

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 5 April 2022
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr E Wilson
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Donovan
Heamana Tuarua

Members	Mayor P Southgate	Cr M Gallagher
	Deputy Mayor G Taylor	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M Bunting	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr R Hamilton	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr D Macpherson	Maangai O Te Ua
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf	Maangai T P Thompson-Evans
	Cr R Pascoe	

Meeting frequency As required

Quorum Eight members

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Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on a range of the Council's quasi-judicial functions under legislation and other matters as referred to the Committee.
2. To convene and coordinate advisory groups on matters referred by other Committees.

The Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:
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Terms of Reference:

1. Hear and determine any statutory or regulatory hearings under relevant legislation unless otherwise delegated by Council, including (but without limitation):
 - objections under the Dog Control Act 1996;
 - matters regarding drainage and works on private land under the Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002;
 - proposals for temporary closure of any road.
2. Consider and determine changes to the registers and restrictions in the Traffic Bylaw and Speed Limit Bylaw, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
3. Hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws and policies, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws or policies, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.
4. Hear and determine other matters that require hearings or submissions, as referred by Council or other Committees.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of matters determined by the Committee within its Terms of Reference.
- Approval of the establishment of hearings panels and their terms of reference.

The Committee is delegated the following recommendatory powers:

- The Committee may make recommendations to the Council.
- The Committee may make recommendations to Committees.

Special Notes:

- The Committee may request expert advice through the Chief Executive when necessary.
- The Committee may appoint additional members for hearings where the relevant terms of reference specify the requirement for expert or external representation.

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Council Report

Item 4

Committee: Hearings and Engagement Committee

Date: 05 April 2022

Author: Narelle Waite

Authoriser: Michelle Hawthorne

Position: Governance Advisor

Position: Governance and Assurance Manager

Report Name: Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 16 February 2022

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Unconfirmed Minutes 16 February 2022

Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio-visual Link on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr E Wilson

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Donovan

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor P Southgate (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Deputy Mayor G Taylor (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M Bunting (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M Gallagher

Cr S Thomson (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr M van Oosten (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Cr A O'Leary (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Maangai Olly Te Ua (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

Maangai Te Pora Thompson-Evans (Exclusively via Audio-visual Link)

In Attendance Sandra Murray – Consultant

Grant Kettle – Planning Guidance Unit Manager

Governance Staff Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors

1. Apologies - *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

Apologies for absence from Crs Macpherson (Council Business) and Hamilton, and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, and Crs Naidoo-Rauf (Council Business) and Pascoe.

Cr Gallagher joined the meeting 9.32 during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

2. Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 2 November 2021

Resolved: (Cr Donovan/Cr Gallagher)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 2 November 2021 as a true and correct record.

5. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 4 November 2021

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Donovan)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2021 as a true and correct record.

Mayor Paula joined the meeting (9.35am) during discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

6. Hearings Report - Review of the Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy

The Planning Guidance Unit Manager introduced the report noting the proposed 12 week consultation process and the appropriateness of the timeframe to meet Maaori governance processes.

[Roger Stratford](#) spoke to his submission noting a need to increase Maaori-led development, the policy's slow turnaround times for developers in confirming names, and meeting obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. He responded to questions from Members concerning Maaori development, and an alternative naming process.

[Ezak Smith](#) spoke to his submission noting examples of international changes to place naming policies and offensive street names in Hamilton. He responded to questions from Members concerning potential offensive Te Reo names.

[Wiremu Puke \(Ngaati Wairere\)](#) spoke to the submission noting Ngaati Wairere's process for name selection, significant ancestors, and recognition of all hapuu and mana whenua. He responded to questions from Members concerning Ngaati Wairere's view on the appropriate developer and mana whenua engagement process, community education on ancestral placenames, the policy's alignment with appropriate tikanga on name-gifting, engagement and timelines.

[Donald Turner and Mahana Toka \(Te Whakakitenga o Waikato – Waikato-Tainui\)](#) spoke to the submission noting the importance of reviewing and refreshing policies, community support, and Council and Waikato-Tainui's opportunities to work together. They responded to questions from Members concerning practical engagement processes, connection to He Pou Manawa Ora, and development of a list or map (blueprint) of names for areas of significance.

[Kiri Karu \(Community Waikato\)](#) spoke to the submission noting the policy is another positive step made by the Council to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi, existing oppressive names in Hamilton City, and development of a blueprint of appropriate names and areas of significance.

The Consultant detailed the current stage in the policy development process, the current proposed road naming process and submitter feedback on a change to a consultative process.

Members requested the following points be included in the deliberations report:

- development of a blueprint of appropriate names and areas of significance;

- potential to delay the policy development and implications of this delay;
- timeframes for naming in the consenting process;
- differences between existing and proposed naming of road requirements;
- engagement with Waikato-Tainui on co-design of naming frameworks;
- provide members with the 2003 report referenced by Wiremu Puke; and
- cost implications of a consultative naming process.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions on the proposed Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy presented to the Committee at the hearing on 16 February 2022; and
- c) notes that the proposed Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy will be deliberated at the Community Committee meeting on 3 March 2022.

Cr Pascoe joined the meeting (10.37am) during submissions on the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.56am to 11.11am.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.33am.

Council Report

Item 5

Committee: Hearings and Engagement Committee

Date: 05 April 2022

Author: Daan Blokker

Authoriser: Helen Paki

Position: Senior Parks Planner

Position: General Manager Community

Report Name: Fairfield Park Partial Reclassification

Report Status	Open
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To inform the Hearings and Engagement Committee about submissions received through the public engagement on the proposal to reclassify a portion of Fairfield Park from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facilities) reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act).

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the submission period between 14 February and 14 March 2022; and
 - c) notes that a deliberations report will be presented to the Community Committee on 26 April 2022.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. The process to reclassify a portion of Fairfield Park to Local Purpose (community facilities) was initiated to enable Council to consider a new lease for Te Whare o Te Ata within Fairfield Hall.
4. The Community Committee approved the reclassification for public notification at the 25 November 2021 meeting. The proposal to reclassify the land was publicly notified on 14 February and was left open for submissions until 14 March 2022.
5. During the submission period Council received 64 submissions which are available on the 'have your say' site [here](#). Nine submitters have indicated that they would like to make a verbal submission at the hearing.
6. Although the proposal has had a moderate level of public interest, the proposal is considered to have low significance and the recommendations comply with Council's legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

7. Fairfield Park is located between Clarkin Road, Sare Crescent and Kenney Crescent. The park is approximately 7.3ha in size and contains Fairfield Hall, 2 sport fields, a skate park, tennis courts and a playground.

8. Part of Fairfield Hall was significantly damaged by fire in 2019. The rebuild of the fire damaged section is due to be completed by mid-2022. Staff have been in consultation with Te Whare O Te Ata (and the wider community) since 2017 around reconfiguring the fire damaged section to provide community meeting and office space. The reconfigured hall will have a building footprint of approximately 800m².
9. Te Whare o Te Ata have confirmed their desires to relocate their entire community centre operation into Fairfield Hall once it has been rebuilt.
10. Te Whare o Te Ata provide a range of community services including support for local whaanau, referrals to social services, provision of essential supplies and afterschool childcare from the 60A Sare Crescent property. They also run Kaivolution out of Fairfield Hall and hire the hall out to 14 different community groups – activities include zumba, badminton, dancing, boxing, karate and performing arts.
11. Fairfield Park is currently classified wholly as recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. Under s54 of the Act, Council can only grant leases on recreation reserves for recreation and sporting activities and for purposes complementary to the public use and enjoyment of the reserve.
12. The current recreation reserve classification does not allow for the community services offered by Te Whare o te Ata to occur within Fairfield Hall.
13. A reclassification of a portion of Fairfield Park to Local Purpose (community facilities) will enable Council to consider a new lease to Te Whare o Te Ata for the purposes of operating the Fairfield Chartwell Community Centre from the Fairfield Hall building.
14. The reclassification was approved for public notification by the Community Committee at the 25 November 2021 meeting [[Agenda](#)] [[Minutes](#)].

Discussion - *Matapaki*

Public Notification

15. The reclassification of a reserve is required to be publicly notified under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977. After the proposal is publicly notified, the proposal must be left open for submissions for 1 month. During the submission period every person claiming to be affected by the proposed change of classification has the right to object the change.
16. Section 119 of the Act outlines how a proposal is to be publicly notified. For the reclassification of a recreation reserve, the notice only needs to be published once in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the reserve or proposed reserve is situated however, communication was extended beyond this requirement to ensure that all members of the community were made aware of the proposal.
17. The proposal to reclassify a portion of Fairfield Park was publicly notified on 14 February and was open for submissions until 14 March 2022 (1 month). The proposal was publicly notified through the following channels:
 - i. digital advertisements running across Facebook and Instagram throughout the duration of the submission period;
 - ii. article published via media release and on OurHamilton on 14 February 2022;
 - iii. a public notice was published in the Hamilton Press on 16 February 2022;
 - iv. emails were sent to park user groups, Fairfield Primary and Intermediate Schools, Ngati Wairere and Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa on 15 February 2022; and
 - v. letters were dropped off to all sites directly adjoining the northern half of Fairfield Park on 15 February 2022.

18. More information on the above-mentioned communications and engagement is included in **Attachment 1**.

Submissions

19. During the public notification period Council received a total of 64 submissions which were received through Council's Have Your Say portal. Nine submitters have requested to provide a verbal submission at the Hearings and Engagement Committee scheduled for 5 March 2022. These submissions will be analysed and reported on as part of the deliberations report to be present at the 26 April 2022 Community Committee meeting. An analysis of the submissions received is included in the Engagement and Insight Report provided in **Attachment 2**.

Key Themes from Submissions

Support for the proposal

20. A total of 64 responses were received including those from organisations. 55 of the 64 respondents (86%) supported the reclassification. Three respondents submitted in opposition to the change (5%). Four did not have a view on the proposal or were unsure (6%) and two did not answer this question (3%).
21. The key themes from respondents when asked to explain their positions were that:
- the hall would provide a benefit to the community;
 - the hall would be a great place for the community to come together; and
 - a portion of the park should be reclassified to provide a home to Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield/Chartwell Community Centre Trust.
22. A very small number of respondents (3) opposed the submission, each for differing reasons. Ngaati Wairere opposed the proposal as a hui with mana whenua and Te Papanui Enderley has not yet been held. This meeting has been scheduled for 30 March 2022, prior to the hearing.

Impact of the reclassification

23. 42 of 64 respondents (65%) believed the reclassification would have a positive impact on them or their community. 13 (20%) believed the impact would be neutral. Only 4 respondent (6%) believed the reclassification would negatively impact them or their community. Others believed there would be no impact or made other suggestions for park improvements.

Other Feedback

24. The Have Your Say survey had a number of other questions not within scope for the reclassification – the analysis of which have not been included in this report. These questions were included for general analytic purposes only.

Next steps

25. The next steps in the process are outlined in the table below:

Meeting Date	Report	Committee	Notes
25 November 2021	Decision to publicly notify	Community Committee	Public notify for a period of 1 month. Report contained proposal to reclassify portion of Fairfield Park.
5 April 2022	Hearings Report	Hearings and Engagement	Purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider submissions received during the 14 February to 14 March submission period.
26 April 2022	Deliberations Report	Community Committee	The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of submissions and respond to matters raised at the hearing from Members.

26. If the Community Committee resolves to approve the reclassification at the 26 April meeting, the Council's Chief Executive, acting under delegation of the Minister of Conservation, will make a decision on behalf of the Minister of Conservation. If a decision is made by Council's Chief Executive to approve the reclassification, the area to be reclassified will be surveyed and a notice will be published in the Gazette.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

27. This is a regular operating activity funded through the Long-Term Plan.
28. The estimated costs of carrying out the consultation was approximately \$5,000 including advertising, staff costs and printing.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

29. Staff confirm that staff recommendations comply with all other Council's legal and policy requirements.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

30. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
31. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
32. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

33. The partial reclassification of Fairfield Park provides an opportunity for increased social interaction and participation within the community, through the provision of community facilities on that site that cannot be achieved unless the park is reclassified to accommodate them.

Economic

34. The partial reclassification of Fairfield Park will allow Te Whare o Te Ata to provide a range of community services free of charge. By providing these services at no cost, users will retain more of their incomes thus positively impacting on their economic wellbeing.

Environmental

35. The partial reclassification of Fairfield Park provides an opportunity to enhance the overall park by increasing the range of uses on that site and therefore reducing the need for nearby residents to travel to other parts of the city.

Cultural

36. The hearings provide individuals and communities with an opportunity to discuss how the reclassification has an impact on their ability to retain, interpret and express their cultural values.
37. Waikato Tainui, Ngaati Wairere and Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa (THaWK) have been consulted with directly on the proposal. Submissions from Ngaati Wairere and THaWK have been received and a further meeting with Ngaati Wairere will be held prior to the hearing.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

38. There are no known risks associated with the decisions required for this matter.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui***Significance**

39. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.

Engagement

40. There is a statutory requirement to consult as per legislation outlined below.
41. The public notification of the proposal to reclassify a portion of Fairfield Park has been done in accordance with Sections 24 and 119 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Consultation and Engagement Overview

Attachment 2 - Submission Insights Report

Attachment 1: Communication and Engagement

Digital Adverts run on Facebook and Instagram – 14 February 2022 to 14 March 2022



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14 February at 13:33 · 🌐

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Te Whare O Te Ata / Fairfield Community House is looking to call Fairfield Hall home.

For them to do this, we're proposing that the area of Fairfield Park with the hall is reclassified from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facility) reserve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 and we want to hear your thoughts.

Read more about what this means for the wider community and have your say online here 👉 <https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/>




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Fairfield Park Reclassification Consultation goes live



Community group Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield/Chartwell Community Centre Trust is looking to call Fairfield Hall home. For them to do this, Hamilton City Council is proposing that the area of Fairfield Park where the hall sits is reclassified from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facility) reserve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

This change would mean that Te Whare o te Ata could use the hall for their everyday operations as well as their community activations. Other community groups would also be able to book the hall for a much wider range of activities including sports, events, meetings and more.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on the future use of Fairfield Park, let us know your thoughts via our short survey. There are three ways to fill it out:

- Online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- Pick up a hard copy at the Municipal Building or any Hamilton Libraries branch
- Call 07 838 6699 to request a hard copy

Our survey closes on 14 March 2022.

[Fairfield Park Reclassification Consultation goes live | Our Hamilton](#)

Public Notice published in Hamilton Press – 16 February 2022

Public notice

**Proposed reclassification of section of Fairfield Park
Section 24, Reserves Act 1977.**

Hamilton City Council is proposing for the area of Fairfield Park where the hall sits be reclassified from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facility) reserve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

This change would mean that local community group Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield Chartwell Community Trust Centre could call the hall home and use it for their everyday operations as well as their community activations.

This also means that other community groups would be able to use the hall for a much wider range of activities including sports, events, meetings and more via a booking system with Te Whare o te Ata.

Council would like to hear how you use the space, and your thoughts on this proposal.

Submissions can be made from Monday 14 February to Monday 14 March 2022.

- Online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- At your local Hamilton Library
- At the Council Municipal Building

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[hamiltoncitycouncil](https://hamiltoncitycouncil.govt.nz)

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Te Kaitiaki o te Kaitiaki

Emails sent to Fairfield Primary and Intermediate Schools, Ngati Wairere and Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa on 15 February 2022

Fairfield Park - Partial Reclassification



Daan Blokker

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Tue 15/02/2022 10:37 am

Kia ora,

Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield/Chartwell Community Centre Trust is looking to call Fairfield Hall home. For them to do this, Hamilton City Council is proposing that the area of Fairfield Park where the hall sits is reclassified from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facility) reserve under Section 24 the Reserves Act 1977.

This change would mean that the hall could be used for a much wider range of activities including sports, events, meetings and more. The Trust would be allowed to use it for their everyday operations as well as their community activations. Alongside this, community members would also be able to book and use the hall for events.

We would love to hear how you as locals and frequent users of Fairfield Park use the space, and your thoughts on this proposal – you can submit your feedback at <https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/> or request a copy through your local library or community centre. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Ngaa mihi nui,

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We would like to hear how you as a local in the area use Fairfield Park, and your thoughts on this proposal. You can give your feedback online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay or via hard copy from the Council Building or your local library. ¶

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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. ¶

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Map showing which sites received a letter





FAIRFIELD PARK RECLASSIFICATION: ENGAGEMENT AND INSIGHT REPORT

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March 2022

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March, 2022.

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SUBMISSIONS INSIGHTS

The Fairfield Park Reclassification campaign opened on Monday 14 February and closed on Monday 14 March 2022. The survey was designed to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed change of the reclassification to a section of Fairfield Park from recreation reserve to local purpose (community facility) reserve under Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The reclassification allows for Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield/Chartwell Community Centre Trust to call Fairfield Hall home. This reclassification change means that the hall could be used for a much wider range of activities including sports, events, meetings and more. The Trust would be allowed to use it for their everyday operations as well as their community activations. Alongside this, community members would also be able to book and use the hall for events

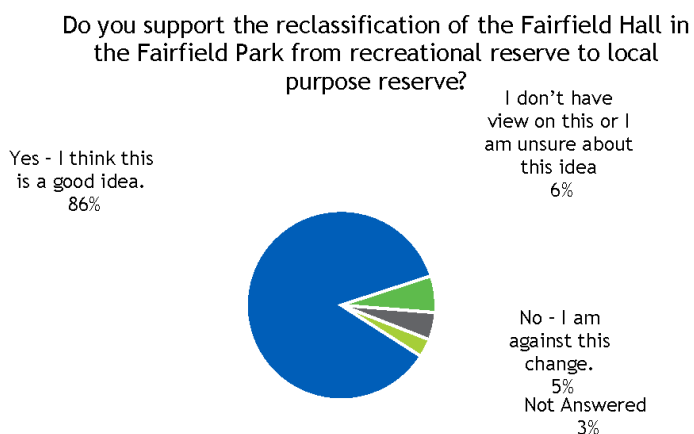
Respondents were asked if they support the reclassification or do not support the reclassification. Respondents were asked to comment on the reason for their choice and outline impacts that the reclassification may have on them. We also asked questions around their usage of the park, such as how often and why they visited Fairfield Park.

We received 64 responses to the Have Your Say survey. 10 of these were from an organisation or representative of a local group. Comments from those that supported the reclassification from recreation reserve to local purpose, or those that did not support the change, were analysed and the key insights are outlined below.

It should be noted the survey was an opt-in survey, and the targeted audience was nearby residents of the Fairfield and Enderley suburbs, as well as other local park users.

FEEDBACK THROUGH SUBMISSION FORMS (ONLINE & PAPER COPY)

We had a total of 64 responses (including those from organisations). 55 of the 64 respondents (86%) supported the reclassification. Three respondents were against the change (5%). Four did not have a view on this or were unsure (6%) and two did not answer this question (3%).



Respondents were asked to explain why they supported or did not support the reclassification. The top three themes were identified from respondents' answers:

- 36 felt that it would the hall would provide a benefit to the community.
"The Fairfield area needs some form of community space and having one at Fairfield park may allow the proper engagement with the Fairfield community. The park has recently been revamped and a community hub in that space will allow a presence at the park to potentially positively change attitudes of current park users. The park gets used by a few different sports so it'll be good to have a user friendly accessible space for the wider community."
- 19 thought the hall would be great to have a place for community to come together.
"Great opportunity for the community to gather around the centre, it will be seen as the hub of the community and hopefully it could become as well used as the Western community centre!"
- 15 supported that the section of the park should be reclassified to provide a home to Te Whare o te Ata Fairfield/Chartwell Community Centre Trust.
"Te Whare o Te Ata have been very generous to our community over the years. It has provided a space for organised groups to host different events to which I have witnessed and once upon a time been involved with a group that utilised Te Whare o Te Ata. As a long standing resident and ratepayer of Paul Crescent, I truly believe the community would benefit greatly if Te Whare o Te Ata were granted this space."

Impact of the reclassification:

65% of respondents believed the reclassification would have a positive impact on them or their community.

- *"It will make myself and our whanau feel safer knowing that the space is being used for the community and tamariki, rather than just as is with seedy people around constantly"*

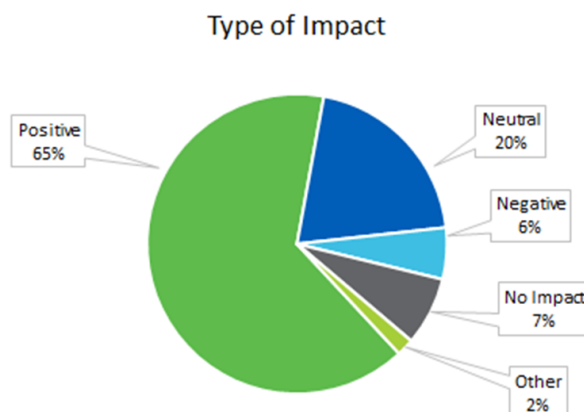
A further 20% believed the impact would be Neutral.

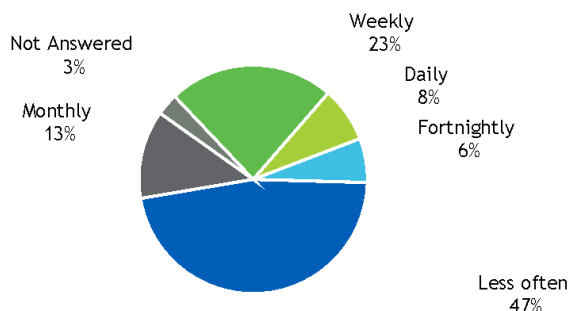
- *"If it impacts the ability to have sporting events and teams social events then it may be restrictive."*

Only 6% believed the reclassification would negatively impact them or their community.

- *"I think it will be detrimental to the community use of the skate park"*

Others believed there would be no impact, or made other suggestions for park improvements.



Park Usage:**How often do you visit Fairfield Park?**

Top three reasons for visiting the park include:

- Walking/Running/Biking (39% of total respondents)
- Using the Playground (34% of total respondents)
- Attending community centre events/groups or classes (34% of total respondents)

Other suggested improvements to the hall or park:

- Ensure showers and toilets are safe and kept clean
- Provide an inviting space that the community feels proud of
- Increase safety and address security concerns
- Community police officer stationed at the hall
- Ample parking for the use of the hall
- Allow Zumba classes to continue (and having a floor which is appropriate for dance)
- More rubbish bins around the park
- Community cricket nets
- Upgrade the tennis court

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISON OF RESPONSES FROM INDIVIDUALS**LOCATION**

36 of the 64 (56%) respondents were from the community profile East Area 4 which encompasses the suburbs of Enderley, Fairfield and Fairview Downs. The next highest community profile area was East Area 5 (Claudelands, Hamilton East, Peachgrove) with 5 respondents of the 64 (8%).

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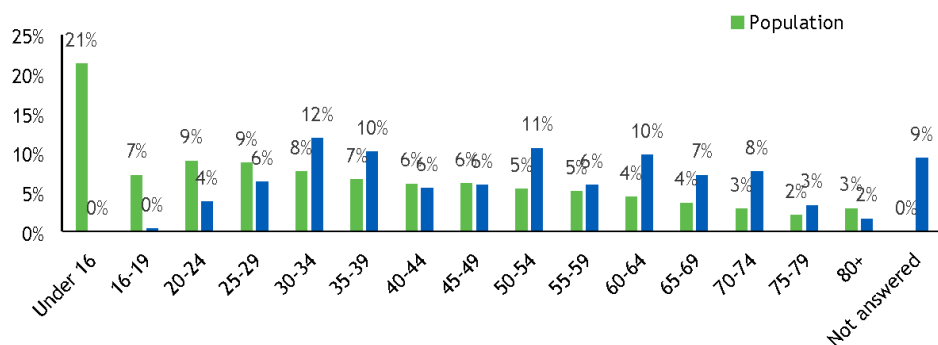
61% of total respondents identified as New Zealand European, and 39% identified as Maaori.

The 2018 Census data shows 52% of residents of community area East Area 4 as New Zealand European, and 40% identified as Maaori. In comparison to the 2018 Census data, our sample may reflect an overrepresentation of New Zealand European.

RESPONDENTS VS HAMILTON CITY PROFILE*-AGE GROUP

We had a low representation from those under the age of 24. We had no representation from those under 20.

Age group comparison
Hamilton population vs respondents



*Hamilton city profile statistics are from the 2018 Census published by Stats NZ.

FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS:

10 organisations or groups provided feedback. 8 of them supported the reclassification.

Group or Organisation	Support?	Comment
Friends of Mangaonua Esplanade Silverdale	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	Improvements need to be made such as moving the toilets, converting changing rooms into community spaces, modernising and creating multi-use spaces for the community.
Hamilton Boys' High School Football	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	It would benefit the community to have a place to use for a wider variety of things and have regular events. When people do not have regular activities to attend they often get involved in the wrong things.
Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	It is important for the Fairfield and Chartwell communities to have a facility that supports the needs of the community. A new and more fit for purpose space will provide a much need place for community groups to gather and connect. The is significant under resourcing of community facilities in the Fairfield area and the reclassification of the hall will go some way to improving overall facilities and spaces.
Ngati Haua, Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	The Fairfield community can share this asset if given the okay to use it. There has been a huge desire from the Fairfield community to have a meeting place without hiring venues that cost too much. It would be good to have a meeting place within the community to use. The name Te Whare o Ata has symbolism and a wairua to it which the community can relate to.
Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa Charitable Trust	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	The hall could be used for a much greater range of activities including the work of Te Whare o te Ata. Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa support this approach.
Te Whare o Te Ata Trust	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	As this would support the activities of the community house/centre that is vital for the Fairfield community and all people to still use the community hall. This upgrade is helping to modernise and improve the facilities at the hall for the community such as a community kitchen, new rooms and facilities and more of this upgrading is vital for the community - whanau, tamariki, and all community groups.
Te Whare o Te Ata Trust	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	It will be good to have someone occupy the space permanently and to have a space for community use.
Western Community Centre	Yes – I think this is a good idea.	The whare was named after Te Atairangikaahu. Please consult with Waikato Tainui. Having Maaori influence there will be beneficial.

Group or Organisation	Support?	Comment
Ngaati Wairere	No – I am against this change.	A face to face conversation with mana whenua and Te Papanui Enderley haapori has not taken place
Desert Spring Community Centre	I don't have view on this or I am unsure about this idea	Who manages the complex? Will TWoTA manage the entire complex and provide services to the Fairfield community?

FEEDBACK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

There was a total of 72 unique comments on Facebook. Some comments were deemed not relevant as they were tagged other Facebook users to inform them of the campaign or were off-topic. There were 34 relevant comments. The top themes were:

- General support for the reclassification and upgrade of the hall.
- Increase lighting at night and consider safety and security.
- Suggestion to upgrade the basketball courts.

Most comments were a form of suggestion for improving the park itself, which also came through in the submissions.

WHAT'S NEXT

A summary of the feedback will be presented to Council's Hearings and Engagement Committee 5 April 2022. At this meeting, anyone that would like to speak to their written submission will be able to do so. Council will then consider all the views and make a decision on the proposed changes outlined above.