

QUEEN ELIZABETH REJUVENATION PHASE 3

Phase one and two of the Queen Elizabeth Park Rejuvenation Project has seen a transformation of the Dixon Street frontage. It is proposed now to progress to phase three with development of the eastern area between the cricket oval and the Pioneer/Archers cemeteries.

Council has been working with designers to develop a concept plan for this area and now seeks comment from interested parties and general public as part of the Annual Plan public consultation process.

As seen on the attached plan it is proposed that Queen Elizabeth Rejuvenation Phase 3 incorporates the following key features:

Park Avenue Entrance

It is proposed to have a single vehicular entrance to both the park grounds and the cemetery. The existing cemetery road is very close to headstones and this gate on Park Avenue would become pedestrian access only.

Car Parks

It is important to recognize that the park is primarily a pedestrian precinct with children and families needing to be safe from vehicular traffic. However, this needs to be balanced with the needs of sports clubs and the café to provide reasonable access for visitors. It is proposed therefore to incorporate three 'micro' car parks on the Park driveway and another on the old tennis courts for the bowling club members.

Fencing

A common theme through the whole rejuvenation project is the opening of lines of sight, making the park safer and inviting visitors to venture further into the park. To maintain this theme, yet separate the cemetery from the park, a permeable fence has been proposed for the full length of the boundary. The trees along this fence line would be canopy-lifted and under-planted with flowering colour.

Aviaries

The aviary enclosures are of an old design and regularly draw criticism from visitors. A major upgrade would be needed to ensure a satisfactory level of presentation and comfort for the birds. Instead it is proposed that the birds be re-homed and the concrete block enclosures are removed, keeping only the large peacock enclosure. Appropriate planting and landscaping would replace the concrete enclosures.

Park Shed

It is proposed that the newer tin-clad portion currently being used by the parks contractor is shifted to the contractors depot. The remaining northern end is currently being used by the bowling club for their implements and materials. It is proposed that the bowling club continue operating out of the remaining northern end as they are currently. The balance of that remaining building would be developed as a toilet facility.

Council is seeking public submissions on this project as part of the Annual Planning process. Please use the attached form to make your submissions no later than the closing date of 18th May 2011.