



CHB DISTRICT COUNCIL DECIDES ON RESERVE STATUS

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At its meeting on the 7th September 2017, Council resolved to retain the reserve status on Loten Park in Bibby Street, Waipawa.

Following public consultation on the revocation of reserve status on 7 areas of land across Central Hawke's Bay, Council received three submissions opposing the revocation of the reserve status on Loten Park, Waipawa.

Council resolved to remove reserve status on the other 6 areas of land, but chose to protect Loten Park to ensure the future access and use of green spaces in Central Hawke's Bay.

Mayor Alex Walker, speaking to the amended resolution to retain reserve status on Loten Park spoke about the need to take a long term future focussed view, rather than a short sighted approach.

"Through the thrive workshops, our community told us about the importance of green spaces – Loten Park has the ability to enhance this offering".

"We need to protect the long term options available to this community via Loten Park", said Councillor Tennent who seconded the resolution to retain Loten Park as a reserve.

While Council have decided not to remove the reserve status of Loten Park, a report has been requested that considers the future use of Loten Park to meet long term community outcomes.

The remaining 6 properties that were supported to have its reserve status revoked will now be referred to the Department of Conservation who will now follow a process of disposing of these surplus properties.

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