

Gloucester/Worcester Park landscape plan - submissions and responses

Sub ID	Name	Organisation	Support landscape plan?	Submitters' comments	Project team responses
20204	Peter & Lynda Quaid		yes	<p>The overall plan looks great - a real practical enhancement. A couple of feedback though:</p> <p>We are unsure of the relevance of the Bug Hotels, in this urban setting.</p> <p>We are also unsure about the benefit/usage of the chess pieces, versus the potential cost and risk of theft (therefore replacement). We propose draught pieces instead - maybe just simple timber rounds painted white & black. If the school kids want to play chess, then they could supply their own pieces. Maybe the draught pieces could be 'labelled' as the chess pieces.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Bug Hotels: A key aspect of the play elements in this park is to give young visitors a taste of nature. Bug hotels will attract insects and give children an experience of looking for bugs and seeing them in this environment.</p> <p>Chess Pieces: As this idea was put forward during pre-engagement with the school we would like to take this opportunity to trial it. Thank you for your suggestion about the draught pieces, we think this is a good idea. Labelled draught pieces will mean that people can play both draughts and chess; they will be less appealing to steal and they require less storage space. In addition, we're proposing that the game pieces are kept in a storage seat that can be accessed via a combination lock that will be shared with the local community. If they go missing despite these measures then people will be able to bring their own pieces.</p>
20231	David Barwick	Christchurch Botanic Gardens	no	<p>The avenue of Hoheria lyalli is not a good choice for the reserve! This subalpine species needs cool, humid conditions in summer and rainfall above 1500 mm per annum along with good soil drainage - in lowland conditions this Hoheria quickly succumbs to heat stress and various root rots and would not be a good use of limited resources. I suggest an alternative species, Hoheria angustifolia, a heat and drought resistant tree which is native to the lowland/coastal plains ecosystem and much admired in late summer for its beautiful starry white blossom. H.angustifolia is widely planted around the city in bush plantings, but it also makes a great park/avenue planting as its tiny leaves don't smother the lawn and the fibrous branches resist vandalism and winds. Instead of Acer 'Bloodgood', (very sensitive to wind and drought) plant some Quinces or Apricots as they are more drought and wind tolerant when established (as well as edible!)</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We had previously considered the Hoheria angustifolia (Narrow-leaved Lacebark) but were keen to trial the H.lyalli (Mountain Lacebark) because it's a smaller variety. However, we have reassessed this following your comments and have changed back to the Hoheria angustifolia (Narrow-leaved Lacebark).</p> <p>We are comfortable with our choice of the Acer plamatum 'Bloodgood', however we have changed one of these to a Fagus sylvatica (Copper Beech) based on a suggestion from another submitter. We are already proposing some fruit trees and there are other fruit trees already existing on the site.</p>
20240	Lisa James		yes		
20261	Richard Bell		yes		
20265	Trish Lowe		no	<p>No lighting? Are you serious? At least some lighting in the central part to light existing & established trees. It would minimise the temptation for rough sleepers and general night loitering.</p> <p>Please include a water drinking fountain and shade over the picnic table.</p> <p>Otherwise it is okay albeit cussing on mediocre and low budget</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Lighting: A safety review has confirmed that lighting should not be used in the park. At night, there are safer alternative routes available. Lighting can give people a false sense of security.</p> <p>Furniture: We generally don't include drinking fountains in small neighbourhood parks as people are close to home and are able to bring water with them.</p> <p>The Acer plamatum 'Bloodgood' trees have been included in the park specifically to provide shade to the picnic table. But taking your comment into consideration we've</p>

					replaced one of these with a larger Fagus sylvatica (Copper Beech) tree. Trees have the benefit of being deciduous so will allow sun through to the table in winter and shade it during the summer.
20300	Mike O'Grady	CDHB	yes		
20304	Matthew Reid		yes		
20327	Ronny Groenteman		yes	<p>As an owner of a property on Gloucester St, I thank the Council for proposing this reserve. Love the bug hotels, chess board, use of existing fruit trees, addition of more fruit trees, planting native trees... All wonderful!</p> <p>I would like to propose widening of the footpath to enable separating cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>I would also like to propose replacing the exotic deciduous trees with the native deciduous kowhai, which will add bright yellow colour when in flower and will attract birdlife to the reserve.</p> <p>Lastly, I would like to propose adding outdoor exercise/fitness facilities to encourage adult users of the reserve to engage in free healthy activity.</p> <p>I agree that no lighting is required in the reserve.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Cycle Path: The width of the path is 2m which is the minimum required for a shared pedestrian and cycle path. The cost of the footpath is a significant portion of the budget for this park. We are therefore proposing the minimum width to allow for both cyclists and pedestrians while keeping the cost down. The path is bordered by grass which allows room for users to move off the path if necessary.</p> <p>Trees: There are a number of native trees proposed in the park as well as two existing Sophora microphylla (Kowhai) trees. The purpose of the two deciduous trees is to provide shade to the picnic table. The size and deciduous nature of the trees will provide shade in summer and allow sun through to the table in winter. Kowhai are a smaller tree, only semi-deciduous and are unlikely to perform this function so well.</p> <p>Fitness equipment: The addition of outdoor fitness equipment is outside the scope and budget for this park. However, the development of this park is intended to make it easier for people to walk and cycle through the neighbourhood and we hope this will encourage people to do this.</p>
20353	Lindsay Campbell		yes	<p>I whole heartedly support the plan - the provision of a "path of peace" which encourages residents, birds & children in the centre of a busy city is to be encouraged. I particularly like the provision of a path / cycle way, as the land does get very wet in the winter, with seating, BBQ area & chess.</p> <p>It is a lovely, sunny neighbourhood asset which will be much improved when the proposal is completed. A rubbish bin, designed to accept small items only, should be provided.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. We generally don't include bins in small neighbourhood parks as people are close to home and are able to take their rubbish home with them.</p>
20382	Maggie Rankin		Not indicated	<p>I'd love to come to the park this week re; landscaping plan but am away with work. One concern (which may already have been addressed, - sorry if I might be repeating it) is that of adequate lighting, ideally solar-powered.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. A safety review has confirmed that lighting should not be used in the park. At night, there are safer alternative routes available. Lighting can give people a false sense of security.</p>
20383	Peter Kent		yes	<p>One concern (which may already have been addressed, - sorry if I might be repeating it) is that of adequate lighting, ideally solar-powered.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback. A safety review has confirmed that lighting should not be used in the park. At night, there are safer alternative routes available. Lighting can give people a false sense of security.</p>

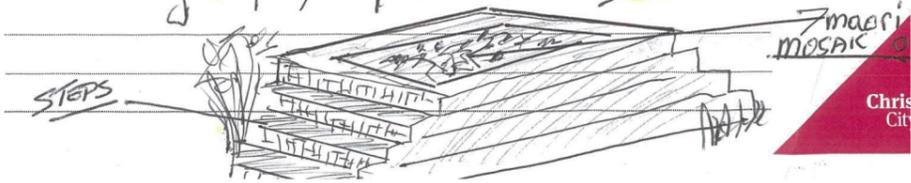
20390	Laura Gartner		yes	Really like the nature play. Would like to see more native trees like kowhai to attract native birds. How about some space for small communal vegetable gardens given the many new housing complexes in the area that have no garden space. This would give local apartment/multi-unit residents an opportunity to grow some food. Also a small perennial flower garden with flowers attractive to bees to help the ailing bee populations.	Thank you for your feedback. Trees: We have proposed a number of native trees for the park which produce flowers and fruit that are attractive to birds and bees. There are two existing Sophora microphylla (Kowhai) in the park but we are not proposing to add any more. Communal garden: This is currently outside the scope of the project, however space has been retained next to the barbecue area where they could be added in future. This will require a lease due to the recreation reserve status of the land and will need to follow the Community Gardens Guidelines.
20393	Bernie & Diane Williams		yes	We think that this park is a great idea! The kids will love it! Also a nice place for people to relax in	Thank you for your feedback.
20404	Ray & Judy Minchin		yes	It sounds so amazing	Thank you for your feedback.
20406	Sheldon murtha		yes	Green spaces close to town great given the excess apartment living coming.	Thank you for your feedback.
20442	Warren Robertson		yes	Good plan. A bit sorry to see existing trees removed. Bit worried about chess pieces going missing. Though good idea. A ban on alcohol as been a problem A ban on alcohol has been a problem several times in the past. Another seat	Thank you for your feedback. Trees: While it is a shame to remove existing trees, the trees proposed for removal are very close to the fence lines. The removal of these trees will provide room for native trees to be planted in a more appropriate location. About 20 of the park's existing trees will remain. Eighteen of these are exotics, including five fruit trees. Chess Pieces: As this idea was put forward during pre-engagement with the school we would like to take this opportunity to trial it. Following feedback from the submissions, we have decided to provide draught pieces that are labelled as the chess pieces. Labelled draught pieces will mean that people can play both draughts and chess; they will be less appealing to steal; and they require less storage space. In addition, we're proposing that the game pieces are kept in a storage seat that can be accessed via a combination lock that will be shared with the local community. If they go missing despite these measures then people will be able to bring their own pieces. Signage: The Christchurch City Council Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 identifies the central city as a permanent alcohol ban area. Signage is proposed for the park and will include wording regarding the alcohol ban. Seating: We are proposing an extra bench seat next to the chess board.

20443	Michael & Sascha Corcoran		yes	<p>Hi. I live close by. I have a degree in 'Recreation and Sport' also Diploma from the Hillary Commission: My comments are as follows:</p> <p>The FENCING right through - on either side, is an eyesore, needs to be renewed or tidied up;</p> <p>"Alcohol Ban" sign, needs to be placed both entry place;</p> <p>(Last Summer) full of people drinking. Keep in mind new blocks of state housing across the road for single men;</p> <p>CARS always obstructing the entrance way. WORCESTER END, needs levelling off to pavement area!</p> <p>A rubbish "Council Bin" - re bar-b-que (etc.)</p> <p>Scrap the idea of chess pieces (they will be gone in one week. (London/New York have seen people bring there own sets.</p> <p>Provide two tables, close to each other CREATES a better participation</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Fencing: Replacing boundary fencing is outside the scope of this project. Staff will investigate working with neighbours through the Fencing Act 1978 to replace the boundary fencing.</p> <p>Signage: The Christchurch City Council Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 identifies the central city as a permanent alcohol ban area. Signage is proposed for the park and will include wording regarding the alcohol ban.</p> <p>Cars: Fencing and a seating area is proposed at the Worcester Street entrance which will prevent vehicles being able to park in the park.</p> <p>Rubbish: We generally don't include bins in small neighbourhood parks as people are close to home and are able to take their rubbish home with them.</p> <p>Chess Pieces: As this idea was put forward during pre-engagement with the school we would like to take this opportunity to trial it. Following feedback from the submissions, we have decided to provide draught pieces that are labelled as the chess pieces. Labelled draught pieces will mean that people can play both draughts and chess; they will be less appealing to steal; and they require less storage space. In addition, we're proposing that the game pieces are kept in a storage seat that can be accessed via a combination lock that will be shared with the local community. If they go missing despite these measures then people will be able to bring their own pieces.</p>
20444	S Rowse		yes	<p>Great idea, I hope the storage benches are made of metal.</p> <p>I'm sure the chess pieces will disappear! Sounds a bit simplistic</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Chess Pieces: As this idea was put forward during pre-engagement with the school we would like to take this opportunity to trial it. Following feedback from the submissions, we have decided to provide draught pieces that are labelled as the chess pieces. Labelled draught pieces will mean that people can play both draughts and chess; they will be less appealing to steal; and they require less storage space. In addition, we're proposing that the game pieces are kept in a storage seat that can be accessed via a combination lock that will be shared with the local community. If they go missing despite these measures then people will be able to bring their own pieces.</p>
20445	Marette Wells		yes	<p>I really like the flow</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p>
20548	S. Peddie		yes	<p>Fantastic idea!! Great plan, good flow</p> <p>*Lacebarks are relatively short lived - how about an exotic tree that would provide more shade + autumn colour (this is in the avenue area) & have a group of lacebarks elsewhere?</p> <p>* Kauri is slow growing - would just keep this to one. But this is the only tree with some height. Would be great to see stronger tree selection. Some large exotic park trees e.g.: Exotic Beech (NZ Beech) * More seating / or another table & seats combo.</p> <p>* Some oaks</p> <p>A couple of low mounds could be good - 700mm high max, but nice to sit on, roll down etc.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Avenue Trees: The feedback we've had so far is a preference for native trees rather than exotics. We also need to be mindful of shading to neighbours properties which is why we've selected a smaller tree.</p> <p>Trees: Thank you for your suggestion of some larger trees within the park. We have proposed to replace one of the Acer plamatum "Bloodgood' trees with a Fagus sylvatica (Copper Beech).</p>

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Suggestions made at consultation drop-in session on 29 November 2018					
				Investigate whether a donated rimu can be planted out from the corner (adjacent to rear Gloucester St unit (310)) Seat in that corner?	This has been proposed next to the nature play area.
				Kowhai and flax planted on other side of the path?	There are two existing Sophora microphylla (Kowhai) in the park and we are not proposing to add any more at this stage. Other proposed native trees produce flowers and fruit that attract birds and bees. Flax can get very large resulting in visibility concerns so any flax considered for this site would need to be small varieties. This will be considered at the detailed design stage.
				Underplanting/kowhai/azaleas along fence adjacent to 259 Worcester St.	No additional planting is proposed along here at this stage due to the costs involved.

Gloucester/Worcester Park - Feedback on name and suggested artwork

Sub ID	Name	Organisation	Support G/W Park name?	Name. Do you have any other suggestions?	What artwork would you like to see in the park?
20204	Peter & Lynda Quaid		No	We think the Te Reo name of the "Te Ara a Rongo" is a great gift and should be adopted as the official name. An additional translation on any signage to (like) "Path between the streets" might be good.	We would like to see simple (geometric) shapes and colours representing the homes, villas units and landscapes of the surrounding urban area. Something that 'blends' in, but still provides interest (and discourages tagging). See below. 
20231	David Barwick	Christchurch Botanic Gardens	Yes		
20240	Lisa James		Yes		Natural INEXPENSIVE LOCAL art. The council does not need to continue spending too much on shifty art that most of chch cringes at. Maybe get the local schools to collaborate? Or better still use the youth that like to tag up the neighbourhood and get them to design a graffiti inspired feature. You're welcomeâ~º

20261	Richard Bell		Yes		Mural and sculpture
20265	Trish Lowe		Yes		Willow sculpture Water feature
20300	Mike O'Grady	CDHB	Yes		
20304	Matthew Reid		No	Just use the Ngai Tahu name.	Mural of a weta or another insect
20327	Ronny Groenteman		Yes	No	A sculpture by a NZ artist would be great. I would like to suggest Anna Korver http://www.annakorver.co.nz/gallery.html Being next to a school, the sculpture could focus on the theme of education.
20353	Lindsay Campbell		Yes		Perhaps an artwork that celebrates the owners of the earthquake, damaged homes upon which the park now exists
20382	Maggie Rankin				
20383	Peter Kent		Yes	Thank you for your message. I am very happy with the proposed park and both Maori and English names	
20390	Laura Gartner		No	Please accept Te Ara a Rongo as the sole park name....Gloucester/Worcester Park is boring, dull, unimaginative and too long. Just keep the name gifted by Ngai Tahu please. It has much more relevant meaning.	Something natural....wood or stone carving? Something to celebrate nature and appreciate in peaceful contemplation.
20393	Bernie & Diane Williams		Yes	The proposed plan looks really good	Would leave that to you
20404	Ray & Judy Minchin		Yes		Maybe some sculptures!
20406	Sheldon murtha		No	Maori name excellent,	Local
20442	Warren Robertson		Yes		Sculpture
20443	Michael & Sascha Corcoran		No	"Boring" "Two Links" - Park - [Re-the connection Gloucester/Worcester] OR "Counties - Park [Re-Counties of Gloucester/Worcester]	Something simple / maybe to climb on. Example: Maori Mosaic on the stop. See below. What artwork would you like to see in the park? <i>something simple / maybe to climb on</i> EXAMPLE: ~ 

20444	S Rowse		Yes		Some kinetic pieces
20445	Marette Wells		No	Te Ara a Rongo	
20548	S. Peddie		No	Just have Te Ara Rongo	Sculpture work by local artists that can be used for play - e.g. rotating sculpture.