How will the area be maintained?
- Area is too good to be a dog run – should use a filled in quarry or old dump site.

Although concerns have been raised in relation to the location, an appraisal of available land has been done and we consider the location to be appropriate. To limit the access of dogs to neighbouring properties, it is proposed that one paddock on the western side of the tennis courts is properly fenced to ensure that dogs cannot access stock or wildlife and a rubbish bin and signage is installed. There is also a requirement to provide ongoing maintenance for this area which will include mowing and rubbish collection. It is currently maintained by a neighbour who has an informal lease agreement. By implementing the suggested measures, the areas of concern raised by the remaining 20% of submitters will be removed or reduced.

Based on the support given by 80% of submitters, it is recommended that Council designate a portion of the Pokeno Domain as an off lead dog exercise area.

4.2 TE AWA WALKWAY

The engagement in Tamahere included information mail outs to residents and dog owners within the community and also attendance at the Tamahere markets on 20 August by one of our staff members. During the engagement period we received 124 submissions with 95% of submitters supporting the proposed area. The following comments were made in support of the proposed exercise areas;

- Roadsides are unsafe due to too skinny and traffic – need off lead area
- Nearest place is currently Cambridge
- Extend up river as well
- Need access for wheelchairs and buggies
- Tamahere community committee supports this initiative

Despite 95% of submitters supporting the proposed area, there were a large amount of additional comments made by members of the public who are opposed to the proposed exercise area. These comments are based around the following themes;

- Proximity of children's playground to proposed area - risk of kids getting bitten
- Environmental concerns - river edge is fragile and is eroding away, track is too narrow, river levels fluctuate and can be dangerous, dogs will interfere with wildlife, maintenance responsibilities, pest management
- Health implications – increase of dog faeces
- Signage and rubbish bin requirements
- Impact on private properties

These areas of concern can easily be addressed to ensure that the impact of the off lead, dog exercise area is minimised.

Children's Playground

The current Dog Control Bylaw provides protection to children by prohibiting dogs within 10 metres of children play areas and although there is a playground at the upper park area of Te Awa reserve, the proposed exercise area is clearly separate from this and will be detailed in the Schedule and signage at the park.

Environmental Concerns

The issue of erosion has been discussed with Parks and Reserve team members who have advised that they are working with Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council and Waikato regional Council to address this issue. Currently there is no safety concern in this area and it is hoped that measures will be implemented to minimise ongoing erosion in this area.

The proposed area is currently subject to an over population of rabbits. To remove this problem, bait stations are currently used to eradicate the rabbits. Although the bait is placed in secure stations which would make it hard for dogs to access, an alternative method of rabbit control would need to be introduced. It has been suggested that the bait stations could be removed and fumigation used as an alternative.

Health Implications

A rubbish bin is already located at this park but will be emptied on a more regular basis if the Schedule is amended and signage will be installed to remind dog owners of their obligations to remove faeces and the penalty for non-compliance. These signs will also remind dog owners to keep their dog under control at all times to reduce the risk of neighbouring properties being affected.

Impact on Neighbouring Properties

As with all areas of our district, Animal Control staff will proactively patrol these areas to engage with and educate dog owners to ensure they are aware of their requirements to keep their dogs under control and pick up faeces. If necessary, enforcement action will be taken.

Based on the support given by 95% of submitters, it is recommended that Council designate the Te Awa Reserve Walkway as an off lead dog exercise area.

4.3 OPTIONS

Options available to Council

Option One

Do not amend Schedule One of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 to include either Pokeno Domain or Te Awa Reserve Walkway, Tamahere as off lead dog exercise areas.

Option Two

Amend Schedule One of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 to include either Pokeno Domain or Te Awa Reserve Walkway, Tamahere as off lead dog exercise areas.

Option Three

Amend Schedule One of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 to include both Pokeno Domain and Te Awa Reserve Walkway, Tamahere as off lead dog exercise areas. Additional fencing, rubbish bins and signs are required as mentioned already.

Staff considers that Option Three is the preferred option as it will provide off lead exercise areas to dog owners in two communities where there are currently none available.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

To implement the off lead area in Pokeno, a portion of the Domain will need to be fenced to a high standard to ensure that dogs are not able to access neighbouring stock. There is also a requirement for signage and rubbish bins and there will be ongoing costs to maintain the area. The initial cost of this will be approximately \$25,000.00 with an ongoing cost of \$4,500.00 per year. The ongoing maintenance cost can be absorbed through existing Park and Reserves operational budget. The initial set up cost cannot be off set from other budgets as they are all allocated. We recommend that total is loan funded. The principle will come from the Parks and Reserves replacement reserve and the interest will be general rate funded. Over 25 years, this would be a maximum of \$1600.00 per year calculated at the current average interest rate from the 10 year LTP.

To implement the off lead area in Tamahere, additional signage and increased rubbish removal is required. This will have an initial cost of \$2000.00 and \$500.00 per year for ongoing maintenance. There may also be an additional cost to change the way in which the rabbit population is controlled. This cost is unknown but it is anticipated that it will be minimal.

The cost to implement this exercise area and provide ongoing maintenance can be absorbed through existing Parks and reserves operation budget.

5.2 LEGAL

The Dog Control Act requires that the Special Consultative Procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 be followed to develop and adopt or amend and replace this bylaw.

As this review is seeking to amend the Bylaw Schedules only, in accordance with clause 8 of the Bylaw this can be done via resolution, and section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 (principles of consultation). Staff have ensured that the proposal has been consulted on with submissions received and considered but with no formal hearing held.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

The community engagement undertaken has assisted in potential amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.

5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Highest levels of engagement	Inform <input type="checkbox"/>	Consult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Involve <input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborate <input type="checkbox"/>	Empower <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted letters to residents and ratepayers in the Tamahere and Pokeno areas; • Tamahere and Pokeno Community Committees • Public notice/advertisements in the local papers and • Tamahere and Pokeno market days • Social media 				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
		✓	Internal
		✓	Community Boards/Community Committees
			Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
		✓	Households
			Business
		✓	Dog Owners

6. CONCLUSION

Engagement has occurred with affected dog owners and members of the public to gauge feedback on the proposed off lead exercise areas. This engagement process generated a high level of feedback with the majority of submitters supporting the amendment to the Schedule. Based on these comments and the opinion of staff, it is recommended that Schedule One of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 is amended to include a portion of Pokeno Domain and the Te Awa reserve Walkway as off lead, exercise areas.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Schedule One - Dog Control Bylaw 2015 – track changes version
Attachment 2: Maps – proposed areas (incorporating changes as a result of feedback)
Attachment 3: Feedback received

Schedule one: Control of Dogs in public places

Unless provided for in the Animal Control Act 1996 or Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw, a dog that enters or remains in a public place must be secured on a leash and kept under continuous control. Exceptions apply where otherwise specified in this Appendix.

Prohibited Areas (District Wide)

No person shall permit any dog to enter or remain in a prohibited area whether it is under control or not, except a working dog while it is working, a dog confined in or on a vehicle, a dog being taken to or from veterinary premises.

Guidance note: exceptions to these restrictions are listed in section 5.6 of the Bylaw.

Locality	Description of area and times	Map #
Huntly	Any street or public place within the central business area of Huntly, including Main Street and rear accesses, at all times including public holidays.	19
Ngaruawahia	Any street within the central business area of Ngaruawahia township including Jesmond Street, from the pedestrian crossing between the Waipa Hotel and Pharo's Postshop, Stationary and Lotto to the area between the Plunket Rooms and the Anglican Church, at all times including public holidays. Business side of SH1 Ngaruawahia between Martin and Market Streets	20
Raglan	Within the Raglan Kopua Camping Grounds, the domain, the playground and picnic area of the foreshore of Oporuru inlet from the footbridge to the boat ramp, at all times including public holidays	9
Port Waikato	Within 250 metres north or south of any lifesaving patrolled areas on Port Waikato Beach and Sunset Beach from 10am to 6pm on weekends, public holidays and school holidays from the beginning of Labour Weekend to the end of March the following year.	22
Hakarimata Scenic Reserve	Area from Brownlee Avenue to the dam site on the walkway.	23
Waireinga Scenic Reserve	Carpark area leading up to Department of Conservation walkway.	24

On-lead areas

Dogs are allowed in the following areas if **under control** and on a leash, but should not be left unattended and/or tethered.

Locality	Description of area and times	Map #
Te Kauwhata	In or on any part of any street or public place within the central business area of Te Kauwhata township more particularly defined as Main Road from the Te Kauwhata Trust Tavern and business premises opposite to Saleyard and Te Kauwhata Road intersection, at all times including public holidays.	12
Raglan	In or on any part of any street or public place within the central business area of Raglan township more particularly defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bow Street from the Cliff Street intersection to 43 Bow Street, • Wainui Road from Bow Street to the Bankart Street intersection, • Wallis Street from Bow Street to the end of the business premises, • Volcom Lane between Wainui Road and Bow Street. at all times including public holidays	8
Tuakau	Any street within the central business area of Tuakau township more particularly defined as George Street, between Madil street and the corner of Dominion Road and Ryders Road at all times including public holidays. This includes Central Park and extends to the Dominion Road shopping area.	21

Dog Exercise Areas

A dog may be exercised in the areas below free of restraint if kept under continuous control by its owner. Where there is a presence of stock, all dogs must remain leashed.

Note: Council may from time to time by resolution under the Dog Control Bylaw designate additional dog exercise areas.

Locality	Description of area	Map #
Huntly	A fenced area on the shore of Lake Hakanoa situated at the end of Onslow Street in the Huntly Domain	1
	The grassed area along the Waikato River on Riverview Road known as the Riverview Reserve.	2
	Fenced dog park on the corner of Fairfield Avenue and Graham Place	3
Taupiri	Bob Byrne Park on Great South Road.	4
Ngaruawahia	Regent Street Reserve. The grassed area from Great South Road to the end of area bordering Turangawaewae Marae.	5
	From the Great South Road bridge pilings on Lower Waikato Esplanade along the grassed area known as the Waikato Esplanade Reserve to Belt Street.	5
	The fenced area on the corner of Great South Road and Ellery Street (old dump site).	6
	Waipa Esplanade Reserve from the Pony Club along the grassed area to the area below Princess Street.	7
Raglan	The fenced area on the corner of Wallis Street and John Street known as Aro Aro Reserve.	8
	The grassed area and foreshore from the boat ramp in the Opoturu inlet to the Aerodrome Bridge.	9
	From the Wainui Reserve carpark at the western end of Te Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive to 300 metres south of the northern walkway at Ngarunui Beach below the Wainui Reserve.	10
	Beach areas from the wharf, the Cliffs, Cox's Bay, Lorenzen Bay, The Doughboys and Moonlight Bay.	11
Te Kauwhata	Fenced areas on the Te Kauwhata Recreation Reserve.	12
Horotiu	Fenced AFFCO Park on Horotiu Road and State Highway 1.	13
	Riverside Reserve on Horotiu Bridge Road.	14
Whatawhata	Whatawhata Recreation Reserve, except when the reserve is being used for sporting activities.	15
Te Kowhai	Te Kowhai Recreation Reserve, except when the reserve is being used for sporting activities.	16
Karioitahi Beach	The beach area known as Karioitahi beach	N/A
Port Waikato	Sunset beach, beyond 250 metres north or south of any lifesaving patrolled areas. This extends along the shoreline to Maretai Bay, but does not include the reserve area. Note: The area within the lifesaving patrolled areas is prohibited from 10am to 6pm on weekends, public holidays and school holidays from the beginning of Labour Weekend to the end of March from the following year. This is specified in the Prohibited areas schedule.	N/A

Tuakau	Les Batkin Reserve, in the marked areas specified from Tuakau Bridge to (but excluding) the toilet block and from the carpark entrance to the northern boundary	17
Tuakau	Alexandra Redoubt Reserve in the marked areas specified	18
<u>Pokeno</u>	<u>The fenced area of Pokeno Domain on the western side of the tennis courts</u>	
<u>Tamahere</u>	<u>Te Awa Reserve Walkway but does not include the park or playground area</u>	

TAMAHERE

PROPOSED DOG EXERCISE AREA



To Hamilton



Pencarrow Rd

To Cambridge



The Terrace

Te Awa Rd

Park/playground


Blue Heron Pl

Te Awa Ln

Waikato River



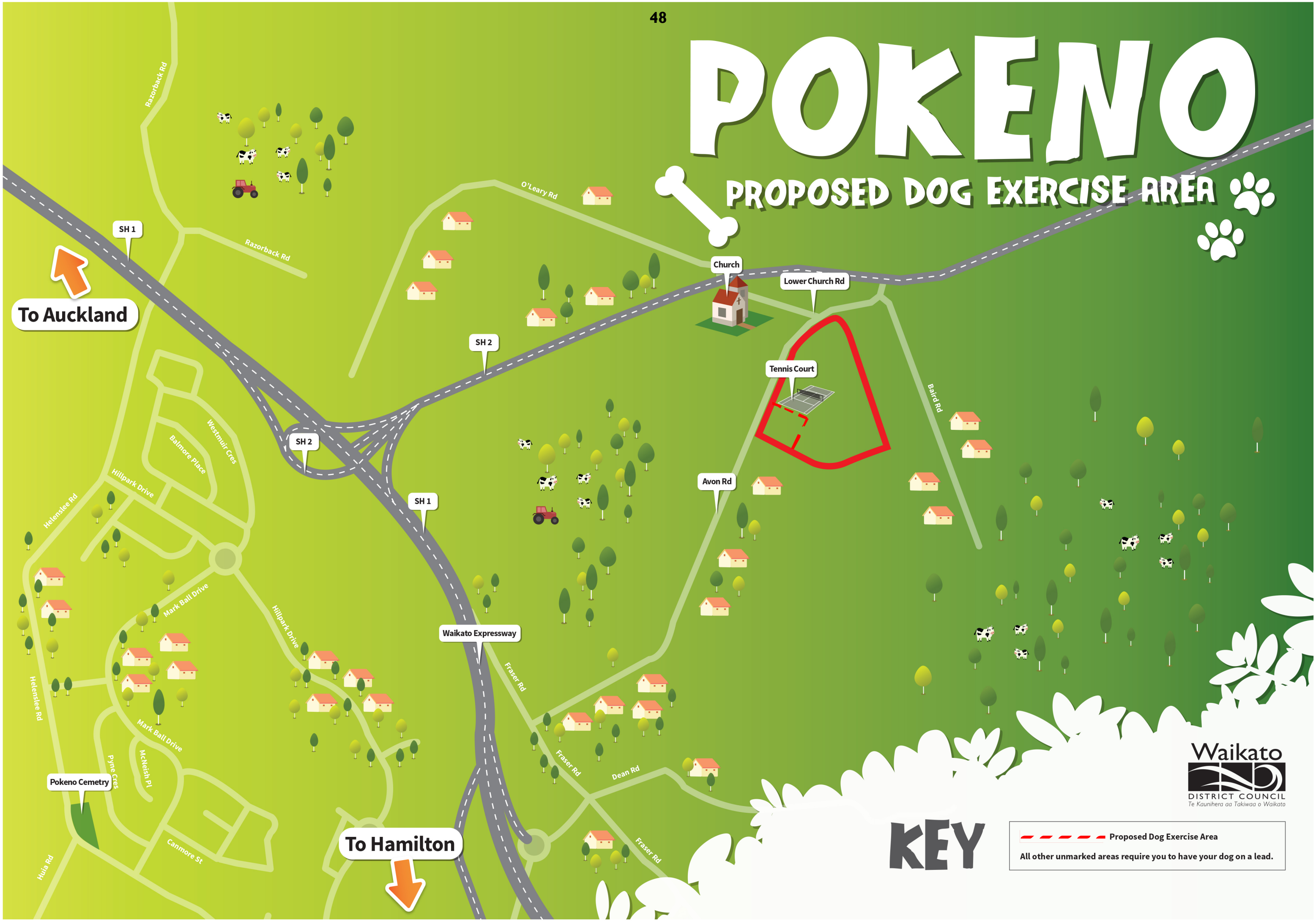
KEY

 Proposed Dog Exercise Area

All other unmarked areas require you to have your dog on a lead.

POKENO


PROPOSED DOG EXERCISE AREA



To Auckland 

To Hamilton 

KEY

-  Proposed Dog Exercise Area
- All other unmarked areas require you to have your dog on a lead.



Submitter Number	Submitter First Name	Submitter Last Name	Do you support?	Comments	Additional comments
3	Jacqui	Johnson	Yes	At present there is no where at all to walk my dog off lead and has been a point of frustration for some time now. This is compounded by the fact that at this end of Tamahere (pencarrow & Hooker roads) we don't have footpaths and is pretty scary walking down the road with the speed of traffic and continued use of narrow roads by trucks heading to porrit sand. ANY facilities that can be put into this area south of airport road would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou !	Safety in an isolated area & How would we access this area?
4	Jolanda	Roe	Yes		
5	Vanessa	Lepper	Yes	This would be a great way for fellow dog lovers to meet up, and exercise their dogs. Having just moved to a new community, it's definitely a bonus for the fast developing Pokeno area.	
7	Mark	Anderson	Yes	A great resource for the safe exercising of dogs, utilising otherwise under utilised space. Good to have more dedicated area etc.Fully and strongly support, we would definitely use.Great initiative by council!	Grea idea!
9	Ian	Finch	Yes	We live in Tamahere and support any initiative which enhances the lifestyle of residents in the area. We have two dogs, are responsible owners, and would make good use of the area.	
10	Denis	Friedlander	Yes	I exercise my dog in the proposed area once a week - at present on a lead	There is poison laid for rabbits there and my dog is small and could get his head into a poison dispenser. I take it the poison will be removed and hopefully the rabbits will remain controlled. I support the area for dog exercising.
11	Michael	Hamid	Yes	I think it's a good idea to have an off leash exercise area in Tamahere.	
13	Mark	Spittal	Yes	Need one on this side of the city. Currently travel to Days Park regularly for off lead walks. Needs to be away from farmland and major roads.	
16	Marilyn and Peter	Bird	Yes	I would like to express that I am FOR the Dog exercise area and think it will be a wonderful asset to the residents of Hamilton.	
17	Mark and Andrea	Dunseath	Yes	It's a great idea and location	Just need to make sure dog owners are aware of the need to have dogs on their lead or even kept away from the playground area please. It would also be ideal to have plenty of dog poo rubbish bins.
18	Peter	Simpson	Yes	We have two dogs and in summer it is an area we already take our dogs to allow them to swim in the river. It is sealed and away from main areas where people go for swims. The location is ideal and with the location of appropriate bins for disposals of the dog doo's it will be ideal for everyone!!	
19	Katherine	Leamy	Yes	I think the proposed dog exercise are in Tamahere at the Te Awa Reserve is a great idea. I've heard that these areas are very social for dogs and their owners! It's great to be able to have a place that the dogs can be off the lead.	
20	Colette	Hanrahan	Yes	Because we need one at least!!	
21	Susan	Horner	Yes	I have two one year old Llasa Apso puppies that I bought when I moved into my 2 acre property two years ago thinking they would love my grounds. Unfortunately one of them loves barking at my neighbours' chickens and I am forced to walk them on leads at all times round my property. I therefore use the Cambridge dog exercise areas which is the only place I can let them off lead safely but it is a long way for me to go each day - the two I prefer are	

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				in Leamington as they are fully fenced. I would really welcome an exercise area so much closer to my own home.	
22	Lucy	Catchpole	Yes	Definitely needed!! Just wish it was in walking distance to the Pokeno development	
23	Nicola	Smithson	Yes	There are not that many places that you can take a dog off lead.	
24	Sarah	Tucker	Yes	All I can say is Yay!! Yes please!!! We love walking our dogs and have to do so on-lead at present walking on the side of the road. The roads around Tamahere are becoming much busier with more traffic, so this is not as easy as it was in the past. We would love to have a nearby option to run them, play with them and socialise them off-lead. Being able to throw a ball for example for a good distance instead of only in our back yard. Currently we drive all the way to Days Park in Hamilton to give them this opportunity, so we would very much appreciate a local place to go to do this and would one hundred percent support it, use it and appreciate it. The proposed venue would work well for us. In fact we would support a dog park anywhere in the Tamahere area as it's going to be a lot closer than our current options.	P.S. I have no idea what a submitter or agent is or who this form should be submitted to. Something to think about for the wording of this form? So I hope my feedback gets to the right person!
25	Peter	Roach	Yes	An important part of being able to safely manage a dog	
28	Stephen	Williams	Yes	We are generally supportive of this proposal as it effectively formalises existing practice.	However, before fully supporting the proposal we wish to ensure some conditions are applied, these conditions being;•
30	Peter	Falconer	No	1. You say the council is proposing to make part of the river walkway a dog exercise area under the dog control bylaw. You must surely know that a number of dog owners are doing this and have been doing it for some time presumably in breach of the bylaw.2. You say 'make part of the river walkway a dog exercise area'. Which part? Your map is vague. It shows where the proposed walkway starts but not where it finishes. 3. Your proposal is for an off lead dog exercise area which would almost certainly include dog toileting. We would be opposed to both. Off lead dogs run into private gardens which are adjacent to the river walkway and we have never seen anyone attempt to pick up their dog poo. We had a recent case where a large dog raced across our garden and jumped up on a visitor causing her distress. The owner made no attempt to call the dog back but simply ignored the situation. We have small grandchildren playing in the garden and we do not want to see them frightened.4. Your letter makes no mention of any measures the council might take to control the dog exercise area. For example are you proposing to put up a notice telling dog walkers to keep their dog on a leash and to pick up any dog poo and will you be providing bags and a disposal bin? 5. At present each house owner mows the walkway to keep it tidy and presentable. To have unrestrained dogs running around this area is hardly an incentive to continue doing so and some may be tempted to just let the grass grow. In which case will the council be prepared to maintain the river bank area?6. We would support a decision to allow dogs to be exercised on a lead provided owners are asked to take care not to intrude on private gardens. However, we would not be happy for the walkway to be turned into an uncontrolled dog area as proposed.	
31	Maria	Moselen	Yes	I think the locations are great and yaaay somewhere else to walk my doggy.	

32	Kimberly	Dow	Yes	I think it would be fantastic to have an off leash dog exercise area in Pokeno. There are lots of local residents in Pokeno and having an area the dogs can have a good run and play with other dogs and responsible dog owners is a great idea.	
33	Linda	Esplin	No	There is a childrens playground at the Te Awa Reserve which is used by lots of children, to gain access to the dog exercise area you will need to walk through the childrens playground (built for young children) , this seems to be asking for trouble to me. I'm sure there will be children who will be bitten or chased or even just barked at by dogs who are not on there leads when going through the park. I have young children and there is already problems at the park with dogs off leads, I believe this will only make this problem even worse. I also note that the exercise area goes in front of the Velas horse stud, they are a very prominent family in the community and without speaking for them I'm sure they wouldn't like dogs and public having access to there horse stud from the riverside, the dogs will no doubt aggravate there very expensive horses. Our letterbox is directly opposite the Te Awa Reserve and we already have issues with the use of the park and have had on several occasions people using the park trying to set our letterbox on fire, running our letterbox over, setting the park rubbish bin on fire etc. I believe making a dog exercise area here will only contribute to this problem.	
35	Glenys	Round	No	We wish to voice our opposition to the proposed dog exercise area at the river walkway of Te Awa Reserve. We have lived in Te Awa Rd since prior to the establishment of the Te Awa Reserve, and have been involved, at times, in the maintenance of, and protection of public access to the walkway. We wish to object to the proposed dog exercise area on the following grounds: 1. Dogs will interfere with wildlife in the area. Tui have only been sited in the area in the last 3-4 years, and have a tenuous foothold. Dogs will displace native and introduced birds out of this area. 2. The river edge is fragile and eroding, and dogs and their owners will increase damage to the river edge. 3. It is highly probable that owners arriving at the parking area for the Te Awa Reserve will unleash their dogs in the Reserve, rather than waiting til the designated dog walking area. This will result in fouling of the Reserve and play areas, increased harassment of wildlife and damage to recently established native tree plantings. In addition, there has already been one dog attack by an uncontrolled dog in the Reserve this year, and allowing the river walkway to be used as a dog exercise area increases the risk of further attacks to those using the Reserve. 4. There is parking available only for for a maximum of three cars in the designated parking area. Given the number of owners with dogs wishing to use a dog exercise area, it is likely more than three cars will wish to park at peak times. There is no safe area for further cars to park on the roadside. The road is narrow, and the corner leading to the Reserve parking area is very sharp. Cars parking on the roadside will increase the risk to other cars and pedestrians. Cars have already driven over the planted area to park in the Reserve grounds, although this has now been addressed with bollards. There is the potential for cars to access the Reserve behind the Playground in the same way. 5. Increase in traffic on what is a quiet and narrow rural lane. 6. The probability of dogs straying onto, and fouling adjoining properties, or harassing residents and their animals.	
36	Lesley	Cooper	Yes	Dogs need a safe open area where they can run and just 'be dogs' Most sections in the pokeno aren't big enough for dogs to have a good run around and there is no opportunity for them to safely socialise with other dogs. The area in Pokeno will cater for both Pokeno residents and the Kowhai Downs subdivision. We are about to build in the area and would love a dedicated	Public areas like this are a great way for people in the community to get to know each other as well as their dogs ! We need as much open space in subdivisions so we can all get out and enjoy our local community.

				dog exercise area.	
37	Simon	Perry	Yes	We are dog owners with three dogs. We have nowhere to exercise them, the nearest place is Cambridge	
38	Marlene	Julian	Yes	It would be great to have something in the area, too many people have to walk their dogs along the roads, it's very dangerous	
41	Bob	Holderness-Roddam	Yes	I have a Google alert on dog parks, as this is one of my research areas. As a life long dog owner-carer, I fully support the provision of properly designed, planned and managed off-leash dog parks.	There are, however, a couple of issues with dog exercise areas alongside rivers. These are:1. Erosion of river banks by regular entry/exit of dogs. The Itchin Navigation in England dealt with this problem by constructing concrete entry/exit points for dogs into the river.2. Dog faeces in waterways. This may result in increased nutrients, leading to algal growth. It is also recognised that mammals such as otters and seals are susceptible to diseases such as canine distemper, parvo virus and leptospirosis. These may be transmitted by faeces from diseased dogs entering waterways. Whilst I realise there are no otters in NZ, seals may become infected if enough contaminated water reaches estuaries.
43	Glenda	O'Donnell	Yes		
45	Krista	Augustin	Yes	Dog exercise areas give dogs the opportunity to socialise with other dogs. Some properties don't have sufficient land for their dog to get enough exercise so getting a designated area will benefit both the dogs and help their owners get out exercising.	
46	Nikki	Murray	Yes	I would like to have somewhere where I can exercise my dog offish with other dogs close to where I live	
47	Jenni	Fenwick	Yes	Yes please we would definitely make use of it regularly. Our dog loves the water all year around, and the roads around Tamahere aren't always footpathed for dog walks. Unless there's official dog exercise areas people often let their dog off leash somewhere convenient anyway which is disruptive to the general public.	
51	Maxine and James	Yearsley	Yes	We currently have a very long drive to any dog exercise areas therefore we strongly support the proposed Tamahere exercise area.	
53	Hugh	McKay	Yes	Please extend the area designated in the plan to include the Council reserve up river as well.I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve.There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognized by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.It has been used as a dog exercise area and river walk by the greater community for years(before new signage) Perfect location and beautiful dog walk.There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river.

				reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	
54	Andrew	Rudy	Yes	Please extend the area designated in the plan to include the Council reserve up river as well. I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	
55	Michele	Debreceeni	Yes	Please extend the area designated in the plan to include the Council reserve up river as well. I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	
56	Yvette	Chang	Yes	Please extend the area designated in the plan to include the Council reserve up river as well. I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	

57	A	Natusch	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	
58	Amanda	McKay	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	
59	Aaron	McIvor	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	
60	Alex	Dawson	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	

61	Bryan	Mckay	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.
62	Isabel	Aldiss	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.
63	Declan	Wilson	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.
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77	Robyn	DEnton	Yes	exercise opportunities for all residents (both 2 and 4 legged) are important for our community to remain fit and active. There are few opportunities for the 4 legged variety to have a good run - so this proposal would be great.	

78	Tracey	Dunne	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
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82	Day	Darroch	Yes	It was a great place to take our dogs let our dogs have fun. There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
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84	Rowena	Harper	Yes	It is a great idea to provide space for dogs to exercise - a great initiative. Not that we have one!!!!	Please could signage be erected so that dogs MUST remain ON the leash through the park / playground area. There are young children (mine included) who frequently run around this park. Whilst my daughter loves dogs, not all dogs love kids, and not all kids love dogs (my son)!!! Signage should point to the unleashed areas that you are proposing are for dog exercise along the river bank, please... NOT the park / playground. Signage should also require poo to be removed and placed in the bins provided. Hopefully most do, but it might pay to remind people! :-)
85	Mimi	Robbins	Yes	I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve. There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognised by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.	

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112	Gillian	Dray	Yes	Very few off lead areas, we need more	
113	Sharon	Fisher	Yes	There are not enough off lead dog areas. I personally believe it is not right to have dogs on leads and call it exercise they need to run and be free!	We also require an off lead area in Matangi as currently nothing has been organized and it is a fair distance to travel each day to exercise dogs. Each community should have some area to make sure dogs are kept happy and healthy
114	Ursula	Edgington	Yes	Dog ownership promoted health and well-being to local residents, especially for those elderly people without other companions and those suffering from mental health problems. Please help support more dog-friendly areas (which are free from the ubiquitous poisons in other areas of NZ) where people can go to enjoy with their pets and families. We also need proper dog-poo bins	

				and easy access for wheelchairs and buggies. Thank you!	
115	M	Wilcock	Yes	The Tamahere Community Committee supports this dog exercise proposal	
116	Sandra	Clark	Yes	<p>We enjoy our morning and evening walks with our two dogs along the river bank. The dogs love to sniff and explore their way along the walk, and we all like to meet other local dogs and their families. Several neighbours walk along the river bank regularly, giving us the chance to catch up with each other and, of course, their dogs. The dogs and families would love their dogs to enjoy some healthy off-lead exercise, and to socialise with local dogs. It's really positive for dogs to learn good dog manners and this would provide regular opportunities for dogs to practise dog etiquette. In this way, people and dogs can maintain good neighbourly relationships.</p>	<p>1. During discussions with neighbours, I've found that some people do not regard this as positively as others. However, we all have public land adjacent to our properties, and people walk along the road or verges with families, friends, and, very often, their dogs. This has never posed a problem for us during the 25 years we've lived here. We maintain secure fences to keep our dogs safe, and assume that if property owners adjacent to the river walk are anxious about their dogs, they will take steps to keep their dogs away from the walkway, and to teach them good dog manners too. The river path has been used daily for many years by locals without any problems arising until recently, and the proposed change to an off-lead exercise area is a minor one that engenders many benefits for dogs and their families.2. In the last year, many trees have been removed from the river bank, resulting in erosion. Parts of the track have been dug up too, making it difficult, if not dangerous, to walk safely along. Perhaps some planting could be re-established along there, in line with the provision of a bird-friendly corridor along the river bank as proposed by the council many years ago? A list of trees that provide food for our nectar-feeding birds used to be published on the council site and would seem to be an appropriate choice for the river walk. The walk is a beautiful natural area to walk along and only needs minimal maintenance to provide dogs and people with a safe, off-road exercise area.</p>

117	Keith	Sharrock	No	<p>Dear Sir or Madam, My wife and I live at 65 Te Awa Road, Tamahere, backing on to the riverside walkway and adjacent to the Te Awa Road playground/reserve. We are opposed to the proposal to make a section of the river walkway an off-lead dog exercise area, as outlined in the letter from Megan May on 15 July 2016, for the following reasons: 1. The track is too narrow and secluded for this purpose. In most parts of this dead-end track it is impossible to avoid coming into close contact with dogs already (illegally) allowed to run free, often well ahead and out of sight and control of their owners. We have had a few scares when suddenly accosted by large running dogs while walking on this riverside track with our young grandchildren. Our miniature Schnauzer, which we walk on a leash along the track, has also been intimidated by unwelcome lunges of some much bigger free-running dogs encountered there. Their owners may be one or two bends behind, out of sight. These problems will get worse if the proposed area is designated and advertised as an off-the-leash dog exercise area, attracting more dogs and their owners. 2. Inadequate boundaries. Due to the absence of boundary fences or a buffer zone of public land, unleashed dogs can easily stray into adjacent private properties. 3. Safety concerns. The proposed exercise area is unsafe for dogs off the leash, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. poison bait stations that are sometimes surrounded by spilled pellets. ii. crumbling parts of the narrow path that have become very unstable due to progressive uncontrolled erosion and undercutting by the river. iii. unpredictable fluctuating river levels that occasionally submerge parts of the track and make others precariously narrow and close to the swift current. <p>4. Proximity to the Te Awa Reserve playground. While supervising our grandchildren on the playground equipment, we have seen big dogs come running up the track from the river and enter the Reserve well ahead of their owners. They are very capable of reaching the playground in the corner of the reserve and alarming or attacking a child before their owners arrive at the top of the track to be able to see what they're doing. We realise that the flat park-like area of the reserve is not proposed as part of the off-leash area, but dogs often run well ahead of their owners and are unlikely to wait at the bottom of the hill to have their leash put on.</p>
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118	Stephanie	Holmes	Yes	<p>There is certainly a need for a suitable dog exercise area in the South East of the district as unfortunately nothing is provided at the moment. It is a well known fact that correctly exercised dogs have fewer behavioural issues but can be hard to achieve in some areas without getting into a car and travelling quite a distance to reach suitable areas.</p>	<p>Therefore, armed with the vague map provided, I drove along to check the Te Awa Reserve out and came away very disappointed as I really believe the narrow pathway beside the river isn't suitable or indeed safe for off-lead exercise. The steepish pathway down was very slippery on the day we visited and the numerous poison signs and traps were certainly indicating danger around there. The actual river path is very narrow and crumbling in parts into the river and bordering several residential homes with open access rear gardens. We also came across what appeared to be a dangling old electrical wire on a tree. If you were to encounter other dog owners, there is no room for dogs to interact correctly as the pathway is much too tight. It only took about 12 minutes to reach the end of the boggy pathway where it seemed to come to a dead end so the only way was to retrace the same route back. Standing at the car park area itself, looking at the Reserve field, the playground area is tucked over in the front left hand side. I believe there would be plenty of space if dog owners were to use the right hand side of the field to provide adequate space for appropriate off lease dog exercise e.g. ball throwing etc. There would certainly be at least 10 meters clearance of the play ground area and even adequate space between to insert attractive border fencing of some sort. It would be great if the principle of "sharing with care" could be adopted there. Meanwhile in Matangi, Woodside Road continues to be the unofficial off lead area for dogs, something I find very scary and dangerous especially when there is the empty reserve on Matangi Road which again could be "shared with care". In summary, with approximately 20 years of dog training experience there is no way I would use or recommend the narrow strip of unsafe river path currently proposed as an off-lead dog exercise area. See original submission for attached photos</p>
119	Rob	Campbell	Yes	<p>We strongly support the proposed dog park in Tamahere. There is a lack of off lead areas to exercise dogs in the area and this would be a great addition to the community. It would be great for like minded people to be able to meet and enjoy exercising their dogs in a safe place.</p>	
121	Brain	Wright	Yes	<p>Supports proposed dog run</p>	

124	George	Clark	Yes	As a resident and ratepayer living in the Te Awa Road, Tamahere area for the last 24 years, and as the owner of two small dogs, I support the proposed Tamahere dog exercise area for the following reasons: - The proposed area along the Waikato River is a serene and picturesque walk and the only local walk area away from the roads where vehicles often exceed the speed limit, and can be dangerous for pedestrians walking dogs due to the natural lack of footpaths (which are not expected anyway in the country).- Dogs like humans do need (and demand) a lot of exercise. As caring owners, we walk our dogs twice a day, usually along the path along the river.- It is important for dogs to have some degree of freedom off the lead but in a controlled manner. The river path is an ideal environment for this purpose.- The proposed exercise area on council/public land is well clear of residences adjoining the walkway. In the years of walking along this path the only issue we have encountered has been one resident (illegally) putting a fence and gate across the public walkway and the dogs owned by that same resident constantly running down and barking at anyone and their dogs trying to have a peaceful walk. As we used to own three dogs and we met all the WDC requirements regarding fencing etc for our property, we found it extremely aggravating that these dogs were such a nuisance and were not properly fenced or controlled.- Other owners of dogs that we know in the vicinity of the proposed area are all very responsible residents and their dogs do not create problems.- Without this proposed area for dogs off the leash, we have nowhere else close by to allow dogs to exercise to the full extent that they need.Thank you.George Clark	
127	Warwick	Buckton	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
128	Val	Stokes	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
129	Tom	Dunne	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
130	Susan	Burbage	Yes	Love the walkway, the ambiance of the area. The relaxed feelingThere is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
131	Steven	Osborne	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area

132	Dale	Friar	No	<p>I oppose the proposed dog exercise area at the Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere. 1. The area is not suitable for dogs to be exercised off the leash - the areas too small - dogs need to run, chase a ball, have a stick thrown - this requires more space than there is available. It is relatively narrow in parts and unleashed dogs will be confronted by walkers and bikers. 2. As a lifestyle block owner with sheep we are at risk of having off the leash, out of control dogs worrying our stock. 3. As a resident I have experienced first hand walking with a friend with small children and being bailed up by an unfriendly unleashed dog - we had to sit the crying and distressed children on a fence post until the owner appeared from down the track - and not too quickly. It was a most uncomfortable and threatening experience. Further incidences of this type can be expected - one too many if a child is traumatised or attacked. 4. The playground is well used by families with children - and not a place for unleashed dogs. Just because the proposed designated area is at river level one knows dogs run off and are often not well trained. And whos going to police it? The Council Animal Control Officer - yeah right. A dog and its owner would be long gone before they were on the scene. 5. This river area has a resident population of tui and other bird species which is to be encouraged. 6. As the proposed area is not mown dog poo will not be easily seen, this is a potential health risk. Will all owners be carrying plastic bags - I don't think so. They don't know even when on a leash! 7. There is an alternative - a vast area of Council land bordering Wiremu Tamehana Drive /Airport Road - well suited and suitable for dogs to be off the leash running and chasing and catching with their owners. Ample parking, mowed grass, dog poo bins can be supplied (ie as in Cambridge for example). No animals in close proximity, no walkers/riders thoroughfare so well suited for this activity.</p>	
133	Shanel	Murray	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
134	Ryan	Stokes	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
135	Robert	Buckton	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
137	Paul	Buckton	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
138	Michael	Boardman	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>

149	Andrea	Stokes	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
150	Adam	May	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
151	Mary	Carden	No	I phoned the council this morning in regards to this situation down along the river bed. As you may be aware the pathway that is the proposed off-leash dog area has become very unsafe for anyone to walk down there especially with the rapid erosion of the river bank. I have been walking our dogs down there for 8 years now, they love the park and the river area and we have never had any problems with other dogs the dogs usually socialise and owners get to chat however briefly. Over the last few years after the willow trees were cut down the erosion accelerated and since the tourist boat has been coming up and down the last 2 years or so it has also contributed to the rapid erosion, due to its displacement hull that puts up a large wake and that wake speeds towards the river bank and you can see when this happens the effect it has on the river banks. I am all for tourism but let's look at the whole picture. I have photos that show a few weeks ago and now that clearly show the change. I will send them as soon as I get them off my son's phone as he took them when he walks the dogs also. I would like to suggest that this situation be looked at more closely so that the dogs get the park still to run on off-leash. I am aware and always conscious if any children etc are using the little playground, which I may add is not frequent. If this is an issue here why could the playground area be fenced to stop any fear created by animals. I would be happy to participate in any restoration of the river bank as it is a lovely place to go and walk and relax, but I have already had an incident last November where my Labrador and I were standing near the river bank and the ground gave way without notice and we fell. I was okay but my dog ended up with a leg injury and required leg ligament repair at a cost of \$6000. I don't want this to happen again and really would like to see a community effort along with council making this safe again. I know this is late and I am sorry I have been very ill over the last 3 months and still in catch-up mode. I am probably saying the same as many other concerned people	

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1	Rebecca	Alexander	Yes	Fantastic positive and proactive progression for the area. Can not wait!!!!	
2	Patricia	Mills	Yes	This facility is necessary due to the very small sections that Council has approved of in this area.(See 'additional comments' below)	I will qualify the above with the following:The exercise area would need to be fenced, especially if there are other recreational facilities provided for the public in this domain. In particular I am thinking of a childrens' play area. Also, if there are residential properties adjoining the off-lead area, then they must be protected from run-away dogs!
4	Jolanda	Roe	Yes		
5	Vanessa	Lepper	Yes	This would be a great way for fellow dog lovers to meet up, and exercise their dogs. Having just moved to a new community, it's definitely a bonus for the fast developing Pokeno area.	
6	Nadene	Hall	Yes	It's important that with Pokeno growing so quickly, there is a useful, local place for dog owners to safely exercise their animals where it won't interfere with other members of the public.	
7	Mark	Anderson	Yes	A great resource for the safe exercising of dogs, utilising otherwise under utilised space. Good to have more dedicated area etc.Fully and strongly support, we would definitely use.Great initiative by council!	Grea idea!
8	Miles	Bertling	No	Hi , please disregard my previous submission regarding the proposed dog exercise area in Pokeno. I no longer support this. The area proposed has wildlife (ducks and pheasants) and stock , cattle , sheep and horses on all sides and the dogs will harass these. I think this area is not suitable. Something closer to Pokeno village would be much better.	
9	Ian	Finch	Yes	We live in Tamahere and support any initiative which enhances the lifestyle of residents in the area. We have two dogs, are responsible owners, and would make good use of the area.	
12	Jane	Balchin	No	Hi, I just live around the corner from the Pokeno Domain, so have used this site to walk the dogs on many occasions already. I do not take my dogs off the lead as the neighbouring plots have horses and cows and do not want the dogs to chase the animals. I live on 10 acres so can run my dogs on my own land. I cannot see who would use this small plot to free run their dogs. I am not sure it is big enough to attract people from the new Pokeno subdivision, they have some great paths included in the subdivision in which to walk dogs. The Pokeno Domain is not very large and part of it is quite steep/rutted. Not sure that people would drive from Pokeno to utilize such a small area of land.	
14	Pauline	McLeod	No	I am concerned about this area being a off lead dog exercise area as the Pokeno domain is surrounded by rural properties. Which still are working farms with stock. And if a dog managed to get through a fence and bother stock there is the	

				possibility of not a good outcome for the dog and owners. If this was to go ahead I feel that the domain would need new dog proof fencing.	
15	Martin	Norman	Yes	Good space and close to us!	Pedestrian access along Avon Road must be a consideration; this is 100kmph stretch of road...very dangerous for pedestrians. Implementation of a pathway along Avon Road and a reduction in the speed limit are necessary to keep pedestrians (and their canine companions) safe.
22	Lucy	Catchpole	Yes	Definitely needed!! Just wish it was in walking distance to the Pokeno development	
25	Peter	Roach	Yes	An important part of being able to safely manage a dog	
26	Miles	Bertling	No	Hi , please disregard my previous submission regarding the proposed dog exercise area in Pokeno. I no longer support this. The area proposed has wildlife (ducks and pheasants) and stock , cattle , sheep and horses on all sides and the dogs will harass these. I think this area is not suitable. Something closer to Pokeno village would be much better.	
27	Claudia	Duffus	Yes	Pokeno is growing rapidly and dogs need to have the opportunity to stretch their legs and play with other dogs without the restraint of leashes or tiny backyards.	The use of the Pokeno Domain is great as it is not in a highly populated area, has trees for shade and is a beautiful but under utilised area.However, this area must be connected by footpaths from the Pokeno Township and new subdivisions, otherwise it is unsafe to walk there and hence can only be accessed by car safely, which would minimise the amount of people who would use this facility.Also more parking would be required as this is very limited, and cause problems when the tennis club is being used.
29	Amanda	Robertson	Yes	I would just like to submit my opinion on the dog walking area in Pokeno I think it's a great idea and should defiantly go ahead.	
31	Maria	Moselen	Yes	I think the locations are great and yaaay somewhere else to walk my doggy.	
32	Kimberly	Dow	Yes	I think it would be fantastic to have an off leash dog exercise area in Pokeno. There are lots of local residents in Pokeno and having an area the dogs can have a good run and play with other dogs and responsible dog owners is a great idea.	
34	Pip	Hackett	Yes	Need for a dog exercise area locally	
36	Lesley	Cooper	Yes	Dogs need a safe open area where they can run and just 'be dogs' Most sections in the pokeno aren't big enough for dogs to have a good run around and there is no opportunity for them to safely socialise with other dogs. The area in Pokeno will cater for both Pokeno residents and the Kowhai Downs subdivision. We are about to build in the area and would love a dedicated dog exercise area.	Public areas like this are a great way for people in the community to get to know each other as well as their dogs ! We need as much open space in subdivisions so we can all get out and enjoy our local community.
37	Simon	Perry	Yes	We are dog owners with three dogs. We have nowhere to exercise them, the nearest place is Cambridge	
39	Diane	Wynne-Jones	No	The location is stupid. The area of subdivision is 2 kms from the proposed site so people would either have to get in their cars to drive the dogs there or walk there (2 kms) in which case the dog has already been exercised. The idea is good but should be within a short walking distance of the populated subdivision where it is most needed and where the houses are all on small sections.	

40	Melanie	Epere	Yes	Would love it if there could be an off leash area for dogs to play in Pokeno. I like the area selected, looks good and still handy enough to Pokeno township. As long as it's fully fenced, there are rubbish bins and maybe bag dispensers for poop scooping that'd be great. (Hopefully users would be responsible enough to use both)	
41	Bob	Holderness-Roddam	Yes	I have a Google alert on dog parks, as this is one of my research areas. As a life long dog owner-carer, I fully support the provision of properly designed, planned and managed off-leash dog parks.	There are, however, a couple of issues with dog exercise areas alongside rivers. These are:1. Erosion of river banks by regular entry/exit of dogs. The Itchin Navigation in England dealt with this problem by constructing concrete entry/exit points for dogs into the river.2. Dog faeces in waterways. This may result in increased nutrients, leading to algal growth. It is also recognised that mammals such as otters and seals are susceptible to diseases such as canine distemper, parvo virus and leptospirosis. These may be transmitted by faeces from diseased dogs entering waterways. Whilst I realise there are no otters in NZ, seals may become infected if enough contaminated water reaches estuaries.
42	Rachelle	Baker	No	They are too far away from the majority of residents in Pokeno, walking access is hard as there is no footpath and they are surrounded by livestock and inadequate fencing to ensure that the dogs would not get through and attack sheep etc.	I would really love there to be a dog exercise area in Pokeno but feel this proposed site is a poor choice for the above reasons. Somewhere closer to the majority of residents would be preferable.
43	Glenda	O'Donnell	Yes		
44	Jennifer	Miller	No	The proposed Pokeno dog exercise area is 1) too far and thus inconvenient from what is likely the majority of new residents and registered dogs. At present it requires a car trip from Pokeno Village Estate (PVE) and will be the same for those in the new Helensee block and the main town of Pokeno. 2) There is no footpath or available safe walking track to get there from the main Pokeno mainstreet area, PVE and Helensee block areas. This is a serious health and safety issue in addition to being an access issue as access requires a vehicle which will exclude some users. 3) The area currently has livestock there which is not suitable for a free dog exercise area. Similarly, the proposed site will require fencing to be upgraded. No comments for Tamahere as it is unlikely we will use it on a regular basis. Something more central to the main street and new developments should be considered in lieu of the proposed area? Perhaps in the walkway areas or closer to the highway between PVE stages? Something closer would likely be used more.	
45	Krista	Augustin	Yes	Dog exercise areas give dogs the opportunity to socialise with other dogs. Some properties don't have sufficient land for their dog to get enough exercise so getting a designated area will benefit both the dogs and help their owners get out exercising.	
47	Jenni	Fenwick	Yes	Yes please we would definitely make use of it regularly. Our dog loves the water all year around, and the roads around Tamahere aren't always footpathed for dog walks. Unless there's official dog exercise areas people often let their dog off leash somewhere convenient anyway which is disruptive to the general public.	

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48	Wendy	Sheridan-Smith	Yes	As a dog owner who always walks dogs on leash it would be lovely to have a dedicated area where our dogs can play and exercise with other dogs. It will add to the sense of community that Pokeno already has. We love living here and this park will just enhance all our lives - 2 legged and 4 legged.	We are very grateful to the thoughtful way that Pokeno is being developed, so far the heart of the place remains intact. We moved here because of the atmosphere we didn't want to move to an area without heart.
49	Jennie	Graham	Yes	We have a puppy and would love a safe off leash area to take her to have a run and a play with other dogs. Our daughter also frequently visits with her dog and would also love it.	
50	Juliet	McGurk	No	I live on Avon Road and we already have a lot of problems with noisy dogs. All the people in the vicinity have dogs and a lot of them bark all hours. I am concerned that we will have an increase in this noise. I also don't want to see an increase in traffic hurtling down our narrow road at 100km.	
52	chris	young	Yes	because it's a long drive to Leamington to the only other secure dog exercise area. Because the river is a beautiful resource that should be available to all. Especially in the summer, it'll be a good place for hot dogs to cool off.	
80	Jugum	Tayla	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
84	Rowena	Harper	Yes	It is a great idea to provide space for dogs to exercise - a great initiative. Not that we have one!!!!	Please could signage be erected so that dogs MUST remain ON the leash through the park / playground area. There are young children (mine included) who frequently run around this park. Whilst my daughter loves dogs, not all dogs love kids, and not all kids love dogs (my son)!!! Signage should point to the unleashed areas that you are proposing are for dog exercise along the river bank, please... NOT the park / playground. Signage should also require poo to be removed and placed in the bins provided. Hopefully most do, but it might pay to remind people! :-)
101	Yvonne	Caldwell	No	Although I am not particularly happy with the proposed Dog exercise area, I am aware that we must adjust to change, but being a neighbour of the Domain, I am also aware of its present use and wonder if it is wise to mix dogs with the grazing cattle, sheep and ground dwelling birds, ie Pheasants and Quail. If it is to go ahead, I believe that adjustments will be required, but imagine that these have already been considered. Will the area be confined and fenced off and gates put in place? Can you guarantee that gates will be closed after use? Will the area be mown? Will rubbish disposal facilities be installed? Will the local residents be pestered with barking dogs and anxious owners? Have the parking issues been addressed? There is some concern about Avon Road now that it has become a Bypass road from Pokeno to SH2. The traffic has greatly increased with heavy traffic joining the cars. Would a special parking area be a wise move? The present user of the Domain must be commended for her dedication in keeping the area in its present pristine condition, she must be consulted to see that this plan works in with her animal care and continued use. When the large Pokeno Sub division was planned, why were there no plans	Incidentally, what has come of the proposal to open a Park Over area for Motor Homers in the Domain? Maybe this could be considered at the same time!

				for a park provided ?Surely this is an oversight. I'm sure that I have overlooked some issues, but others will have picked up on them.	
113	Sharon	Fisher	Yes	There are not enough off lead dog areas. I personally believe it is not right to have dogs on leads and call it exercise they need to run and be free!	We also require an off lead area in Matangi as currently nothing has been organized and it is a fair distance to travel each day to exercise dogs. Each community should have some area to make sure dogs are kept happy and healthy
114	Ursula	Edgington	Yes	Dog ownership promoted health and well-being to local residents, especially for those elderly people without other companions and those suffering from mental health problems. Please help support more dog-friendly areas (which are free from the ubiquitous poisons in other areas of NZ) where people can go to enjoy with their pets and families. We also need proper dog-poo bins and easy access for wheelchairs and buggies. Thank you!.	
120	Stacey	Ryland	Yes	Having this dog exercise area in Pokeno would be hugely beneficial since there are so many dogs registered in this area, to have a park so close to everyone would be amazing. Also the fact the Pokeno is growing so rapidly its planning ahead for the future.	
122	Aaron	Pitcaithly	Yes	We have trained and owned many dog throughout our time and even more growing up with family. The most important factor in training is socialising with as many dogs and people as possible, especially within the first few months of getting your new dog. We come from a Council in Victoria where an enclosed(double gated) area exists with basic agility course, water fountains and various different types of surfaces(rocky,sandy, uneven etc.) for the dogs to explore. Our main support is for an area in which we are surrounded by people who are not afraid to experiment with their dogs.	See original submission for a shared link.
123	Melanie	O'Shannessey	Yes	Pokeno needs somewhere to let dogs off to run and play.	I would really like to have somewhere on the estate that I can let my dogs off leash as the proposed area is too far away to walk to easily. Ideally a fenced area to keep them from running onto the road.

124	George	Clark	Yes	<p>As a resident and ratepayer living in the Te Awa Road, Tamahere area for the last 24 years, and as the owner of two small dogs, I support the proposed Tamahere dog exercise area for the following reasons: - The proposed area along the Waikato River is a serene and picturesque walk and the only local walk area away from the roads where vehicles often exceed the speed limit, and can be dangerous for pedestrians walking dogs due to the natural lack of footpaths (which are not expected anyway in the country).- Dogs like humans do need (and demand) a lot of exercise. As caring owners, we walk our dogs twice a day, usually along the path along the river.- It is important for dogs to have some degree of freedom off the lead but in a controlled manner. The river path is an ideal environment for this purpose.- The proposed exercise area on council/public land is well clear of residences adjoining the walkway. In the years of walking along this path the only issue we have encountered has been one resident (illegally) putting a fence and gate across the public walkway and the dogs owned by that same resident constantly running down and barking at anyone and their dogs trying to have a peaceful walk. As we used to own three dogs and we met all the WDC requirements regarding fencing etc for our property, we found it extremely aggravating that these dogs were such a nuisance and were not properly fenced or controlled.- Other owners of dogs that we know in the vicinity of the proposed area are all very responsible residents and their dogs do not create problems.- Without this proposed area for dogs off the leash, we have nowhere else close by to allow dogs to exercise to the full extent that they need.Thank you.George Clark</p>	
125	Richard	Sisan	No	<p>I think the area is too good of an area to be a dog run. It is better left as a park, it has good micro climate for the trees. A filled in quarry or rubbish tip would be an ideal area. Holcims quarry is finishing up soon so that would be an ideal space. If there are 70 dogs at Pokeno now which will increase over the time this could cause problems with dog fights etc.</p>	
136	Kaye	Dowling	Yes	<p>Hi we own land that borders the Pokeno Domain and received a letter informing us of the proposed dog exercise area We have no problem with the Domain being used for that purpose but we have cattle and sheep and think that it is paramount that the boundary fence is suitable so even the most agile dog can not get over or through it The fence at the moment is in terrible condition and we have been meaning to contact the council about it since we bought the property 2 years ago. On several occasions we have had the cattle grazing the domain come through into our property and its quite difficult to then separate them from our animals. At this time of year it is worse as we have had more grass than the domain and the cattle have broken through to our property and not wanted to go back. there is a gate but very difficult to open. I look forward to talking to someone about this and the Dog area. I can be contacted on 021 2735577 thanks Kaye and Robert Dowling 48 Baird Road R D 1 POKENO</p>	

Open Meeting

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
From	Sue Duignan General Manager Customer Support
Date	5 September 2016
Prepared by	Megan May Animal Control Team Leader
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1603045
Report Title	Adoption of Section 10a Report

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 10a of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires each territorial authority to report on the administration of the Dog Control Policy adopted under section 10 of the Act and also the dog control practices for the last financial year.

Once adopted, this report will be forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government and will contribute to the national animal control data which is available for public viewing.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support – Adoption of Section 10a Report be received;

AND THAT the Section 10a Report is approved for forwarding to the Secretary for Local Government.

3. BACKGROUND

The attached Section 10a Report provides the required animal control data to contribute to the national database. On adoption by council, the report will be forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

The Section 10a data becomes more relevant when compared to previous years as per Table I: Key Data 2014/15 and 2015/16. Long term trend data will now be collected and analysed.

Table I: Key Data – 2014/15 and 2015/16

Requests for Service	2014/15	2015/16
Dog Nuisance	274	310
Stray/Trespass	473	381
Property Visit (owner classifications/unregistered etc)	476	869
Dog Welfare	44	73
Trap Required	35	38
Dog to Collect	498	113
Dog Attack	225	345
Total number of Complaints	2149	2129

Classifications	2014/15	2015/16
Total Number of Probationary Owners	0	0
Total Number of Disqualified Owners	5	12
Total Number of dogs classified as Dangerous	10	11
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under S31(1)(a)	2	2
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence S31(1)(b)	7	8
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing S31(1)(c)	1	1
Total Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing	201	177
Menacing under S33A(1)(b)(i) by Behaviour	49	50
Menacing under S33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	0	0
Menacing under S33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	152	127

Registration	2014/15	2014/15
Total number of known dogs	13,776	14,621
Total number of registered dogs	13,654	12,531
Percentage of registered dogs	99.14%	95.78%

Infringements Issued	2014/15	2015/16
Number of infringements issued	800	854

Prosecutions	2014/15	2015/16
Number of prosecutions initiated	7	1
Number of prosecutions completed	0	9

Impounded Dogs	2014/15	2014/15
Total number of impounded dogs	1252	1210
Impounded dogs returned to owner	588	546
Impounded dogs euthanized	476	400
Impounded dogs rehomed	188	264

In comparing two years of data there are some emerging trends.

- The statistics show a significant increase in property visits and a large decrease in dogs to collect. This is due to staff recording all unregistered dog/education visits to ensure that this history is recorded against the owner.
- There has been a slight reduction of 3.5% on registration compliance compared to the previous financial year – 95.78% to 99.14%. Although this number reduced, the overall known dogs within our district increased by 845.
- In the past two years, our education approach has become more of a priority which has had a positive impact on compliance throughout our district. This is shown in a slight overall reduction of service requests which has enabled us to focus on education. In the 2015/16 year we undertook 34 education visits to schools and other community groups in our district.
- We have also had a slight reduction in the number of dogs that have been impounded. From the dogs that have been impounded, it should be noted that the outcomes for these dogs has improved with a large increase of adopted dogs and a reduction of dogs that are euthanized.

4.2 OPTIONS

The Council has a legal requirement to provide the report to the Secretary of Local Government. If required, some amendments could be made to the report prior to it being forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

There is no financial implication of releasing this document.

5.2 LEGAL

The Section 10a Report is a legal requirement as detailed in the Dog Control Act 1996 and is required to be submitted to the Secretary of Local Government.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

This report aligns with the requirements of the Dog Control Policy 2015

5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

The Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by this activity.

6. CONCLUSION

As per Section 10a of the Dog Control Act 1996, each territorial authority has a requirement to provide a report of their dog control activities each financial year. The attached report meets the requirements of this legislation and therefore needs to be submitted to the Secretary of Local Government.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Waikato District Council Annual Report on Dog Control for the year ending 30 June 2016

Waikato District Council

ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

The Report

Section 10A of the dog Control Act 1996 requires each territorial authority to report on its dog control policy and practices, and provide statistical information.

This report covers the year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and provides the information as detailed in the legislation.

Dog Control in the Waikato District

The Waikato District Council had a known dog population of 14,621 as of 30 June 2016 which are owned by 9058 owners. Our district is spread between both urban and rural areas with approximately 20% of the total registered dogs in the district being on a property of more than 20 hectares.

Dog Control within our district is implemented pursuant to the Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy 2015 and Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2015.

Resources

Waikato District Council employs a total of 11 staff which is comprised of 1 team leader, 8 Animal Control Officers and 2 Pound Keepers that clean and maintain 2 pound facilities – 1 in Ngaruawahia and 1 in Pukekohe. We are also supported by a regulatory administration team with 1.5 staff members dedicated to animal control.

Dog Control Enforcement Practices

Waikato District Council offers a seven day a week/24 hour service with staff working a roster to cover after hours emergencies. We responded to over 2000 complaints from members of the public which ranged from dog attacks, threatening dogs, barking nuisances and roaming complaints. Many offences against the Dog Control Act 1996 and The Dog Control Bylaw 20015 were identified during proactive patrols during daily routine activities by our Officers. As a result of these complaints and proactive patrols, nearly 1200 dogs were impounded at our 2 facilities.

A significant number of our complaints relate to stray dogs either trespassing or roaming which are dealt with by either education, impounding or infringement notices if it becomes an ongoing issue.

For registration and micro-chipping offences we may offer a “diversion period” of 14 days which is at the Officers’ discretion and is based on past history of the dog owner. This has proven to be a useful tool to gain compliance.

Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

In 2010 Waikato District Council was merged with a portion of Franklin District Council. As a result of this, we had two separate policies and bylaws to enforce. During the 2014/2015 year, we reviewed these documents and following consultation with our communities, we developed a district wide policy and bylaw to create consistency in Dog Control. The emerging documents specify the following areas as prohibited, off leash and on leash/supervised areas.

Prohibited Dog Areas

- CBD Huntly
- CBD Ngaruawahia
- A recreation domain area in Raglan
- Within 10 metres of permanently installed children’s play equipment
- Areas which are developed or marked out as sports fields.

Off Leash Exercise Areas

We have 5 fenced parks within our district that are designated as off leash dog exercise areas. We also have a number of other unfenced areas where dogs can be run off leash but under control.

On Leash/Supervised Areas

As a result of our policy and bylaw review in 2015, restrictions were changed around dogs in three CBD areas of local towns. These were Tuakau, Te Kauwhata and Raglan. These areas are now specified as on lead but should not be tethered and/or left unsupervised.

Dog being exercised in all other areas not specified above are required to be on a leash and under control at all times.

We are also in the final stages of engagement to potentially designate an additional two reserves as off leash, exercise areas. One of these is in Pokeno and the other in Tamahere.

Dog Registration and other fees

Waikato District Council have a scaled fee structure for registration that rewards dog owners who have been offence free, have continuous registration history and meet the property requirements specified within our policies.

We also set impounding, seizure, sustenance and micro chipping fees at a rate to ensure that we run a user pay system and dog owners that offend contribute significantly to the cost of providing an animal control service.

A reduced registration fee was given to dog owners who registered their dogs prior to 20 July and 78.97% of dogs within our district were registered by 1 August 2015.

As a result of registration fees and income from compliance and enforcement action in the form of infringements and seizure of dogs that remained unregistered, 52% of our cost of operation is covered through fees and charges. The remaining 48% was covered from General Rates Funding for the 2015/16 year.

Dog Pound Facilities

Waikato District Council owns a pound facility at Ngaruawahia where 36 dogs can be kept. For the 2015/16 registration year, we also leased a pound facility from Auckland Council in Pukekohe. This facility can hold an additional 40 dogs that services our dog owners in the northern part of our district.

Both pounds are maintained by staff that are qualified in animal care and have the skills necessary to handle dogs of all nature and maintain a high standard of cleanliness within the facility.

In the last financial year, staff have focused on rehoming as many dogs as possible. This has resulted in an increased percentage of impounded dogs being rehomed and a reduction in euthanasia rates. This has been possible through our increased public profile and by working with numerous rescue organisations throughout the country.

Key Data – as of 30 June 2016

Requests for Service	
Dog Nuisance	310
Stray/Trespass	381
Property Visit (owner classifications/unregistered etc)	869
Dog Welfare	73
Trap Required	38
Dog to Collect	113
Dog Attack	345
Total number of Complaints	2129

Classifications	
Total Number of Probationary Owners	0
Total Number of Disqualified Owners	12
Total Number or dogs classified as Dangerous	11
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under S31(1)(a)	2
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence S31(1)(b)	7
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing S31(1)©	1
Total Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing	177
Menacing under S33A(1)(b)(i) by Behaviour	50
Menacing under S33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	0
Menacing under S33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	127

Registration	
Total number of known dogs	14,621
Total number of registered dogs	12,531
Percentage of registered dogs	95.78%

Prosecutions	
Number of prosecutions initiated	1
Number of prosecutions completed	9

Infringements issued		
Sec	Offence	Number
18	Wilful obstruction of dog control officer or ranger	7
19(2)	Failure or refusal to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars	1
19A(2)	Failure to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars	3
20(5)	Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by the section	113
23A(2)	Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or	0

	dog obedience course (or both)	
24	Failure to comply with obligations of probationary owner	0
28(5)	Failure to comply with the effects of classification of dangerous dog	0
32(2)	Failure comply with the effects of classification of dog as dangerous dog	3
32(4)	Fraudulent sale or transfer of dangerous dog	0
33EC(1)	Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as menacing dog	24
33F(3)	Failure to advise person of muzzle and leashing requirement	0
36A(6)	Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog	7
41	False statement in relation to dog registration	0
41A	Falsely notifying death of dog	0
42	Failure to register dog	588
46(4)	Fraudulent procurement of attempt to procure replacement dog registration label or disc	0
48(3)	Failure to advise change of ownership	0
49(4)	Failure to advise change of address	0
51(1)	Removal, swapping, or counterfeiting of registration label or disc	0
52A	Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	83
53(1)	Failure to keep dog under control	24
54(2)	Failure to provide proper care and attention, to supply proper and sufficient food, and to provide adequate exercise	0
54A	Failure to carry a leash in public	1
55(7)	Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	0
62(4)	Allowing dog known to be dangerous to be at large unmuzzled or unleashed	0
62(5)	Failure to advise of muzzle and leashing requirements	0
72(2)	Releasing dog from custody	0
Total Number of Infringements		854

Impounded Dogs	
Total number of impounded dogs	1210
Impounded dogs returned to owner	546
Impounded dogs euthanized	400
Impounded dogs rehomed	264

Open Meeting

To	Policy & Regulatory Committee
From	Gavin Ion Chief Executive
Date	6 September 2016
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1603513
Report Title	Chief Executive's Business Plan

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive's Business Plan is a summary of progress on the Chief Executive's Performance Agreement which took effect on 1 July 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive – *Chief Executive's Business Plan* - be received.

3. BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive's Business Plan is a summary of progress on a number of issues targeted by Councillors.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

The Plan is a summary of progress on specific issues. It enables staff and Councillors to focus on the big issues and ensures that attention is given to those things that really matter. The Plan is in line with the Chief Executive's Performance Agreement for 2016/2017 which was adopted in June.

The Council recently approved a list of key stakeholders which will be used to provide feedback on the performance of the Chief Executive.

4.2 OPTIONS

The list of projects has been agreed by Council.

The Plan is consistent with the Chief Executive's Performance Agreement recently approved by Council.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

Any identified financial implications will be raised with Council as needed.

5.2 LEGAL

As part of undertaking the work detailed in this plan, Council needs to ensure that the approach taken is consistent with the Purpose of Local Government.

In other words, to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

This report contains the strategic issues that Council is focused on. The Chief Executive's Business Plan has been updated to align to the Chief Executive's Performance Agreement.

Iwi and Tangata Whenua have been, or will be consulted on at least some of the key projects or initiatives referred to in the report. Iwi involvement is intended as part of the list of key stakeholders.

The projects in the list link to at least one community outcome or wellbeing. They also link to at least one LTP key goal.

The list has been updated in line with the Chief Executive's Performance Agreement agreed in June.

5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

The report does not trigger any concerns about significance of the projects being discussed.

Highest levels of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The report provides a summary of what progress is being made on the various issues. It is for information at this stage of the year.				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
		✓	Internal
	✓		Community Boards/Community Committees
	✓		Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
	✓		Households
	✓		Business
			Other Please Specify

The assessment depends on the issues involved.

6. CONCLUSION

The schedule summarises progress on the key issues agreed with Council.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Chief Executive's KPI worksheet.

Chief Executive's KPIs

Key project/priority	Key deliverables/KPIs		Progress	Final Achievement Met/Not Met
1. Responsiveness and resolution of Service Requests logged (linked to LTP key goal of community engagement)	1.1	Completion of service requests within set timeframes for the year > 90%	1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90.59% of service requests for the year to 31 August 2016 have been completed on time.
	1.2	The total of overdue service requests <110 on average for the year.	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total overdue service requests (against completion target) averaged 121 at the end of August 2016.
2. Reduction in carry forward works (linked to LTP key goals of affordability and community engagement)	2.1	Reduction in controllable carry forward works by more than 10% in dollar terms for the year ended 30 June 2017 (e.g., non-controllable projects such as development contribution funded projects, grants and donations and discretionary funds are not included in this calculation).	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is commencing on the 2016/2017 work programme. Outstanding projects from 2015/2016 are being worked on in order to tender and complete these projects during this financial year.
3. Regional Initiatives – undertake works across councils and across the Waikato Regional that promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficiency Common purpose Affordability Collaboration Community engagement 	3.1	Waters Review – Develop and implement an agreed process for the Waters CCO, subject to Council's decision.	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration is being given as to how to inform the incoming council about the project and the journey so far. Work has also commenced to identify how to progress this project to public consultation should the incoming council wish to proceed. Our recent submission to the Local Government Bill sought to address some outstanding issues

Key project/priority	Key deliverables/KPIs		Progress		Final Achievement Met/Not Met
(Linked to LTP key goals of affordability, economic development and community engagement)				(development contributions, polls, rates rebate scheme, for example).	
	3.2	<p>Waikato Plan – Demonstrate the impact the Chief Executive has made in relation to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waikato Plan - Regional Sports Facilities Plan <p>Which is consistent with Council’s aspirations and expectations.</p>	3.2	<p>The Chief Executive has played a part in encouraging Iwi involvement in the Waikato Plan.</p> <p>He is also actively involved in the Chief Executive’s steering group for this project.</p> <p>Of the ten councils involved in the Regional Sports Facility Plan, nine have now signed the Memorandum of Understanding. This has been driven by the Chief Executive.</p>	
4. Economic Development – the District grows and prospers (linked to LTP key goal of economic development).	4.1	Agree an Implementation Plan for 2016/2017.	4.1	A full report on progress was provided to the August Strategy & Finance Committee meeting.	
	4.2	The agreed projects in the Implementation Plan are delivered by 30 June 2017.	4.2	Regular updates will be provided to the Strategy & Finance Committee.	
5. Roading Alliance – Council has let a \$150 million contract to the Alliance with Downers/HEB for the delivery of road maintenance and related services (linked to the	5.1	The financial performance of the Waikato District Alliance is such that a gain share payment is due at the end of the financial year.	5.1	This is an end goal which both Council and Downer will be working to achieve throughout the year.	
	5.2	Achieve 80% of targets set in the Waikato District Alliance	5.2	Of the 30 targets set for the Alliance:	

Key project/priority	Key deliverables/KPIs		Progress		Final Achievement Met/Not Met
LTP key goals of affordability and community engagement).	5.3	key performance indicator dashboard. Provide a report to the appropriate committee on a monthly basis that covers all aspects of the Alliance model.	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 cannot be measured as the results are based on trends and will only be available at the end of 2016/17 - 20 achieved target - 1 between 80-100% of target - 2 failed to meet target 	
<p>6. Transformational organisational change.</p> <p>- Outline what initiatives and actions are being undertaken to ensure an engaged and committed workforce (linked to the LTP key goal of community engagement).</p>	6.1	Implement all of the 2016/17 strategies for the Zero Harm Strategic Plan.	6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of the actions have been completed and some are ongoing. Regular updates will be provided on progress. 	
	6.2	An improvement of 4.75% or more is demonstrated in the engagement profile from the staff culture survey.	6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Staff Survey will be undertaken in early 2017. 	
	6.3	Undertake 360 degree feedback of key stakeholders, including developers, iwi, Audit & Risk Chair etc.	6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A suggested list of key stakeholders has been agreed. ▪ Work will commence on the engagement part of this project shortly. 	
	6.4	Develop an action plan for Council by 30 June 2017, in relation to improvements identified by the feedback.	6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The engagement by means of a survey will provide the feedback for the Action plan. 	
7. General Management	7.1	That the Audit and Risk Committee undertakes process reviews on targeted areas, and that any “red flags” are raised, discussed and	7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning is underway for the induction of the incoming council. ▪ The agenda is being prepared for the Audit & Risk Committee in September. 	

Key project/priority	Key deliverables/KPIs		Progress	Final Achievement Met/Not Met
	7.2	<p>incorporated by mutual agreement into KPIs.</p> <p>That the Chief Executive provides oversight in the implementation of the Open Spaces Contract.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Open Spaces Contract commenced on 1 August. The contract appears to be progressing satisfactorily, including the use of local sub contractors. ▪ Workloads within the organisation are high with consent numbers continuing at record levels (Building Consents up 34% in workload terms and resource consents up 33%). ▪ A meeting has been held with Pokeno Land Consortium to understand their pending requirements. 	

Open Meeting

To	Policy & Regulatory Committee
From	Gavin Ion Chief Executive
Date	9 September 2016
Prepared by	Tracey King Executive Assistant
Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	1603766
Report Title	2016 Meeting Calendar

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A monthly report is provided on the meeting calendar. Recent changes are incorporated so that Councillors are kept up to date.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Executive – *2016 Meeting Calendar* - be received.

3. BACKGROUND

Council has already approved a meeting timetable for 2016. It was agreed that I would provide a monthly update on the meeting calendar including as much relevant information as possible.

The Council timetable is, of course, unclear after the 2016 elections.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

As discussed, Councillors should rely on the latest calendar and dispense with previous copies.

The workshop schedule for the remainder of the Council term is as follows:

SEPTEMBER 2016

Tuesday 20 September	Tuesday 27 September
Policy & Regulatory 9am – 12pm Workshops 1pm – 4pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Plan Review 1pm – 4pm convened by Damon Mathfield 	Strategy & Finance 9am – 12.30pm Lunch 12.30pm Audit & Risk 1pm – 3pm

OCTOBER 2016

Monday 3 October	
Workshops 9am – 12pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TBC Lunch 12pm Council Meeting 1.15pm	

4.2 OPTIONS

Council could choose to approve the calendar or not. The idea of providing a monthly update is beneficial because there are a number of changes that arise on a regular basis. The calendars provide the most up to date information that we have but will not take account of short notice events.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

Nil.

5.2 LEGAL

Nil.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

The report is about keeping Councillors informed and up to date with regards to forthcoming meetings and workshops. Items discussed will cover a range of community outcomes and one or more of the four well beings.

5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Highest levels of engagement	Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consult <input type="checkbox"/>	Involve <input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborate <input type="checkbox"/>	Empower <input type="checkbox"/>
This report is for information only and to keep Council informed.					

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
		✓	Internal
			Community Boards/Community Committees
			Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi
			Households
			Business
			Other Please Specify

6. CONCLUSION

Council is being asked to receive and review a monthly update on the meeting calendar for the remainder of 2016.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.