

Ian Galloway Park Plan

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Introduction

Purpose of the Plan

This Plan provides a long-term roadmap for the future of Ian Galloway Park, Appleton Park and Wilton Park. It is a document created with community input to guide how the spaces may be evolved over many years. Short-term priorities are identified for utilising existing funding, and there are recommendations for the evolution of the parks over decades. This helps to set clearer expectations with the community about the opportunities and constraints of these parks and to ensure that any improvements (like paths, playgrounds, or sports facility improvements) are well-located and connected, rather than ad-hoc, when implemented over-time.

Background

The Plan was initiated as an action from the Suburban Reserves Management Plan, 2015. It's development was informed by:

- **Mana Whenua partnership** – aspirations of Mana Whenua and Māori documented in Tūpiki Ora.
- **Strategic framework** – relevant strategies, plans and policies.
- **Site analysis** – opportunities and constraints of the sites.
- **Stakeholder engagement** – early input in March 2025 and public feedback on the draft Plan in August 2025.

Limitations

This Plan is not a detailed, consented construction plan that is immediately set in stone. It is intended to be adaptable to future trends, opportunities, and the realities of council and external funding decisions. It doesn't replace specific, day-to-day management plans (like the Suburban Reserve Management Plan) or the detailed design and consenting process for individual projects. It lists potential initiatives and a framework for change over time, but the actual delivery and construction of all the initiatives are subject to external funding and/or the annual and long-term budgeting processes of the Council. Needs and feasibility assessment may also be required, and projects may be subject to dependencies.

Next steps

Following completion of this Plan, the park will undergo some changes. Through the 2024-34 Long-term Plan, \$1 million from the Charles Plimmer Bequest has been allocated for 2026/27 to help deliver environmental and amenity enhancements guided by this Park Plan, alongside \$250,000 for a new local play space at Ian Galloway Park. This project will undergo a detailed design and consenting process prior to construction.

Beyond this existing funding, Council is not committed to delivering any other potential initiatives at this stage. Further investment opportunities identified may be **externally funded**. We will work with partners and the community to seek funding opportunities.

Scope

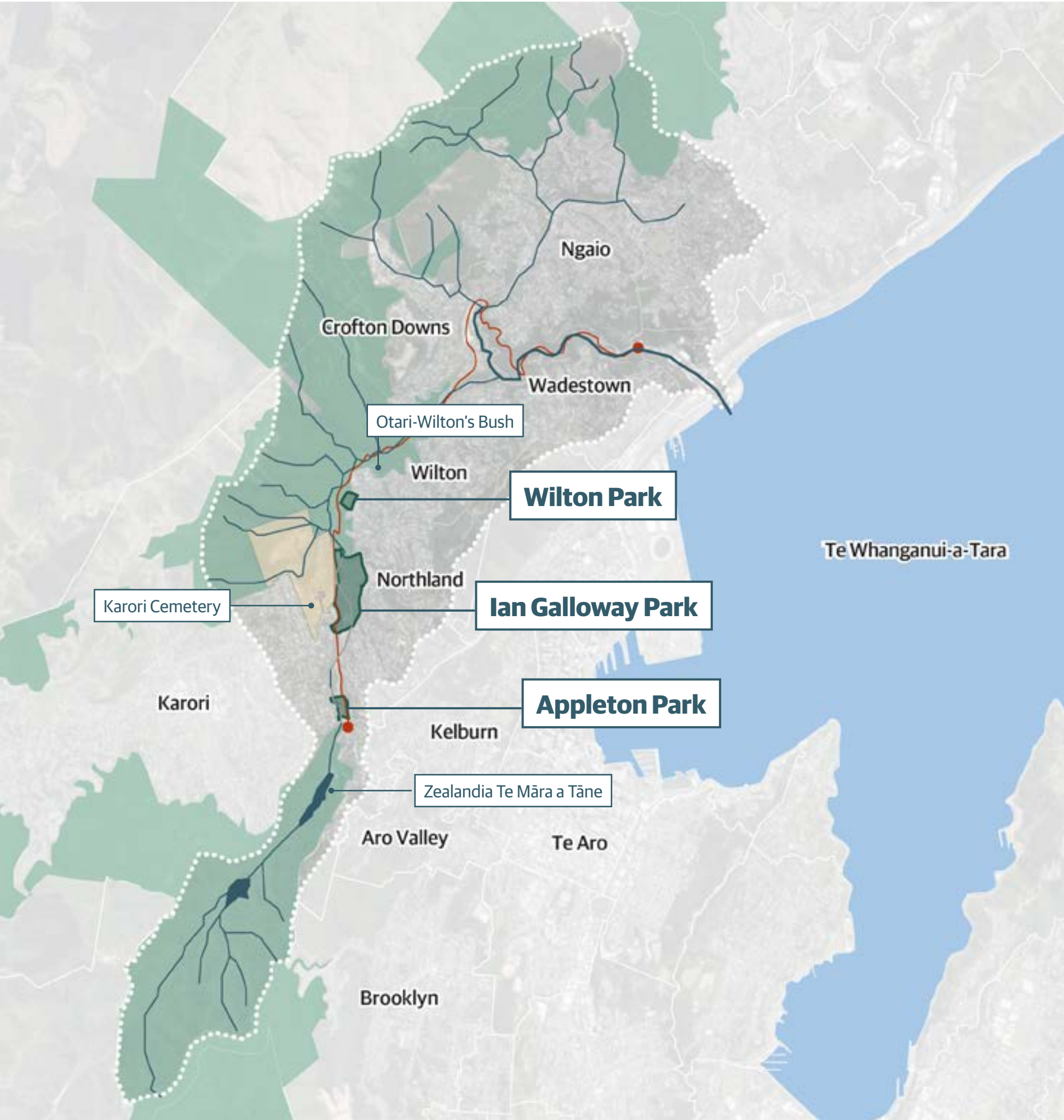
The scope for this plan is limited to three parks located in the Wharangi/Onslow-Western General Ward: Ian Galloway Park is a large multi-use community park whereas Appleton Park and Wilton Park are smaller neighbourhood parks, which service Karori, Northland and Wilton suburbs.

Context

These three park are situated along the Kaiwharawhara Valley between Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush. The Kaiwharawhara whaitua (catchment) is unique in Wellington City as the largest stream system, and only catchment with an open estuary on the Wellington harbour.

Legend

- Suburb boundaries
- Project parks
- Outer Green Belt (OGB)
- Karori Cemetery
- Kaiwharawhara catchment
- Catchment tributaries
- Sanctuary to Sea Walkway



Mana whenua partners

Tākai Here

Tākai Here is the partnership agreement between mana whenua groups (Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika, Te Rūnanganui o Te Ātiawa, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira) and Te Kaunihera o Pōneke (Wellington City Council). This collective agreement sets the principles, values and priorities for our work together, including this Plan.

Ian Galloway Park Plan has been developed under Tākai Here and guided by Tūpiki Ora which is integrated within our Open Space and Recreation Strategy, Te Whai Oranga Pōneke. A key focus of this Strategy is about reindigenising our open space and recreation network, with the outcome sought that te ao Māori, te Tiriti o Waitangi, and mātauranga Māori are reflected in the decision-making, management, activities and the visual presence of our places, spaces, and programmes. Supported by Te Whai Oranga Pōneke, there will be opportunities for mana whenua and local Māori to consult, co-design, and/or partner with Council on the delivery of the plan especially in areas of cultural expression and ecological restoration.

Te Kaiwharawhara whaitua

The project area is within Te Kaiwharawhara whaitua. This is an important place for Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, who are mana whenua with a strong cultural and historical connection to Te Kaiwharawhara. Kaiwharawhara Stream is a Statutory Acknowledgment Area within the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act 2009, however the extent is limited to the lower reaches of the stream.

Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara

Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea is a collaboration led by Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne in partnership with mana whenua Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika with strategic support from other external partners including Wellington City Council.

This project is a collaborative whole-of-catchment restoration initiative. The 100-year vision is that the mouri/lifeforce of Te Kaiwharawhara is healed. The project includes activity across three dimensions embedded within Te Ao Māori:

- Te Awa – The Stream
- Te Ngahere – The Forest
- Te Tāngata – The People.

This Plan recognises there is a growing aspiration amongst Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika for Te Kaiwharawhara to be given legal personhood, as has been done for other landmarks around Aotearoa. The image below is a mural by artist Isobel Te Aho-White (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa, Kāi Tahu, Pākehā), commissioned by Zealandia which visualises Te Kaiwharawhara stream as a kuia.



This artwork features as part of the Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara exhibition at Zealandia alongside another by Te Aho-White that visualises Te whaitua o Te Kaiwharawhara as a taniwha; with the head at the headwaters, the body reaching into the suburbs, and tail into Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Strategic framework



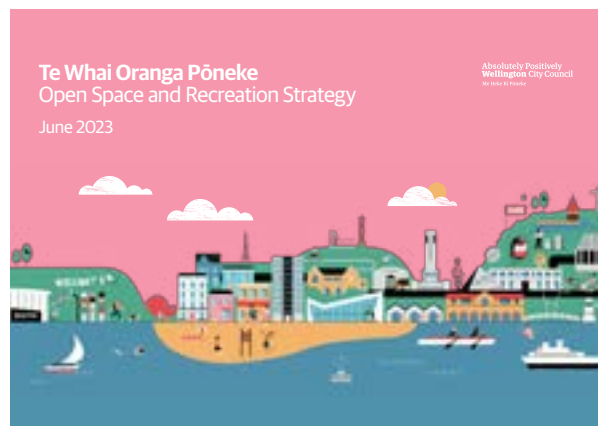
Our 10-year Plan 2024-34

The Long-term Plan (LTP) sets out how we will achieve the vision for Pōneke: the creative capital where people and nature thrive. It states our priorities for the next 10 years, including what we will do, how much it will cost and how we will pay for it. Our shared strategic priorities with our Tākai Here partners are:

- Mauri Ora o te Tangata – Wellbeing of people
- Taiao – Wellbeing of our environment

Relevant projects funded through the 2024-34 LTP have been incorporated in this Park Plan:

- \$1M (FY26/27) from the Charles Plimmer Bequest for Ian Galloway Park environmental and amenity enhancements.
- \$250,000 (FY26/27) for a new local play space.



Te Whai Oranga Pōneke 2023

This strategy sets the vision and key focus areas for developing our open space and recreation network:



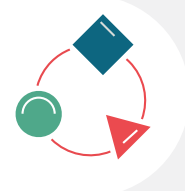
Regenerating and Resilient

Supports a nourishing natural environment



Integrated

Woven into everyday life



Diverse

Delivers variety



Inclusive

Welcomes everyone



Re-indigenising

Embeds Māori knowledge



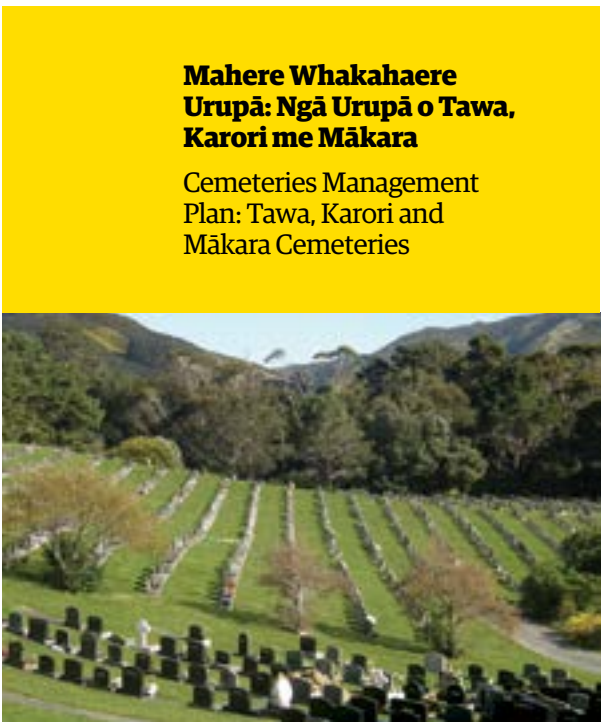
Te Awe Māpara 2023

Te Awe Māpara guides the Council's provision and decision-making about community facilities for the next 30 years. The plan includes guidance for the public toilets and leases portfolio which are relevant for the Ian Galloway Park Plan.

- A new public toilet has recently been installed at Ian Galloway Park. Based on provision targets outlined in Te Awe Māpara, no new toilets are needed within these parks.
- Lease facilities should be reviewed to support thriving and accessible facilities.

Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2015

- Action to retain and enhance large tree network and planting at Ian Galloway Park and Appleton Park to support the Zealandia- Ōtari-Wilton’s Bush corridor.
- Action for a plan for southern end of Ian Galloway Park, completed in 2015. The park has developed in the last 10 years in accordance with this plan including relocation of the dog exercise area to its current location and development of the BMX track.



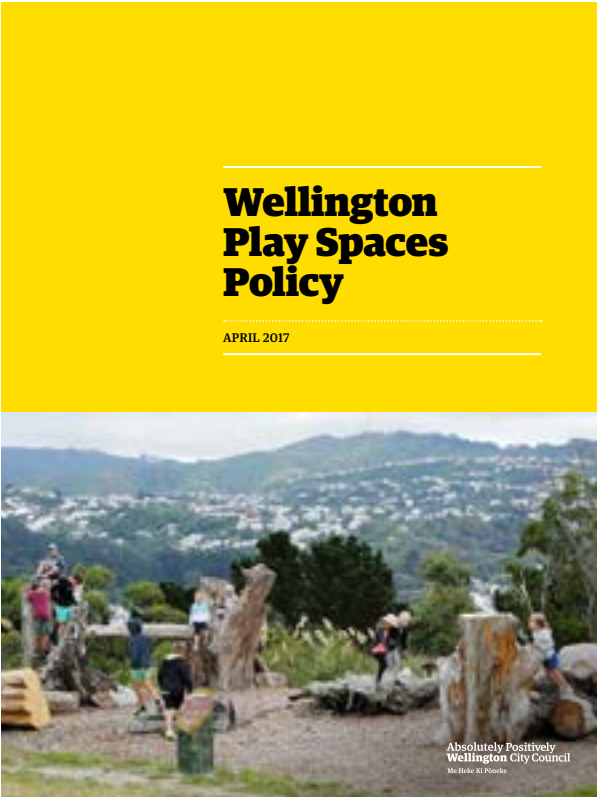
Cemeteries Management Plan 2021

- Action to work with the community and experts to investigate how to manage the riparian bank above the Kaiwharawhara Stream for stream health without damaging the graves on the lower slope.
- Action to develop a new walking-only track between the cemetery and Ian Galloway Park.



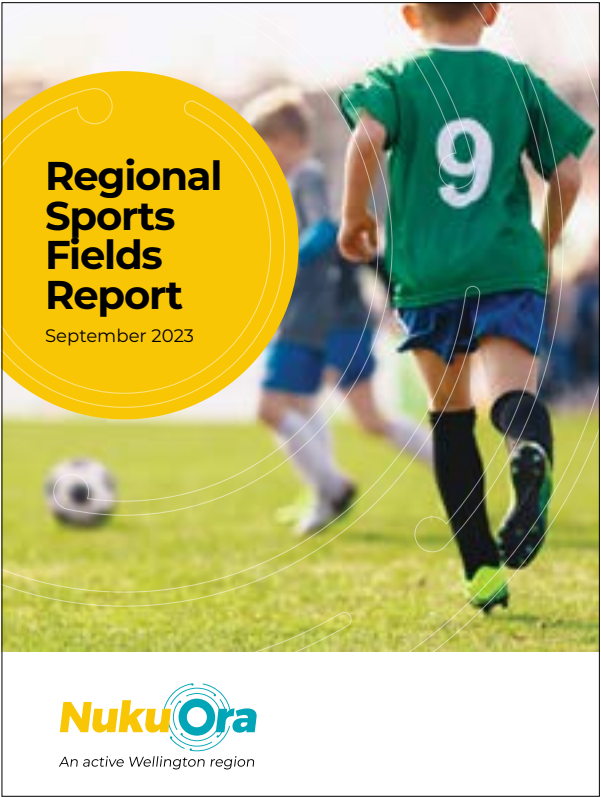
Wellington Dog Policy 2024

- Public survey included requests for improvements for the dog park at Ian Galloway Park including separation for large dogs and small dogs.
- Councillors agreed to maintain on-leash status at Appleton Park and re-visit off-leash provision in Karori as part of the next Dog Policy review.



Play Spaces Policy 2017

- Identified a provision gap for a neighbourhood play space, and basketball courts (either half courts or full courts) in the east of Karori.



Regional Sportsfield Report 2023

- Identified regional shortfall in provision for winter codes.
- Challenges include poor surface quality, lack of drainage impacting capacity, and absence of lighting and other amenities.



Paneke Pōneke 2022

- Paneke Pōneke is the bike network plan. This includes some planned secondary routes around and through Ian Galloway Park, however this work is not yet scheduled.



Mount Kau kau

Khandallah

Ngaio

Ōtari-Wilton's Bush

Treilissick Park

Te Ahumairangi

Wilton Park

Wilton

Johnson Hill

Karori Cemetery

Ian Galloway Park

Northland

Appleton Park

Karori

Karori Park

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne

Wrights Hill



Kaiwharawhara Estuary

Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

CBD

Kelburn

Te Aro

Site analysis

Ian Galloway Park, Appleton Park and Wilton Park, and are important recreational areas for Wellington’s western suburbs with the potential to play a greater role in connectivity for indigenous biodiversity with opportunities to better support accessibility and community use. However, these parks face challenges and limitations related to ground conditions and funding availability.

Comprehensive site analysis has been completed for these parks to clearly identify opportunities and constraints. For more detail, refer to the Ian Galloway Park Plan – Analysis Report.



Image above: Wilton slip.

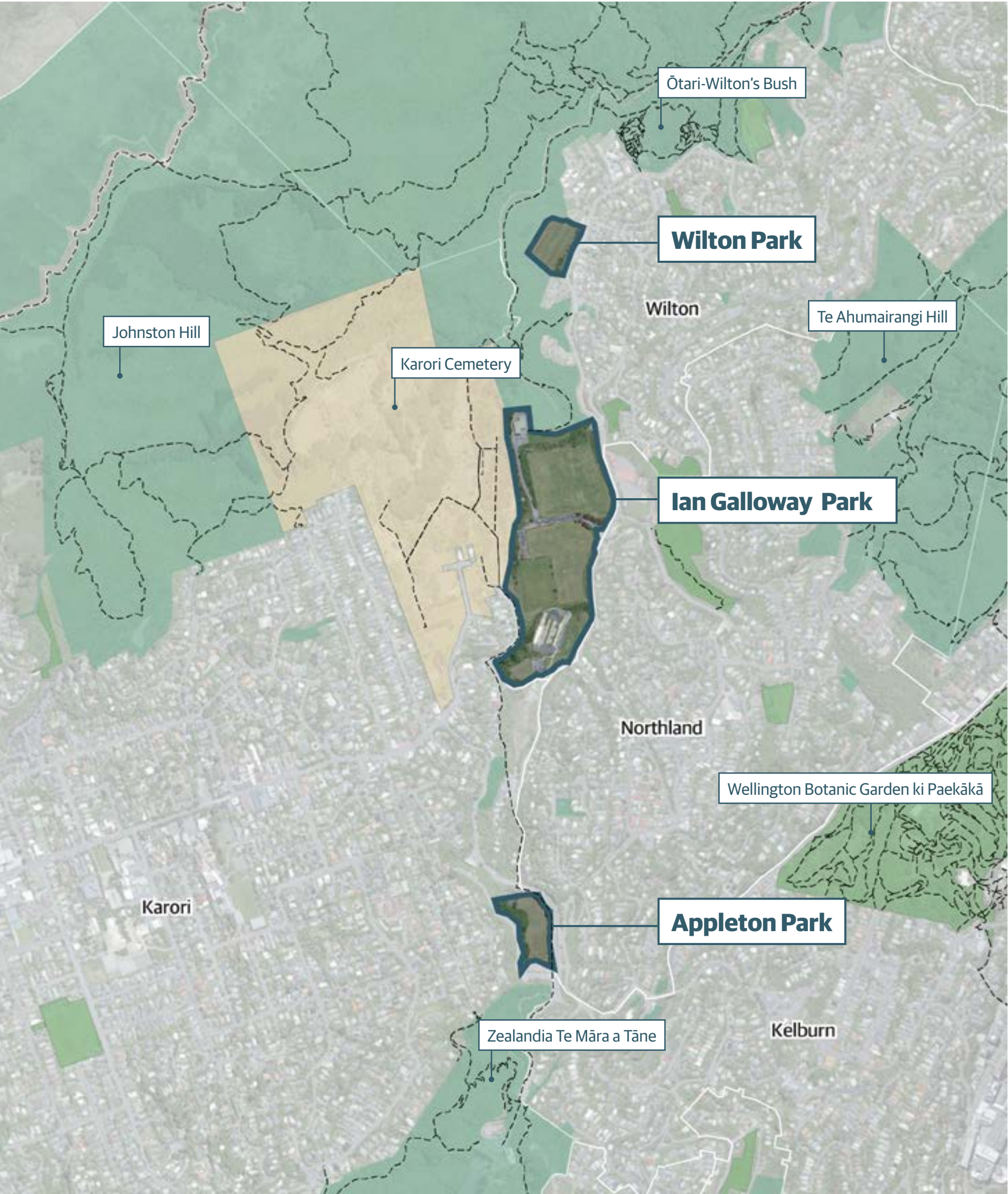
Ian Galloway Park
Strengths / opportunities
- Large community sports park with many existing assets and users. Opportunity to enhance current use, and explore a variety of new uses. - Adjacent to Karori Cemetery and Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.
Weaknesses / constraints
- Closed landfill with on-going issues. Recontouring works for improving ground conditions cannot take place for several years. - Some areas and buildings within the park feel disconnected, and are single-purpose. - Competing interests for space allocation, with some user conflict.

Appleton Park
Strengths / opportunities
- Well connected by active and public transport. - Adjacent to Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, located along the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway. - Large tree framework and indigenous vegetation on the slopes.
Weaknesses / constraints
- Under-utilised park, due to poor ground conditions on a closed landfill which requires recapping. - Limited carparking for park users. Majority of current parking is restricted for Zealandia staff and visitors.

Wilton Park
Strengths / opportunities
- Surrounded by Otari-Wilton's Bush, with opportunities for better connection. - Flat grass area is important for sport and informal recreation in this hilly suburb.
Weaknesses / constraints
- Slip-prone ground conditions. No longer suitable for cricket due to a large slip in 2022 which requires on-going management. - Limited and steep access. - Poor visibility from the street.

Legend

- Suburb boundaries
- Project parks
- Outer Green Belt (OGB)
- Karori Cemetery
- Tracks

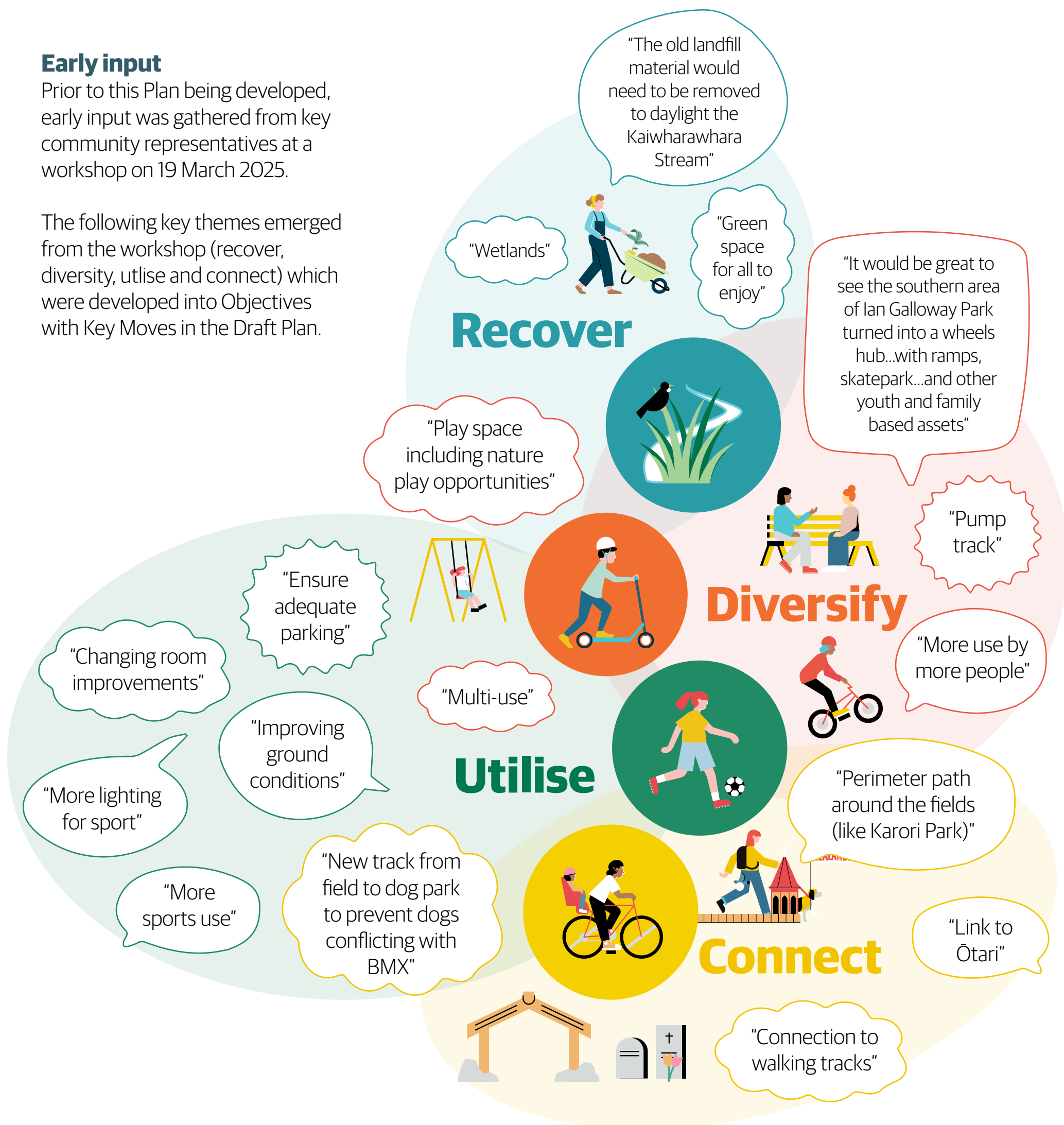


Stakeholder engagement

Early input

Prior to this Plan being developed, early input was gathered from key community representatives at a workshop on 19 March 2025.

The following key themes emerged from the workshop (recover, diversity, utilise and connect) which were developed into Objectives with Key Moves in the Draft Plan.



Feedback on the Draft Plan

Public engagement on the Draft Ian Galloway Park Plan was held for a 3-week period from 23 July to 12 August 2025. In total, 240 survey submissions and 39 email submissions were received from a wide range of individuals, community groups, environmental organisations, and recreational users. Refer to the Ian Galloway Park Plan – Public Engagement Summary for more detail.

While not every suggestion has been included in the final Plan, all contributions were carefully considered. The Plan reflects a balance between community desires, environmental sustainability, recreational needs, and the practical realities of funding and site conditions.

Feedback was generally supportive of the draft Plan with **78% support** for the overall direction.

Recover



Improve the environmental outcomes of these parks within Kaiwharawhara whaitua:

1. Support nature to thrive

80% support

2. Reflect landscape and cultural

65% support

- Environmental groups, including Zealandia, advocated for more ambitious environmental initiatives such as improving fish passages, leachate monitoring, and daylighting the stream.

Diversify



Diversify both the use and the users of these parks:

3. Provide space for play

79% support

4. Encourage passive recreation

73% support

- Majority support for a new play space and a loop track around the sportsfields.
- Majority support for a pump track and some advocacy for this to be large scale.
- Advocacy for new sports facilities – particularly multi-courts for netball.

Utilise



Improve the utilisation of existing sportsfields and other recreation assets:

5. Enable increased use

82% support

6. Accommodate changing user needs

79% support

- Sporting groups strongly supported sportsfield improvements, with aspirations for timeframes to be accelerated.
- Disagreement regarding an artificial turf.

Connect



Improve connections for fostering a strong sense of place and improving accessibility:

7. Develop internal connections

73% support

8. Strengthen external connections

70% support

- Many respondents were generally supportive of improving walking, running, and cycling connections within and around the parks.

Ian Galloway Park Plan

Vision

Contribute to the vision of Te Whai Oranga Pōneke: a flourishing network of parks and recreation opportunities, interwoven into everyday life, that supports Wellingtonians to live well and connect to nature and each other.

Principles

Tiakitanga
We have an intrinsic responsibility to nurture sustainable resources.

Whanaungatanga
Relationships and social connections are central to our wellbeing.

Pārekareka
It is important to have fun, play and enjoy ourselves.

Wairuatanga
People are intrinsically part of the natural world.

Manaakitanga
We show respect, generosity and care for others.

Objectives

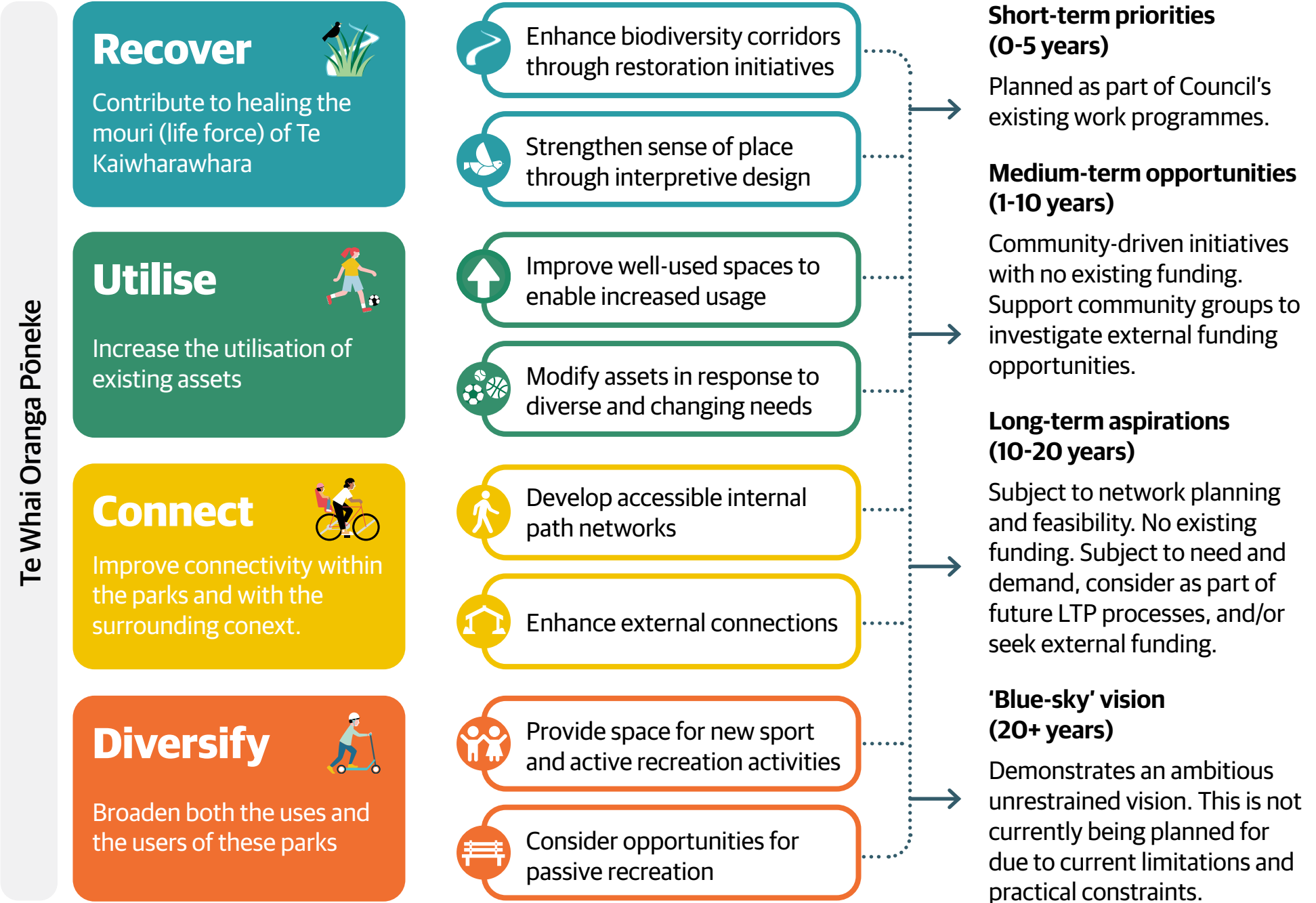
This Plan has four key objectives aligned with the strategic framework:

Key moves

Within these objectives are key moves which outline the intended direction of change over time:

Initiatives

Potential initiatives are phased over-time and are subject to dependencies:



Legend

- Project parks

Outer Green Belt (OGB)

Significant Natural Area (SNA)

Migratory fish habitat
- Public grass areas

Planned bike network (primary / secondary)

Local centres

Public play spaces



Recover



Contribute to healing the mouri (life force) of Te Kaiwharawhara whaitua (catchment) by enhancing the wellbeing of te awa (the stream), te ngahere (the forest), and te tangata (the people) as a partner on Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea.



 Enhance biodiversity corridors through restoration initiatives

Why?
Located within the Kaiwharawhara Valley between Zealandia and Ōtari-Wilton's Bush, these park are key to enhancing connectivity of indigenous forest and healing freshwater ecosystems. As a partner on Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea project, we are committed to managing the impacts of closed landfills and improving biodiversity.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

-  3.1 Embed a ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea) approach in caring for the environment.
-  3.2 Restore the mauri of our waterways.



 Strengthen sense of place through interpretive design

Why?
Although features like buried streams cannot be fully restored due to the requirements of safely managing the closed landfill, interpretive design can help reveal the park's natural and cultural history. By communicating how the landscape has changed over time and highlighting te ao Māori and te taiao (the natural world), interpretive elements can reinforce cultural identity and foster community involvement in caring for the environment.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

-  4.1 Support iwi as kaitiaki in their rohe.
-  4.2 Raise the visibility of te ao Māori narratives, identities, histories, and landmarks.

- Potential initiatives**
-  Restoration planting or low-mow areas on steep banks, and using native species for amenity planting.
 -  Improve riparian edges and fish passages supported by increased leachate monitoring.
 -  Investigate the potential for strengthening the relationship with Ōtari-Wilton's Bush as part of the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan review. Initial scoping is scheduled for 2027/28. Investigate the potential for Wilton Park, and Ian Galloway Park, to support the Ōtari Landscape Plan.
 -  Engage Mana Whenua designers to implement cultural narratives through landscape elements (for example, furniture, pavement, or signage telling stories of Te Kaiwharawhara whaitua (catchment)).
 -  Te Reo Māori naming aligned with park upgrades, and Reserve Management Plan reviews.

Utilise



Increase the utilisation of existing sportsfields and other recreation assets, to achieve better value from current facilities. Changes may be required to adapt to the diverse and changing needs of Wellington’s communities and to support higher use levels.



Improve well-used spaces to enable increased usage

Why?
Wellington has limited flat open space, especially in the western suburbs, but these are incredibly important and versatile spaces which support sport and recreation. As populations grow, and the climate changes, improvements will be needed to support increased demand in poorer conditions.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

- 1.1 Optimise open spaces and facilities to be multi-functional.
- 3.3 Adapt to a changing climate.
- 5.2 Support recreation clubs and organisations to thrive.



Modify assets in response to diverse and changing needs

Why?
Not all Wellingtonians have the same opportunities to access recreation. Removing barriers to participation can enable more people to participate in physical activity. This will deliver better value from existing assets.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

- 2.4 Empower our diverse communities to feel safe and comfortable.
- 5.1 Take an equity approach to supporting diverse recreation and sporting activities

Potential initiatives

- Skate ramp safety improvements and on-going maintenance.
- Sportsfield surface and lighting improvements.
- Dog park modifications (informed by feedback in the Dog Policy Review) such as trees for shade and shelter, and separation for smaller dogs.
- Following closed landfill remediation improve Appleton Park, as a gateway to Zealandia, incorporating informal recreation opportunities utilising the flat open space.
- Upgrade changing facilities to be inclusive and gender neutral.
- Parking changes, aligned with other park upgrades, to ensure safe, accessible, and sufficient parking that supports inclusive participation for all users, guided by the Parking Policy.
- Review all community facilities at Ian Galloway Park to ensure they are fit-for-purpose, guided by Te Awe Māpara.

Connect



Improve connectivity within the park and to the surrounding area to create a coherent user experience and enhance opportunities for exploration and discovery.



Develop accessible internal path networks

Why?

These parks support a range of recreational uses; however, due to factors like topography, these recreation opportunities function in isolation. Enhancing accessibility and wayfinding between them would enable co-location benefits, such as increased utilisation, safety, social cohesion, and a stronger sense of belonging.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:



1.1 Optimise open spaces and facilities to be multi-functional.



1.2 Provide well-distributed and connected recreation opportunities.



Enhance external connections

Why?

Connecting these open spaces with the surrounding context – to Karori and nearby destinations such as Zealandia, Ōtari-Wilton's Bush, Karori Cemetery and the Outer Green Belt – creates a more cohesive network, which encourages active transport and significantly increases the use and appeal of all recreation opportunities available.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:



1.2 Provide well-distributed and connected recreation opportunities.



5.3 Provide world-class experiences.

Potential initiatives



Improve internal connectivity between southern Ian Galloway Park and the sportsfields by developing an accessible internal path network.



Develop a coherent wayfinding strategy which highlights recreation opportunities and connections within the parks.



Loop track around the sportsfields.



Support Paneke Pōneke work programme which proposes a shared commuter path through Ian Galloway Park. Potential alignment with a loop track.



Upgrade the informal walking track which connects Karori Cemetery with Ōtari-Wilton's Bush, through Ian Galloway Park.



Upgrade the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway to provide clearer connectivity between these parks and surrounding destinations.

Diversify



Broaden the spectrum of recreational uses and users across the parks, reflecting Wellington's current and future recreational needs.



 Provide space for new sport and active recreation activities

Why?
Having well-distributed and diverse sport and active recreation opportunities supports people to be active and healthy.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

-  1.2 Provide well-distributed and connected recreation opportunities.
-  2.3 Design our public realm to welcome play, skate and active recreation.
-  5.1 Take an equity approach to supporting diverse recreation and sporting activities.



 Consider opportunities for passive recreation

Why?
Relaxing green open spaces – where people want to sit and watch sport, feel the sun and wind, read a book, have a picnic, or chat with friends – enable people to be enriched through contact with nature, social interaction, and cultural activities.

Alignment with Te Whai Oranga Pōneke:

-  1.1 Optimise open spaces and facilities to be multi-functional.
-  2.1 Drive universal design.
-  3.4 Ensure opportunities to connect with nature.

- Potential initiatives**
-  New local play space at Ian Galloway Park inspired by the natural context, guided by the Play Spaces Policy.
 -  Informal play opportunities adjacent to sportsfields, and along trails.
 -  Improve provision and quality of wheels-based recreation.
 -  Multi-purpose court provision to support a more diverse range of sports.
 -  Retain some of the grassy banks for picnics and play.
 -  Shelter and amenity planting for making spaces more pleasant and enjoyable to spend time.
 -  Increase provision of passive recreation assets, such as gathering spaces, shelter and seating including for spectators.

Initiatives

Funded projects

Through the 2023-24 Annual Plan process, Wellington City Council received several funding requests, including for a Park Plan for Ian Galloway Park, and new public toilets by the BMX track and dog park. These two project have now been completed.

Through the 2024-34 Long-term Plan, \$1 million from the Charles Plimmer Bequest has been allocated for 2026/27 to help deliver environmental and amenity enhancements outlined in the Ian Galloway Park Plan, alongside \$250,000 for a new local play space.

The next step is to prepare a detailed Landscape Plan for delivering the Ian Galloway Park Open Space Improvements Project. This is a set of construction drawings and specifications that serves as the final blueprint. It moves beyond the initial concept design to provide all the necessary information for a contractor to accurately price, procure materials, and construct the project to the exact design specifications.

Other initiatives

Beyond the existing funding outlined, Council is not committed to delivering any other potential initiatives at this stage. Further investment opportunities identified may be externally funded. We will work with partners and the community to seek additional funding opportunities.

Funding options

The [Long-Term Plan](#) (LTP) is a 10-year strategic document created by a local council every three years that outlines its vision, priorities, and how it will fund and deliver services including parks, sport and recreation. The funding for the next 10-years is already allocated, and so opportunities for further Council funding is limited. There are other [other funding sources](#) available which community groups can apply for with support from Council.

Dependencies

In addition to funding, many of the initiatives are subject to other dependencies including technical and site constraints, consenting and regulatory requirements, and wider infrastructure delivery. These have informed prioritisation. A key limitation is the remediation of the closed landfills which are reliant on cost-effective high-quality clean fill sourced from large-scale infrastructure projects.

Cost estimates

The cost estimates provided are high-level and indicative only. Figures are based off known market rates (inflated to 2025 values only). Any funding decisions should be made from a professional Quantity Surveyor (QS) based on a more detailed project proposal.

For estimating a project budget, additional costs would need to be added such as further inflation, Council internal labour costs, and consultant fees including design, specialist consultants, any consent and planning requirements and project management. Overall project construction costs including preliminary and general (P&G's), margins and contingency also need to be applied and would vary based on the scale and risk of each specific project.

Any project identified that involves a capital investment upgrade would be required to go through the Council's Investment Delivery Framework (IDF) and be subject to a business case. This would involve whole-of-life cost analysis including forecast operational and renewal expenditure.



Image above: new public toilets installed at Ian Galloway Park.



Image above: example of a local play space – Surrey Street Play Area, Wilton.

Ian Galloway Park initiatives		Key move	Rationale	Cost estimate	Funding source	Timeframe / dependencies
Short-term priorities (0-5 years)						
1	Riparian edges – manage the riparian banks above Kaiwharawhara Stream for improving stream health without damaging the graves.		Action in the Cemeteries Management Plan (4.2.3b) indicated to be delivered 2024-27.	To be scoped	2024-34 LTP 2006342063 Cemetery Maintenance	2026/27 subject to work programme prioritisation
2	Walking connection – upgrade the informal walking track (~120m) which connects Karori Cemetery with Ōtari-Wilton's Bush, through Ian Galloway Park.		Action in the Cemeteries Management Plan (4.2.7e) indicated to be delivered 2027-31.	\$7.5k-\$10k	2024-34 LTP 2006112010 Suburban Reserve Trails	2027/28 subject to work programme prioritisation
3	Play space – new local play area co-located with the public toilets. Use natural materials where possible.	 	Action in Play Spaces Policy (1.2c) to address the provision gap in Karori-east.	\$250k	2024-34 LTP 2000982051 Playground upgrades	
4	Central pathway – develop an accessible central spine through the park, as budget allows. Prioritise strengthening the connection between the southern terrace and the pavilion, with other connections staged overtime. Manage user conflict between wheeled users and dogs, by modifying BMX configurations.		Te Whai Oranga Pōneke Provision Targets for Parks – Neighbourhood outlines “universal design principles should be applied to ensure spaces are accessible to everyone”.		2024-34 LTP 2011692005 Plimmer Bequest*	Ian Galloway Park Open Space Improvements Project: 2026/27
5	Native planting – replanting on steep grass banks, building on existing restoration areas, while retaining some grassy slopes for play and passive recreation. Some new trees for shade and wind shelter. Plant low native grasses and shrubs along interfaces for improving amenity and integrating new assets while ensuring good sightlines are maintained.	 	Action in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (D12) to reduce the environmental impact of our park maintenance by 'replanting steep areas to reduce mowing'	\$1M	*Must be used specifically for beautification projects including planting trees and shrubs, and other open space amenity improvements.	
6	Gathering space – remove fencing for flat open space around the pavilion, with informal play options by the fields for young spectators.	 	Additional park improvements to meet Te Whai Oranga Pōneke Provision Targets for Neighbourhood Parks.			
7	Skate ramps – minor maintenance and improvements including safety signage and improved access.		Asset management recommendations based on recent condition assessment.	\$10k	2024-34 LTP 1114 Playground and Skate Facility Maintenance	2026/27 subject to work programme prioritisation.
8	Jumps area – investigate relocation of the Karitane Jumps. Ian Galloway Park is a possible location (co-located south of the BMX track behind the skate ramps).		Relocation of Karitane Jumps is required by August 2028. Possible alignment with existing BMX track.	\$100k	No existing funding	Subject to external funding.
9	Changing facilities – modify changing rooms to be more inclusive and gender neutral as part of planned building renewals.		Action in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (D7)	To be scoped	2024-34 LTP 2006342063 FM Renewals	2026/27 Subject to work programme prioritisation.
10	Ōtari-Wilton's Bush – investigate the potential for strengthening the relationship with Ōtari-Wilton's Bush as part of the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan review, including opportunities for alignment with the Kia Mouriōra Te Kaiwharawhara project.	 	Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan action plan covered 2015-2025.	To be scoped	2024-34 LTP 2010332006 Otari Landscape Devel Plan	Scoping scheduled for 2027/28

Note: the images and drawings on this page are indicative only.



Above: Example of track connection.



Above: Example of natural play materials.



Above: Example of wide central path.



Above: Example of low native planting.



Above: Karitane Jumps.



Ian Galloway Park initiatives		Key move	Rationale	Cost estimate	Funding source	Timeframe / dependencies
Medium-term opportunities (0-10+ years)						
11	Sportsfield lighting – Flood lighting at 'the Cage' to enable increased training capacity for sports groups.		Regional Sportsfield Report recommends floodlighting to increase the capacity of existing sport fields.	\$190k-\$315k+	No existing funding.	Subject to external funding and feasibility.
12	Wheels-hub – Work with the BMX club on their proposed improvements to the BMX track and for a new pump track as part of a wheels-hub concept. This may be co-located south of the sportsfields (north-east of the BMX track), or west of the skate ramps (south of the BMX track).		Approach outlined in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (1.2), refers to pump tracks as part of community recreation provision. Needs assessment indicates a gap in provision in the western suburbs.	\$200k-\$750k+	No existing funding.	Subject to external funding and feasibility.
Long-term aspirations (10-20+ years)						
13	Sportsfields – surface improvements as part of the closed landfill remediation work. Investigate an artificial turf located on the western field 'the Cage'.		Regional Sportsfield Report identified shortfall in provision for winter codes and a need for field improvements to increase utilisation.	To be scoped	No existing funding. Consider as part of future LTP processes, and/or seek external funding.	Subject to network demand and feasibility, and funding. Subject to completion of closed landfill recontouring.
14	Multi-purpose courts – Indicative location for courts, to address the shortfall in provision, in part due to potential loss of courts at Cardinal McKeefry School.	 	Play Spaces Policy outlines a gap in outdoor court provision in Karori for recreation, which was supported by a Needs Assessment (2016) for courts for formal sports.	To be scoped		
15	Built facilities – Investigate consolidation of buildings to a centralized facility with outdoor gathering spaces.		Te Awe Māpara directs evolving lease facilities towards more collaborative physical arrangements.	To be scoped		
16	Gathering space – Aligned with sportsfield improvement provide additional seating, shelter and other amenities for spectators and players. Consider consolidation of play to the central gathering space, upgrading this to be community play area.		Additional park improvements to meet Te Whai Oranga Pōneke Provision Targets for Neighbourhood Parks.	To be scoped		
17	Dog park – Investigate creating separation within the existing dog park, or retrofitting the southern play area as a separate dog exercise area for small dogs.		Guided by feedback received from the Dog Policy Review and through community engagement.	To be scoped		
18	Access / wayfinding – consider upgrading parking and signage (such as large maps of the sports park), aligned with other park upgrades, to support increased use. When assets require renewal, consider relocation where appropriate to deliver long-term aspirations.		Under the District Plan (2024), regard is given to the presence of on-site car parking necessary to support recreation and open space community activities.	To be scoped		
19	Loop track – around sportsfields aligned with Paneke Pōneke work programme which indicates a shared path through the park.		Community feedback indicates that loop tracks around fields are popular for increasing use, accessibility and connectivity.	To be scoped		
'Blue-sky' vision (20+ years)						
20	Sanctuary to Sea – As part of Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara project daylight Kaiwharawhara Stream where feasible.		Council are partnered on Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara project.	–	–	Subject to funding availability and feasibility

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Above: Example of pump track.



Above: Example of artificial turf.



Above: Example of multi-use court.



Above: Example of sheltered seating area.



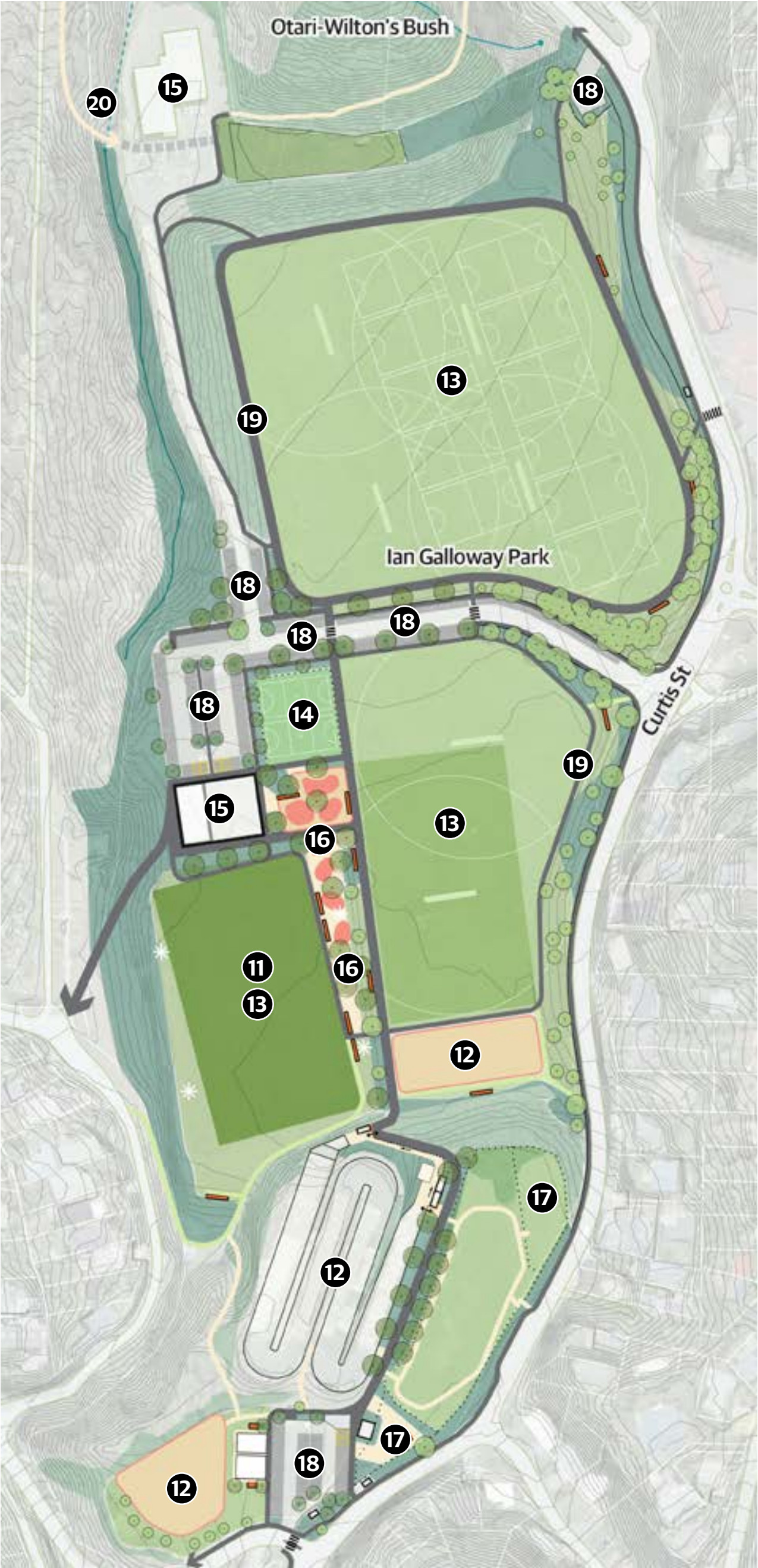
Above: Example of climbing frame by field.



Above: Example of sports park signage.



Above: Example of loop track.



Appleton Park initiatives		Key move	Rationale	Cost estimate	Funding source	Timeframe / dependencies
Short-term priorities (0-5 years)						
1	Car parking – Investigate time restrictions on the parking by the court to ensure access for daytime park users, with the potential to decomission this parking area over time to improve safety.		Parking Policy (2020)	To be scoped	-	Subject to available internal capacity.
Medium-term opportunities (0-10+ years)						
2	Native planting – Low native shrubs and grasses along interfaces, whilst retaining sightlines and access. Possible alignment with Chaytor Street Retaining Wall upgrade project which may impact some of the street trees at Appleton Park.		Action in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (D12) to 'reduce the environmental impact of our park maintenance by replanting areas to reduce mowing'.	To be scoped	No existing funding. Investigate external funding opportunities.	Subject to external funding.
3	Court – Modify court at Appleton Park to be more multi-purpose and welcoming, until courts at Ian Galloway Park can be implemented, i.e., dual-purpose hoops.	 	Play Spaces Policy outlines a gap in outdoor court provision in Karori for recreation.	To be scoped		
Long-term aspirations (10-20 years)						
4	Amenity improvements – Following recontouring of the closed landfill, upgrade Appleton Park to meet quality provision targets. Provide explorative paths and seating options.	  	Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outline indicative amenities for local parks including kick-around areas, paths and seating.	To be scoped	No existing funding. Consider as part of future LTP processes, and/or seek external funding	Subject recontouring of the closed landfill, and funding availability.
5	Native planting – Potential for pā harakeke where there are on-going challenges with ground conditions and as a native replacement for weed species along the western edge.	 	Approach outlined in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (4.4), to "support traditional customary practices". Appropriateness of this location to be determined by mana whenua.	To be scoped		
6	Nature play – nature play elements with opportunities for interpretive design to elevate Te Kaiwharawhara whaitua (catchment) and for the park to connect to Zealandia.	  	Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outlines that "parks should incorporate trees and opportunities for people to connect and play with nature".	To be scoped		
7	Flat grass provision – As part of recontouring of the closed landfill improve drainage of grassy flat area for informal kick-about space. Review dog policy designation, currently on-leash only, as part of the Dog Policy Review. Consider the potential for using planting for creating separation with the shared path, mitigating the risk of user conflict.		Decision as part of the Dog Policy Review 2024, Councillors agreed to maintain on-leash status at Appleton Park and re-visit off-leash provision in Karori as part of the next Dog Policy review.	To be scoped		
'Blue-sky' vision (20+ years)						
8	Recreation provision – Consider potential for future recreational use, i.e., alternative location for extra court provision subject to feasibility.	  	Approach outlined in Te Whai Oranga Pōneke (1.1), to "optimise open spaces and facilities to be multi-functional"	-	-	Subject to funding availability and feasibility.
9	Access – consider upgrading parking for vehicles and bikes, aligned with other park upgrades to accommodate increased use. Potential to create a 'gateway to Zealandia' experience as part of carparking realignment.		Under the District Plan (2024), regard is given to the presence of on-site car parking necessary to support recreation and open space community activities.	-	-	Subject to funding availability and feasibility

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Above: Example of low planting.



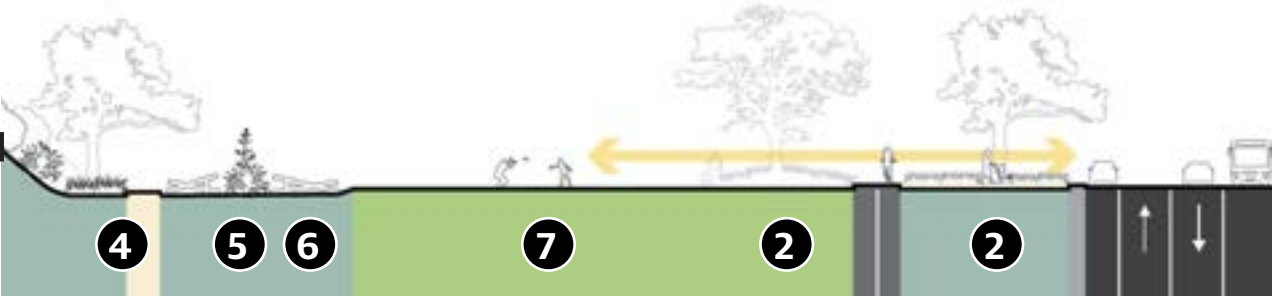
Above: Example of duel-purpose hoop.



Above: Example of explorative path.



Above: Example of nature play elements.



Wilton Park initiatives	Key move	Rationale	Cost estimate	Funding source	Timeframe / dependencies
Short-term priorities (0-5 years)					
1 Flat grass provision – Continue to provide flat grassed area for sport, informal and passive recreation, subject to need and demand. Manage erosion with native planting as needed.		Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outline indicative amenities for local parks including kick-around areas.	–	–	Wilton Park slip remedial work complete early 2024.
2 Ōtari-Wilton's Bush – investigate the potential for strengthening the relationship with Ōtari-Wilton's Bush as part of the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan review.		Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan action plan 2015-2025.	To be scoped	2024-34 LTP 2010332006 Otari Landscape Devel Plan	Scoping scheduled for 2027/28
Medium-term opportunities (0-10+ years)					
3 Nature play – small incidental nature play elements to enable people to connect and play with nature. Potential to utilise the existing slope and low-budget landscape elements with native planting.		Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outlines that “parks should incorporate trees and opportunities for people to connect and play with nature”.	To be scoped	No existing funding.	Subject to external funding
Long-term aspirations (10-20 years)					
4 Minor amenity improvements – extension of the pathways to connect the two entrances with a small seating area facing towards views of the skyline.		Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outline indicative amenities for local parks including paths and seating.	To be scoped	No existing funding. Consider as part of future LTP processes, and/or seek external funding	Subject to funding availability
5 Wayfinding – improve entrances to Wilton Park, including signage at the northern steps as part of wider wayfinding strategy.		Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outlines that “signage should be highly visible and located at entry points” for local parks.	To be scoped		
'Blue-sky' vision (20+ years)					
6 New track – linking Wilton Park to the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway. This increases the potential for neighbourhood loop walks. Consider as part of the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan review and/or Open Space Access Plan.		Open Space Categories and Provision Targets (2023) outlines that local parks should have “multiple entrance points and connections to link with the surrounding neighbourhood”.	To be scoped	No existing funding	Subject to funding availability and feasibility



Above: Native planting to manage erosion.



Above: Incidental nature play elements.

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Above: Flat grass area for small events.



Above: Bench seat accessed by pathway.



Above: Entrance signage.



Above: Track in native bush.

