

Submissions received on Takamatua Domain Landscape Development Plan, August 2023

Would like to speak to the Community Board

ID	Submitter feedback	Name - Organisation
51762	<p>Very delighted and happy to see this project progressed and completed over time including the involvement of the Takamautua Residents and Ratepayers Assn, Onuku Runanga and well supported and funded by the Christchurch City Council. It is an important part of our combined history.</p> <p>Takamatua Residents and Ratepayers should be congratulated on their input into this project. It has been quite a journey and a considerable funding commitment by them. Very happy to support this landscape plan. It is a site of significance for us all to acknowledge and recognise.</p> <p>The area has a long history of Maori occupation particularly as a temporary campsite and resting place for Maori before their final journey over the hill to Akaroa. The early French history and the building of the Blockhouses in Takamautua needs also to be acknowledged. The timber was sourced from the area and the Blockhouses were built in Takamatua and transported by boat around of the Bays.</p> <p>The name for the Takamatua stream is 'a place of rest after a journey' and really supports the Takamatua Domain site as a place to come and enjoy and experience the uniqueness of the site.</p> <p>If there is an opportunity to appear at a hearing I would like to be notified.</p>	Pam Richardson

Organisations / Businesses

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51682	See attached submission from the Akaroa Civic Trust.	Victoria Andrews – Akaroa Civic Trust, Deputy Chair

Individuals

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51765	I support the development of the Takamatua Domain Reserve.	Anne Bowden
51763	<p>We are the owners of [REDACTED], Takamatua. [REDACTED]</p> <p>While we are not entirely against the development of the Domain, we do have some concerns about the landscape design presented to us.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planting of trees and shrubs. We are concerned about the trees and shrubs that will be planted [REDACTED]. This includes the size and height and shading caused by the planting. This will have an impact on our view of the domain that we currently enjoy, and also of our neighbour's being compromised. No where on the plan does it say what types of trees and shrubs will be planted. Contour of the land We would be concerned about this being changed. At present it takes excess water when it floods. Shale Shales usually have some form of planting. What type of planting is planned for this area. Again the impact on our view of the bay would be impacted. Entrances We are concerned that the entrance on Old French Road [REDACTED] 	Douglas and Angela Baker
51761	<p>We own [REDACTED] and we are supportive of this landscape plan. We do have a couple of things that we feel the council needs to plan for when considering the impact on immediate neighbours that surround this property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The existing drainage issues that involve the council swale in front of all the properties on Takamatua Beach Road. When there is heavy rainfall many of these properties flood because the council swale has not been maintained or cleared out in the 5 years we have owned our property. There is also council planting which is blocking the swale where our property meets the Takamatua Domain. In the last 12 months we agreed to have the water supply testing machine outside our property and we alerted the council to the overgrown plants, and they were cleared a little. (Photo included). The drains run along our boundary fence and is causing the fence to subside and deteriorate. As part of the development proposal the drain [REDACTED] needs clearing out and the boundary fence replacing. (See attached photos). This fence needs to ensure privacy and security [REDACTED] 	Mark Calcott

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	<p>██████████ as the proposed gravel walkway will now be only approximately 10m from ██████████</p> <p>3. Visitors to the Domain need suitable parking in front of the domain.</p> <p>Photos attached.</p>	
51760	<p>While we are happy for the site to be developed we think the following points need to be considered.</p> <p>The use of appropriate plantings that do not restrict the views from neighbouring properties. The guarantee that regular maintenance of the area will be carried out by CCC. Provision of appropriate car parking at Beach front. Understanding that traffic movement on Old French Road is difficult as the road is very narrow and turning a vehicle is not easily accomplished. Perhaps yellow 'No Parking' signs could be considered on Old French Road. Understanding that bach owners come to Takamatua for rest and peace and quiet.</p>	Derek and Sue Marr
51753	<p>I'm absolutely delighted after all these years that we are finally at a stage where this will go ahead and be such a great asset for the community. I just feel that some of the trees may block views for the residents who have properties on Old French Road.</p>	Frances Baylis
51752	<p>We are not sure why this development plan needs to go ahead. Huge cost for something which will only be used for a small number holiday home uses in the summer months. Maybe it could be tidy up and have picnic table or so. Definitely not the tall tree planting as this will take away views for the home owners in your photo.</p>	Neil Barnett
51736	<p>Why the frivolous expenditure? Where is the need? Tree planting will block view of the bay for residents in the immediate area. Extra traffic & parking on Old French Road impedes residents with boats.</p>	Geoff Brewer
51735	<p>There is no need for the boardwalk & planting. The reserve is hardly ever used. Mow the reserve regularly & put a plaque up to commemorate the sight. Definitely no tall trees in planting plan as will block a number of residences views, mine included. No parking cars on Old French Road as a no exit narrow lane & owners will have trouble getting their boats in & out of driveways and down the lane.</p>	Christine Bray
51658	<p>I support the development.</p>	Cody Cooper
51602	<p>I understand the cultural significance of the site but we would like to see it left alone and just mown. There are several reasons for this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it may damage the arcs of view for the old French road residents. 2. It will significantly increase the public activity in the area which is already a problem and to date we have never seen anyone policing watercraft which quite frankly is out of control. 3. We are disappointed with the consultation process as non-ratepayers were excluded. <p>This pamphlet is the first time we've been asked for our opinion on the matter. I have been residents for 56 or so years and would hope my opinion is respected.</p>	Anthony Waltenberg
51538	<p>We are happy for the Domain Landscaping Development to go ahead. Our concerns with this is the planting of any tall trees that will directly impact our view ██████████ therefore we request that only low planting be done.</p> <p>We also request that parking to access the Domain is on Beach Road as any parking on Old French Road near the reserve would severely restrict vehicle and boat access to all the neighboring properties. Thank you.</p>	Wayne Radburnd
51509	<p>Whatever is planted needs to be very low level shrubs. The reeds that are there is all that we need I believe. I would also like some no stopping yellow lines painted to avoid people parking as the street is so narrow. My real concern is that people who are not directly affected by the changes are going to have a say in something that they may wander through twice a year where it affects my view all the time.</p>	Mark Milligan

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Akaroa Civic Trust submission to landscape development proposal for Takamatua Domain (Old Blockhouse Reserve)

The Akaroa Civic Trust supports this proposal and congratulates Council staff and the Takamatua community for their careful and thoughtful approach to the development and interpretation of this historic reserve.

This section of land on the waterfront at Takamatua was originally gazetted in 1866 as Reserve 189, when it was described as the site of the old blockhouse, German Bay. The history of this site is well known; it is the place where three defensive blockhouses were built in early 1845 by the carpenters of the French naval ship the *Rhin*. Two of the blockhouses were barged around to the fledgling town of Akaroa and were sited at the north and south ends of the town to provide places of refuge for settlers in the event of an attack. The third remained on the waterfront at Takamatua.

While all traces of the two Akaroa blockhouses were lost over the decades as building and road construction took place in the town, the site of the Takamatua blockhouse remained undisturbed and undeveloped. It was this potential for discovering physical evidence of the structure, and the ditch that surrounded it, that led Dr David Nobes, of Canterbury University, to conduct a geophysical survey of the site in 2005. He mapped the whole reserve and found "clear and unequivocal" evidence of the blockhouse and its surrounding trench.

The place has enormous historical significance as a very rare survivor (albeit underground) of these types of military defensive structures and a compelling story to tell. The Trust is reassured that archaeological values will be protected by the Accidental Discovery Protocol and close archaeological supervision. Although the landscape plan makes it clear that new plantings and structures will be kept clear of the known location of the old blockhouse, there is still a high possibility that other archaeological material could be found.

The Trust looks forward to seeing the story of this important place shared with users of the reserve. We note that the plans provide for interpretation panels at each end of the reserve and that these are currently unfunded. We would like to encourage council to include the funding of these two interpretation panels in the project.







