Proposal to consult on Draft Open Space Policy

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL

Why do we need an Open Space Policy?

- Inform open space requirements in growth areas.
- Contribute to good urban design.
- Framework to assess existing open space.
- Rationale for financial contributions.
- Guide open space acquisition and divestment.
- Integrated approach with walking, cycling, stormwater etc.
- Link purpose and how we develop and maintain open space.
- Alignment with Housing and Thriving Communities Strategy

What does it propose?

Objectives for network:

- Accessible to all.
- Connected.
- Protected and enhanced.
- Something we are proud of.
- Great outcomes in partnership with Te Arawa and our community.

Level of Service Standards:

- Quality.
- Quantity.
- Accessibility.
- Function.

Hodgkins Street Reserve

- 12,000 sqm
- Excellent Road Frontage
- Flat
- Central and prominent to surrounding neighbourhood
- Accessible

Clayton Road Reserve

- 600 sqm
- No road frontage
- Poor access
- Steep
- Poor location

Implementation

- Inform locality and structure plans.
- Open space network plans.
- Staff/developer guidance for new developments.
- Basis for collection and use of financial contributions.
- Applied to existing open space network to determine alignment.
- Inform LTP capital programme for open space.
- Inform wider organisational work e.g stormwater planning, walking and cycling.

Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to Council that the proposed Open Space Policy be adopted for public consultation pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002