

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan Review: Summary of Submissions

Name	Submission	Submission Form						
		Likes	Improve	In 20 yrs	Activities	Impt. values	Plan refs.	
01	Robert Shaw	Important asset for the region and should be developed as such. Puketiro Forest should be added to the Park and run as a model forest and tourist attraction. Competing user groups should be kept separate within the park.				n/a		
02	Caroline Sherborne	Likes the park as it is and doesn't want to see any significant changes	Space, swimming area, camping and the ranger	Nothing!	The same state, no change	Walking, picnicking, swimming, camping	Space, location, natural beauty, variety of space.	
03	John Sherborne and Family	Park should remain as it is. A "treasure" unknown to many Wellingtonians. This adds to the value of the park. Keep the Ranger!	Relaxed syle or park, facilities and ranger	A solar shower. Steep section of the loop track to Battle Hill could be upgraded	Minimal changes except for bridge linking the park to forestry recreation areas once Transmission Gully has been completed.	Walking, picnicking, swimming and camping	Environmental, ecological and historical. Also non commercial camping areas.	
04	Richard Witheford-Smith	Wonderful resource. More family orientated attractions such as pony rides, café, trout fishing pond, deeper swimming hole with rope swings. Playground facilities, flying fox and rocktopus. BH needs point of difference to make it interesting place to visit. Old fashioned simple recreation provided. Farm animals made accessible to children, ie egg collecting etc Farm tourism type venture. Possibility of smaller Karori Sanctuary so that kiwi could live in the valley again. Guided walks through the kiwi area etc.				N/A		
05	Paul Simpson		Show cases "typical NZ countryside" to overseas visitors.	More display boards particularly depictions of Battle Hill history. A sheltered and coin operated video booth with clips etc.	As unchanged as possible. TMG will have a positive impact on most of the park visited by improving access. Bush Reserve should be reserved. California Pines are eradicated from GW property.	No place for commercial activities in the park.		
06	Jackie Serbie	Likes how the ranger is friendly and makes himself known. BH I always clean and tidy. I hope BH doesn't get treated like a lot of other areas around whereby it gets swept under the mat and disregarded as a wonderful facility and ends up turned into a commercial nightmare. Very little needs to change – don't complicate it.	Location, size, availability, picnics, camping, horseriding, mt biking, walking etc.	Same as it is. Some cross country jumps for general use.	Hopefully not with motorway right though the middle	Horse riding	Relaxed & friendly atmosphere. Huge shortage of facility in Wellington region.	

07	Graeme and Nannette Hunt	Limit use of 4WD and motorised bikes. A large part of enjoyment in park is peace and quiet to listen to native birds and walks to hill top without noisy vehicles rushing past.	75 yrs old and tramping in the park with Kaumatua Tramping Club. Loves walking the bush and amongst the cattle.	Continue as farm park this is unique.	A gradual increase in native bush, rodent and pest control carried on to allow birds to thrive, dry stock cattle and sheep on farm as it gives city children a chance farm animals. Reserve status to protect it to for recreation.	Walking, picnicking	City residents to enjoy outdoor walks within native bush, amongst farm animals and to learn local history, BH with fantastic views from hill top, even with imminent wind farm and TMG
08	Transit	Keen to ensure that the review plan is compatible with consent conditions associated with the TMG "motorway" designation particularly in relation to retirement and planting of certain areas designed to achieve env. protection. Any tracks, paths etc, intended to go through the designation must not incur additional construction requirements.					N/A
09	Gayle Shwicsan		People in the region have access to the Park and the lifestyle activities it offers	GW is doing a good job	Same as today	Walking	Authenticity, safety, activities available
10	Peter Hayes	Concerned about the impact of TMG; it will detract from the views, peace and quiet, fresh air and unimpeded access. Plantings are needed to mitigate the impact and should be started now. Wants to see bush remnant predator fenced to protect vegetation and wildlife. Still wants "farm" atmosphere to be maintained. Contrast of landscapes, life experience and availability to the public makes this a very special park.					N/A
11	Lesley Wilson	Submitter keeps a horse near the park and wants horse riding access to the park to continue. Recent improvements by the ranger have enhanced the parks value to the riding community.					N/A
12	Liz Antunovic		Park is a "godsend" for horse riders. Good facilities for equestrian events. Friendly ranger, great facility for families and walkers.	Tree planting and underpass if TMG goes ahead. Underpass will need to be wide enough for horses. More tracks connecting other parks so rides can be many kms	A thriving farm for families to experience. Horse riding will be as strong as ever. Native plantings when forestry has been felled.	Horse riding	Accessibility to public, Conservation, working farm experience, historical walks, camping, education for school groups.
13	Bridget Tyson		Extremely well managed and provides for a	Separate areas for horse riding	Preserved in its current form with continued	Walking, horse riding	Used by variety of people,

			wide variety of uses.	and Mt Biking. It is extremely dangerous to have these in the same area	development of planting areas		working farm, emphasis on native planting	
14	Peter Shepard		Well looked after, safe environment for families, friendly management	More tracks on TMG side. Foot bridge over TMG creek for "older" visitors	The same as now	Walking, running, Mt Bi8king	Easy access, good amenities, farming activities	Good plan
15	Pautuahanui Inlet Community Trust (PICT)	Size and location of the park means it plays an important role in the wellbeing of the Pauatahanui Inlet and Porirua Harbour. PICT is concerned about the impact of logging operation on the Inlet. After recent inspection of Pakaratahi logging operation some fear allayed. PICT supports the management regime. Mitigation of TMG needs to be carefully handled as it could "neutralise" a significant portion of the park. Park is important tool for educating rural landholders on catchment management practices.						
16	Transpower	Request number of policies to be included to protect Transpower's interest in the park (see submission 016 for details)						
17	Olivia Mitchell	Horse riding at Battle Hill to continue as it is now.						
18	Open Space Gateway	Walkway, cycle and bridle access between Whareroa Farm and Battle Hill is part of future planning. This is to allow for recreational off road link from QEP through Whareroa, past Mt Wainui to BH and return.						
19	Alan Gray & Christine Stanley		The park is the only farm park open to the public. Management is cooperative and shows initiative in working with other organisations	More visitor numbers, particularly for Wellingtonians, Aerial top dressing strip invaluable and should be offered to adjacent farmers for top dressing.	Replacement of pine forest with native vegetation	Taking visitors to education centre.	Rural activities, environmental messages	Additional objective (under 2.3 conservation) "to reasonably manage the property, particularly to prevent any adverse effects in the Horokiwi Stream and PI and its catchment consistent with GW position as trustee of the PICT"
20	Wellington Botanical Soc		Indigenous plant communities are the feature of the park of most interest to the society	Intensified pest control, native planting in the riparian zone, monitoring of Rhabdothamnus solandri population Interp of Native species, replacement of pines after logging with natives, control of sediment during and after logging, continued planting and monitoring of wetland and	All existing and revegetated indigenous ecosystems self sustaining	Botanising	Ind. Ecosystems values, the amenities, scientific recreational and educational benefits they provide.	

				riparian areas, Fencing to exclude stock.				
21	Barbara Mitcalf		Congratualtion s on restoring the old homestead, wetlands, interp of historic features	Intensive weed control in Wainui Stream, long term monitoring of Rhabdothamnus solandri population	All BH indigenous vegetation remnants fenced and subject to pest plant and animal control	Walking, botanising	Open space, historic relic, Indg. Vegetation remnants and seed bank, links with Akatarawa's	Special care will be needed to eliminsate any Pohutukawa + puriri seedlings other weed propagales for the indg. Remnants
22	Rachel Schofield (Pauatahanui Pony Club)		Park is well managed and enjoy the long tracks for riding on	Public phone installed. Hot showers for after events, yards built to enable ponies/horses to be contained. Dogs allowed on leashes. More directional signs.	As it is but more plantings on very tops. Reduced fees for pony club to use some areas.	Walking, horse riding.	Maintain easily accessible area for people to enjoy. Encourage native tree growth and protect native wildlife. Info of historical interest and educating people about NZ history	
23	Anna		BH is safe for children, biking, walk, picnic and learn about the diverse environment. Good ranger, well maintained, accessible and beautiful.	Kitchen sink for washing up camping dishes	Native bush, paddocks, wildlife, well maintained etc.	Walking, Mt Biking, overnight camping	Maintaining it accessibility to the public, protection of the remnant bush, wildlife streams. Commercial events that don't impact negatively on the env.	
24	Transpower	Maintaining Transpowers interest in the Park through access to Utilities. (Refer to submission 24 for relief sort)						
25	R W Milne		Farm park concept is great. Well managed, camping grounds well kept.		As is with perhaps further native vegetation planted.	Walking.	Stands of native bush, the open farmland esp onto BH	Policy 2.2, 3.4, 3.2.6 (Farmyard) kept going. 3.3 Conservation3.1.26 keep strict control over commercial activities
26	Cross Country Vehicle Club	Landuse: Provides useful access to further recreation areas for multiple users. Access: Managed access for CCVC, ie permitting etc.Provides useful access to further recreation areas for multiple users. Env. Considerations: the club is committed to the protection and sustainability of the Battle Hill/Puketiro Forest Env. Recreational Use: various access arrangements with CCVC to be negotiated in the management plan.						
27	NZ Historic Places Trust	Interested in the identification, protection and promotion of historic heritage						

28	David M Luke	Wants a shelter constructed for trampers
29	Porirua City Council	<p>Transmission Gully: Ensuring safe and adequate connection between the dissected parts of the park is negotiated</p> <p>Accessibility: Ensure that the park is clearly signposted and easily accessible, provision of parking and other facilities also important</p> <p>Provision of Mt Biking trails: Management Plan should explicitly provide for MTB.</p> <p>Effective Management of different trail uses: To manage for conflicting users on the parks tracks</p> <p>Informative signage in park: Signage with historic interpretation.</p>