**Workshop Summaries**

At a Reserve Management Plan community workshop held on October 28, attendees were tasked with defining the park’s values, challenges, opportunities and solutions. The lists below summarise the group’s findings. The solutions, alongside the information in independent reports commissioned for the park (archaeological, historical, arboricultural and public engagement) will inform the draft Reserve Management Plan.

**Frimley Park**

**Values:**

Workshop participants valued Frimley Park for its peaceful, serene atmosphere and the relaxation opportunities it provides.  The mix of formal and informal recreational opportunities for people of all ages, including family and other groups, was highlighted by participants.

**Constraints** identified during the workshop included:

* traffic congestion near the sports fields (unsafe)
* lack of parking (Lyndhurst Rd end)
* dogs off lead
* cycle links to and from the park (particularly Lyndhurst Rd end)
* limited bike parking areas within the park
* dated toilet facilities/wrong locations
* unclear main entries (particularly Frimley Rd end)

**Opportunities** identified by participants included:

* reflecting the historical/biophysical/geological heritage of the park and wider area (storyboards)
* creating clearer entrances (hierarchy)
* enforce dogs on lead/area for dogs off leads
* improving car parking and road safety (Lyndhurst Rd end)
* retaining peaceful character of the park
* introducing further garden /planting areas (sensory/natives/heritage fruit trees)
* improving/siting toilet facilities (playground/rose gardens)
* expanding play area (water and nature play)
* providing facilities that encourage picnicking
* improving access for older people and those with limited mobility (pathways)
* creating an amphitheatre space for education
* improving planting palette

**Solutions** identified by participants included:

* new toilets near rose garden and playground/open to passive surveillance
* sensory garden – Rotary
* improve connections between the treed area behind pool, maze, rose garden and playground
* expand the playground to include water play and natural play
* create an amphitheatre suitable for small events and education
* create angle parking along Lyndhurst Rd
* install facilities that encourage picnicking (no barbecues)
* install interactive (QR code) storyboards, telling the history of the park
* install bike racks
* use plantings to tell the area’s story, e.g. ‘100 miles of orchards’; flax production; paleo (historic) river channel
* plant the area of the historic house with rongoā; kitchen garden
* make any development ‘relaxed, romantic, laid back, meandering’