

On Wednesday 27 October 2021 08:12:33 Aggie Peak wrote:

> Good morning Richard
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> I am the new project manager following Kim's departure from Auckland
> Council.
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> I would like to advise you that the works at Onepoto Domain are due to
> start next week and should be completed by 6 of December 2021. The last
> phase of the project - planting - is planned for May 2022.
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> Please see the [construction drawings](#) attached for your reference. Note - we
> are not removing the initial pathway which I understand was your
> preference.
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> Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.
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> Thank you
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> Kind regards
> Aggie Peak | Project Manager

Thank you for the notification. I will advise the members of our club, and the
Electrons, that this work will be progressing though I am not hopeful that
Auckland will return to normal before the work is completed.

I am not sure if Kim passed on my comments from 2019 about the original plan
so I enclose a copy. The main issue is the planting area which needs to cater
for accessing the forebay when this is to be cleared and that planting trees
close to the pond may not be compatible with the Onepoto Management Plan.

As a secondary consideration the planting area may be flooded with salt water
to a depth of half a metre or more for several hours, or even a couple of
days.

Soon after I had sent this response two years ago the council had many of the
trees closely around the pond trimmed and thinned which did help with having
steady wind for sailing.

I also note that leaving the old path may make it difficult to plant wetland
shrubs "close to the water".

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FW: Notification of Works starting at Onepoto Domain
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Attachments: Onepoto Domain Pathway _Cons...

Hi Aggie

Along with the three radio control sailing clubs, I have an interest in the Onepoto ponds and their continued use for sailing.

I note that in the Onepoto Domain Pathway - planting plan 11 trees (cabbage tree, kahikatea and swamp maire) and 237 Coprosma tenuicaulis shrubs are proposed to be planted within the Planting Mix 1 area adjacent to the sailing pond. Although these species are entirely appropriate for wetland margin planting, we (the sailing community) have previously submitted on the notified plans that we do not want trees planted around the pond edge as they interfere with the prevailing wind across the pond causing turbulence and interfering with racing.

Note also that this area (labelled Planting Mix 1) is also the access for heavy machinery to dredge the forebay that protects the pond from sedimentation, and has also been dredged once already since the major dredging in 2014/15 costing more than \$1 million.

Please reconsider the use of trees and larger shrubs in this area.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards
Carol

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Response to Onepoto planting...

Hello Local Board Member Gillon

I am associated with the radio control sailing clubs at Onepoto Domain and the Onepoto Lagoon Co-ordination Committee. We have made submissions to both the Kaipatiki Local Board, Community Facilities and Healthy Waters over the years with regard to maintenance and management of the Onepoto ponds, mainly in relation to conditions for sailing/racing yachts on the pond through Reserve Management Plans, dredging of the pond and maintenance of the fountains and pump.

We have been in contact with Community Facilities over the proposed Onepoto Domain Pathway for which we have been notified again recently. I have attached the 2019 response from the NZRYS which is still relevant today.

The main issues we have with the proposed planting is the 11 large trees and 237 shrubs proposed to be planted in Planting Mix 1 adjacent to the western side of the sailing pond. Reasons being:

- The height of vegetation casting wind shadows and causing turbulence of the wind flow over the pond (prevailing winds predominantly from the SW) making sailing/racing on the pond difficult.
- The area being accessible for dredging the forebay (once/twice since the 2014/15 major dredging and formation of the forebays).
- That area flooding regularly

All these points were highlighted to the Project Manager in 2019 (attached) and repeated again below in my email to Aggie Peak. It does seem as though our voice has not been heard yet?

We do not want any more trees around the pond, particularly along the western side.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards
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