



Long-term Plan
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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-31, FROM TRELISSICK PARK GROUP

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Trelissick Park occupies the valley between Ngaio and Wadestown/Highland Park. Our Group enjoy a collaborative relationship with Council and appreciate the work it does in the Park. Our comments are below.

We should invest more in green spaces

Our parks, reserves and coastal areas are combined with the urban areas, making Wellington a unique and attractive city. Well maintained pest-free natural green spaces provide a return on investment with better mental and physical health, productivity, inventiveness, sense of place, cultural well-being and attractiveness for all.

We should invest more in preserving natural green spaces and maintaining parks and reserves, as well as more control of pest weeds and pest animals.

Stormwater and housing concerns

Housing developments and infill housing are causing more fast stormwater run-off from hard surfaces. All the stormwater from the Kaiwharawhara catchment stretching from Karori to Khandallah flows into our long-suffering streams. This causes flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation and destruction of aquatic life. In Trelissick Park we have observed streams quickly rise to a brown, raging torrent 2 metres deep after heavy rain. This will become more severe with the more extreme weather effects of climate change.

The cause of fast stormwater run-off from hard surfaces must be addressed. New developments must be biophilic. All developments, including new roads, must have a neutral effect on stormwater runoff, such as by use of swales, wetlands, planting, green walls/roofs, soakage areas, permeable (instead of hard) surfaces, stormwater detention and roof water tankage. Two Council documents apply:

Water Sensitive Urban Design – a Guide for WSUD Stormwater Management in Wellington - The provisions in this guide must be mandated to counter the above adverse stormwater effects.

Subdivision Design Guide (last amended November 2013) – It is understood that this guide is being updated, as part of the Long-Term Plan provisions. The following phrases in G4.3 to G4.6, G 5.8 and G 6.10 should be changed to become mandatory:

“Consideration should be given to...”

“...where possible.”

“...wherever practicable.”

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. M. Reimann".

Peter Reimann
(Chairman, Trelissick Park Group)