



Newsletter - 26 July 2019

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The Earthquake Legacy Project is about the Council and community developing responses to earthquake-related changes to the estuary edge that address outstanding community needs.

Over the last few weeks we've been focusing on the options for the area. You can read more about the project's progress and how options have been assessed on the next page.

From Friday 2 August you'll be able to read the options, and give your feedback, at www.coastalfutures.co.nz. Feedback will be open until midnight, Sunday 4 August.

We know it's a very short space of time to provide feedback and we apologise for that. Our challenge is that we need to report back to the Council on Thursday 22 August. We need to balance the importance of ensuring we have community involvement in this process, with the message so many of you have given us that you want action.

We'll be analysing all the feedback received over this weekend, and using it to help inform the report to the Council. This report will be available online (www.christchurch.infocouncil.biz) from Friday 16 August as part of the agenda for the 22 August Council meeting.

Drop in - Saturday 3 August

**New Brighton Union Parish Hall
24 Union St, New Brighton**

We realise the internet isn't for everyone, so on **Saturday 3 August** we're holding a drop-in at the New Brighton Union Parish Hall on Union Street. You can pop in any time from **10am – 5pm** to find out about the options, ask questions and provide feedback.

The information about the options will be the same as on www.coastalfutures.nz, but we'll have hard copies of the information, and feedback forms that you can fill out on site. We'll also have people you can talk to, if you have any questions.

Presentations

On Saturday 3 August, at 10:30am, 1pm and 3pm, we'll have people giving a short, 30 minute presentation on all the options for all the areas. Again, this will be the same information as is on the website or in the hard copy flyers, but it's another opportunity to find out about the options.

Key information

- Options will be available from **Friday 2 August** at www.coastalfutures.nz. You can give your feedback online.
- Drop in and ask questions at New Brighton Union Parish Hall, **Saturday 3 August** from 10am—5pm. During the drop-in there will be short presentations on all the options at 10:30am, 1pm and 3pm.
- Please make sure your feedback reaches us by midnight, **Sunday 4 August**.

About the options

To make things a bit easier to follow, we've grouped the options into three areas - North of Bridge Street, South of Bridge Street and Southshore. There's also an area-wide option that addresses recreation, access and enjoyment in the whole area.

In some areas, the options are either/or and we want to know what you think best meets the community's needs. In other areas, there aren't choices to be made – but we still want your feedback on how the option meets your needs. And there are also options across all areas that we will be recommending to Council that we just do, because they're no-brainers, although they do still depend on Council budgets.

How we've assessed the options

The long list of options to respond to earthquake-related changes to the estuary edge included existing Council options, new options, and 29 options suggested by the community.

Council staff did an initial assessment to make sure the options responded to a change in the estuary edge, met a community need or needs, and addressed an earthquake legacy issue or issues. We also merged options that were very similar, and combined others where appropriate, or where it could create a more comprehensive package of works.

At this point in the process we identified some options that were outside the scope of this project. For example, options that account for a metre of sea level rise are not responding to an earthquake legacy issue – they are addressing a future scenario. They are therefore more appropriate for the future adaptation planning process, which will look at short, medium and long term options to adapt to climate change.

Where possible, we've tried to find other pathways for the out-of-scope options – some can be addressed in the adaptation planning process, others can be addressed through existing Council work programmes. =-

Those options that were in scope went through a second round of assessment. This was an important step as it's helped to identify advantages and constraints – for example, how effective an option

is at addressing the community needs, how long it might take to implement, how consistent it is with national, regional and local statutory plans and policies, how much it might cost and how likely it would be to get a resource consent. This information will be useful for you, when you provide your feedback, and also for Councillors in their decision-making.

Underpinning all of this is the importance of community wellbeing, and the need to prioritise actions that have a positive impact on individual, family and community wellbeing. We have kept this as our focus, as we've worked through this assessment process.

A list of all the options the community suggested, and how they were assessed, will be released as part of this project.



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