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Maclean Park Refresh Submission

The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council welcomes this opportunity to comment on the concepts developed for the Maclean Park redevelopment, and also having been invited to participate in the workshop sessions leading to this stage. The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council congratulates the designers of this process that demonstrates a true commitment to consultation.

The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council also welcomes the imagination and professionalism evident in the draft concepts.

The main submission from the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council is that any refresh should incorporate Age Friendly principles, that have been detailed in the submission on the Community Facilities Strategy, available at <http://kcopc.webs.com/comfacsub-fin.pdf>. It should be noted that Age Friendly benefit not only those in the older age bracket.

Beyond that, the Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council wishes to make these very general points:

- It prefers the concept evident in Concept 1 'The Parade' of having the path along the edge of the park to accommodate cyclists and avoid the dangers inherent in having the path going through the park.
- It very strongly supports older persons playground feature in Concept 3 'Central Path'. The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council would be willing to provide further information on the economic and social benefits that older persons' exercise areas can provide the community. In intergenerational terms, those benefits would be maximised if the older persons' exercise area was adjacent to a childrens' playground.
- The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council submits that any historical information should recognise the multi-cultural contributions made to the Maclean park area, and in particular to the generosity of the Maclean family.
- The Kāpiti Coast Older Persons' Council notes that the concepts look exciting and expensive, and that approximate costings should be part of the consultation in future.