

Boulcott Hutt Project – consultation update

River channel improvements

The *Boulcott Hutt Project Consultation Strategy* outlines the consultation being undertaken as part of the overall Boulcott Hutt project. The relevant section of this report relating to the channel works is included below and has been updated in response to the following recommendations from the Hutt River Advisory Subcommittee at their meeting of 16 July 2009.

*That the Subcommittee
Notes that the 20m vegetation buffer is the preferred erosion protection
option for the proposed design channel.*

*Endorses further consultation on the basis of the preferred option, and asks
officers to prepare a consultation plan which is to be circulated around the
committee, then signed off by the Chairperson.*

1 Anticipated areas of interest – river channel improvements

- Final design of the river works – visual perspective
- Advantages/disadvantages between proposed river work options
- Recreational use of berms
- Effect on existing tracks and walkways
- Ecology and wider effects on the river
- Visual connection to the river
- Openness and visibility
- Construction timing and methodology
- Effect on utilities/SH2

2 Key stakeholders and community groups

Three groups were initially identified that may be affected or have an interest in the river channel improvements between Kennedy Good Bridge and Mills Street

- Grounsell Crescent residents (live immediately above the river to the west)
- Belmont residents (live upstream of the river channel improvements)
- Wider Organisations /Groups

Organisations	Contact
NZTA	Jo Draper

HCC	Craig Cotterill
Rotary/Hutt River Trail	Robin Maud
GW River Ranger	Thane Walls
Department of Conservation	Kris Erickson
Fish and Game NZ	Corina Jordan
Iwi	Teri Puketapu /Liz Mellish
Transpower	Brian Warburton
Safeway	David Chapman

In response to the HRAC recommendation above the following addition groups were identified as needing to be directly consulted.

Group	Contact
Belmont Ratepayers Improvement Association	Mr Arthur Drake 226 Park Rd, Belmont
Normandale Residents Assn	Mr P Matcham 301 Normandale Road, Normandale
Harbour View Residents Association	Mrs Nolene Matthews 59 Harbour Rd, Lower Hutt
Central/West Community committee	Susan Turner (Cttee Advisor – HCC)
Maungaraki Community Association	135 Dowse Drive, Maungaraki
Users	Various

3 Proposed Actions

Grounsell Crescent Residents

- Letter and plans sent 10 July 2009
- Meeting either small group or individual if requested [July 2009]
- Follow up – as required [ongoing]

Belmont residents

- Letter and plans to be sent [August 2009]
- Follow up – as required [ongoing]

Organisations

- Contact all organisations May/June 2009
- Meet each one either small group or individual. June-July 2009

- Follow up – as required [ongoing]

Belmont, Normandale, Harbour View and Maungaraki Residents Groups

- Contact by phone [July/August]
- Send letter and plans [August]
- Arrange meetings [August]
- Follow up – as required [ongoing]

Central/West Community Committee

- Contact HCC to arrange paper to go on agenda 27 July
- Contact Chair HCC
- Discuss with our regional councillors prior to meeting
- Attend meeting. 11 August
- Follow up – as required [ongoing]

Users –

- Survey – process to be confirmed – {discussed with Amanda Cox in terms of GW Parks expertise in this area} 22 July
- Meet with Tourism Resource Consultants 27 July
- Proposal from TRC [31 July]
- Signs on site/Interviews [Aug/Sept]
- Report back [September]
- Follow up – as required [ongoing]