



Further Considerations

As a result of community consultation the project team gave further consideration to the following points in preparing the revised master plan options for consideration by Council:

- What form to retain the island in as a safe refuge for wildlife.
- The number and location of housing allotments.
- The proximity of housing to the school boundary.
- The final location of the play space.
- Retention of safe access between the school and the reserve.
- Traffic flows.
- Whether to proceed with the installation of a public toilet and picnic shelter (given the feedback about graffiti, and anti social behaviour).
- The purpose and classification of the reserve.

Of the five options presented, Council chose the fifth option (shown inside this newsletter) because:

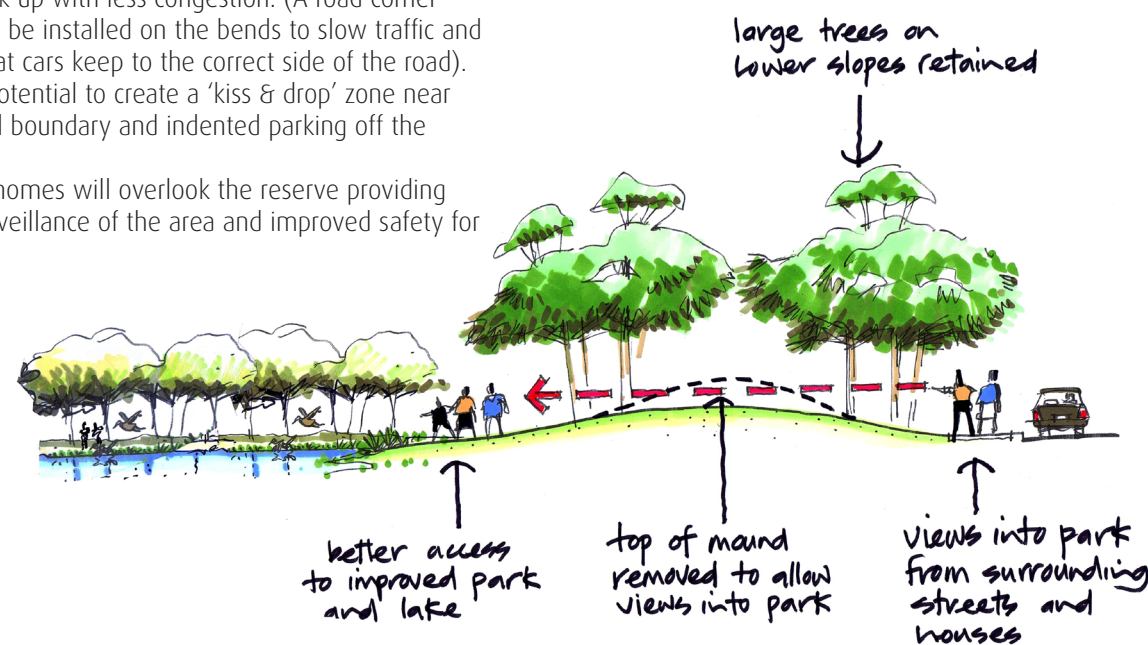
- The layout and location of the housing allotment had the least impact on the reserve area.
- Most of the housing will be located within the old Salisbury North Community Centre site, as preferred by the community.
- It allows for a larger link to be created between the school and the reserve, which will provide safer access for students and the community.
- The proposed improvements in the park are located in an area easily accessible by the school.
- The new road will form a loop from Hissar Avenue to Horwood Road, providing convenient access and school pick up with less congestion. (A road corner island will be installed on the bends to slow traffic and ensure that cars keep to the correct side of the road).
- There is potential to create a 'kiss & drop' zone near the school boundary and indented parking off the reserve.
- The new homes will overlook the reserve providing better surveillance of the area and improved safety for users.

Next Steps

At the meeting held in March 2012, Council made the decision to begin work by demolishing the Salisbury North Community Centre buildings and car park. Work is expected to start later this year. Residents living adjacent to the site will be advised by letter of the actual dates before work commences. The area will be fenced and monitored for security purposes during this time. Some trees in this area will need to be removed, however these will be replaced with new trees as part of the reserve's redevelopment.

Following the removal of the centre, in order to then build the section of the proposed road and housing, Council will need to revoke the community land classification of a portion of Lake Windemere Reserve in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. A report about the revocation will go to Council later this year.

Residents can stay abreast of the Lake Windemere Redevelopment through the website: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au or by contacting Council's Property Services Division: 08 8406 8537 or by emailing lakewindemere@salisbury.sa.gov.au



Improving Lake Windemere Reserve

Council's Master Plan for Improving Lake Windemere Reserve

After a period of consultation with the community about the future of Lake Windemere Reserve and the Salisbury North Community Centre, Council has settled on a plan that will enhance the useability, safety and appearance of the Reserve and replace the ageing and underused community centre with new housing to benefit the area's growing population.

Using the results of the consultation and relevant information about the area, a project team in Council has developed a holistic master plan which:

- Provides an attractive, safe and accessible open space.
- Creates a more useful reserve for the community.
- Improves the water quality and biodiversity of the lake.
- Provides a range of new housing options.

Community Engagement Process

Prior to developing the master plan, Council undertook a community engagement process to understand the different views and opinions of local residents. This included:

- Sending an information pack to around 1,900 residents who live or own property in the area.
- Publishing information and documentation on Council's website www.salisbury.sa.gov.au
- Placing a public notice in the News Review and Leader Messenger newspapers, which provided information in relation to the proposed revocation.
- Door knocking 57 households that overlook or are close to the reserve (along Horwood Road, Hissar Avenue, Ferguson Avenue, Swinstead Crescent and Holstein Drive).
- Holding an open day at Lake Windemere Primary School.

Community Feedback

200 feedback sheets were received from the community. Following are some of the key findings:

- The community was supportive of the proposed improvements to the lake and keeping the island.
- 69% of people supported the removal or part removal of the mounds.
- 87% of respondents gave support for sealing some of the footpaths around the reserve
- 94% of people were very strongly in favour of improved lighting, especially around the entry points to the park.
- There was strong support for the proposed new road which will increase public access and surveillance of the park.
- People indicated that they wanted to retain as many trees as possible but generally acknowledged some trees would need to be removed to facilitate the redevelopment.
- Views were split on the topic of new housing. 44% of respondents were in favour, 48% were against and 8% offered no opinion. Those in favour suggested that the proposed location of the housing had the least impact on the reserve and would provide some surveillance of the park leading to increased safety. Those opposed to the housing rejected the notion that the redevelopment of the reserve should be funded from revenue generated through the sale of land, suggesting that improvements should be funded from rate revenue and no housing should be built at the site.
- There was support for installing a public toilet and enclosed picnic shelter, however there were also concerns raised such as graffiti, cleanliness and potential anti social behaviour.
- There were mixed views from the community on whether there was sufficient car parking for users of the reserve. The community preferred indented car parking over a specific purpose car park which would encroach more into the reserve area.



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