



10 January 2023

Nick Jacques



Dear Nick

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 24 November 2023 for information regarding the Purser Grove landscaping Project.

Purser Grove is a reserve that Hutt City Council decided to allocate some extra funds towards improvement of the site. The funds available are to be used for landscaping the reserve. The initial design was drafted by the officers as an efficient way to utilise and enhance the available open space.

Public consultation was initiated by way of a letterbox drop and an onsite visit, attached are the findings of this consultation with the neighbourhood. It was onsite that officers met with the Eponi & Fairfield Community Group. Through communicating with this group, it was decided that they would assist in undertaking a door-to-door consultation, the results of this are also attached.

At this point, officers have engaged a consultant to continue this work. They have assessed the feedback and went onsite for further observation and research to create the final design.

Please note that under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA all contact details and names of certain individuals have been redacted from attachments for privacy purposes.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



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Yours sincerely

Lucy Hodgins

Administration Support – Legal Team

Timestamp	Have you even been to Purser Grove Reserve?	Would you use Purser Grove Reserve more if it was landscaped?	What would you like to see this park used for, e.g. social gatherings, play, picnic, community garden or something else?	What do you think of the proposed landscape plan?	Do you have any other comments about the reserve?	Please provide your name and email address if you would like us to keep you updated with any news on this project.
5/21/2023 16:57:18	Yes	No	Families	Not great, Epuni school has good bike track.	No	
5/21/2023 16:58:45	Yes	Yes, and when family visited with kids	All of the above	Looks good		
5/21/2023 17:02:51	Only walked through		I like to see it used more for the families with younger children, an outing available to them within their local community.		Needs a decent playground	
5/21/2023 17:04:55	Yes	No, but good for others	Anything for community	Great!		
5/21/2023 20:09:10	Yes	Depends	Play for young families	Good	No	
5/21/2023 20:13:00	I didn't know it was there.	Yes, I think it would be a good resource in the future (when we have kids).	All the listed items are great suggestions. A good playground would be great.	Bike rack may not be needed as already one at Epuni School. Would be nice to have a playground for older kids.	Would like to see it sign posted so more people know it is there (including myself).	
5/21/2023 20:15:29	Yes	2 year old daughter would love it	All of the above. I have a young family. Would be great to have another park area close by and a bbq area would be nice.	Could add more bigger kid play as playgrounds only aimed at smaller kids.		
5/21/2023 20:17:06	Yes	Yes	Picnics, kids to play.	Could be relooked over, to add more playing area for bigger kids.	no	
5/21/2023 20:19:43	No never knew it existed.	Good for children	Play, picnics and community program	Was thinking it's not enough need more equipment for kids to play on.	no	

5/21/2023 20:22:36	Yes	Probably the same, more interested in more things to keep the kids entertained	Play, picnics, community gardens.	It's okay but it's not targeted at the kids playing. Would much rather more playground equipment.	It really needs to accommodate older kids	
5/23/2023 11:12:17	Yes	Yes	Let the people who'll use decide - family friendly space, filling a niche that isn't already on local community. We don't have kids so less likely to use it.	Simple.	No	
5/23/2023 11:15:26	No	Maybe	Let the people who'll use it decide - family friendly space, filling a niche that isn't already in local community. We don't have kids so less likely to use.	Supportive - love green spaces and planting of NZ natives to support our native birds.	no	
6/1/2023 20:08:42	No	Maybe	The main priority is a safe space for children with fun playground & activities. A concrete wall to hit/throw a ball against. If there is enough funding, then shade, more tables and seating.	Supportive - love green spaces and planting of NZ natives to support our native birds		
6/1/2023 20:14:40	Yes	Only if the landscaping made the park more private for users	Bike track & skate park & exercise area for teenagers.	Replacing the old path is not necessary. A new path would go around the reserve to connect the spaces or activities. the path/s should be wheelchair friendly.	The lack of shade does not make the reserve user friendly for elderly or parents with children in prams to watch their children enjoy the playground.	
6/1/2023 20:17:36	Yes	Landscaping does not make a difference. I have been in the area for 6 years.	As a community garden that belongs to residents rather than an organisation.	I would like to keep the bike track	No. Though I received a flyer in the mail.	
6/1/2023 20:21:44	No	If I had children, then maybe. Would probably go to Epuni School.	Community garden. Adult exercise equipment. Elderly exercise space. Somewhere to hit a ball against the wall. Basketball hoop.	It's nice to have a bike track.	I don't remember receiving a flyer asking for feedback.	
6/1/2023 20:26:10	Yes	I'm not sure, but landscaping will make no difference.		Keep as a pedestrian park only. The reserve doesn't require car parks.	Provide signage to the park	

6/1/2023 20:30:14	Yes		If the landscaping was safe for children	The park should be for children because they are isolated & there are no other facilities for them.	There is nothing wrong with the existing path.	Keep to the kaupapa of a family environment.	
6/1/2023 20:32:44	Not yet but I will do so		Yes for sure	Yes it will be nice	Great for kids and meet new people	No	
6/1/2023 20:40:43	Yes. Afternoon stroll through there		Definitely will, if it will be looked after, but that won't be a long term fix will it? Play area would be better	Kids and whanau enjoying a picnic. Kid friendly park for all ages, not just toddlers.	Picnic tables will be beneficial for the community. Proposed landscape is good but could see people dumping rubbish in it.	There is really nothing there for 12+ to do. Although there is the B.Ball court for them [at the school] not everyone plays B.Ball.	
6/1/2023 20:43:44	Yes		A bit of both	Nice park for kids. BBQs, picnic ??			
6/1/2023 20:49:22	Yes. Use picnic table and walk between Cambridge Terrace and Waiwhetu Road		Yes. Needs improved lighting, grass drained and mowed more often.	Mix of playground, picnic and maybe community garden.	Bike track does not make sense when school has one. Paths, garden, picnic area, dedicated dog area would be fine.	Better signage of NO DOGS or dedicated safe area for them.	
6/2/2023 10:25:24	Yes. Many times.		Yes. Definitely.	More play equipment & facilities for a wider age range. Bring back big swings, seesaws on springs, climbing structure.	Bike track and logs good. Need shade over playground. Such a large area, the playground could be bigger & better.	Grass can be boggy in winter. Really need shade in summer.	
6/2/2023 10:27:05	Yes		Yes	Picnic area, bike track, BBQ area and water park.	Could be more purposeful	No	
6/2/2023 10:30:29	Yes		Yes	Picnics. Community garden	A good improvement on the current park	Grass is often overgrown - needs more regular maintenance. No rubbish bins available would be great to have one or two. Better pram access from Purser Grove.	
6/2/2023 10:33:21	Yes		Yes	Maybe a water park and more play equipment for bigger children. A bike track similar to Avalon park.	It's okay	I go often with my children. I think upgrading it would be awesome.	

6/2/2023 10:36:26	No		Yes	Play, community gardens, gatherings	Okay. An area with play equipment would be best. Seated area with tables, Boring - needs a playground, lighting and pathways. Bike path is already at kura.	Fenced. Often dogs roam. Lighting - safety needs looking at. Needs regular mowing, often overgrown.	
6/2/2023 10:38:49	Yes. Very run down		Yes	Play		Needs better maintaining, has been let go.	

Three home owner responses on proposed Purser grove playground – from [REDACTED] 31/05/23

Person	Response	Theme
Person 1	<p>I also agree with the idea of having a dedicated pathway from gate to the Purser Grove so we will have access to additional parking spaces on Purser Grove. I understand it will encourage other people to use it as a shortcut but this is our only chance to have a proper access to the Purser Grove. We have to balance the risks vs opportunity. In my opinion, it's a good opportunity and less risky, considering we don't have any dedicated parkings, and it is getting harder to find a parking closeby on Cambridge terrace.</p> <p>Also, I have raised this issue with Hutt City Council previously as well that the grass does not get mowed cleanly and it is usually all over the place, I am hoping this won't be the case after the new design. But something they can be reminded of if possible please.</p> <p>Another important issue I have noticed, and happened a couple of times with me is that either people bring their dogs to the playground or the dogs were on the loose and roamed around the playground whereas it clearly states that the dogs are not allowed on the playground. It was so concerning that I have stopped taking my kids to this playground. So if we could please request the Council to put a clear sign with strict notice of no dogs allowed or something similar which could enforce this rule, that would be really appreciated.</p> <p>One last suggestion is if we can have a light and camera in the playground so it can be a secure area for everyone to use.</p>	<p>Better signage around no dogs in park or if allowed, create safe space for them and people/kids.</p> <p>Improved lighting</p> <p>Improved drainage</p> <p>Grass needs to be mowed more often</p> <p><b>Questioned plan design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am curious about the idea to have a bike track. Is there any clarity on whether this was something that was requested by the community? I can't help but think that upgrading the current playground or adding more picnic tables or seating would be a better option than a bike track at a park in such a location.</li> <li>upgrade the current playground or add some monkey bars / calisthenics bars nearby it also to make it a bit more functional.</li> </ul>
Person 2	<p>I think the idea of a path is a great idea</p> <p>And if it became an issue of a short-cut, we could explore a pincode lock (similar) for the back gate?</p> <p>Otherwise, it's great to see some development in the area :)</p>	<p>Dedicated path from playground needs to be explored to housing block but potentially might require a lock as private property walkway.</p>
Person 3	<p>my feedback on the actual design proposal would be to upgrade the current playground or add some monkey bars / calisthenics bars nearby it also to make it a bit more functional.</p> <p>No idea if that is within budget or anything but just an idea.</p> <p>I haven't actually received a letter regarding this however was aware given the sign up over at the park currently.</p>	

Person	Response	Theme
	<p>I don't have particularly strong feelings on the proposal as it stands, however I am curious about the idea to have a bike track. Is there any clarity on whether this was something that was requested by the community? I can't help but think that upgrading the current playground or adding more picnic tables or seating would be a better option than a bike track at a park in such a location.</p> <p>I definitely agree that drainage is a concern with the park as it stands, it's pretty difficult to cross from our gate when it has been raining.</p> <p>I do have some concerns if we were to have a path connecting the gate to the existing pathway there however as people who don't reside here could see this as an invitation to use our path as an alleyway (something I have seen on multiple occasions as it is). If there were to be a path it might need to be combined with the installation of a lock or a code or something on the gate to ensure it is only residents who are using it.</p> <p>Just some of my thoughts, feel free to ask if anything is unclear.</p> <p>Thanks again for sending this out,</p>	





23 April 2023

Janine Jones  
Parks Officer  
Hutt City Council

Submission on Purser Grove Reserve

As a local resident who often walks through this park, I have some ideas I would like to see in the upgrade.

My dream for this park would be to make it a place for all ages and to encourage families to use it for outings. Therefore I would like to see facilities for all ages to appreciate.

I would like to suggest the following facilities:

- A toilet

- A gazebo with seating and an electric push button barbecue

- Some play equipment for older children and maybe even fitness equipment for adults

- At least one shade tree

- Some attractive landscaping and paths, but not fruit trees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.



Would you use this reserve more if it was landscaped?

Yes, bring my grandsons.

What types of landscaping would you like to see?

What do you think of the proposed landscape plan?

Like the natural play elements

Do you have any other ideas on the design?

Could we have some more play equipment.

Do you have any comments about the reserve?

Love to see a two-step plan - landscaping + then  
more for families in time.  
Consider drainage

Please provide your name and email address if you would like us to keep you updated with any news on this project:

Would you use this reserve more if it was landscaped?

Definitely

What types of landscaping would you like to see?

A nice usable grass area.  
a good size pump track (~~something~~ something not too small)

What do you think of the proposed landscape plan?

Great

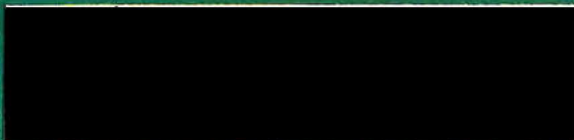
Do you have any other ideas on the design?

More drainage  
more lighting

Do you have any comments about the reserve?

Can't wait to see the new upgrades  
Quite timely to utilise the space

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Would you use this reserve more if it was landscaped?

Yes

What types of landscaping would you like to see?

Pump track ✓  
Shade trees ✓

Picnic seating ✓

What do you think of the proposed landscape plan?

Grosses ✓  
Specimen trees ✓

Clumped trees ? X

Do you have any other ideas on the design?

Build a modest sized, fenced dog park/area!  
- right sort of attraction, social, safe (if fenced)

Do you have any comments about the reserve?

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