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The Treliwick Park Group would like to congratulate Wellington City Council on the work carried out in preparing this draft plan. We largely agree with its provisions, subject to the comments below.

### **7.10 Sector 10 – Treliwick Park and Environs**

Text copied in full below, with suggested underlined additions to incorporate the actual situation.

“Treliwick Park lies in a deep gorge that separates Wadestown and Highland Park on the slopes of Te Ahumairangi Hill from Ngaio. It contains a rich mix of original and regenerating/newly planted forest, with the railway line along the south and west boundaries, Ngaio Gorge Road on the northern boundary and the Korimako and Kaiwharawhara Streams between them, along the base of the valley. During the building of the railway line, the Kaiwharawhara Stream was blocked and a tunnel blasted through the hillside to make a fresh stream link with Otariu Wilton’s Bush. Treliwick Park is in a pivotal position creating an ecological corridor from the harbour to both the Outer Green Belt and the north-west suburbs.

“Some tracks have existed within the park for many years but many were totally overgrown until opened from the 1990s. Other new tracks have been formed. However, the steep sides of the gorge, the railway embankment and the streams themselves limit the network. The primary track forms part of the Northern Walkway and is a link (via the street network) between Te Ahumairangi and Mount Kaukau. Older tracks follow the stream or are remnants of historic access ways and construction routes. A portion of the Te Araroa Trail and the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway now also traverse the park. Major tracks tend to be wide and well maintained but with varying gradients whilst others are narrow traversing steep slopes reflecting the wilderness character that is the aim of the park. With work involved in both railway and road reconstructions and stormwater outlets from neighbouring residential areas emptying into the park, erosion and slips can be a problem, sometimes blocking tracks. The streams – collecting rainfall from a vast catchment from Zealandia to Kaukau – can also cause erosion problems. The valley is used as a route for sewage pipes from Wadestown, Northland, Ngaio and Khandallah.

“Tracks link the six access points into the park for walkers (only one currently on the Wadestown/HIGHLAND Park side) and the park is closed to mountain bikers.

“There are several smaller track systems in reserves around Ngaio and Kaiwharawhara.

“The Section 10 also contains other portions of the Te Araroa Trail that links with Section 3 – Kaukau to the north and Sector 11 – Te Ahumarangi to the south, and the Sanctuary to the Sea Walkway.

“This Sector also includes the Te Aranui o Poneke (the Great Harbour Way) route from Kaiwharawhara (along the Hutt Road) to Pipitea Marae along Thorndon Quay. Future development of tracks in the area is considered within the Suburban Reserves Management Plan.”

***Implementation Plan 2016 (page 64)***

**10. Trelissick Park and Environs**

Comments on text in **bold**.

“Planning – New connecting link from Magazine Store to Fort Buckley, Railway (On Track) land. Short term 1 – 3 years.”

**Change “OnTrack” to “KiwiRail”, or better still, delete “OnTrack”**

**We do not support work on this in the “short term” and its inclusion is, in any case, dubious. Several studies in the past have highlighted the steep, unstable slopes above School Road and the upstream commercial area, with track-making impracticable, or expensive.**

“Investigate a new track from Highland Park into the park to provide a second park entrance from Wadestown. C2S.”

**There is a track already in place (so no need to investigate) from Oban Street, and because WCC insist on volunteers raising the funds for a footbridge over the Kaiwharawhara Stream, work is on-going to make this track official. Request: Revise wording to “Advance the existing proposal for the new track link from Oban Street, Highland Park to the Kaiwharawhara Stream to link with the main valley track. 1 – 3 years.”**

**Add to the list under 10.1 – “Urgently investigate completion of the Sanctuary to the Sea Walkway downstream from Trelissick Park to the beach on the northern side of Kaiwharawhara Point.” (CentrePort is currently proposing to develop the Point and it is timely urgently for WCC and GWRC to enter into talks with the authorities involved to secure access to this beach and complete the Walkway.)**

***Unfunded Projects (p. 68)***

“Sector 10 New connecting track from Ngaio Gorge Road to Kaiwharawhara Stream. Easement over private land required.”

**Several years ago WCC negotiated an easement over private land below upper Ngaio Gorge Road to allow completion of the ‘Forest Remnant Track’ with its connection to an entrance at upper Ngaio Gorge Road and traversing to the Northern Walkway and down to the Kaiwharawhara valley. Assuming this is what this item refers to, this work has all been done.Request: Delete this section.**

We do not wish to speak to this submission.

Regards,  
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