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LGOIMA No. 8140000864 (Please quote this in any correspondence)

Georgina Blackmore

Dear Georgina

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

Names classifications Parks Reserves

I refer to your request which we received on 7 December 2016 concerning names of Auckland Parks and Reserves and their classifications. Our response to your questions is as follows:

1) The names of all parks and reserves under Auckland Council management

Please find attached a list of parks and reserves across the Auckland region. Please note this list includes the respective parks classification as well as address and local board information.

2) What internal classifications each of the above parks and reserves fall under

I understand that the classifications are*:

Premier Parks
Premier Reserves
High Profile Parks
High Profile Reserves
Local and Neighbourhood Parks

*If I am incorrect about the above classifications or other options for classifications exist, please correct me and supply this information.

The park classifications that you will find in the list provided for Question 1 are as follows:

- 1. Civic Squares and Plazas;
- 2. Neighbourhood Park;
- 3. Local Park;
- 4. Sports Park;
- 5. Premier Park;
- 6. Regional Park;
- 7. Holiday Parks and Bachs;
- 8. Esplanade and Coastal;
- 9. Open Cemetery;
- 10. Closed Cemetery;
- 11. Natural Spaces;
- 12. Historic Places;
- 13. Maunga;

- 14. Iwi Co-manage sites;
- 15. Stormwater Reserve; and
- 16. Undeveloped Land.

Please be advised that the above parks classifications are based on data used for contract maintenance purposes and are currently being revised in line with the new open space typologies as outlined in the Open Space Provision Policy June 2016 (Please refer to page 117). Based on this document, the following are the open space typologies:

- 1. Pocket Park;
- 2. Neighbourhood Park;
- 3. Suburb Park;
- 4. Destination Park;
- 5. Civic Space; and
- 6. Connection and linkage open space.

Auckland Council Community Facilities department is currently reclassifying each park and reserve according to the above open space typology and as outlined in the Open Space Provision Policy. The full list will be available later this year.

3) What is the agreed Level of Service for each of these classifications as it pertains to hard surfaces/edging and around infrastructure for vegetation control.

Please note the level of service of each park relates to the functionality of the facility. For example, a sports field will have a higher level of service compared to natural spaces. With regards to the standards of provision including ecological sustainability, weed management is one of the many methods to achieve the desired outcomes such as protecting natural vegetation.

Park classifications only form part of Auckland Council's approach to vegetation control. Other factors include functionality, environmental factors, and most importantly stakeholder and community needs. In this regard there is no distinctive standard of vegetation control for hard surface/edging for each park classification or typologies. In some cases specific natural environment conditions, such as variation in climate condition or variety of weed species, require different approaches to vegetation. There is no one standard level of service for vegetation control that is applied across the region.

Therefore, in accordance with section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), some of the information you have requested cannot be provided to you on the basis that it does not exist because there is no agreed Level of Service for each of these classifications as it pertains to hard surfaces/edging and around infrastructure for vegetation control.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140000864.

Yours sincerely

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