

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK – PUBLIC COMMENTS

<p>What's Special About The Park</p>	<p>Culture & Heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many different cultures use it. • Heritage and history. • The unique pre-European history is one of the most special aspects of the park. • Great heritage values. • It has a rich and varied history – not necessarily well understood. • The Park’s history and picnics/sport outings with family. • The send of history – the American boys who went off to the nightmare of war in the Pacific, the iwi roots. • The marines memorial is just superb. I take heaps of visitors there.
	<p>No Cars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of motor cars. • Walking without cars sharing the space as in so much of this world. • Breathing fume free fresh oxygen.
	<p>Public Ownership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special because it remains in public ownership and hasn’t been flogged off to developers or private sector like Whareroa is likely to be. Needs to remain so. • A lovely big park which should be enjoyed by all. • It is owned by the <u>entire</u> community and its uses should reflect this.
	<p>Spiritual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sight of Kapiti from a silent dune, with the waves rolling in between. Such peace. It’s a place to collect and heal, for my spirit to calm and my mind and heart to reflect, with a backdrop of this and sea breezes and the pulse of the sea. This is precious beyond words.
	<p>NZ Park Values</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is unbelievably special and unique to discover in the midst of the rapid urban expansion of Paraparaumu and the press and congestion of vehicles on the local suburban streets and SH1 – to feel completely free of urban detritus – in a place that is so close to home – is a very unique gift. • Land without too many buildings. • Very NZ park, no vending machines, no shops, no cars (like in American parks) where these elements disturb the peace.
	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not crowded. • Native birds. • Generally the kind of people who use it – “the people from next door”. • The climate
	<p>Existing Uses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place to exercise. • A multitude of different walks. • A wonderful place for recreational walking. • Activities include horse rising and dog walking. • There have been some great family events there. • Variety of activities – walking, bike riding, swimming – all in a quiet and wild location. • The walkways and cycleways. It’s a great place to go to when you want to go mountain biking. • Undulating dune areas with interesting track connections. Walking and cycling.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for fun day events e.g. whopper chopper and the like.
	Family & Community Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options available for variety of ages – enjoying the views, walking, picnicking, biking, trams, beach and sea access. Facilities for family games. Quiet dells, peaceful walks in wonderful surroundings. • The summer weekends with families and community groups and laughter. The Samoan Church groups – from grandparents to babies. They sing and play games and they laugh and show the strength of their communities – a real joy. • Great picnic areas some secluded and great for families, others larger for bigger groups. • It's an extensive recreational area very close to our community. It's worth a great deal to our communities for this fact. • It's a universal feeling. • A green open space that needs to be preserved. Unique wetlands that have gone to development elsewhere. • The space, the coast, and the lack of disruption to the environment t.
	Vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous coastal vegetation. • A place to enjoy existing native trees and regenerating areas. • The restoration work is inspiring – literally encourages me to do more. • Restoration is amazing.
	Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its location. • Easily accessed by the public. Safe beaches. Walking tracks. • Easy, unrestricted access. • It's accessible to everyone and has a simplicity about it. • Easy access from Wellington, Paraparaumu, etc. • Proximity to Wellington City and main highway. Access. • Access for the public to the beach and sand dunes. • It is easily accessible from a number of places.
	Peace & Quiet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantastic open space x 2 • Peace and quiet x 4 • Quiet place to play. I can hear the birds and my own breath. • Peaceful green and blue environment. • I like the park's informal nature and ease of access. It is a great place to get away from the hurly burly elsewhere on the coast. It is a <u>QUIET</u> place! Let's keep it that way. • Wild and <u>quiet</u> with no cars. Safe for my children.
	Space & Future Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mixture of environments ideal for the sport of orienteering. • There is huge financial potential for a major casino in QE Park. There should be room for everybody's idea of recreation, including gamblers. • The ups and the downs (contours) of the dunes. Ideal for orienteering, jogging, cycling.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A terrific opportunity to create a unique, natural resource to off road eco/adventure/cultural tourism – now the No. 1 earner of overseas moolah in NZ!! • It is such a vast area – there is so much land available to be used for a diverse range of activities – not just by a <u>few</u> i.e. cater to all walks of life not just nature lovers. • The park has enough room to cater for all activities, walking to motor sports. • There is so much land available everyone should be able to use it!! • It's size – to cater for everyone's needs yet keep them separate. • It's large area can accommodate <u>so</u> many activities. • The size to provide major sporting events e.g. Moto X only needs small area. • Large Park with large areas of flatish land. This should be used for activities that may not be suitable on steeper parks. • There is enough land for all of the activities. Motor sport in the park. • It is a large area with the ability to satisfy a large range of needs. • That it exists. That it is close and accessible. That there is plenty of room there to accommodate a large range of future uses. That an open public process is happening to decide its future.
	<p>Natural Character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dunes. • The sand dunes. • The rugged (reasonably unspoilt) nature of it that has not been landscaped and developed. • Wild nature. • To be able to enjoy the natural environment without the distraction of the unnatural technical world. • Wonderfully wild and scrubby! Yes, I find this a welcome relief. • I love coming down Waterfall Road on a winter's morning when the park is covered with mist and I can look right over a foggy sea with trees looming through it. • The uninterrupted natural environment between the sea and the hills. • To see, on one glance, the sea's horizon, the hills to the west with the tiny cars on SH1 moving along soundlessly at a distance then the detail of diverse and seasonal vegetation at one's feet. • It has a great variety of terrain, catering for a variety of uses. • Variety of environment (dunes, bush, ponds, scrub) blends with the beach and sea and the hills above the highway. • The natural landforms. • Varied scenery, ideal for horse riding. Tranquillity.

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<p>What Aspects are Least Satisfactory</p>	<p>Ecological Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of riparian work being undertaken on Whareroa Stream and Wainui Stream. • Not replanting fast enough with natives. • Remove stock from park. Pollute streams cause erosion. • Lack of care for ecologically vulnerable places. More funding for upgrades. • There is not enough commitment to ecological values of the park and this delays the putting in place of a strong vision in relation to ecological values. • Limited planting of native flora and fauna. More money available for resources to plant native trees etc. • Erosion of dunes. Kids love to run up and down them, and who can blame them? But some sort of education and persuasion is needed to keep them off them. • Erosion of beach front dunes – plant to protect dunes. • The least satisfactory aspects of the park are the poor state of the streams. They need to be fenced to keep stock out. Weed needs to be controlled. Native trees need to be planted. Protect whitebait habitat. • Dune erosion. Plantings and fencing. • Erosion of the dunes. • The problem of erosion. Solution?? Insufficient native vegetation – increase plantings. Insufficient native bird life – planned introduction after food sources established. • The exotic plants and scrubby areas – could be replanted, step by step. • Lack of trees – plant more. A degraded stream(s) – answer is to fence off from grazing animals and plant up. • Quite a lot of scruffy vegetation. • The weed intrusion is immense in parts of the park. There appears to be little effort being made outside of the farmed area. The farmers appear to have been regularly carrying out weed control programmes, with little effect due to the enormity of the problem. • Under developed as a natural resource (native vegetation) (information/education) to attract eco-tourism e.g. wet lands boardwalk, forests trail (see Wilton Bush). N.B. Eco-tourists stay long term. • Lack of wetlands for bird migration. More wetlands. • A large area of the park is farmland – there must be other uses for some of this land.
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	Pro Motorcross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That other than friendly to the environment users are being considered. • No spectator friendly events that are active i.e. mostly passive activities occur. Allow use by greater amount of clubs – encourage diverse activities, sports, etc. • Need Motorcross back in the park. Land has been set aside for this purpose so make it happen! • The park is 640 hectares and therefore there is room for all sorts of activities. It is time the council encouraged more recreational use. • This recreational park is being turned into an Ecological Park.....get back to the original use. Ecology and conservation can exist with recreation. • The dominance of conservation and revegetation over active sporting and recreation has turned the park from a family park to one enjoyed by a few. Add a recreation plan to the management plan. Allow motor sport. • The area of land along SH1 is boggy and unusable at present. “Waste land” not currently used. Could be filled and used as a motor sport facility then it would be “used land”. • Under utility of space where clubs are crying out for land! • The farm is the least satisfactory. Could be overcome by a motor sports facility for young and older people to enjoy. • Motorcross has been in the park before and has had no adverse impact. Start encouraging this sport again. • I’m a female and while I don’t participate in motor sport, I enjoy watching and would be disappointed in small-minded people stopping others enjoying their sports. • Moves to change character of the park by upping CO2 and C) emissions. • Plan major and smaller activities in the area aside from the walkways and paths at beach front such as motor sport 5 (things the coast does not cater for), equestrians, other sports and activities not in coastal area. Motor Cross (only needs small area) yet generates and benefits community. • For many years there has been no motorised activities allowed in the park – the park needs to cater for all types of recreation in the community – not just a <u>select</u> few. Need to cater to today’s youth as well. • It can be seen from some comments made here certain aspects of the community feel a need to have exclusive rights to the park to pursue their own agendas. We, pro motor sports, are more than happy to share the park with all walks of life and other activities. • Not being used to its potential both recreationally and economically. Ideal place for motor sport events. • To be used by all 690 hectares. Plenty of room for all. (Including horses, cattle and sheep). More motor sport.
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	<p>Consultation & Community Participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have interested groups to become more involved in taking care and providing their facility for the benefit of the community as a whole. Could even be a motor sport facility adjacent to the noisy ST1. • Environmental degradation - community support to restore areas. • Left over munitions from the Yanks – dangerous to people, dangerous to environment. Clean it up! Give them something to do! • Lack of money to develop cultural (Maori heritage and promoter it). Too much European domination. • There could be a lot more education programmes relating to history – Maori & Pakeha. Ecology. • More consultation as you are doing. • More community involvement. • More environmental protection – continuing involvement of community. • More environmental protection to be achieved with community involvement. • Not enough history and environmental education. More classes and educational signs.
	<p>Whareroa Farm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whareroa Farm should be included to preserve environment. • There is a need for corridors from the park to the hills – both at Whareroa and Wainui. Also a link from the park to the Raumati escarpment. Ideally this will involve land acquisition. • Should incorporate Whareroa Sheep Unit across the road. • Whareroa Farm should be bought and preserved as an open space. • Not having Whareroa Farm as part of park. Buy it back! • I agree Whareroa Farm should be bought back and included as part of the park.
	<p>Farmland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very happy with the park as it is. I would like to see more of the park that currently is farmland, replanted in natives rather than just pasture. • The bare farmland and not enough activity for the area it has for such a long time. • Lack of access to farm areas especially to the north end. • The least satisfactory aspect of the park is that two thirds of it is currently leased for grazing and is unavailable for conservation and recreation. The options to overcome this involve phasing out the farm leases and using the freed land for a major “redevelopment through revegetation” programme that would serve both conservation and recreational ends by making the park a more beautiful place to do more of what people already enjoy there – walk, cycle, ride horses and relax in a natural environment. • Too much farmland. Reclaim it as part of park as wetlands.

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	Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear defined marks of historical significance in park. Only notices 2. • More promotion of what's there. • Information bays showing how plantings are being implemented in terms of a restoration plan for the park. • A publicly accessible display showing what the land once looked like and future plans to restore certain areas. • The sign board maps don't necessarily reflect the tracks that are actually on the ground. • Perhaps more signage and other info to deter people from destroying the dunes (children and others often seen sliding down the dunes). • You aren't getting the views of the <u>thousands</u> of tourists who visit the park for its natural and ecological values.
	Miscellaneous 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need them. Keep cattle out of the park. • Horse droppings – restrict the horses to one paddock. • The park can be many things to many people but above all it is a place where people can enjoy recreation in a healthy, relatively pollution-free environment. It is accessible to a substantial population. It is mostly free to the user. It is a buffer between areas of population. • Need assurance that horse riding can be continued – dogs, horses enjoy parks too!
	Miscellaneous 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking alone but I do it anyway because the place is too good to miss on a fine day. • Depletion of non-renewable fossil fuel imports! • Not enough people to rave onto about how wonderful, unique and special it is, i.e. those who haven't been there aren't interested in discussing someone else's travels.
	Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The removal of sporting activities from the park e.g. sports fields decommissioned, changing rooms demolished. • Lack of cycleways and walking tracks. More money for resources to develop these. • Lack of rubbish bins. Lack of promotion. • Get rid of the power poles. • It would be nice to be able to get a cup of tea or coffee – or even just a drink of water. • Lack of toilet facilities, rubbish bins – 8 in total for over 4,000 people in one day. • Not enough development of the unique heritage content .e.g. WWII displays? Kids fitness assault course? To attract culture-tourism. N.B. Culture-tourists stay long term.
	Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern entrance – bigger parking area. Sign posted from SH1. • Access via SH1 north or south. Sort out Mackay's Crossing alternative access – ongoing. • Accessways on either side, widening roads.
	Funding & Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough staff and funding to achieve current management plan let alone a new one. • The park is not managed according to the park plans or to any of the many reports and recommendations from them, rather the wishes of 'vocal' pressure groups who influence the rangers. • Not realizing, recognising, understanding the values, intrinsic of the concept of the park management

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		<p>plan – ignoring the stated principles. Solution – go there and walk it just for one day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent history of management has been too inflexible e.g. Boy Scouts were denied permission to hold a trolley derby a few years ago. Problem closed shop thinking. • Lack of money to develop the park, consistent with its current values – that is for passive recreation in a peaceful, quiet and environmentally friendly area. • The least satisfactory aspect of the park is that it is woefully underfunded, making it fall short of its conservation and recreational potential. The option to overcome it is for the Regional Council to spend on the park what the park deserves and what the community would support, were it presented with a vision of what the park could be, and what the community would gain from it.
	Younger People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to also appeal to younger people (sand dunes don't do it for them). • Large unused areas. Something needed to attract people back (sorry – don't believe visitation figures – every time I go there I'm virtually on my own!). Younger people – not just kids – want to be more involved than just having a picnic.
	Variety of Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of variety • While I agree that the “natural” aspects are important, for the park to be used by a greater number of the community, other activities should be allowed. • Lack of vision for developing areas of the park which are basically crap as far as environment is concerned and could be used for other activities. Park Management need to stop listening to Wetlands fanatics and retaining the status quo and zone areas more explicitly to allow <u>recreational</u> development, no reason why family entertainment activities e.g. fun park can't co-exist with the dune area. • Not enough specific areas for the range of sports and wetlands etc required to meet the usages wanted. There is enough land to cater for a whole range of activities be it Motor X, Biking, Walking, tree hugging, or whatever you like to do in someone else's backyard.
	Motor sport Against	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least satisfactory is pressure by 'single issue' motor sports lobby, for use of cheap public land – and the network plan allows this. Motor sport belongs in industrial areas, not in prime green spaces. • I think it is unsatisfactory that a motor sports facility is even being considered for the park. One major improvement would be for this kind of noisy, polluting activity to be forever banned from the park so that in future, it is not an option. • Motor sports are a minority interest, very gender biased and infrastructure • The fear that we will not retain it as a relatively unspoilt place.

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<p>What Opportunities Are There?</p>	<p>Multi Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance multi use of the park – walkers and environmentalists are not the only users of this great asset. • People have different ideas and aspirations. The park should be used to enhance as much of this both now and in the future. Cater for the unusual that has no other home. A balance of historical, green, motor sport and active outdoor sports as well as providing quiet areas.
	<p>Heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The small use made of the park in WWII is not even worth wasting money on a plaque and means nothing to anyone aged 50 or under. • Heritage opportunities – more extensive info available to visitors about iwi and US Marines activities. Some kind of interactive facility? Trails? Exploration possibilities? • A peace memorial to recognise the park's work as a WWII haven for kids about to go into battle and this country's commitment to work for peace. • Recreate the Whareroa Pa. Recreate the US Camp (in a small way). • More emphasis on original Maori habitation and culture – this could be a key part of a visitor 'info' centre. • Education about and recognition of Maori heritage. • Promotion of heritage – history, iwi, natural, childhood memories. • Rebuild Whareroa Pa. • More historical identification.
	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place to celebrate important community people (a wall of fame idea). • Combine culture and recreation. • Promote the area as <u>more</u> than just a park – but it would have to be more and provide more for more people for this.
	<p>No Motor Cross or Status Quo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is a great place for outdoor concerts, music, events. These should not however happen too often because they are noisy and lead to congestion on SH1. • Opportunity to maintain peace and quiet in the park. • Personally, I appreciate the park as it is – a place for walking, exercising the dog, beachcombing, cycling, picnicking. I don't believe we need every square metre of open land paved over and 'opportunities' organised for every one. I would like for future generations to have the park's vegetation and dunes managed well. I think maps and signposts could be used to indicate features of archaeological, historical and environmental interest. I would <u>not like</u> to have a motor sports facility there. • Continue to foster an equilibrium of people and environment. Develop activities that minimise environmental compromise. • Don't change it too much. • A continuing haven of quiet and restful recreation. • My 11 year old loves the park as it is – he walks dog and rides bike – no worry of cars. • Opportunity to promote passive recreation consistent with current values of the park. • Swimming, sunbathing, walking, horse riding, picnics, community group gatherings, camping, bird

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		<p>watching, cycling, dog walking, outdoor concerts – but without interfering with others requirements for recreation or the lives of those living close to the park. A relatively pollution free environment which most visitors appreciate. Fishing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to recognise some areas are sensitive by natures beauty. Some areas are wasteland. Some areas are not used at all. Offers opportunity for open
	Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International promotion of park for walking, cycling and running events – link into Wellington based promotions. • Promote co-operative use of tracks, between walkers and cyclists. Mountain bike competitions over the tracks – could be a national event. • Biking tracks for young people to keep fit and active – NZ'ers are getting too fat! Too much time spent in cars. • As a mountain bike user of the park, I believe the management plan could deal with full use of the park by mountain bikes instead of segregating them to certain tracks. What's good for dog walkers is also good for bikers. • Keep noisy activities out of the park but encourage unobtrusive activities such as cycle paths, walking paths. • Have guided walks with historical information. • Access for horse riding. • Encourage horse riding and trekking – develop excellence in this area. • Guided walks. • Continue to foster and grow as a great place to go mountain biking. • Animals – horses access to tracks, dogs walking, splashing in the sea etc. • More biking tracks. • Opportunity to link up a native corridor from Pukeru to Raumati, from the mountains to Kapiti – QEP in the centre, a pivot! (but we need Whareroa). • Greatly increase provision of good walkways and cycleways in the flatter areas of the park. • Links to the hills and mountains with the park a conduit for walkers, cyclists and horse riders – the ocean to the mountains. • Schools could be involved in planting. Jobs could be created – on site nursery, guides once it is worth visiting, outdoor education venue like a sort of Outward Bound, sports facilities. More planting and not just natives, some colourful trees. • Opportunity to develop cycleways and walking and running tracks in the area.
	Whareroa Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Whareroa in QEP. • Ecosystem conservation highly dependent on what happens to Whareroa Farm and the catchments. • Expand the park by the inclusion of Whareroa Farm. Good area for activities that require sole use – horse riding, horse eventing, motor cycle scrambles, car racing etc. Good access via Mackays.

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	Co-operative Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt open gateway plan!! • The use of the park should be graded – the noise generating activities be located adjacent to SH1/NIMT Railway with quieter activities located towards the beach. • Nature gateway proposal is a brilliant idea. Keep the park green and clean. • The council needs to meet with groups/clubs who could be potential users of the park to discuss their needs. They need to be unbiased. • Adoption of open gateway plan. • Limitless if we open our minds and allow family entertainment facilities where they do not interfere with the ecological and natural aspects. Both 'sides' if you like could easily work together and find a suitable compromise.
	Conservation Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for eco, adventure and cultural tourism. NZ lacks a <u>built</u> heritage so we must exploit our <u>natural</u> heritage by developing and enhancing our increasingly <u>unique</u> environment – the nature way. • Greenery of the park to connect ecologically with the hills and mountains behind. • See the dunes not just as a fragile land form but as the southern end of a major dynamic landscape extending right around to the Rangitikei. • Restore (native) plantings to bring area back to original state. Coastal dunes must be preserved. Link QE park with Whareroa Farm create corridor from sea to ranges. See green space is protected from urban sprawl. • A place to relax in peace and quiet to run and play and sleep and watch trees grow and listen to birds and the sea and enjoy the sun in silence. • The opportunity to enjoy peace, solitude, and exercise in a beautiful natural environment free of the noise, pollution and man-made ugliness that mars so much of the increasingly urbanised Wellington Region. • Restoration opportunity galore e.g. kahikateas, forest and swamplands, dunes, education bays on what to observe on ecological values. • To continue to learn from nature as it is – uncontaminated by urban experiences which are to be had just next door. • Increase the wetlands! • We are the guardians of the park. In the future open space will be a very precious commodity. We should protect the park so our children's children will be able to enjoy what we have today. • Initiate a planting programme to extend the existing forest remnant as a screen against SH1. • Native fish culture reserve. • Open spaces, safe walking and cycling areas need to be protected. Passive recreation. There is huge potential to keep motor sports out. • Mainland island to provide 'stopover' for bird travel between Kapiti island and Paekakariki Escarpment. • Planting more shade trees. • Replanting more of the park in natives, attracting the birds back to the area. A bird sanctuary would

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		<p>be a good idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans presented don't appear to take into account the vast wetland areas adjacent to SH1 that are heavily compromised by drainage. • Conserve the dunes. Always access to beach. • Opportunity to establish native flora and fauna. • Opportunities to recreate a peaceful spirit, after walking in a green and open space. • Keep it wild. • Open spaces as a value in <u>itself</u> (humans are not the <u>only</u> species). • Reparation work on Whareroa Stream. • Promotion of bird safe forests. • Links to other areas – Whareroa Farm and beyond – open space. • Preserve dune walks. Preserve passive areas. Eliminate gorse on power poles. Leave major trees. • Keep open space – think of what the needs are for youth. • A place to observe nature forever – belonging timelessness. • Opportunities to involve many communities (school kids, ethnic/cultural groups, corporate) in ecological projects. We all learn – to know each other, to care for the earth, to see our own potential for good, to see how with a bit of help nature is a powerful force. • We really must make the park a key link in the 'nature coast', • A coastal botanic garden centre and resource. • The opportunity to serve both conservation and recreational ends by revegetating as much of the park as possible. Conservation ends would be served by revegetation with <u>native</u> species to provide native bird habitat and to restore a remnant of a unique coastal dune/wetland/kahikatea swamp forest eco system. Recreational ends would be served by revegetation with native species through making the park a more beautiful place to do what people already enjoy doing there. • 103,000 square miles of NZ – please share this area – 690 hectares. • We need to enhance the streams and create more waterways. Create a walkway along the Whareroa Stream fence and plant natives. Create habitat for whitebait and native fish, eels. Etc. Both streams have good potential for white baiting – a good recreation activity. • Encouragement of birds by more planting. • Opportunities for continuing peace and quiet. A perfect opportunity to protect the park and environment for future generations so that they too can enjoy somewhere to go – away from the busyness and materialism of our daily lives. • The opportunity to prevent the development of activities that would spoil the natural vegetation and contours of the park. Replanting of areas that have lost their natural vegetation. The opportunity to have an area that is not taken over by industry, entertainment or any other development. • There is the opportunity to cater to a large sector of today's youth by providing a facility or facilities for motor cross and car racing to control the activities of today's young people in a controlled environment. The park is such a large area this need not infringe on others activities.
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	Motor Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for recreation are immense – motor cross, motor sport, auto cross, trials. • For me and the future generations, young people need motor sport venue, outdoor concept area, sports and other activities. • Wonderful place to develop for sport plus keep wide open spaces. • Opportunities to provide motor sports - moto x if size is limited, equestrian, other popular sports not catered in area. Sports which cannot develop as no other land or area suitable. We have large area of forest in this country for walkers. • A motor sport facility would be fantastic. Provide young people the opportunity to partake and observe in their local area rather than hours away. • If we listen to our young people – motor sports, sports fields, outdoor concert venue, rowing.
	Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Centre • Opportunity to compete with the Wairarapa for the ‘Wellington Weekender’ by providing a dynamic eco/adventure experience. • Develop an information centre on the ecology, birds, heritage, etc. • Develop recreational activities for now and future. Consider economic benefits to community. • Develop a visitor centre and encourage visitors. • An interactive multi media information centre for visitors to learn about the history of the area, ecology • Continue access for orienteering including the development of permanent courses. • There is an opportunity for sporting facilities in the peat areas and consolidated dunes north of MacKay’s Road, especially for sports that are consistently not catered for in the Wellington area, recreation is not just about hugging trees, looking at birds and walking the dog. • An information kiosk. • Restaurant in park. Perhaps at the mouth of Whareroa Stream. • Skateboard facility for youth. • With all the thousands of visitors coming to the park there should be an opportunity to put an Indian dairy apart from its use for practical reason, it is also now a New Zealand multi cultural icon. • Overnight parking for motor homes. Group camping area. Railways station – to allow Wellington City visitors to the park. • Clever use of lighting could make nigh time walks safe and entertaining. • Opportunities for new passive recreation are nearly unlimited, plus for instance a visitors centre for the wider region. • Could be opportunities for revenue – generating activities in allotted area (e.g. concerts, motor sport). • Music concerts, bird sanctuary, visitors centre. • Look to what the future sports are and provide facilities for these. • The opportunity to provide motor sports venue possibly equestrian centre, manmade lake (remote controlled vehicles), concerts, drive in movies (seasonal), dog training facilities, sports venues – don’t have to be for motorised sports. • Visitor ecological centre near MacKay’s Crossing – “Gateway” to Kapiti concept.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telescopes to look at the mountains and at Kapiti Island. • Strategically placed telescopes. • Develop educational component – tourism opportunities include Maori heritage, US Marines. • A visitor centre with a series of guided walks – history of Maori, history of WWII, ecological – just for a start. • Environment care – preservation of the dunes. • Kite sales and bike rentals. • Develop specific mountain bike trails and promote as an “MTB friendly” zone. • Visitor centre.
What Can The Council do To Meet Everyone’s Needs?	Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not easy – it would be easy to say base the needs on usage – however do we need rugby pitches when this sport is well catered for by local authorities. • Careful consideration will have to be given to the degraded water table levels, as result of stream deepening that has been carried out.
	Be Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don’t take sides – final decision is left to the community.
	Inclusiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By ensuring that the park is accessible to all in our community, no-one should be excluded because it does not fit with others ideas.
	Cannot Meet Everyone’s Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council can’t meet everybody’s needs – in a democracy you try to go with the majority while protecting the minority interests – good luck! • Decisions regarding precious land usage in Queen Elizabeth Park for motor sport are not suitable for teenagers to make. Generally they do not think about future consequences and are particularly self focused. • The council can’t meet everybody’s needs by promoting an open slather. • Does the council really think it’s possible to meet everybody’
	Use Existing Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council will never meet everyone’s needs. However they should endeavour to meet the proposed uses of the park as set out in the Management Plan and not discriminate against certain interested streams within the community i.e. motor sport. • They need to be ensure balanced use of the park, as required under the Management Plan. • This is not possible. It is essential that the needs which the council does meet are compatible with one another. Decisions are crucial. Never lose sight of the fact that this is a park.
	Economic Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How about considering the economic benefits to the community.
	Zoning and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensible planning. • The council can’t promote every group’s needs in the park by saying it’s a ‘recreation’ area in an open slather. Some recreational activities ‘noisy’ – car sport, some quiet – nature, just don’t mix. These activities belong in separate areas. A commitment needs to be made to a dominant use and only those uses that are compatible be permitted.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and extend the variety of environments allowing good access throughout. • Base decisions on good evidence and statistics. Act sustainably. Maybe can't be answered in one place. • Area of the park needs to be set aside for the differing needs for the community from quiet areas to active noisy recreation. The council needs to canvas all clubs for their requirements. • Look to the effect of activities and possibility of mitigation of 'adverse' effects – rather than at the activities themselves. • By separating the park into areas for different activities (thereby appeasing nature-lovers as well as other park users). • Providing working alternatives when first choice options aren't viable/available/logistical. Not just saying 'NO'.
	<p>Consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask. • Take this sort of discussion into schools. • Asking what the youth want and taking their opinions on board. • Get in touch with all sporting groups and recreational activities that are go-ahead and cannot be catered for anywhere else in the future e.g. moto x. • All interest groups be invited and encouraged to meet for a 1 day reccie of the park and explain to each other what their desires are and why in that particular area. Let's talk to each other rather than be suspicious of each other. • Look at what's lacking in the area for youth, young families. Do a mail referendum – NOT in the local papers – not many young people read them. Make sure a balance of use and activities happen there. • The council needs to meet/discuss with groups/clubs who are potential users of the park. • Consult with park users, with local bodies, with tourists. • Be open minded about submissions. Let the people make decisions not be opinionated. • They can't but they can have an open mind. They could also survey 400,000 assessed users for why they go there. • Be objective when dealing with all applicants.
	<p>Council Needs to Listen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is big enough to support passive and recreational use. Listen to all. • Can the council meet everybody's needs? Ensure everyone is consulted. • Listen to a wide range of views and wisdom, not just single issue motor sports lobby. • Listen – be fair, consult grassroots communities. • By listening to all members of the community (including children who will soon be the ones having to suffer our decisions). • The council should listen to as many people as possible. It cannot meet everyone's needs – some needs are diagrammatically opposite. • Listen to everybody, not just the vocal ones – be open-minded. • By listening to everyone so everyone gets a say. • Start listening to alternative viewpoints other than bowing to pressure groups. Start realising that they

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		<p>are only custodians of the park and start considering a vision of what might be with a little bit of foresight. BTW this is a great step (public meeting).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to ‘all’ users – multi use of the track system already exists, without too much disharmony. We all know how to deal with other users – just as we do in our communities and roads. Please do not segregate some users i.e. bikers to ‘back tracks’, this is unfair. • Give resources that recognise very large visitor numbers, ecological instability i.e. sand combing blows away.
	<p>Natural Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the ‘nature coast’. Ideal within the park. • With ‘needs’ go ‘responsibilities’ – exploit the resource by preservation, innovation and development, not depletion and degradation. • Maintain the natural environment – encourage re-planting. • Maintain the peaceful aspects of the park. This is important in a rapidly developing area. • Retaining the natural landforms. • The council <u>can’t</u> meet everyone’s needs. Primarily it should be looking after the <u>park’s</u> needs. If the area is protected from unsuitable use i.e. anything that will undermine its open, unspoilt, quiet character it will continue to be of huge benefit to locals and visitors. • Keep the present values of the park – as pristine as possible. • The needs of the environment should come first – not the people. The land cannot speak for itself and must remain protected for future generations to use as we have the pleasure to use. • Don’t be stupid! You can’t meet everybody’s needs on this. Do what is <u>right</u> i.e. preserve the natural heritage. • A range of passive recreation is the best you can do, since motor activities will eliminate the possibility for peaceful passive ones. Walking, kit flying, horse riding, biking? What about a peace centre to mark the presence of the US soldiers? What about a culturally diverse arboretum? You cannot please everyone so choose things which do not eliminate other options. • Promote the re-establishment of remnant forest/wetlands that were once dominant throughout. • You can’t, not everyone will be happy – let’s think about what is best for the land. • The council can meet everybody’s needs by ensuring that the park is developed for recreation in ways that the majority of current users can agree on, and that are in best accord with long term national conservation objectives. If everybody is made aware of the park’s values, then everybody will support development that enhances rather than detracts from them. • Continue to manage as the historical policy appears sound. Continue to manage along ethical and value based regional park management principles. • I think the council can meet everyone’s needs in the park by <u>keeping it as natural as possible for future generations. There are plenty of areas for other needs (eg sport) to be met.</u> • Needs should be compatible with current values of QE Park. • Preserve the unique aspects of the park wetlands, dunes, historical sites, etc. • What the park represents now e.g. environment, safe place to be, quiet, scenic. These needs are being met but these needs are not everybody’s, so some needs will not be met.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will never meet everybody's needs and should not try – build on the obvious enjoyment of current users.
	No Compromise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council <u>cannot</u> meet everybody's needs, or rather wishes. It must be prepared to make hard decisions where necessary. For example, we can have a park, or we can have a motor sports facility. We can't have both.
	Alternative Motor Sport Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find a more appropriate place for motor sports to go. • Not all needs can be met in one park. Intrusive and incompatible needs have to be accommodated in a wider regional framework.
	Diverse Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park should have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a casino for gamblers • a drive in movie theatre for people who like that kind of thing • a mall for shoppers • a stadium for rugby fans • a planetarium for star gazers • a motor sports facility for burn outs • a rodeo for cowboys • a camping ground for campers • a gay bar for clubbers etc
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage diversity of uses, diversity of users. Some activities may be park wide, others for a range of reasons may be better kept to specified (and maybe restricted) areas.