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## **Submission form - Little Poland Park landscape plan Results**

Nov 28, 2025 - Dec 15, 2025

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Rebecca Phillips

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Fountain and Peace Pole, general intention to use the park to honour the Polish people

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I live on the edge of the park and see daily how valuable it is. It is regularly used for:

- Children on the playground
- Dogs running and playing, especially mornings and evenings
- Adults and children kicking balls around (sometimes several people are involved together)
- Kite flying and frisbee throwing
- 'Friday-night fish and chips' at the existing table
- Community gatherings and neighbourhood events

Given how the park functions today, I want to support improvements that enhance community use without reducing the open-space character that makes the park so valuable.

**1. Reduction in Useable Park Space**

Several proposed elements would noticeably reduce the open grassy area that the community uses every day:

**a. Planter Boxes**

Ten large planter boxes, particularly the seven planned for the southeast boundary would significantly intrude into an area used daily for dog exercise, ball games, and whanau activities. Ironically, this area was used during the recent Polish community event for the coffee cart due to its accessibility and being adjacent to the marquee and gathering area.

Removing the planter boxes would preserve space, reduce maintenance, and avoid creating obstacles in the high-use zone.

**b. Large Tilia Cordata Trees**

These trees will potentially grow very large (to around 15m high x 10m wide), which is out of scale for a small neighbourhood park. Having trees planted in the proposed area will restrict kite flying, ball games, visibility, and the sense of openness.

If Tilia Cordata trees are included (and I understand they have meaning to the Polish community), a more suitable placement would be along the northern boundary of the playground, where they could provide summer shade without limiting general park use.

**c. Asphalt Path**

The path also takes away from the open grassy area and introduces a structured element that isn't necessary for the park's primary uses. The park already functions well without it, and children happily ride and play throughout the space as it is.

Eliminating the path would preserve flexibility and maximise open-space usability.

**2. Playground Visibility / Safety**

The proposed tree plantings along the eastern and southern sides would block sightlines to the playground for:

- caregivers sitting on the grass, and
- neighbours currently able to keep safe visual connection

Visibility is a core safety consideration, particularly for preschool-aged children.

**3. Location of the Proposed New Picnic Table**

The proposed location is far from where whānau naturally gather and risks interfering with open-space activities.

A practical alternative would be:

- Install the new picnic table where the current memorial park bench sits, and
- Relocate the memorial bench to the memorial area next to the peace pole.

This achieves several benefits:

- Picnic tables end up located together where they will be really useful
- Two picnic tables side-by-side near the playground would support whanau groups and community events.
- It avoids placing any bulky furniture in the high-use grassy area.

- The memorial bench becomes more meaningfully placed in the memorial zone where there are (or will be) memorial trees, Peace Pole, and the memorial plaque

#### 4. Planting Choices

The intention behind using red and white plants to reflect the Polish flag has the potential for being a lovely display. However:

- Red azaleas have a short flowering season, whereas red carpet roses would provide colour from late spring to autumn and better match the longevity of the white carpet roses.

The border, as designed, may also be high-maintenance. Would it work better if Rotary maintained the whole border (instead of the planter boxes). Integrating more native plants would further reduce long-term maintenance demands.

In Summary, my suggested adjustments are:

1. Remove the planter boxes from the plan.
2. Do not plant any trees along the existing footpath.
3. Remove the asphalt path from the proposal.
4. Install the proposed new picnic table where the memorial bench is currently located.
5. Relocate the memorial bench to the memorial area near the peace pole.

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Having already made a submission, I have since thought further about the proposed new picnic table in the corner of the park. I believe our property is probably the one in the subdivision which will be most affected by this aspect of the proposed plan.

Unfortunately, the proposed placement of the table will mean users of the table who seat themselves on the north side of the table will be able to gaze directly into our living and kitchen areas because we have large floor to ceiling windows/sliding door facing the reserve. This will be overly intrusive on our personal privacy.

It is one thing for park users to walk, run or wander around the park (which I enjoy seeing as I like to be feel connected to the community) but quite another for them to seat themselves for a sustained period of time with a direct view into our living room.

I don't think there would be many people who would be ok with strangers sitting on a seat able to look directly inside their home (not just into our garden/deck). This is different to a park bench where people would sit facing north/west with their back to our living room.

There is a bit of crime in the subdivision with the latest being a break-in in broad daylight only a couple of weekends ago (Mills Road) where the perpetrators came over the property's back boundary fence. We are now considering options for increased home security including adding a motion camera to our existing alarm system so we cover the reserve boundary fence. Given how close our home is sited to the boundary fence and with the security camera having an identification range of 10 metres, it seems highly likely the camera will inadvertently be recording people using the picnic table if the table gets placed as close to the boundary as is being proposed. Modern security cameras have a wide/long lens and I don't think it will be possible for us to restrict the camera view to just the boundary fence. The alarm won't go off just because people are in the park but the camera will record movement close to the boundary fence when we are not at home.

Finally, having carefully observed picnic table use over the past 3 weeks and, apart from use on Polish Day, I have only seen the existing picnic table used twice. I therefore don't think there is any need to spend the money on a second table for the park. If the CCC believes there is a need for a second table, then as per my first submission, please place it close to the existing table and playground.

I therefore strongly oppose the placement of the picnic table where it is proposed on the plan.

#### **Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

#### **Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to Little Poland Park.

Most of the sections in Oakbridge are smaller than elsewhere in the city, so the open green space within our subdivision is essential for everyday recreational use. There is an important balance to be struck between recognising the park's memorial purpose and ensuring the community can continue to use the space freely and safely.

As a local resident and regular park user, I support improvements that honour the Polish community while preserving the open green space vital to the community of Oakbridge. However, significant parts of the current plan—particularly the planter boxes, tree placements, and asphalt path—would reduce usability and are not fit-for-purpose for how the park is used today.

A revised plan that protects open space, enhances visibility, improves amenities near or on the playground would better serve both community and memorial purposes.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40687

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Michael Fitzgerald

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I would appreciate it if the storyboard started with the Polish settlement of Marshlands of the 1800s, thus giving sense to the choice of location by subsequent waves of Polish settlement.  
I'm a descendant of the first wave which is not currently acknowledged on the storyboard.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Love the park, just include the whole history.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Include the whole history of the land.

Please consider roses for the flowers in the Little Poland Park.  
My Polish family settled Marshlands in the 1800s from Rosenberg Prussia/ Susz Poland which has a rose as a symbol both then and today.

Response No:  
3

Contribution ID: 40611

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Diane and Mark Petheram

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text We are currently building a home in the subdivision and have visited the area many times and have taken our grandchildren to the park. The changes, in our view, look like a great enhancement to this park. Providing much needed shelter from the sun, and some interest other than a large grass area.

I understand there is some pushback from residents regarding the reduction of the grass area and also trees that will drop leaves. Such things are a reality of growing trees and we should be embracing this not seeing it as an inconvenience.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text We are totally in favour of this enhancement and hope this improvement goes ahead as provisionally planned.

Response No:  
4

Contribution ID: 40610

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Jacek Pawlikowski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text It's a memorabilia of Polish Pahiataua children.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Tom Rowe and Ruby Smith

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

We chose to purchase our home, in part, due to the open visibility and accessibility of the playground. The current layout allows us and other parents to supervise our children safely while they play. We are concerned that planting trees directly in front of the playground will significantly obstruct visibility and passive surveillance, potentially compromising the safety of children using the space.

Furthermore, the open area is frequently used by families for games, running, and other activities. The park is relatively small, and the proposed changes may limit the ability to engage in these essential play activities.

We have also noted the presence of two picnic tables in close proximity, which are generally sufficient for park users. Adding a third table directly outside our property would not only reduce the open play area but also concentrate activity too close to our home, without providing a clear benefit to the park's overall usability.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice

No

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

We fully support enhancements to community spaces and appreciate the council's efforts to improve the park. We respectfully request a reconsideration of the placement of the new trees and any additional furnishings to avoid impacting visibility, safety, and the open space nature of the park. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss alternative actions that prioritise keeping the space open and maintain the park as a safe and enjoyable space for all families.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40604

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Adam Zabielski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text It gives us a bit more variety for the park so that hopefully, more people will be eager to come to the park

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Halina Keenan

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text The beautification plan will make the park more inviting and encourage visitors to stay longer and discover its significance. It will also create a more pleasant environment for events, such as celebrations of significance to the Polish community and gatherings of the local community.  
I particularly like the plan to plant linden trees, both for shade and for their cultural value to Polish people and the plan to plant red and white flowers.  
The path around the park is important to enhance accessibility to more of the park.  
The proposed picnic table in a quieter spot away from the playground area is a good idea.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Very worthwhile to consider the provision of toilet facilities, especially important in the context of events being held in the park.

Response No:  
8

Contribution ID: 40591

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Zbigniew POPLAWSKI

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like and support the entire plan. It will add to the attractiveness and functionality of the park.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text I suggest that consideration be given to a white polish eagle on a red/white background attached to the Peace Pole (probably at its base) and a small version to each end of the picnic table. (To the x piece of the legs).

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Hamish Read

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I appreciate the Council's intention to improve Little Poland Park and the effort to enhance the space for the local community. The park is valued by residents and it is encouraging to see investment in its future use and upkeep.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text My primary concern is that the proposed landscaping significantly reduces the park's usable open space, which is its most valuable feature for informal recreation such as sports, group activities community events (e.g. bouncy castle). The addition of fixed elements like internal pathways, planter boxes, large trees, and furniture limits the park's flexibility and reduces the ability to adapt to changing community needs.

Large trees can also reduce sightlines across the park, impacting safety and passive surveillance from surrounding homes. Highly structured designs risk prioritising passive or adult-focused use at the expense of active play.

Long-term maintenance of features such as planter boxes, hard landscaping, and large trees will fall to the Council and may be costly or unsustainable over time.

The park also appears over-designed relative to its small size, which could reduce enjoyment rather than enhance it. The trees are far too big, will leave mess, and block all of the sun. The planter boxes obstruct free space and restrict the parks utility.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice No

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text I urge the Council and Community Board to reconsider the design with a stronger focus on:

- Preserving open, usable space
- Maintaining clear sightlines to retain safety
- Supporting equitable access and active recreation for all ages
- Minimising long-term maintenance and costs

Retaining the park's open character will best support its role as a valued, flexible community recreation space for the Oakbridge neighbourhood.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Johanna Read

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text We appreciate the Christchurch City Council's investment in improving Little Poland Park and the intention to enhance this important local green space. We support the addition of a drinking fountain. This would be a valuable and well-used improvement, especially for children, families, and people using the park for exercise and recreation.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text As residents of Oakbridge, our family visits Little Poland Park almost daily. While well intentioned, we are concerned that the proposed changes significantly reduce the park's usability as an open, flexible recreational space.

Little Poland Park is relatively small but plays an important role as an open area for soccer and other ball sports, running, picnics, flying kites, frisby, group games, and community gatherings. The proposed additions — including planter boxes, large trees, internal pathways, and furniture — substantially reduce the amount of usable open grassed space, limiting how children, families, and the wider community can use the park.

**Planter boxes:**

The proposed planter boxes will require a high level of ongoing maintenance. While Rotary has indicated a willingness to maintain them initially, this may not be sustainable long term as volunteers move on and priorities change. The planter boxes also take up a large amount of valuable space currently used for play and recreation. We would strongly prefer low-maintenance native planting around the perimeter of the park, which would attract birdlife, require less maintenance, and better preserve the open character of the space.

**Linden Trees:**

The proposed Linden trees, while attractive, are not suitable for a park of this size. They grow up to approximately 15 metres tall and 10 metres wide, will shed significant leaf litter in autumn, and increase maintenance demands. Over time, these large trees will also reduce visibility into and across the park, which could negatively impact perceptions of safety and increase the risk of crime.

**Pathway:**

The internal pathway appears unnecessary given the existing footpath located very close to the park boundary. The proposed path runs very close to neighbouring houses, which may feel intrusive for both park users and nearby residents. Retaining this area as open grass would better support recreation and community use.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice No

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text We encourage the Community Board to consider alternative ways to honour Little Poland Park's heritage that also support how the park is actively used by the community. Rather than representing Poland solely through red and white flower planting, we suggest installing soccer goals as a meaningful and practical tribute.

Soccer is widely recognised as Poland's national sport and is enjoyed by children and adults across cultures. Goals could be coloured red and white as a subtle nod to the Polish flag. This would honour the Polish orphans by celebrating children, play, and community connection, while providing a feature that is inclusive, well-used, and aligned with the park's role as an open recreational space.

Overall, we support improvements that enhance safety, accessibility, and usability, but urge the Board to prioritise preserving open space, minimising long-term maintenance, maintaining clear sightlines, and ensuring the park remains flexible for a wide range of recreational and community activities.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Krys Pawlikowski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text This proposal will make the park more family-friendly. Additional linden trees will shield the playground from southerly winds and provide shade during the summer months. A fountain will allow for watering during dry periods and will be a welcome source of drinking water for children and their canine friends. In summary, this is a great plan for the park upgrade.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text N/A

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Please accept this proposal as soon as possible, so the work can begin without any necessary delays

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40576

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Dorota Zabielski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text More user friendly for families

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Nothing I can think of

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
13

Contribution ID: 40573

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Shaun Rush

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Please add a rubbish bin or two. Especially with a picnic table being added. This will ensure we can keep the park tidy.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Chris Phillips

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text The drinking fountain will be a welcome addition to the users of the park - especially significant on warmer days to keep hydrated.

The peace pole(s) is a strong symbolic statement & solid commitment to peace. It has a strong connection to the whakapapa of the Polish Community and is most valued.

I like the new boarder planting which will add some colour to the park

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I do not like the proposed large number of additional tree plantings and the 7x planter boxes on the southern boundary. Both these changes will severely reduce the existing green space for which the community currently enjoys in the park. The changes considerably reduce the playing area for which my grandkids & I (& many other families I have observed) being able to kick rugby & soccer balls, throw frisbees, fly kites and participate in other team games. In addition the community also regularly uses the park & its large green space for the exercising of thier dogs, throwing & retrieving balls which will also be negatively affected by the new plan.

I am not in favour of the trees to be potentially planted in front of the playground. These trees would restrict the view of the playground for parents keeping an eye on their children in the playground. The proposed trees being desiduous will also mean 'tree leaves' in Autumn will also be extra work to maintain especially given Oakbridge location as a high wind zone area. Should shade be a priority for the playground, shade sails might be a worthwhile option to consider.

I do not like the location of the proposed new picnic table situated on a new asphlat path area at the top end of the park. This location is out of place in my opinion and would be more appropriately sited closer to the playground where it will be a valued and used more regularly. As one of the residents most affected (it is immediately infront of my property) by the proposed location of the new picnic table, it will feel awkward for us & its potential users to have this situated so near our proprty fence & entertainment areas. It may also present a security & privacy concern for my property. Therefore I do not want the new picnic table located in this area please.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text The draft landscape plan of Little Poland Park & its proposed large number of changes seems to be rushed in my opinion. There has not be adequate time to consult the Oakbridge community (3 weeks?) to understand what the priority community needs & wants are for the park or how the park is currently being utilised.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Ronald Buck

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the Fact that someone is taking an interest to improve the park where necessary. This should always be an ongoing thought. Can we make it better.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text As an older person with no Grandchildren locally, and therefore a non user, it's difficult for me to creatively comment on any proposals for improvement.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Any changes should be considered through the eyes of the children, some very young, and the parents who will use the park.  
Above all the park must provide a safe place with as few hard surfaces and hiding places as possible whilst providing a place where children can express themselves and make friends. It is also important that the parents/guardians can sit together at a distance but be able to keep a safe eye on all the children.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40549

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Joanna Rode-Pawlikowski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I love it.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Nothing

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
17

Contribution ID: 40547

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Libby Brazier

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like that you want to invest in the park and Luke the idea of a water fountain

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Don't like the planter boxes (the upkeep is too much and they're not needed), the huge trees will make a mess and take up space , not to mention the leaves will fall and make it slippery for kids. the lawn is currently used for running, dogs playing, kids playing with kites etc - leave that space alone.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice No

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Consider leaving the lawn and not adding additional trees (maybe a shade sale instead), adding a community BBQ, more play areas for small children like a sandpit with a sit on digger.

Response No:  
18

Contribution ID: 40546

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Olivia Dugdale

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the trees that will provide us more shade in the hot summer months. The drinking fountain is a good idea but it's too far away from the playground.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text The planter boxes - they will get ratty very quickly and will eat into the green space the kids like to run around and won't allow enough space for community events.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Would like to have more little kid friendly parts of the playground added. A rubbish bin would also be useful. Also a community BBQ would be an awesome addition to the park and would bring everyone together.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Andrea Marshall

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I love the plan to put more trees. I think in new subdivisions there is often a lack of trees, and when trees are being cut down to create subdivisions, it's more important than ever to be planting new trees.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I don't dislike anything, but I know that many people in Oakbridge aren't happy with the size of the linden trees. I think a solution would be to choose a different tree that is shorter (maybe a top height of 8-10m). I know the linden trees are significant to Polish culture, but to ensure we can still have trees without everyone being unhappy, it might be worth investigating other tree species.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text N/A

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Mikayla Aisher

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the planting of additional trees for shelter as there is not any at the moment for young families such as ours

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I don't like the asphalt, planter boxes or picnic table in the corner. I have been at home for the last 12 months as we have just had a baby. We use the park almost everyday to throw a ball for our dog and have some morning tea. The park is mostly utilised by oakbridge people doing exactly the same thing so it would seem prudent that the new design takes this into account. Reducing the size of the green space doesn't make sense

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text As per the above keep the green space just plant some more trees for shelter

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Carolyn Brazier

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I support additional trees being planted to provide shade to the play area, the peace pole & water fountain.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Quite simply I think it's all a bit much. Given its the only green space currently in our neighborhood this design doesn't seem completely fit for purpose for the residents of Oakbridge & visitors from neighbouring areas. It is not a huge space and I feel the addition of all these new features & the number of large trees will overwhelm the space and take away a good portion of the grass area utilised for ball sports, community events etc.

The planter boxes seem like an odd choice for this space and visually unappealing. I'm very concerned about long term maintenance of these boxes. What happens if the organisation responsible for maintenance ceases to function? Who takes on the maintenance? I have seen planter boxes in other community spaces and they tend to be left to go wild & look really messy. I suspect CCC wouldn't have the desire to take on this cost. What a pain for the lawn mower to get around - it won't be a quick, easy mow!

I like the addition of more trees to provide shade. But can the area support that many? Consideration could be given to reducing the number down to 3 or selecting smaller specimens.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text I fully support creating a peaceful space for the Polish community to enjoy. But more consideration needs to be given to everyday users, opportunities a green space provides to a community & maintenance of the space.

It would be nice to see the addition of a structure to provide immediate shade over the current picnic table rather than waiting for large trees to grow.

The introduction of a natural sensory play space could be considered for the smaller members in our community.

I also would like to see more native planting choices to encourage native birds back into the area.

More consideration also needs to be given to the plans impact on properties on the perimeter of the park. Is another picnic table really necessary in that location?

**See attachment on following page**

**Rice, Amy**

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**From:** Carolyn & Tim Brazier <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 January 2026 4:43 pm  
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**Cc:** Saunders, Mark  
**Subject:** Little Poland Park - Landscape Proposal  
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Hi there,

I believe our local community board will be discussing and making a decision on a landscape plan for Little Poland Park in Oakbridge, Marshland.

I just wanted to send through a couple of photos that I took recently to highlight the current state of the park when landscaping is currently very minimal. It really looks quite untidy and rough at the moment with the length of the grass and large weeds throughout the grass.

As a community we are concerned that the maintenance needs of the park will become even greater if the proposed design goes ahead. Quite simply the community would just like a tidy park where children & families can picnic and kick a ball around. It doesn't need to be fancy.

Please could you forward these photos and this email to the community board to assist with their decision making on this landscape proposal.

Many thanks  
Carolyn Brazier  
[REDACTED]







Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40518

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Catriona Rice

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Lots of greenery

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Would love to see more play equipment for toddlers. More seating.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
23

Contribution ID: 40517

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Douglas Bridges

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text A good facility for all ages. Good improvements.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text All good!

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
24

Contribution ID: 40516

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Vivien Bridges

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Looks great to me.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
25

Contribution ID: 40514

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Tanja Mitrovic

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text That plan is beautiful. I recently visited the park, and at the moment is quite bare

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
26

Contribution ID: 40511

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Krysia Kubiak

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text It's beautiful and a great memorial to our Polish Children that arrived in NZ in 1944 during WW2 as orphans.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Linda Dawson

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text My Mum is Polish and was in Pahiatua, Little Poland. I like the idea that the linden trees will be planted, I think that's a nice tie in to the Poland. Actually, I like all the suggestions. I'm not sure what the peace pole will look like but it sounds like an appropriate addition. An extra picnic table will be good, sometimes people just want somewhere to sit while kids are playing or just to enjoy being in the space and of course potentially to picnic at.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Nothing really, I did wonder if it was a good idea to add another oak tree but decided that it would probably be good for shade in a few years time. :)

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text No

Response No:  
28

Contribution ID: 40507

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Marta Pawlikowski

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text makes it more special. a picnic table would be awesome

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text i like it

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text not sure

Response No:  
29

Contribution ID: 40479

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Helena Carson

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text It provides something for all the community whilst also paying homage to my family's heritage. These improvements will encourage more people to go to the park thus creating a better sense of community and hopefully a greater interest in another culture's place in NZ.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
30

Contribution ID: 40477

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Halina Roberts

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Very well thought out

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Just missing toilets

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Toilets

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Nichole Calvert

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text The use of space is better and hopefully more can be put there to prevent this being used as an off leash dog area.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text One day I feel like as the population grows there could be a dog attack here. It would've been nice to see the space used in a way that is less maintenance and utilises the space for children of older ages - like a basketball court. Many people use this area for their dogs to run around off leash, in close proximity where children eye level to dogs are also running around. The amount is too many to report and nobody wants to be that neighbour. But it would've been nice to use this space for play and to deter people from bringing their dogs to play.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Off leash dogs becoming a growing issue as the population increases

Response No:  
32

Contribution ID: 40459

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Annalie Longo

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Water fountain

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Path - making the grass area smaller which is predominately used for fetch with dogs. The path also brings people past the back fences of surrounding properties. Would like to see a small fixed soccer goal for families to play.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Footpath on Preston's to be created that links all suburbs.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Melissa crowe

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the peace pile abs the addition of some more trees although the ones picked might not be best over hanging the path. They are known to drop sticky stuff because they get infested with aphids which isn't ideal over a path.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Not a fan of planter boxes. There are a few around the city and they always give a rundown vibe as they are never that well looked after. Also not sure why you have the picnic table in corner most people will have kids that use it and it's so far away from park. I think a second one closer to the existing would be best.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
34

Contribution ID: 40404

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Diego da Silva Pinto

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the proposal for having more trees, and also the picnic table. These will make the park even fresher, usable and green. Great to use even on really sunny days.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text It's a space already used for communal activities, so it would be nice to consider these events and how they would be affected by any changes.

Response No:  
35

Contribution ID: 40393

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Hanna Zadlo

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the water fountain. It's very important in the summer. I think extra picnic benches are also needed.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Lack of toilets! At least two toilets is a must!!!

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Toilets!

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Ashiah Earle

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I am really pleased about the addition of the five linden trees. I have a small baby and would love to spend more time at the park but there is currently no where to lay him in the shade. The trees mean we can relax close by while being protected from the sun.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I would be concerned about the remaining grass space. Currently it is nice and big, perfect for running, kicking a ball etc. I would hope that space for this would remain after everything is added. However, overall I think the new plan is lovely and really excited to use it.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
37

Contribution ID: 40386

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Grace corlet

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the idea of bigger trees to provide some shade in summer

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text The flowerbeds, many I see in other community areas like cool springs are over grown and don't look nice. No basketball court.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text It would be amazing to have a half basketball court in the playground. Many houses have hoops sitting outside their garage but it a good way to meet neighbours through meeting while shooting some hoops at the playground.

Response No:  
38

Contribution ID: 40308

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Ariel Waldron

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like that the park is being upgraded, with more facilities and plants/trees to be added. Hopefully this will provide a more comfortable place for the community to meet.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Extra rubbish bins could be considered, as increased community use will require rubbish facilities. Also addition of public bathrooms at the park or nearby could be considered in future if community use is consistent.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Charlotte Tangney

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I agree with a couple more trees planted for shade and keeping the open space untouched. My family enjoys the space the park provides currently. We live in Oakbridge and have two boys aged 7 & 9 who love to play ball sports in the park. There is plenty of room at the park for them to play football & cricket. Also to practise their rugby kicks. The playground has been well utilised by the boys over the past three years, which caters well for pre-school and primary aged children.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I don't agree with the addition of footpaths and planter boxes. This is going to limit the area for kids to play ball sports and clutters the area. The park will be used less because of this. Also if community events are held, how does the area cater for this? The planter boxes will become litter boxes, who is going to maintain these? And what will be in them? These will likely become derelict and graffiti attacked, causing the area to become unattractive place to live. I would prefer the council re-consider their plan. Instead a basketball/tennis court are could be considered as another option for ball sports, catering for growing children needs and also an area for adults to connect, over a game of tennis/basketball. The council really needs to think clearly about this proposal with subdivision growth and only having one green space are for the community to connect. We are very proactive with keeping our children active and healthy. If Oakbridge no longer provides adequate space for this we will need to consider moving elsewhere.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice No

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text Yes, more park space in Oakbridge subdivision. And an area to cater for growing children's needs, such as a basketball/tennis court. Scooter/bike track is another idea. Redwood Springs and Preston's subdivisions cater well for families with their park designs. Oakbridge needs to consider more options and think broader as children grow.

Response No:  
40

Contribution ID: 40283

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Hayley Kubiak

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

Response No:  
41

Contribution ID: 40282

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Aneta Turay

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Anna Maria Gruczynska

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the additional plantings proposed, especially the plantings which have a special connection to Poland, such as the linden trees.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text It's not so much that I do not like it, but I think that extending the asphalt paths to go round the park is not necessary. It seems that the only reason to have it is to enable access to the second picnic table, but, unless there are specific H&S considerations which necessitate a hard surface path, the table could be accessed easily enough by crossing through the grassed area. The proposed path would cut across and reduce the grassed area which can otherwise be used for picnics, games etc. I think a better use of the money would be to install a small toilet facility because without it it is very difficult to hold picnics, events etc. in the park, and generally to use the park to its full potential.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text I just want to say thank you to the Community Board for their initial approval of the creation of this special place and for the ongoing support for landscaping enhancements.

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Rosemarie Peacock

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the extra pathway and water fountain

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text Too many plants. I'd rather see a fenced area to stop small children running off, and more play equipment such as a basket ball hoop or other playground activities. As for shade I think shade over the playground similar to what they do in Australia would be far more effective than trees that may cause damage due to root system and likelihood of drooping leaves. The park is often used by dog owners to throw a ball so too many planters and planter boxes will interrupt this.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Michael Ross

**Q8 What do you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text I like the addition of more trees for shade. Another path as an alternative walking option is also good. Planting boxes will be good if well maintained.

**Q9 What don't you like about the plan for Little Poland Park and why?**

Long Text There is no rubbish bin. This is an oversight for a growing subdivision. You're also trying to increase the use of the park and not providing an option for people to keep it clean.

I walk daily past and use the park at least once a week with my children. There is regularly rubbish in the bushes.

I believe with a bin, this wouldn't occur.

There could be the addition of some sort of sports posts.

**Q10 Overall, do you support the plan for Little Poland Park?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q11 Is there anything else the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board needs to consider?**

Long Text