



Submission on the Tauranga City Council Plan change 40

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Introduction

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission, is the Crown agent responsible for providing leadership on outdoor access issues. Our role is to advise on and advocate for free, certain, enduring, and practical access to the outdoors.

The Commission plays a key role through its statutory leadership in negotiating, establishing and improving outdoor access for New Zealanders. This includes making people and organisations aware of where public access exists and ensuring that access endures over time.

Overview

We request that the draft Plan Change 40 be amended to better allow for future and current needs in relation to public access and a public access network.

1. Amendments sought

We note that there are no defined property development plans and that this plan change seeks to re-zone this land only. However, we ask that the re-zoning only occur with the proviso that any future development of this land incorporates any current public access needs and looks for ways to better allow for a future public access network.

1.1 Specific amendment sought

We specifically request that the council allows for a walkway and cycleway from the end of Fairway Avenue, through to the Mount Maunganui Intermediate school (MMI), as shown in the attached map (see proposed track drawn in red). This accessway would allow public access and a connection to Fairway Avenue and the golf course for those living on the other side of MMI (such as Ascot Road and Links Avenue). This would allow a walking route with broad community benefit, including a safe connection for students who live on Fairway Ave or who visit family and friends here, and also for those growing number of students who attend after-school training at the golf club.

1.2 Integrated transport network

Our proposed walkway and cycleway connecting Fairway Avenue with MMI falls within the Tauranga City Plan's transport objectives and policies, specifically the provision of multi-modal transport opportunities. The rezoning proposal acknowledges those objectives and policies which supports our points in support of the connecting tracks we wish to see.

Summary

We aim to ensure that the proposed loss of this area as Open Space creates some replacement value to the community and provides key connections within the community.

We are willing to appear in support of this submission at the Council's hearings and would welcome the opportunity to speak to these points in person or via a video meeting link.

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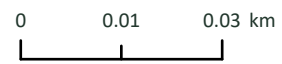
Map key

- Road Parcels
- Primary Parcels
- Property Titles

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Proposed new walkway from Fairway Ave to MMI

Map scale: 1:1,128



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