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Organisations / Businesses

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35565	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way In large part I support the plan and especially encourage the establishment of indigenous vegetation. However, in my professional opinion as a landscape architect, a number of matters merit further consideration - which I've listed in the next box. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? 1. As a matter of principle, indigenous vegetation should in certain areas of established planting should extend to both sides of the river. This is so that the river goes through 'the bush' rather than alongside it. Two areas I have in mind regarding this is 'The Donkey Walk' (Area 8) behind Thornington School; and the riverside at Hansens Park (area 16) opposite King George V reserve. 2. That under the CPTED / Safety heading in the proposed plan, potentially hazardous trees should be identified as those to be removed and avoided. These include willows which often lose branches (some people have already been injured due to this) and are otherwise in a poor state. Also poplars, silver birches and pines. 3. Consideration should be given to the inevitability of sea level rise and the effect this will have on riparian vegetation. This is especially so for long term canopy trees such as totara and kahikatea. Historically trees perished when the Woolston Cut was installed due to saline inundation of the riparian water table.	Friends of Coronation Reserve, Andrew Craig
35590	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way Our church community is highly invested in caring for the river, increasing biodiversity and establishing a flourishing environment for people, plants and animals. This plan is a big step in that direction. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? The guidelines look great. Make sure to include a range of plants along the whole river to nurture bio-diversity.	The River Ōpāwaho, James Beck
35762	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way It allows our group to continue maintaining and inter-planting in our existing restoration area - and provides opportunities to facilitate further planting in Area 3 Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Re Area 3 Background - There are four groups which have restoration areas in Centennial Park (see attached plan) - Friends of Waimōkihi - Our Lady of the Assumption School Te Kura o Tūpaki - Hoon Hay School Te Kura Kōaka - Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Whanau Tahī Friends of Waimōkihi take an occasional role in coordinating with the three school Friends of Waimōkihi have monthly work days, most of which focus on maintaining existing plantings. In winter, in consultation with the CCC Ranger, additional plants are planted within existing areas. The three schools have occasional maintenance sessions, usually in liaison with the CCC rangers. <u>Feedback from Friends of Waimōkihi</u> We support the removal of willow trees, and replacement with clear-trunked canopy trees at 8m spacing. We will work with the Council arborist and rangers to facilitate this. In the area we maintain we have retained sightlines to the river, and will ensure the sightlines indicated on the Area 3 plan are also established and maintained.	Friends of Waimōkihi restoration group (Centennial Park), Miria Goodwin

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	Similarly with any load-out areas that can be identified to us. <u>Regarding the plan:</u> We agree with continuation of inter-planting in existing planted areas We would like to discuss with the arborist/rangers the boundaries and intentions of the proposed Type C and Type D new plantings, and how they align with the schools planting areas. Based on this we would, with the rangers, make a plan for the proposed Type C area that is realistic based on our capacity to maintain it, while still maintaining our existing planted areas. Please see attachment.	
35942	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way We broadly support the proposed planting areas and appreciate the clarity the plan will bring. We would like to see some additional forest mix added along Fifield Terrace in Area 13. There are few neighbours with direct views of the river along this stretch and the bank requires stabilisation, so it would be an ideal spot. We would also like to see a few stands of forest mix added along Riverlaw Terrace in Area 14, but as we don't currently operate much in this area this is less of a priority for us.	Friends of Riverlaw Esplanade Reserve, Finn Jackson
35986	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way 1. We appreciate the opportunity for the Network to comment on these plans, and that we were able to provide some pre-consultation feedback. 2. As a concept, and in much of the detail, we are strongly supportive of the certainty that these planting plans and the Community Board approvals of them, will bring to the work of individuals and community groups in helping to restore the river. 3. We are also particularly mindful of the number of factors which need to be considered when drawing up these high-level plans and we thank the staff for the effort that has gone into creating them. 4. We support the desired outcomes of the plan • recognition of cultural values • improved in-stream and riparian habitat, including resulting from increased shade and spawning areas • increased habitat diversity • protection of flood water conveyance and the flood plain • improved native plant and animal diversity, and • retention of views and recreational values. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? 1. In the plan, there could be greater emphasis on improved instream and riparian habitat, including that resulting from increased shade, and spawning areas. 2. We disagree with the prohibition of carex secta and harakeke on the lower banks of the river as we consider these species do not significantly affect flood flow as demonstrated in the latest high flows. These are important plants for enhancing instream values especially for fish as they provide shade, shelter, habitat for invertebrates as food, inanga spawning sites, etc	Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network, Malcom Long

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Individuals

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35467	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Riparian margins are good for the environment and aesthetic values.	Aguirre Wibmer
35491	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. More native habit more native wildlife	Richard Rowe
35493	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. We need more native planting to support bird and insect life	Brendan Evans
35512	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. I think it is tremendously important to have as much green space as possible in a city. People rarely have time to get out in nature these days so the council have an important role to play to ensure green space within the city. I support any and all initiatives that create more green space in our communities. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? PLEASE keep deciduous planting to a minimum. It makes me so sad that seemingly all the planting in the central city is deciduous so for over a third of the year the trees are bare and unattractive. I appreciate leaves block drains but really wish we had been more solution focused and just upgraded stormwater systems to factor this in instead of committing to trees without leaves for the next century or so..	Craig Whitnall
35516	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. So happy to see more planting is proposed, especially in the Woolston area. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? I would love to see more planting done on Richardson Terrace between Wildberry and Silvester Street as there's not much there at the moment. This is a well used area by local residents walking, running, and walking dogs so it would be awesome to see more infrastructure (or even just a dirt path) to make it easier to walk continuously along the river like what already exists along the river in St. Martins, Beckenham, Cashmere etc. Also, there is only one rubbish bin along Richardson/Clarendon river terraces at the Mackenzie Street bridge which again is a popular loop for dog walkers, so consideration for another bin either near the entrance to Woolston park by the river or near the Radley Street bridge would be beneficial for keeping the area beautiful and the waterway clear. Thanks so much!!	Kara Scherer
35520	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Make our river nice again and create great walking paths - this will hopefully stop people from	Cam Smith

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35524	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. I walk here with my niece and nephew and would love for it to feel more natural and increase of bird and animal life. I would love to see more native trees and birds in Woolston. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Thank you, this is so exciting.	RosieBrittenden
35540	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way. I have recently purchased a property with a river view including beautiful Willow trees. I appreciate the pink slight line arrow from my property to the water view. The plan indicates I will have low planting outside my house- 1.2mtre max. Can you guarantee these plants will not get higher and will the height be maintained? Under specified trees, succession planning for willows, you have omitted the the type of trees you would use. It also says you may need to get rid of trees and nuisance plants in area 23 but are non specific about what trees these area. Are the existing willow trees included in that? I hope not. What is the timeline for this planting? Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? I appreciate the plant planning around safety. Laura Kent reserve is so dense and over grown. I don't walk through that area as it feels very unsafe. Are there plans for that area to have better sight lines? Please see attachment Note one image redacted for privacy.	Anna Marshall
35557	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way. As a leader of the Laura Kent Reserve Workgroup I have been involved for 8 years in planting and maintenance along the river. I am generally very supportive of the plan and key concepts which make good sense. Well done and thank you! I am particularly supportive of the aim to increase the planting of native species. I believe there should be more emphasis on planting taller trees which allow clear sightlines and provide sight lines, but also give shade. My experience has been that ongoing maintenance is much reduced where shade is achieved. There is no mention in the plan of the importance of larger trees for birds. eg in the Kennaway Reserve large trees give roosting sites for shags. In the Connal Reserve large trees provide perching for smaller birds giving rise to an impressive dawn and dusk chorus. A semi continuous corridor of planting along the river is also important for bird movement. I am concerned about bank erosion in the Laura Kent and Connal Reserve areas of the river. (Much of this will have arisen after the cut was installed) In Laura Kent Reserve we often remove small trees eg te kouka, ribbonwoods, ngaio, that have seeded close to the path. Will we now need to get permission for every removal? It may be helpful to specify a size of trunk that requires consultation eg 100mm diameter. Should there be a removal of weeds and unwanted species policy? Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? There is a clear emphasis in the guideline about clear sightlines. This is helpful. However in the short term some planting may reduce river views but as plants grow and a clearing of the understory occurs views of the river will return. In Laura Kent Reserve we have significant amounts of naturally occurring harakeke which obscure the river. We are trialing planting trees amongst the harakeke to shade it out.	Dugald Wilson

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	There does need to be flexibility. In Laura Kent and Connal Reserve we have large existing poplars and gums. Some of these have been removed, but we were keen to retain others (despite seeking all natives) in the short term because they a) stabilized and shaded the river bank, b) provided a home for birds, and c) they dwarf human beings and speak of something bigger than us. We have however encouraged underplanting of larger native trees.	
35558	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way. As we live by the river it is important to us that the environment is taken care of for its natural beauty, flood control and restoration of the natural habitat. The river is a favourite place to walk beside and for dog owners to walk their dogs. The river is a beautiful part of Christchurch and needs to be enhanced and preserved with natives .	Mary Gillies
35570	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Congratulations to CCC for advancing on this planting plan. This has taken a long time from conception to actual planting and is super exciting. To ensure erosion control and aesthetics of our river as well as increased shelter/shade for fish species Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Not sure why Carex Secta plants have to be planted away for the river bank. They look fabulous elsewhere along river banks where they provide bank stabilization and very importantly opportunity for Inanga spawning and shade/shelter for Tuna. ALSO; It appears that the planting and maintenance is very reliant on community groups. That is tru and possible HOWEVER it is hoped that Urban Park rangers will be available to supervise/advice these local volunteers.	Tanya Jenkins
35581	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Generally Christchurch is devoid of tree cover and its original natural vegetation. The river corridors offer one of the very few opportunities to redress the balance in favour of nature. The rivers provide natural habits to draw fish and bird species into the suburban areas, offer respite from busy traffic and recreational opportunities. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? There should be more prescriptive intent to eliminate other woody none native pests, i.e sycamore, cotoneaster, tree lucerne, oak, horse chestnut, alder, elderberry etc. and suppress or control the many non woody invasive plants and grasses. Pest free 2050. Effective mammalian pest control must be included in the design / plan as failing to suppress, control, eradicate mammalian pests will undermine many of the ecological benefits of the project. Rats are almost at plague levels and sightings of stoats, weasels are more and more common. Specifically include opportunities for enhanced nesting and feeding options for native birds. Reduce, eliminate bank side vehicle parking opportunities through hard landscaping measures. The opportunities to enjoy the river environment should be improved. Enhance safe walking and cycling opportunities free of threat from vehicle traffic. Have interaction and play areas for children to safely interface with nature and the river.	Martin Wheldon
35588	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. The river is a perfect area to further develop the urban forest plan's goals, increase bio-diversity and beautify the reserves. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Making sure that we include spaces for shrubs and smaller trees is essential for bio-diversity.	James Beck
35683	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes	Henry Roe

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	Tell us why you feel this way. I strongly support creating more native habitat around and within our city.	
35694	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way. We notice many heavily planted areas along the river embankments have made it difficult for people to enjoy viewing the river as they walk along past it, and homes have lost their views also for same reason. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Our personal submission is.. We (Michael and Joan Rieschieck) fully agree with the present [REDACTED] We both disagree with the 1- low planting on the clear bank area, as presented on the [REDACTED] for the following reasons.. 1..They will obscure our views of the river quite significantly from our home. 2.. The footpath above the bank is a popular and busy one, and people regularly stop an sit along the top of the bank relaxing and enjoying the river views either way. We feel a seat provided in this area would be put to good use. The river banks each end of this grasssy bank area are already very well planted out along with the well established Riverlaw esplanade Reserve. Yours Sincerely, Michael and Joan...	Michael Rieschieck
35761	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Dear CCC Team, I am generally happy to see the re-naturation of the Heathcote by establishing native vegetation. I write to suggest the additional measure to remove the crack-willow trees along the Connal reserve. See details below. Kind regards Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? I suggest the removal of the (three) crack willow trees along the Connal reserve at the Heathcote Street side (close to the Acadia Motel; see attachment). The trees are in a bad condition indicated by their poor foliage development (see attached photo- the picture was taken in in November 2025). This was already suggested in prior planning (see attached consultation from 2018). The trees have a negative impact on the shore vegetation smothering the native under-storey and the river itself by creating a large amount of debris of leaves and cracked branches adding to eutrophication and clogging the waterway and the floodgates downstream. During every moderate to strong wind event cracked branches fall onto the neighboring pathways and properties (see attached photo) and it is only a matter of time until large branches may break off creating a health risk. One tree is particularly concerning as it overhangs the playground at the Acadia Motel (see attached photo). I hope that you consider the removal of the crack willows in the current Ōpawaho Heathcote River plan as it was suggested already in former consultations. Sincere regards, Jan Dudenhoeffer Please see attachment	Jan Dudenhoeffer
35817	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Keep up the good work!	Nick Reuther

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35829	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Trees along the river as well as indigenous lower planting are critical for both wildlife along the river and for users on the roads / footpaths. Over time, some have died and need to be replaced and long stretches need more planting and this plan definitely aims for that. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Some specific comments for consideration- - More thinking about the space along the Hunter Terrace esplanade behind South Library, recognizing that this space no longer accommodates through vehicle traffic but instead walking and cycling and occasional stationary events (e.g., the farmers market) - Consider higher planting (Groups C or D) between 77 Waimea Tce and Sandwich Rd intersection to replace dead or dying trees and maintain shade along Waimea Tce and future cycleway - Please consider extending planting (Groups C or D) into Centaurus Reserve (south of the Plunket Rooms / Scout Den) - Please include higher planting (Groups C or D) on riverbanks east of Remuera Reserve to maintain shade along Sloan Tce - Please include higher planting (Groups C or D) on both riverbanks east of the Beckenham Ponds to maintain shade along Eastern / Palatine Tce and future cycleway	Shane Binder
35853	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. The success of the King George V reserve - it is a phenomenal effort undertaken by community to plant native plants - every now and again when I am there, I hear native birds. The river is in desperate need of regeneration anyway - where we live, the bank is slowly eroding closer to the road, and planting might retain some of the bank, and have positive effects for the waterway itself My only concern is that planting gets in the way of existing trails and tracks alongside the river.	Joshua Currie-Cook
35872	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? No Tell us why you feel this way. Quiet simply the present parklike landscape and flowing river speaks to my spirit and well being, and many others too that i have spoken with. The Heathcote river from Princess Margaret Hospital to Barrington St has been a happy walking place and companion of many years. I appreciate the foresight of those before me that have created this restful and beautiful place for our recreation and enjoyment. Blossoms and daffodils in spring cheer our spirit. Russet falling leaves remind us of the circle of life as children delight in playing in the piles of leaves underfoot. In Winter ,stately trees let the sun through and in summer they offer us their green beauty and shade as families gather for an ice cream on its banks, watching the gentle river weave its path. Its soft movement companions us on our walks through all the seasons, sharing nature's quiet wisdom and her balm with us. Over the past few years I have watched with some concern plantings appearing alongside it that clash with the original landscape and steal river views. Other favourite water walks around Christchurch have been variously planted out with a formularic approach following current ideology. Needless to relate these waterways have almost been completely obscured to the point that one would not even suspect that flowing water is close by. If one is lucky one might come upon an occasional small and token water view. I might as well be walking through a wooded paddock. In the end I have given up these walks as while i love bush and trees, it was the water walk that pulled me to these places. So great is my fear that this will be the fate of future planting alongside my local and loved river and haunt- the Heathcote, from Princess Margaret Hospital to Barrington Street. I often walk this area and have been concerned that ongoing planting might eventually obscure the river views which are of great comfort and delight to me and many. Moving water has a magic that calls to our spirits and well being. I have read your plans and ideologies and have been in conversation with and met with various park rangers over the last year or two. Firstly Heidi , then I met with Josie and Ruby and also Kathleen Gallagher from the Karitane Valley Ropu, all of whom have been very helpful . They have updated me on the current planning, philosophy and situation. At that time I understood from Josie that there was no present official planting plan for the area and that the recent plantings of the past couple of years were apparently approved by Waihoru-Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote-Community-Board . I have also met with them and written to Tony of the urban forest team.	Mary Brennan

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	I see now that your goals are to provide future guidelines for planting and note that the present planting of the last few years have not necessarily been followed. There are trees planted inches away from the walkway, views from seating areas have not been honoured and flaxes are a problem in waiting. Sadly there is an overplanting of daffodils , underplanting of stately exotic trees. and loss of river views already. in my discussions , it seemed possible that somehow these diverse landscapes, exotic and native could co exist and meet the desires of differing philosophies. in your consultation you mention that : 'The proposal aims to significantly increase planting along the river while balancing other objectives such as the retention of views of the water.' I find this statement contradictory, confusing and unclear. You speak of balancing objectives such as planting alongside river views which i applaud you for . Balance to me speaks of compromise and considering all views such that i would expect at least 50 % of views would be retained. Yet your aims to significantly increase planting, coupled with my lived experience of other dense waterway plantings, make me doubt your commitment to a balanced approach that would be fair to and honour the status quo and differing tastes and philosophies such as my own. I hope i am wrong and that balance and compromise can be at the heart of your work alongside respect for differing opinions. Moving water nourishes our souls and has a magic that calls to our spirits and well being. We live in times where its solace needs to be visible. Its gentle flowing presence in our lives is needed more than ever. The existing landscape, wisely and thoughtfully created by previous generations, offers us both joy and solace. I hope the wishes of users of this river walk, to retain river views and the existing park like landscape will be considered equally alongside other philosophies and alternate approaches. Hoping , beyond hope and current ideology, that the current treed ,open park -like beauty and water views of this lovely and popular walk is not compromised or obliterated in the future and is considered in any future decision-making . Thank you. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? What checks will you have in place to see your guidelines are followed ? (especially as much of the planting is done by children and volunteers) As the river gets planted out I become more aware of the road alongside and the river of traffic seems to replace the river of water focus. Would some planting along the roadside act to mitigate its impact and allow other possible planting sites that would then in turn free more river views. Are you aware of current research on the positive impact of water on humans ? Are you factoring this knowledge into your planning? <u>Some research</u> That sits alongside that of the benefits of riparian planting. Biologist Dr. Wallace J. Nichols published Blue Mind which has since become a landmark book that explores and scientifically explains how water in all its shapes and forms affects us and how it is a contributing factor to our health and well-being. In short, he proves what most of us know innately: being near water can soothe the soul. There’s a body of science that claims interacting with water on any level can be a potent antidote to anxiety and other mental and physical conditions related to stress. Research suggests that interacting with water, even on a sensory level, can be a powerful antidote to anxiety and stress. Water's Therapeutic Effects: Stress Reduction:The rhythmic movement of water can induce a sense of calm and reduce levels of cortisol, the stress hormone. Mindfulness and Self-Reflection:Water's dynamic nature can help focus attention and quiet the mind, encouraging mindfulness and allowing individuals to live in the present moment. Physical and Mental Well-being: Studies have shown that water therapy can reduce stress and promote mental well-being. Trees' Therapeutic Effects: Reduced Stress and Anxiety: Spending time around trees can lower stress and anxiety levels, improve mood, and even lower blood pressure. Improved Mood and Well-being: Exposure to trees can increase the production of dopamine, the "feel-good" neurotransmitter, leading to improved mood. Mental Health Benefits: Studies have linked tree presence to reduced risks of depression and improved concentration. Nature Therapy: Engaging in outdoor activities like hiking or mindful walking in nature, which often involves trees, can significantly improve both physical and mental health. Both water and trees offer unique and valuable therapeutic benefits. Water's calming presence and the dynamic interaction it allows promote relaxation and mindfulness. Trees, through their visual presence and connection to nature, reduce stress, improve mood, and offer a sense of peace and well-being. Depending on individual preferences and needs, both can be highly therapeutic Riparian plantings have benefits also that you are familiar with, acting as filters to trap contaminants such as chemicals, nutrients, sediment, and bacteria before they enter the waterway. This helps improve water quality and the suitability and habitat for creatures living in the ecosystem.	

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	I believe it is possible to combine existing landscaping with some riparian planting to allow the combined benefits of both water and trees to be accessible to all, creatures of the ecosystems and to us, the creatures of the walkways. That is the challenge I lay before you. There's simply no denying, that the enchantment of being at the water's edge, is where many of life's most meaningful moments often take place. Please preserve that for us	
35921	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. I love trees! So good for mental health, health of the river, biodiversity etc etc. Well done!! Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? The majority of the planting plan between York St & Waltham pool (area 13) is "low planting". A lot of large willows in have gone over the years and nothing has replaced them. It would be nice to have some larger trees in this zone - suggest "D" or "C". Larger trees outside 25 & 31 Fifield Tce & 1 Acorn Close would not impact their river view, as they don't have windows to the river.	Vanessa Lukes
35931	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. It will be great to have more plantings for biodiversity and improved amenity. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? I have some specific comments for the area where I live, outlined below but clearer to see on the attached plan. Can forest mix or similar be added to the gaps in the existing trees on the north side of the river adjacent to SH74 to better block the view of the container yard? The plantings to be included as part of the development will be too low to be effective. Great to have larger trees being planted on the Long Street side of the container yard. Have the plantings required as part of the Portlink resource consent been noted in this plan? Can the shrubs near the Connal Street footbridge be replaced by something lower? They block visibility around the corner, which is downhill coming from both bridges, and can make the path icy due to shading. Please see attachment	Ben Dodgshun
35934	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. Great to see more planned planting of the Opawaho riverbank this will improve waterway quality, enhance aesthetics & recreation values. & hopefully prevent erosion of the riverbank itself. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? It would be great to see more areas designated for the "forest mix" Type C - planting more akin to native forest.	Ollie Clifton
35935	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? No Tell us why you feel this way. I wish to express my opposition to any future riparian planting on the banks of the Heathcote River alongside Cashmere Road and Ashgrove Terrace. The current open, parklike landscape is a treasured asset to the community, and I strongly believe that it should be preserved. The Heathcote River is a significant natural feature that runs through our city, and its banks are a popular spot for recreational activities, such as walking, cycling, and picnicking. The existing open landscape provides unobstructed views of the river and allows for easy access to its banks. It is a unique and valued feature of our urban environment, and any changes to it could have a significant impact on the character of the area.	Peter David Morgan

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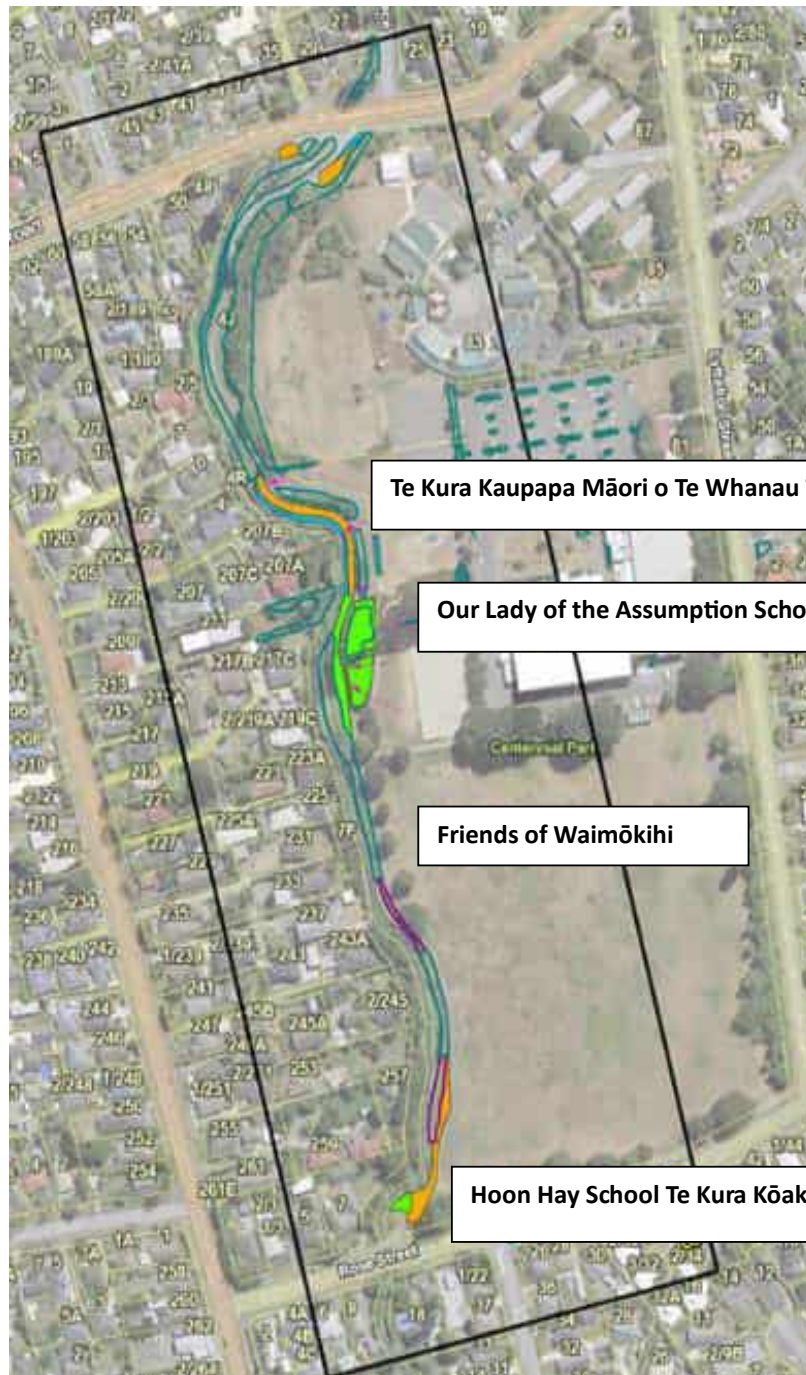
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	While I understand the importance of riparian planting for environmental and ecological reasons, I believe that there are alternative solutions that could achieve the same goals without altering the existing landscape. For example, planting could be undertaken in other areas of the riverbank that are not currently used for recreational purposes, or other measures could be taken to improve the health of the river and its ecosystem. Preserving the existing open landscape would also be in line with the principles of urban design, which emphasize the importance of creating public spaces that are accessible, usable, and enjoyable for all members of the community. The Heathcote River banks are a much-loved community asset, and any changes to it should be carefully considered to ensure that they do not compromise its value and appeal. Furthermore, the existing landscape has significant aesthetic and recreational value, and any changes to it could have a negative impact on the area's character and appeal. I am grateful to past generations that have gifted us this peaceful amenity where tall, beautiful trees grace our walk alongside this river with elegance and changing seasonal interest. The open, parklike landscape provides a sense of space and tranquility, and is a haven for both locals and visitors. In conclusion, I strongly oppose any future riparian planting on the banks of the Heathcote River alongside Cashmere Road and Ashgrove Terrace, and believe that the existing open, parklike landscape should be preserved. I urge you to consider alternative solutions that would achieve the same environmental and ecological goals without compromising the character and appeal of the area. Thank you Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Existing recent plantings, are already changing the character and appeal of this area and my enjoyment of it. I believe in compromise but feel that enough compromise has been made already here to accommodate riparian ideology and allow the existing landscape to still also speak.. Continued and more riparian planting would destroy what remains of the established open park-like and river landscape loved by many. Let's preserve the tranquility of open, treed, visible, walkable river spaces that nourish our spirits and honour the gifts of our forbears. I am concerned that some of the existing new planting is too close to the path and will cause impedance problems and trip hazards.	
35943	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Somewhat Tell us why you feel this way. I would like space to be retained for an informal mowed grass path just for pedestrians not far from the riverbank along the full length of the Opawaho Heathcote River. You do display this in your plan picture so I hope it can be included the full length. CCC have plans for a cycleway along the river, but have no idea where it will be sited. But there is a small section of cycleway along the Heathcote Opawaho River as part of the Riccarton to Princess Margaret cycle route from Sparks Road to Rose Street. The ground around this path is landscaped so that if you are off the path on the grass you are on a steep sideways slope, hence not an option. The speed and bulk of some path users on wheels make this path not suitable for a stress-free wander along the river. A mowed grass path (not formed path with edges and shingle or asphalt) would allow people to be in more natural surroundings. Similar to the present riverbank along Ernlea Terrace. It would allow a pedestrian path for a longish distance in Christchurch on the flat, in natural surroundings, even underfoot. It has been proven that natural surroundings are much better for mental health than in urban surroundings. The built "shared" paths are designed for wheels and speed - not pedestrians. The maps are not easy to follow with regard to the planned new plantings. The river is easily lost in the maps, which made them hard to follow. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? I am concerned that too much planting will leave the riverbanks impossible to be accessed by people. You ensure sightlines but appear to not be considering having closeness to the river for better enjoyment and mental health, while still retaining the natural surroundings. "Shared" paths have become solely a transport network designed for speed. Here is an opportunity to have a path for pedestrians only for the other great benefits of natural paths - enjoyment, health and well-being. I am concerned that comments like planting 3m from paths is not taking into consideration the width that the mature bush maybe. Hopefully the final size of the trees and bushes is the main consideration and not the position of the plants being planted. On the whole I support the planting.	Mary O'Connor

Submissions table – Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Planting Plan, June 2025

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35953	Do you support this river planting plan, the areas outlined and the guideline? Yes Tell us why you feel this way. I support the overall plan. It will be a big improvement to the river environment. Do you have any more feedback about river planting areas or the guideline? Currently there is space to walk beside the river on the grassed area next to Clarendon Tce. This is a well used area. It is good to get away from the road, especially with small children. It would be good to leave an informal path through any proposed planting areas here. I understand there is a proposal for a Ōpāwaho cycleway. The proposed location of this should be on the guideline document.	Graeme Adriaens

Area 3: Centennial Park

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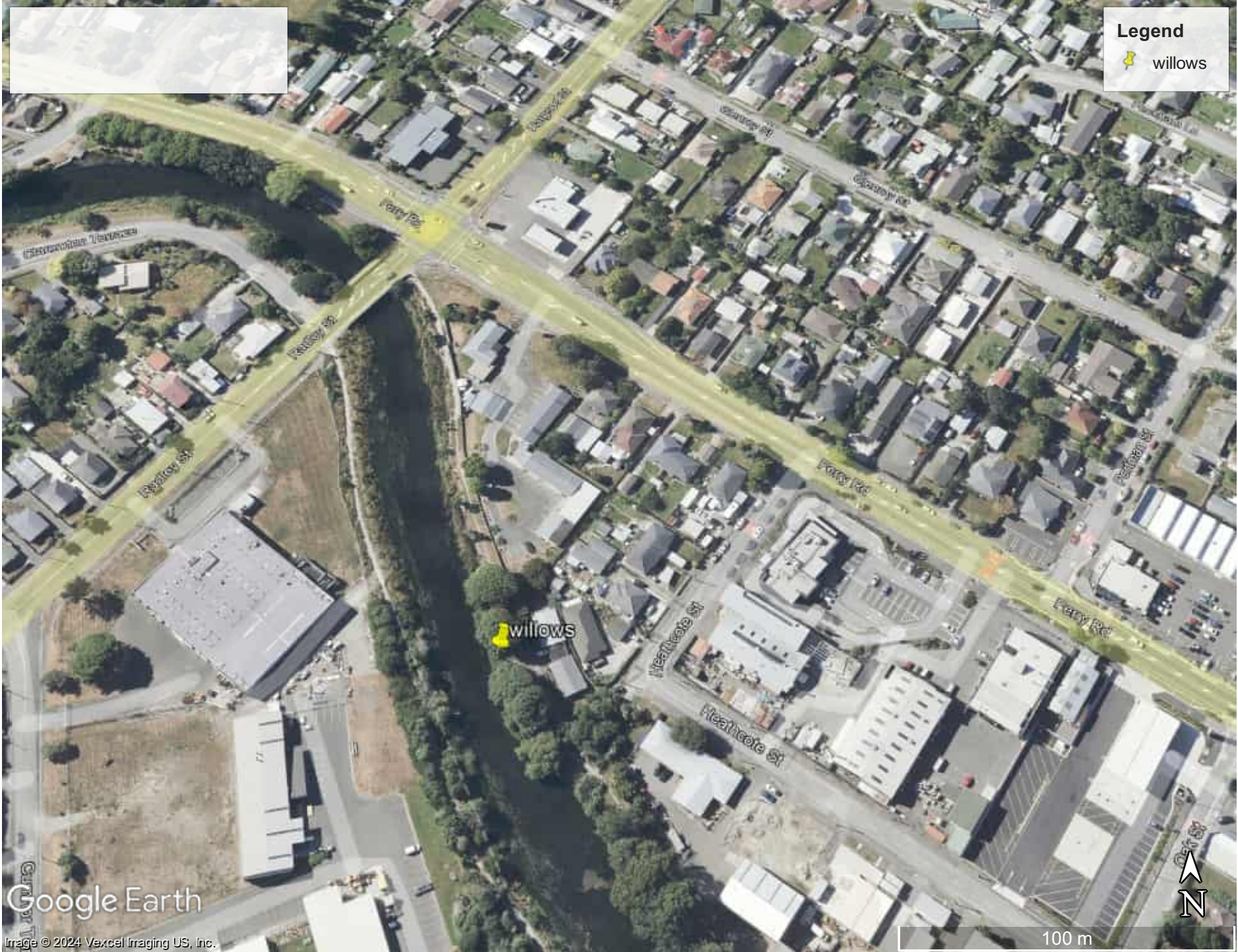
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PLAN 2



HEATHCOTE STAGE 1 PRELIMINARY PLAN A (1:1000)



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KEY

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| | APPROXIMATE FENCE LOCATION | | MID TO TALL SPECIMEN NATIVE TREE PLANTING |
| | EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED | | GRASS |
| | EXISTING NATIVE PLANTING (RETAIN) | | HISTORIC SITE MARKERS - EXISTING |
| | RIPARIAN PLANTING (INANGA FRIENDLY) | | PATH - UPGRADED, UNSEALED |
| | EXISTING COMMUNITY PLANTING AREA | | PATH - EXISTING |

LOWER HEATHCOTE DREDGING- CONSULTATION DRAWING

PRELIMINARY PLANS : CONCEPT PLAN FOR S1 (2 OF 2)

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PLAN 3



TREE REMOVAL PLAN A (1:1000)



TREE REMOVAL PLAN B (1:1000)
(IMAGE SOURCE: LINZ)

KEY

AREA OF PLANTING TO REMOVE

PLAN 4

1. TREES



Aristotelia serrata
Wineberry



Carpodetus serratus
Putaputaweta



Cordyline australis
Ti kouka



Elaeocarpus hookerianus
Pokaka



Myrsine australis
Mapou



Hoheria angustifolia
Houhere



Prumnopitys taxifolia
Matai



Psuedopanax crassifolius
Horoeka



Dacrycarpus dacrydioides
Kahikatea



Pittosporum eugenioides
Tarata, Lemonwood



Plagianthus regius
Manatu



Podocarpus totara
Totara



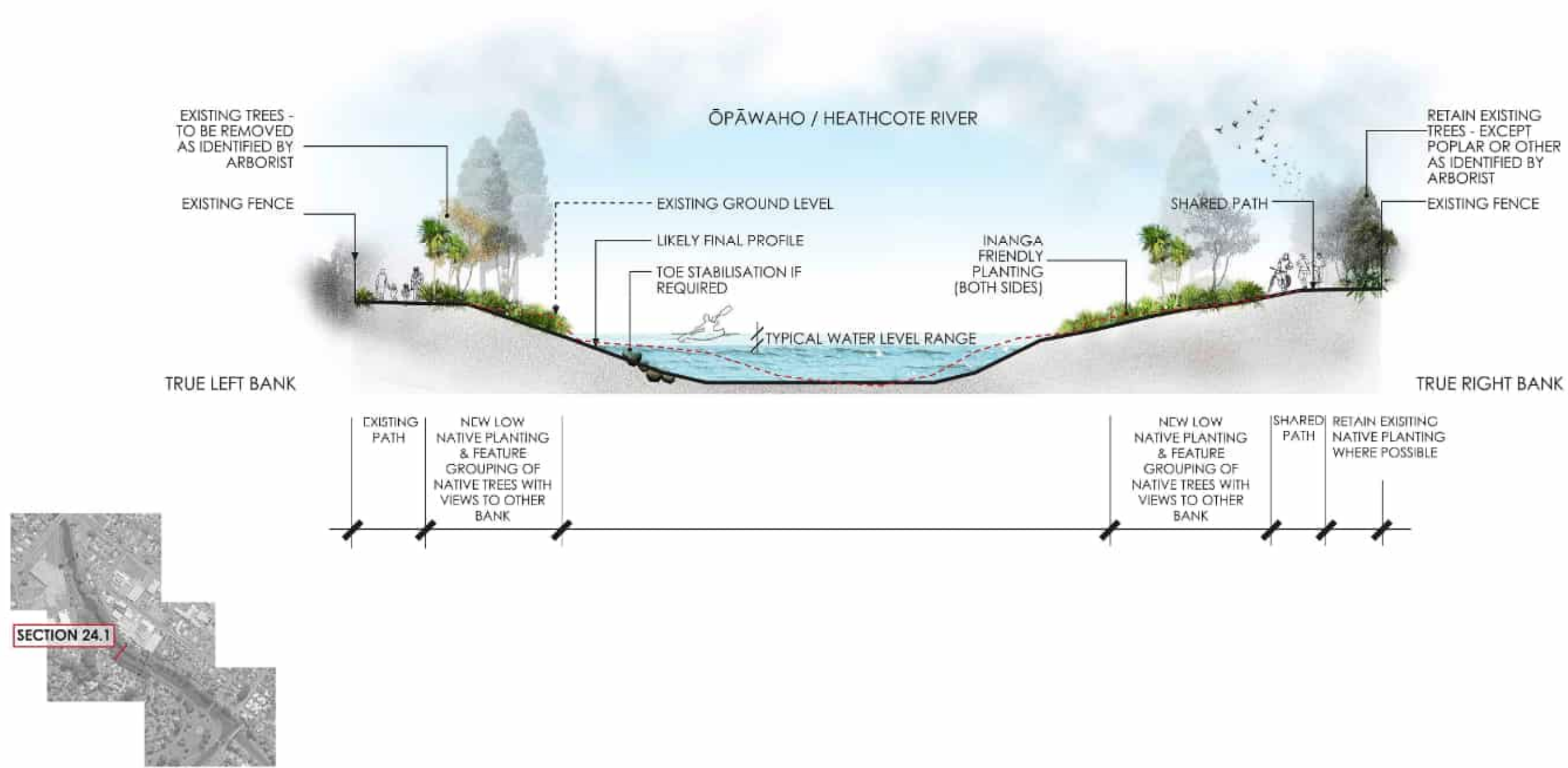
Pittosporum tenuifolium Kohuhu



Sophora microphylla
Kowhai

Lower Heathcote Dredging

Indicative Plant Species Lists



LOWER HEATHCOTE DREDGING- CONSULTATION DRAWING
SECTION : 24.1 (GATES LANE) LOOKING DOWNSTREAM

