Update December 18th 2024

Thank you to everyone who took the time to make a submission.

Adoption of the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, Reserve Management Plan:

The Reserve Management Plan for the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, was advertised as a draft for public consultation on the 26th September 2024, following endorsement from Council.

Following robust deliberations between Councillors, staff and external legal counsel, it was determined that one (1) key change should be made to the version that was provided for consultation. This was to amend policy 3.4.2(b), which states no less than 30% of the Reserve shall be reserved for open space use. It was largely agreed between Councillors that 40% of the Reserve be reserved for open space use, limiting remaining uses of the space to a maximum of 60% of the Reserve.

It was emphasised that the remaining 60% could be in the form of any structure or development. Council has also included a definition of open space. Council understands that once the reserve management plan is adopted, Council will still retain control over certain matters, such as leases or building designs.

It was further clarified that although the reserve management plan may propose an array of activities, they will still be subject to Council approval, RMA processes and processes of other relevant legislation.

Outcome: Council adopts the Kaikōura Esplanade Recreation Reserve, Reserve Management Plan