

# Report to: Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board

Meeting Date: 5 May 2022

Subject: Approval of Site Location for Waiouru Playground



## Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board for the proposed site location of the Waiouru Playground.

## Significance and Engagement, Social Impact

### 2.1 Significance

This report does trigger the Significance and Engagement Policy specifically sections 5.1.1(a)(b)(e)(f)(g), 5.1.2(b)(c) and 5.2. However, the significance is considered a one – three impact as outlined in schedule 1 of the policy.

### 2.2 Engagement

In terms of schedule two of the Significance and Engagement policy, council staff have engaged with the community on previous potential sites and further engagement has been undertaken with the Waiouru Playground Steering Committee that has been established.

### 2.3 Social Impact

The purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 is to:

**“10 Purpose of local government**

(1) *The purpose of local government is—*

- (a) *to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and*
- (b) *to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.”*

- 2.3.1 This report and any subsequent resolutions target the purpose of Local Government, as well as Council’s vision, focus, and community wellbeing outcomes.

## Background

- 3.1 In 2019, a community member of Waiouru approached an Elected Member about the possibility of building a playground in Waiouru.
- 3.2 From here, potential sites were identified by the previous Team Leader Community Property; a community meeting was arranged and a \$50,000 budget was allocated to this project.
- 3.3 The two preferred sites from the community at this time were either behind the police station or next to the public toilets along State Highway 1. Both locations would have required a lease agreement with NZ Police, as well as additional parking requirements.
- 3.4 A Waiouru Playground Steering Committee was formed in 2021 to progress the work and settle on a final location. During this time, Council staff were approached by members of the Waiouru Community to consider a site on the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) land.

- 3.5 The site was presented to the Steering Committee who voted unanimously in support of this location, over and above the other two sites. Representatives of NZDF were present at the meeting and answered any concerns members had. Attached to this report (Attachment 1) is an overview of all three sites and their current benefits, immediate and future development requirements, plus additional comments for consideration.
- 3.6 As detailed in Attachment 1, the NZDF site requires the least amount of development. There are shops, a community hub, the swimming pool, doctors, after school care and a skate park all within the vicinity. Waiouru School is also located just around the corner. Council staff are in agreeance with the Steering Committee that this is the preferred location of the three options presented.

<b>Discussion</b>
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- 4.1 8 April 2022, Council staff met with two representatives of NZDF to conduct a site location walk over.
- 4.2 The proposed site is located on NZDF land, across the road from the Four Square, and next to the Doctor and After School Care facilities.
- 4.3 The site is very large and has potential for growth in the future should it be required.
- 4.4 Council staff also confirmed there will be a lease agreement in place and NZDF will maintain the playground area, meaning there will be no increased levels of service costs to Council and ratepayers.
- 4.5 Council staff have also confirmed that the site is open for public use at all times, other than in extreme circumstances, such as pandemics. It is important to note, that it was Council policy to close all playgrounds during the 2020 and subsequent lockdowns, and would do so again in the future should the need arise.
- 4.6 There is a small playground currently located on the site and if it is removed, there may be opportunity to relocate it somewhere else in the District. This would be a decision of the Steering Committee and NZDF.
- 4.7 Council staff view this as a good opportunity to partner with NZDF and members of the Steering Committee to deliver this long-awaited project for the community of Waiouru.

<b>Financial Implications</b>
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Is there funding in the current Long Term Plan / Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
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- 5.1 The budget for the playground is \$130,000. In comparison, the Taumarunui playground rebuild cost \$320,000. However, the Army has stated that it is willing to support the foundational and construction work and as this is where a lot of the expense lies; this will mean more of the budget can be spent on playground equipment.
- 5.2 Council has other pre-existing playground budgets that can be re-directed to complete the project, if required. Alternatively, a staged approach can be undertaken depending on the desired scope of the playground.

## Next Actions

- 6.1 Dean Hosking is the project Manager for this project and will work alongside the Steering Group to confirm the site plan and layout of the playground.
- 6.2 Construction will begin in Spring 2022.
- 6.3 Council staff will continue to update the Community Board on the progress of the playground via the Capital Works Report.

## Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board:

- 1 Receives the Report **Approval of Site Location for Waiouru Playground**; and
- 2 Approves the proposed site location, on Waiouru Military Camp, for the Waiouru Playground.



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## Attachment(s)

- 1 [Overview of all three sites for original consideration](#)

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