

RESERVES INVESTMENT STRATEGY RESET (2027-2030)

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Previous Council Papers

- Draft Reserves Investment Strategy (Page 51)
 - Agenda of Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee - Wednesday, 6 September 2023
- Adoption of the Reserves Investment Strategy (Page 8)
 - Agenda of Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee - Wednesday, 25 June 2025

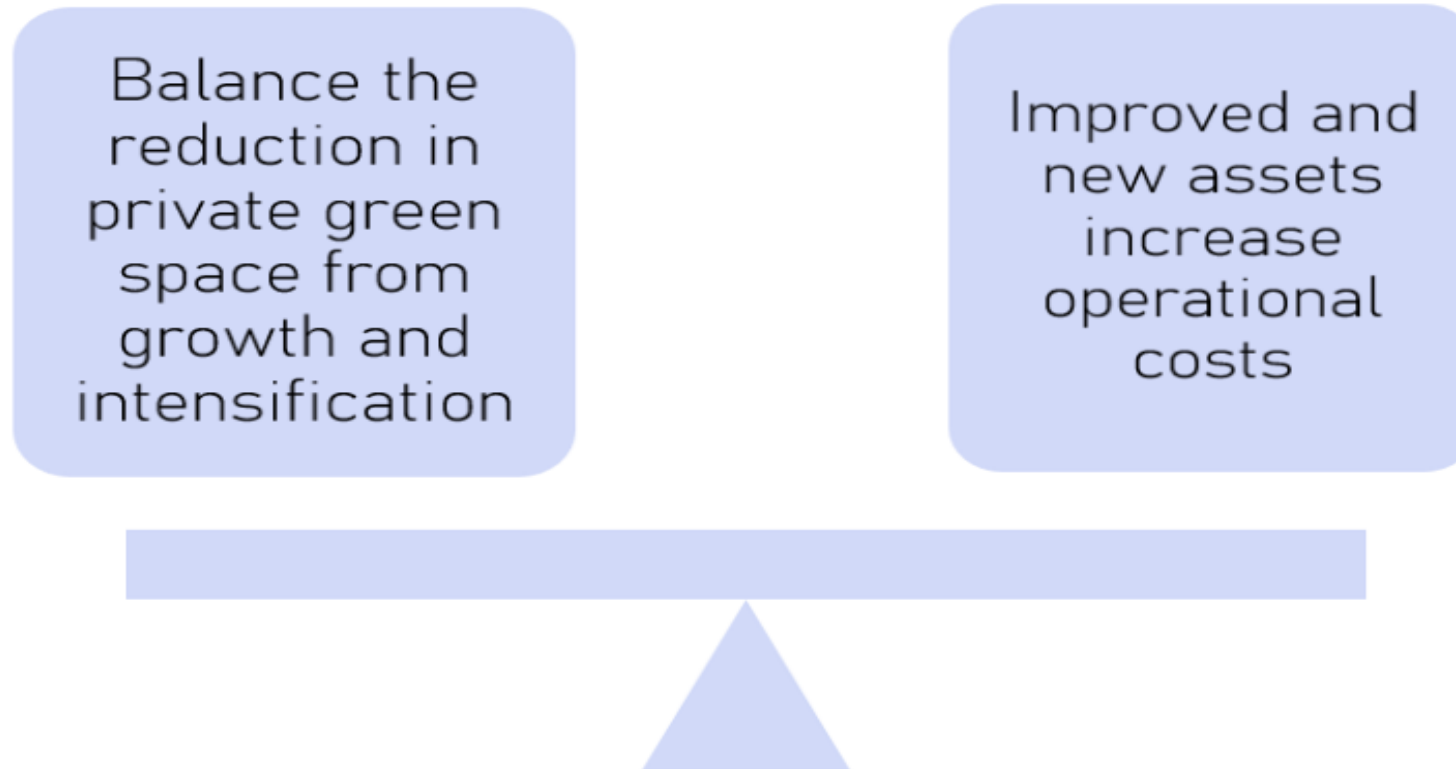
Purpose of Briefing

- Provide background on the Reserves Investment Strategy and re-set of the project list for inclusion in the draft Long-Term Plan 2027/30
- Provide an opportunity to review the draft project list and provide detail on new projects
- Receive feedback and answer questions ahead of the Connected Communities and Climate Resilience Committee meeting in May where the projects for inclusion in the draft LTP will be agreed
- This will enable officers to start planning for future delivery

RIS Timeline

Date	Milestone
September 2023	CCP Committee approved the draft RIS and a Proposed Projects List for inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34.
March/April 2024	Public consultation on the draft LTP
July 2025	RIS Strategy and Project List adopted by Council
April 2026	Council briefing on proposed Project List for 2027/30 LTP
May 2026	Proposed Project List goes to Connected Communities and Climate Resilience Committee for endorsement
TBC	Council approves proposed Project List and budgets for inclusion in draft LTP 2027/30
March/April 2027	Public consultation on the draft LTP
June 2027	Final LTP adopted by Council, including RIS project list

RIS Balancing Act



Alignment with the Target Operating Model (TOM) and Assets Review

- a) Maintain a smaller portfolio of assets that provide optimum community outcomes;
- b) Only accept new assets where they meet the needs of the service, are accessible, provide high community value, and can be managed and maintained efficiently and cost-effectively;
- c) Rationalise poorly-performing services where there may be insufficient funding to maintain the current portfolio;
- d) Retire, divest or demolish obsolete, inefficient or low-value services/buildings where they are providing sub-optimal or poor outcomes;
- e) Reduce Levels of Service (LoS) on the existing asset when higher profile assets come on-line.

RIS Matrix Criteria

Criteria	Description	Low	High
Strategic value	Considers the strategic value of the project to Council in terms of economic, social, cultural, environmental and ecological terms.	1	4
Profile	Considers the likely width and depth of political and community support.	1	4
Delivery	Relevant to existing and successive LTP cycles	1	4
Community outcomes	Relevant to existing community outcomes outlined in the current LTP.	1	4
Annual maintenance cost	Assessed on annual maintenance costs (low to high).	1	4
Population density	Assessed on population served (high to low)	1	4
Growth factor	Assessed on projected population growth by neighbourhood (Sense Partners)	1	4
Socio-economic rating	Assessed on decile rating (low to high)	1	4
Access factor	Based on spatial analysis	1	4

Reserves Purchase & Development Fund

- The Reserve Purchase and Development Fund is estimated to be \$50,200,000 by end of June 2037
- The proposed project list will need to be fully scoped, as budgets are indicative only and projects may overlap, be staged, or extend into multiple years.
- Other projects that may need to be introduced or accelerated for financial or strategic reasons (with Council's agreement).
Dependent on priority these may dislodge currently proposed projects.

New projects – Black Creek Wainuiomata Shared Path

ORIGINAL RIS PROJECT

- INVESTIGATE BLACK CREEK SHARED PATH \$600k.

PROPOSED NEW PROJECT

- TRANSFORMATIVE BLUE/GREEN CORRIDOR SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRANSPORT, IMPROVED CONNECTION, WATER QUALITY AND BIODIVERSITY.

Why Wainuiomata? – A Transformative Opportunity

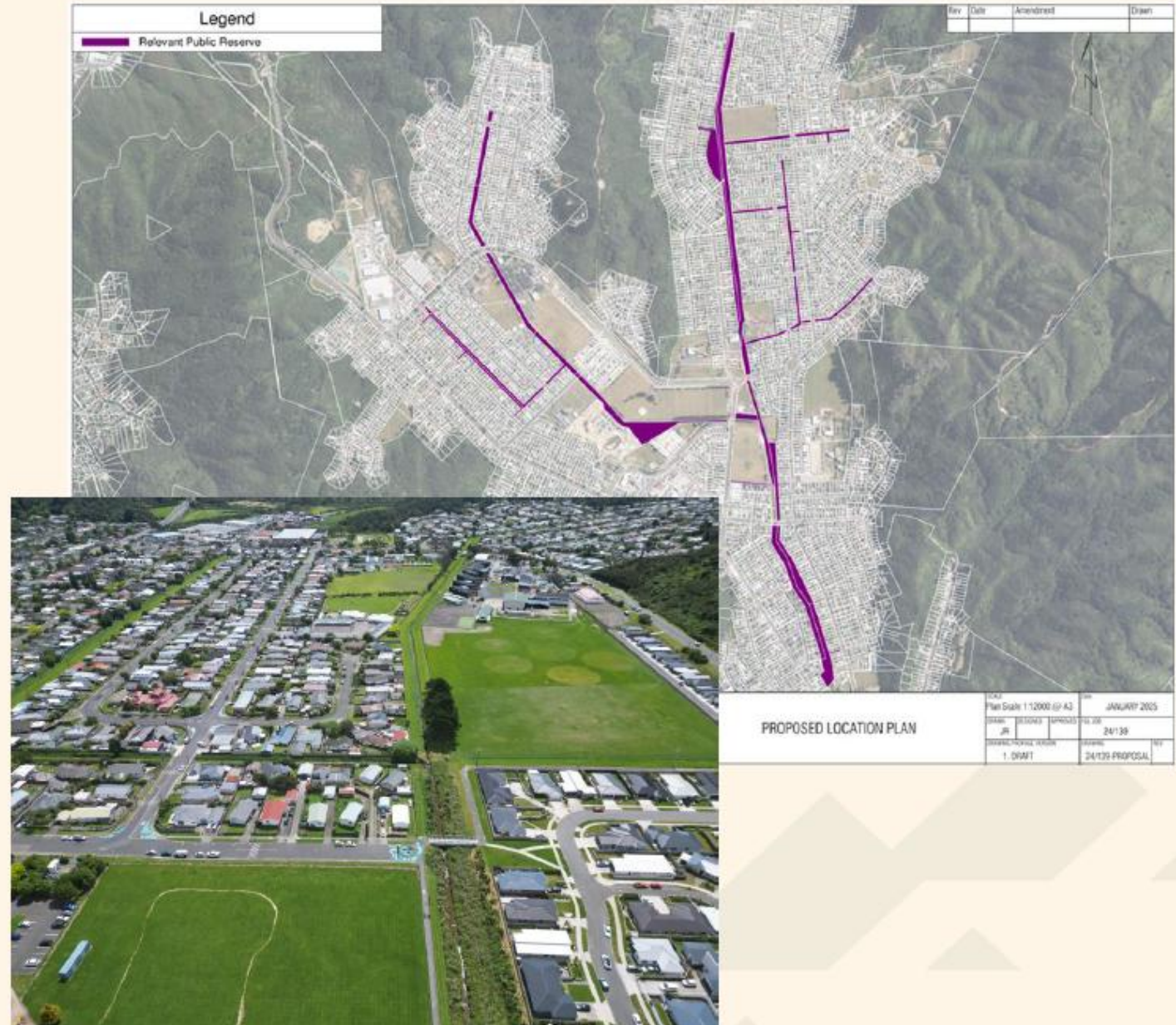


- Strong, growing community with clear local needs.
- Black Creek corridor is degraded but centrally located.
- Continuous public reserve land already in informal use.
- Potential for safe, low-stress commuter walking and cycling.
- Unique chance to combine transport equity with regeneration.



Why Wainuiomata? – A Transformative Opportunity

- Black Creek corridor offers a direct, low-stress **transport link** through the heart of the suburbs.
- Follows **public reserve land** already used informally by walkers and cyclists
- Connects homes, schools, parks, and shops — ideal for commuters, students, and families etc.
- Supports **mode-shift** with a safe and accessible, all-ages, all-abilities route.
- Delivers **transport, recreation, and public amenity** in one integrated network



Vision and Objectives – What Could Black Creek Become?

- A connected **green-blue corridor** supporting:
 - **Water quality** and **habitat restoration**.
 - Active **transport** and **climate resilience**.
 - **Cultural identity** and storytelling.
 - Safe, low-carbon travel for **everyday journeys**.
- Aligns with HCC and GWRC goals for **mode-shift**, **liveability**, and **wellbeing**.
- Responds to ecological degradation and a lack of inclusive transport options.



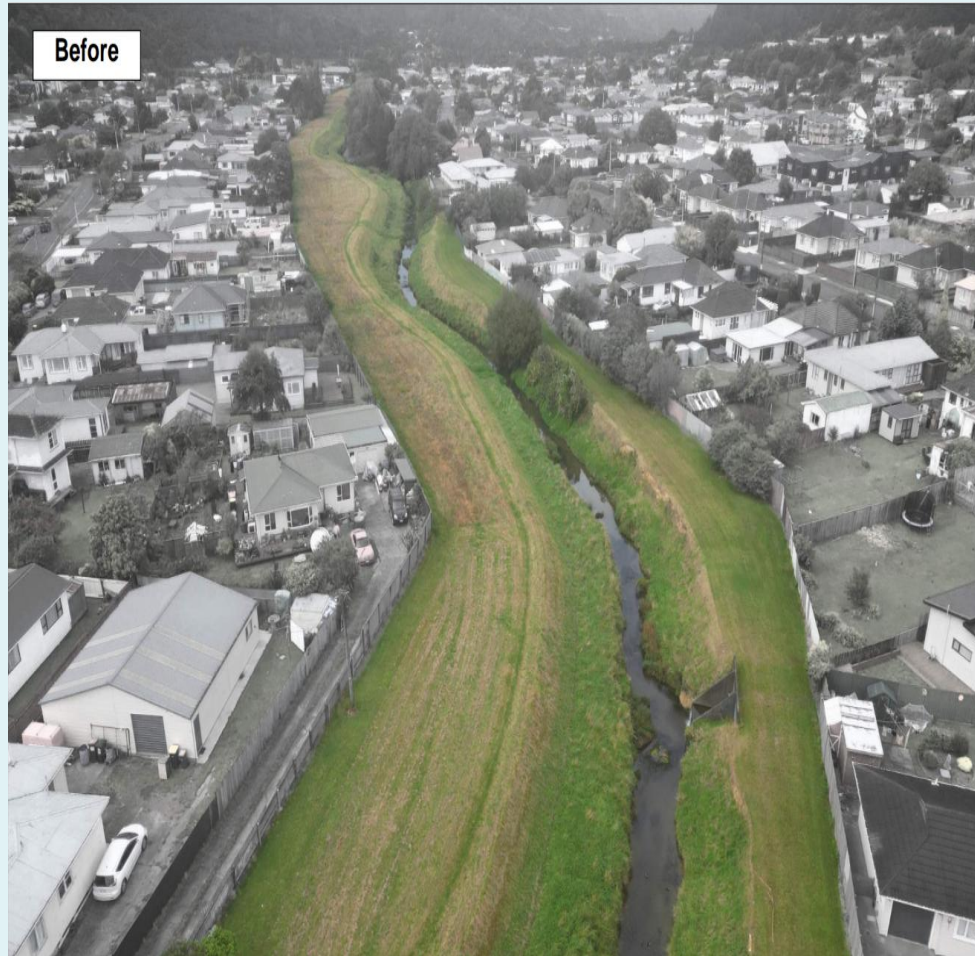


Before



After





New Projects

- Hugh Sinclair Park Phases 2 and 3
- Taita Netball Courts resurfacing for multisport
- Naenae Deer Fence

