

FEEDBACK	PROJECT RESPONSE
<p>Opportunities to undertake road narrowing in order to widen the riverbanks for the inclusion of a riverside cycle and walking path. The extra width would also allow the return of big trees, such as willows.</p>	<p>Road narrowing as a means to provide increased space for the river and landscape planting remains an aspiration, however current funding for the LPMP will not support any significant works of this nature in the foreseeable future. Any works that are progressed, such as landscape planting will be undertaken in such a way so as to not preclude road widening in the future.</p> <p>Currently no new willows will be planted as part of this project. No existing willows are being removed as part of this project.</p>
<p>Parking should generally be banned on the river side to reduce ongoing damage – use of bollards or strategic planting</p>	<p>The project team agrees that this would reduce the impact on the banks. However, this is outside the scope of this project but concerns have been raised with our roading team.</p>
<p>Improve native fish habitat/spawning</p>	<p>The project has sought to preserve as much of the current bank as possible to minimise the impact on habitat. In addition it is planned to place some larger rocks in front of the main line of rocks to provide additional spaces for eels and other creatures to inhabit. Larger pipes or hollow logs may reduce the structural integrity of the bank, and for this reason smaller pipes are proposed.</p>
<p>Ensure consistency with the Mid Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho Linear Park Masterplan and concern that due to budgets works cannot be implemented at the same time.</p>	<p>The works have been designed to be consistent with the Masterplan as far as possible. The project also aims to facilitate future works, such as leaving space for footpaths in the future.</p> <p>The Opawaho Heathcote Linear Park Master Plan (LPMP) has been allocated limited funding in the LTP for the next three years. The LPMP project team is liaising directly with the Heathcote Bank Stabilisation project team to identify and maximise opportunities for synergies to be realised. It is likely that this will be primarily in the form of supplementary landscaping and other minor works aligned to maximise use of the funds.</p>
<p>Ensure that all proposed plantings provides an ecological continuum along the river corridor and is consistent with the Mid Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho Linear Park Masterplan</p>	<p>The Master Plan has been used a guiding document during the development of the landscape plan and will adhered to as much as possible</p>
<p>Feedback received about the native/exotic ratio, some wanting more exotics while other preferred more natives</p>	<p>Plantings will be consistent with the Mid Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho Linear Park Masterplan. The ratio of native/exotic trees species is approximately 80% native and 30% exotic</p>

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Requests for additional tree species	<p>The current tree selection is based on Council's Streamside Planting Guide and also consistent with the Mid Heathcote River/Ōpāwaho Linear Park Masterplan</p> <p>Stage 2 of the project will involve the planting of 93 trees of 20 different species, and that is diverse enough for this part of the project - but we are investigating substituting 2 of the indigenous species on the list with 2 that have been suggested (five finger and broadleaf)</p>
Request for trees to be eco-sourced	<p>We are using eco-sourced trees for the native species that occur locally, and will be using street tree grade stock where required</p>
Request for the removal of two small exotic trees by the Waimea Terrace footbridge	<p>The two trees by the Waimea footbridge and appear to have been planted as replacement trees. They are healthy and structurally sound and their removal would require a Resource Consent, asset owner and Community Board approval and consultation with surrounding residents.</p> <p>They will not be removed as this issue is outside of the scope for this project.</p>
Have the impacts of climate change including rising sea levels, changes to rainfall patterns, rising water table been modelled and taken in to account?	<p>As this project is primarily about stabilising the river banks the impacts of both climate change and increased runoff are minor on the design.</p> <p>However, the wider Opāwaho/Heathcote River floodplain management scheme does take into account the impacts of both of these changes. It is also noted that as the climate changes further works will be needed which will build on the current works.</p>
The proposals do not do enough to mitigate flooding in the Heathcote River. The opportunity should be taken to widen the waterway and flood plain while work is being done.	<p>The proposed bank stabilisation works are not primarily aimed to address the impacts of flooding (although there is a small secondary benefit of increased channel widths in some areas). Greater widening was considered, but as it would impact the road corridor and other services the cost increases significantly with only marginal benefit compared to other works (such as upstream storage).</p>