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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan and 3 Year Work Programme. Our comments are below.

Draft Annual Plan - Community Engagement

We note that there is a plan to increase community engagement (Item G) on p. 13. We hope this will include widening of notification of affected parties for resource consents. For example, it was disappointing that TPG, as an affected party, were not included in the recent 122 Churchill Drive (BUPA) application and that the 131 Silverstream Road development was non-notified (now experiencing serious and continuing problems with silt run-off).

Once the resource consent has been granted, we would like to see more monitoring of urban developments by WCC officers.

Goal 4, Focus Area 1 of the Draft 3 Year Work Programme

Tracks

We note the emphasis on cycle tracks and the focus on upgrading the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. While recent work on bridges, gabions and tracks in Trelissick Park is appreciated, we would like to remind WCC that walking is also extremely popular – so a need for appropriate budgets for walking track maintenance/upgrades throughout Wellington.

Biodiversity

We are pleased to see that over the next three years “Our Natural Capital will focus on restoring ecologically significant areas, creating buffer zones and raising awareness of issues facing indigenous biodiversity and working with local communities across all our reserves. All initiatives are currently funded through the Our Natural Capital plan.”

In relation to Trelissick Park, please include the following (based on our submission on the 2016 Annual Plan):

Plant pest control - TPG continue to control small outbreaks of pest plants. However, adequate WCC resources for pest weed control are absolutely vital. It is a continuing struggle to counter weed invasions and to ensure all the past work is not wasted with the situation going backwards. Particular targets include:

- wandering willie on steep areas bordering the original forest remnant
- large tracts of wandering willie under regenerating forest
- invasion of climbing asparagus below Oban Street
- patches of Japanese honeysuckle in the park and on railway land
- more cooperation with KiwiRail to better control pest weeds coming into the park from steep slopes of the railway corridor.

Stormwater - Specific requests:

- Mandatory Water Sensitive Urban Design - Sufficient funds/staff being made available to ensure the Water Sensitive Urban Design Guide becomes mandatory so that all developments have neutral effect on stormwater run-off. We have requested this many times in the past. All stormwater from the entire catchment from Khandallah to Karori (about 22 km²) flows into the Kaiwharawhara Stream. During heavy rain this becomes a raging torrent up to 2 m deep, tearing away stream banks, building sediment on the stream bed, affecting riparian planting and aquatic life. This is the upshot of fast run-off from hard surfaces (eg roads, roofs and paved areas) and removal of vegetated areas from housing developments. We do not want this to get even worse.
- Public Education - More public education on the proper use of stormwater versus waste water drains both around each house and in the streets to avoid stream pollution (eg from car washing, cleaning paint brushes and cleaning cement mixers).

Track/Footbridge from Oban Street, Highland Park

A track into Trelissick Park from Oban Street has been requested/pursued by local residents since 1981. Following a recent residents' survey, indicating majority support, discussions are still on-going with WCC on the required process to implement the project, including footbridge design, funding by residents' associations/TPG, project reporting and resource consents.

TPG has requested that in the forthcoming Long-Term Plan the 'Social and Recreational' category includes budget costs for liaison with owners of 112/114 Oban Street, with associated upper end track work, signage, landscaping, fencing, project management and implementation. This provision may also need to be in the 3 Year Work Programme.

Funding Amounts

WCC have discontinued providing budget amounts for each work area and how they are split up, so we have no idea whether funding has been increased or decreased. Our request is that funding allocations be detailed.

Regards,

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