



CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

FORM 13 – Submission on a resource consent application that is subject to public or limited notification.

Please note that all submissions must be received in writing by **22nd May 2024** at **5:00PM**. All submissions must be either electronically sent to submissions@cluthadc.govt.nz or hand delivered to 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha 9230 and addressed to the Planning Department.

1. Submitter details

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2. Application Details

Name of Applicant:	Clark and Megan Campbell
Application Reference:	RM3030
Application Site Address:	239D Moturata Road, Taieri Mouth Legal Description: Lot 9 DP 399272
Details of Application:	<p>Application under Section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to undertake a subdivision and residential activity within the Coastal Resource Area of the Clutha District Plan.</p> <p>The subdivision will create 1 additional Lot for residential activity comprising approximately 9,720m² within the Coastal Resource Area, while the balance lot (Lot 2) will be 2ha and located within the Coastal Resource Area. Lot 2 will retain an existing dwelling.</p> <p>Please see the attached full application for further information</p>



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3. Submission

Before making a submission, please ensure you have read/seen the full resource consent application, including the assessment of environmental effects (AEE) and all the plans. (Select one of the below options)

I/ we support the application in whole or in part.

I/we oppose the application in whole or in part.

Please specify below-

- i. The matters within the application that you support or oppose or wish to comment on.
- ii. The reasons for making this submission (please give details)

i. /
• Oppose addition of a new building platform on Lot 9 DP 339272 – RM3030 referred to as Lot 2
Comments on

- Departure from compliance with CDC Consent Notice 7921033.5 (also in original RM3030 application) impacts significantly on owners of Lot 2-8 DP 339272 and also on owner of Lot 1 DP 339272; **all** owners are against this.
- Significant visual impacts and loss of views
 - Including building, planting and 3 water tanks over 60mx60m at 5m height view impact in addition to already consented building platform on Lot 9 DP 339272 (or RM3030 Lot 1), which takes the blocked view of Maungatua and rural outlook for our Lot 8 DP 339272 to 90m instead of 60m
- Significant impacts due to proposed increased population density
 - Impact on privacy, specifically for our Lot 8 DP 339272 as more people would walk on the pedestrian path with close views into our living area and on to our deck
 - Widening and sealing of the driveway and the turn-around point likely at loss of current native plants
 - Increased light and sound emission, to be minimised through the Consent Notice conditions
- Significant impact on rural character due to loss of paddock, increased population and required changes to width and sealing of driveway and addition of a turn-around area (NZS4404 advises 8m diameter for rural setting)
- Significant environmental impacts
 - Impact on NZ endangered species NZ sea lions resting in the sand dunes part of Lot 9
 - Misjudgement of soil (non-absorbent! clay), thin humus supported by gras/grazing; ill planting advice
 - Omission of existing land use covenants
- False information: Omission that RM3030 Lot 2 would require a ROW over our Lot 8 DP 339272 to obtain access to the Moturata Views communal pedestrian pathway.

ii.
We as owners of Lot 8 DP 339272 are an Affected Party and would continuously suffer from reduced quality of life and the multiple impacts as mentioned above, should adding a building platform as per application RM3030 not be declined. We rely on the continuation of the CDC Consent Notice 7921033.5 to keep Moturata Views with its views and rural! We would not be able nor willing to contribute to the sealing of the driveway, which might be in the vicinity of \$500,000 for the length of the driveway. In line with all landowners of Moturata Views / DP 339272 except for the applicants of RM3030, we are opposing an additional building platform with all its negative consequences. In line with the Taieri Beach and Taieri Mouth community, we are against any residential development to keep Taieri Mouth as it is (Council adopted Feedback Report – Our Place Taieri Mouth – March 2024).



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1. The proposal breaches the Clutha District Council's (CDC) own **Consent Notice 7921033.5**, authorised on 3 June 2008 (included in original proposal info pack) *In the Matter of Section 221 of the Resource Management Act 1991 AND in the Matter of an application for Subdivision Consent RM1411:*

Whereas Council has granted Resource Consent to the proposed subdivision comprised in DP399272 subject to the following conditions which are required to be complied with on a continuing basis by the owners and subsequent owners of the land or parts thereof being the condition specified in the operative part of this notice

Operative Part

Conditions relating to Lots 2-9 DP 399272 (computer Registers 396012 – 396019)

(vii) Dwellings and ancillary buildings shall be located within the building platforms designated for each allotment.



Figure 4: Scheme Plan from the previous subdivision RM1411 which created the 8 residential allotments and the ROW used to access the site.

2. **Departure from compliance with CDC Consent Notice 7921033.5. impacts significantly on owners of Lots 2-8 DP 399272**, who have invested heavily into their allotments for their forever homes as they bought into a private rural community (Moturata Views) of up to 8 parties with their own pedestrian pathway (yellow in highlight in Figure 4.) via ROW across a number of allotments with the last section including ROW over the applicants' Lot 9 to a secluded beach. Lot 1 pre-existed and is located at the core of the Moturata Views subdivision but have their own lane to the waterfront and is not bound by conditions and covenants. Each owner knew/knows where each allotment's house would be built at what maximum height so that each allotment owner could position their home (and planting) in alignment with current and future views (specifically rural views to Moturata AND the ocean but not limited to sea view only) as well as sun and wind exposure. The proposal RM3030 seeks to add another building platform firmly in the view of most, if not all Lot owners. The proposal seeks to breach the conditions of the CDC Consent Notice that all Lot 2-8 owners comply with (and Lot 9 owner is required to comply with). Only a subset of this community is deemed an Affected Party by CDC rules and invited to respond to the proposal. All Lot owners except the applicants are against the proposal of adding another party/building platform to Moturata Views.
3. Significant impacts (visually, increased population density, environmentally)
Protect the sand dunes and NZ sea lions and fur seals – no (motor) bike use in the dunes of Lot 9 DP 339272!

Please attach any further comments to the end of the submission or as an additional document

Number of additional documents 3



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4. Submissions at the hearing

- I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission.
- I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission.
- If others make a similar submission I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

5. Signature of submitters

Signature: *A. Trille*

Signature: *J. J. C. L.*

Date: *18 May 2024*

Date: *18-5-24*

6. Important information

- You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
- The Council will serve all formal documents electronically via the email address provided above. Where there is no email address provided the documents will be posted to the provided postal address.
- The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given.
- If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.
- The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time for submissions on this application.
- If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission will be included in papers that are available to the media and the public. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the submission process.
- If a submitter requests the use of hearings commissioners under s100A they may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearing's commissioner or commissioners.



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- All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about whether you wish to speak at the hearing, please contact the Council by emailing planning@cluthadc.govt.nz
- Only those submitters who indicate they wish to speak at the hearing will be sent a copy of the planning report.
- If you state that you do not wish to be heard, the Council is not obliged to advise you of the hearing or send you the hearing documents. However, you will be sent a copy of the decision and retain your right to appeal.

SSJ and A Tickle (Lot 8 DP 399272) response submission to proposal RM3030

1. The proposal contradicts with the Clutha District Council’s (CDC) own **Consent Notice 7921033.5**, authorised on 3 June 2008 (also included in the original proposal submission)
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3. We agree with the CDC that **adding proposed building platform** would have a more than minor impact, in fact we see this would have a **significant impact**:
 - a. **Visually:** The impact was not demonstrated in the proposal from Lot owner’s buildings/views perspectives. Instead of rural views of grass land leading to the ocean and Otago coastline, there would be allowance for a building of up to 30mx30m at a height of up to 5m on the brow of the hill reaching well into the horizon of the ocean for some. The blocked-out area would be increased by at least 2 if not 3 water tanks to provide required 45,000 L water for FENZ. The blocked-out area would further be increased by a belt of up to 15m around the building for planting of any kind of up to 5m high. After a gap of less than 20m further South, the same area

is already blocked out by the consented building platform of Lot 9 that all allotment owners knew about in advance and could build/plan for accordingly. The off-set to the West for the proposed new building platform in regards to the consented building platform and the angle of the view for the dwelling on Lot 7 means that the vision-block gap between both platforms shrinks to virtually nil, blocking out a significant portion of Lot 7's view facing Moturata and the long beach towards Taieri Mouth. Adding future buildings from the neighbouring subdivision might not leave much of a beach, Moturata and ocean view in the North for Lot 7 at all. A view would be secured without proposed platform. **For Lot 8, the blocked-out view from consented building platform Lot 9 would be extended by 50% to the West impacting the rural views and views of Maungatua.** For Lot 6 (239C) the proposed building platform, plants and tanks will remove a large and significant proportion of the ocean view who built their house in accordance with and trusting in the longevity of the CDC Consent Notice 7921035.5 (vii). It would provide people in a proposed future building prime view into the bedroom of 239C.

b. **The increased population density**

- Requires better grey water management into a sump. The lowest point where water would naturally flow is at the end prior to the bend of the driveway labelled ROW A in the proposal. This area is currently planted in native plants suitable for wet land. Is this where a sump would be dug?
- Requires a sealed surface to the driveway and a turn-around point according to NZS 4404:2010 of a diameter of 8m. Would that be placed above the sump/current native planting or where would that go? This change would have a significant impact on the rural and tranquil setting of the Moturata Views subdivision.
- Needs omitted ROW over Lot 8 to the pedestrian path to the beach as can be seen in Figure 7 of the CDC report on notification process identification. The proposal's Appendix 5a, A.1. is incorrect in stating that the existing pedestrian access over the site to the coast will be retained and is located within Lot 1.

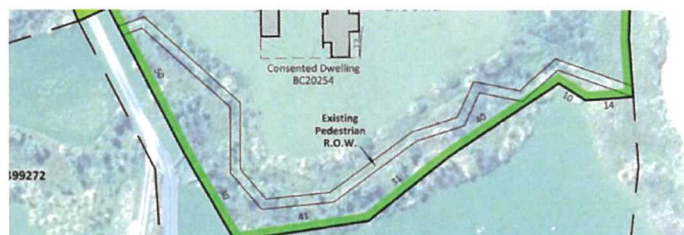


Figure 7: Existing Pedestrian ROW over proposed Lot 1

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- **Impacts privacy for Lot 8 through increased foot traffic on the pedestrian path to the beach looking onto the deck and into the house of Lot 8.**
- Increases light and sound emission, an effect the CDC Consent Notice is seeking to reduce (which is also included in covenants and conditions in every sale of real estate agreement).

c. **Environmentally:**

- The sloping dunes towards the beach at the East-facing end of Lot 9 is a **frequent resting place for NZ endangered species of sea lions** and NZ fur seals. Increased population density will surely have an adverse effect.
- **Omission of the land use covenant present** for each Allotment owner (Lots 2-9 DP 399272) to not raise any cattle, deer, goats, or pigs on any Lot and to not dump or trash solid waste or liquid contaminates on any Lot.
- **Omission of the current land use covenants** that if during the excavation or other development activity, previously unidentified archaeological material or sites of possible interest to Manawhenua are identified or disturbed, that all affecting work shall cease and NZ Historic Places Trust and Kai Tahu ki Otago Ltd Resource Management Office of Dunedin should be contacted.

- **Soil misjudgement in the proposal:** The proposal advises planting for a “dry” property. The



advice providing consultant appears to have only viewed the property during the dry summer 2023/2024. As can be seen from the sand dune part of the proposed new Lot 2 onto its **erosion:** the humus layer is very thin and **the non-absorbing soil very rich in clay**, providing for dry and hard conditions in the summer and for extended soft and wet conditions once saturated by rain in the winter.

There are truck track marks still present on the top of the hill of Lot 9 where some years ago a truck with lime got stuck despite the paddock appearing sufficiently dried in spring.

CDC recently shared the feedback of their community outreach “Our Place Taieri Mouth”. The community is strongly against additional residential (and commercial) development in Taieri Mouth and wish to keep Taieri Mouth as it is. 50% of feedback had been received from Taieri Beach respondents.

Under 6.2 the CDC feedback report says “The feedback received makes it clear that most respondents are not in favour of significant residential or commercial development in Taieri Mouth, and that if any development is to occur, this should be sympathetic towards existing natural and built environment. Avoiding development of ridgelines, or in plain view of the beach were common comments.”

Under 6.3 the report says: “Council has limited ability to actually restrict additional residential or commercial development and is guided by legislative and District Plan requirement. However, the community’s preference to avoid additional development, to ‘leave it as it is’, and to consider the local environment should be noted within the Taieri Mouth Community Plan.

The proposal RM3030 has a number of inaccurate information about its environment, landscape, soil, labelling of dwellings in photos and provides misconceptions about the size of the land and impact of the proposed changes.



Figure 2: Excerpt of the proposed subdivision plan.

One example is that Figure 2 implies Lot 2 with 9720m² and Lot 1 with 2.00ha being large sections accommodating for two large building platforms whilst the grassed, usable and fenced area is in fact about 6,500m² for Lot 2 as a third is in sand dune between the current paddock fence and beach and about 1.3ha for Lot 1 with the remainder being comprised of sand dunes, planting of the Akatore fault line including the pedestrian pathway to the beach and the driveway areas as labelled ROW (A) and Existing R.O.W. to be retained.

For the consultants of the proposal applicants to request consent on a non-notified basis judging that any adverse effects arising from the proposed activity will be in the range negligible to less than minor only speaks for the bias of involved consultants due to being commissioned by the proposal applicants.

Given the significant impacts of the proposal and the resistance of affected parties including us, the resistance of Moturata Views allotment owners sharing maintenance and use of the pedestrian pathway and the opinion of the wider Taieri Beach and Taieri Mouth community to leave the area as it is:

We pledge to you as the Council concerned with subdivision consent, **to honour the continuing conditions of the Clutha District Council Consent Notice 7921035.5 authorised on 3 June 2008** to limit dwellings and buildings to be located within the building platforms designated for each allotment (Lots 2-9 DP 339272) and therefore **decline the application to create a new and additional building platform on Lot 9 DP 339272** as proposed by the applicants.

Appendix

The signees (see below) are all current landowners of the Moturata Views subdivision DP 399272.

The owners of Lots 2-9 DP 399272 (computer Registers 396012 – 396019) by purchase agree with the **Clutha District Council's Consent Notice 7921035.5 authorised on 3 June 2008:**

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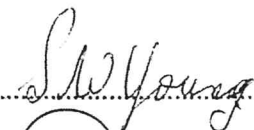
The signees (Lots 2-9 DP 399272) have buildings and plantings carefully designed to maximise views carefully taking future buildings on designed platforms as per DP 399272 into account.

The signees are against adding a new building platform to Lot 9 DP 399272 as per proposal RM3030.

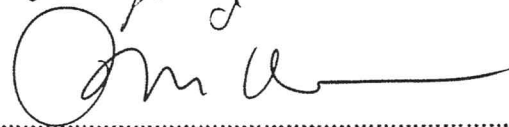
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9 Akatore Road


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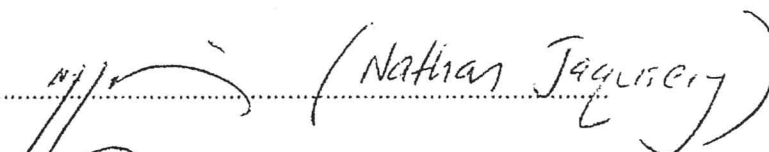
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SW Young
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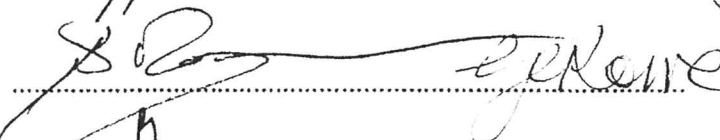
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M and H Hurley
11 Akatore Road


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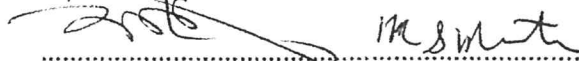
Lot 4 DP 399272
N and C Jaquier
239A Moturata Road


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Lot 5 DP 399272
G.L. and S. Rowe
239B Moturata Road


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Lot 6 DP 399272
R.M. and M.S. Morton
239C Moturata Road


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Lot 7 DP 399272
A.D.L. Terry and D.S. Hunter
239E Moturata Road

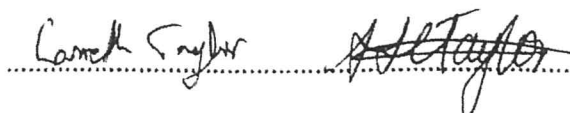

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Lot 8 DP 399272
S.S.J. and A. Tickle
239F Moturata Road


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Further the subsequent owners of the pre-existing dwelling Lot 1 DP 399272 also disagree with adding a new building platform as it impacts on their views.

Lot 1 DP 399272
A.J.C and G.B. Taylor
7 Akatore Road


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Appendix 1b: Consent Notice 7921033.5.

IN THE MATTER of Section 221 of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application for Subdivision Consent RM1411

CONSENT NOTICE

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- (i) *That any dwelling erected within the allotments shall be confined to Areas K - R on DP 399272 unless otherwise complying with the permitted activities of the District Plan.*
- (ii) *That the owners of the allotments shall be responsible for the maintenance of the designated landscape areas shown on the attached plan from the Landscape Assessment and Mitigation Report by Mike Moore, including the replacement of diseased or lost specimens, and removal of weed species.*
- (iii) *No earthworks or excavation, except for the purpose of constructing access, shall occur on the allotment prior to the issue of building consent.*
- (iv) *That if, during the course of excavation or other development activity, previously unidentified archaeological material or sites of possible interest to Manawhenua are identified or disturbed then the following shall occur:*
 - a) *all work that may effect the archaeological site shall cease;*
 - b) *the consent holder shall contact the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and obtain all necessary authorisation in terms of Section 14 of the Historic Places Act 1993;*
 - c) *the consent holder shall contact Kai Tahu ki Otago Ltd Resource Management Office of Dunedin in the event that the site is of significance to Iwi.*
- (v) *That sewage and grey water waste treatment shall be designed by a professionally qualified person experienced in that field, such design to be submitted with any Building Consent application made, (together with Producer Statement), with oversight of the installation to be overseen by that person. This shall include a requirement for secondary treatment systems for the treatment of effluent and wastewater (for example, but not limited to one of the following secondary treatment systems Oasis Clearwater, Filtertech, Innoflow) to be installed for each of Lots 2 – 9.*
- (vi) *That dwellings and ancillary buildings shall not exceed a single storey and a maximum of 6.0 metres in height, measured from the existing ground level prior to any excavation of a building platform, except for buildings on Lot 3 which shall not exceed a single storey and a maximum of 4.0 metres in height, measured from the existing ground level prior to any excavation of a building platform.*
- (vii) *Dwellings and ancillary buildings shall be located within the building platforms designated for each allotment.*

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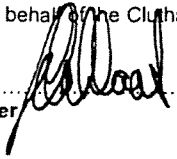
- (viii) *Water tanks and any other accessory structures are to be sited in association with the residential dwelling on each allotment and shall be finished in colours to match the residential dwelling.*
- (ix) *Material for roofing shall be restricted to steel corrugated iron or tray roofing, or slate (unpainted) or timber shingles (unpainted).*
- (x) *Materials for walls shall be restricted to timber (natural finish or appropriately coloured) or plaster (appropriately painted) or locally sourced rock or corrugated iron (appropriately coloured).*
- (xi) *The colours of the roofs shall be restricted to colours that blend with the landscape and have a reflectivity value of 10% or less.*
- (xii) *The colours of the walls shall be restricted to colours that blend with the landscape and have a reflectivity value of 30% or less, although, detailing around verandas, posts, windows and doors may differ and natural or stained timber would be permissible.*
- (xiii) *The exterior design and colouration of dwellings, ancillary buildings and water tanks shall be submitted for Council's approval prior to, or together with, the application for building consent.*
- (xiv) *New fencing shall be constructed from post and wire or traditional dry stone walls using local rock only.*
- (xv) *Modification to the natural colours is to be kept to the minimum reasonably required for a house, driveway and any outdoor living areas (e.g. patios etc). Any new earthworks are to be designed to blend seamlessly with the surrounding natural landforms.*
- (xvi) *No monumental gates or lighting shall be associated with driveways or accessways.*
- (xvii) *Any plantings further than 15m from the houses are to be comprised of appropriate native species as listed in the Landscape Assessment and Mitigation Report prepared by Mike Moore and attached. (Please note the reason for this control is to allow for a variety of small scale garden plantings close to houses whilst retaining a coherent overall effect consistent with the protection of the natural character of the coastal environment.)*
- (xviii) *No pre-existing dwellings shall be established on the allotments.*
- (xix) *Woodlots and/or plantations of exotic trees shall not be established.*

Conditions relating to Lot 3 DP 399272 (Computer Registers 396013)

- (xx) *Lot 3 shall have a wind-cloth fence not less than 2 metres high, but approximately the height of a standard deer fence, constructed in the position shown on the plan attached as annexure 1 to this consent notice. The fence shall be constructed prior to the construction of any dwelling on Lot 3 starting, and shall be maintained until landscape planting adjacent to the fence required pursuant to subdivision condition 2.4(i) reaches the height of the fence and provides effective screening.*

DATED at Balclutha this 3rd day of June 2008.

Signed for and on behalf of the Clutha District Council

Authorised Officer 

Our Place Taieri Mouth Feedback Report

M.J. Goldsmith

O.J. Walker

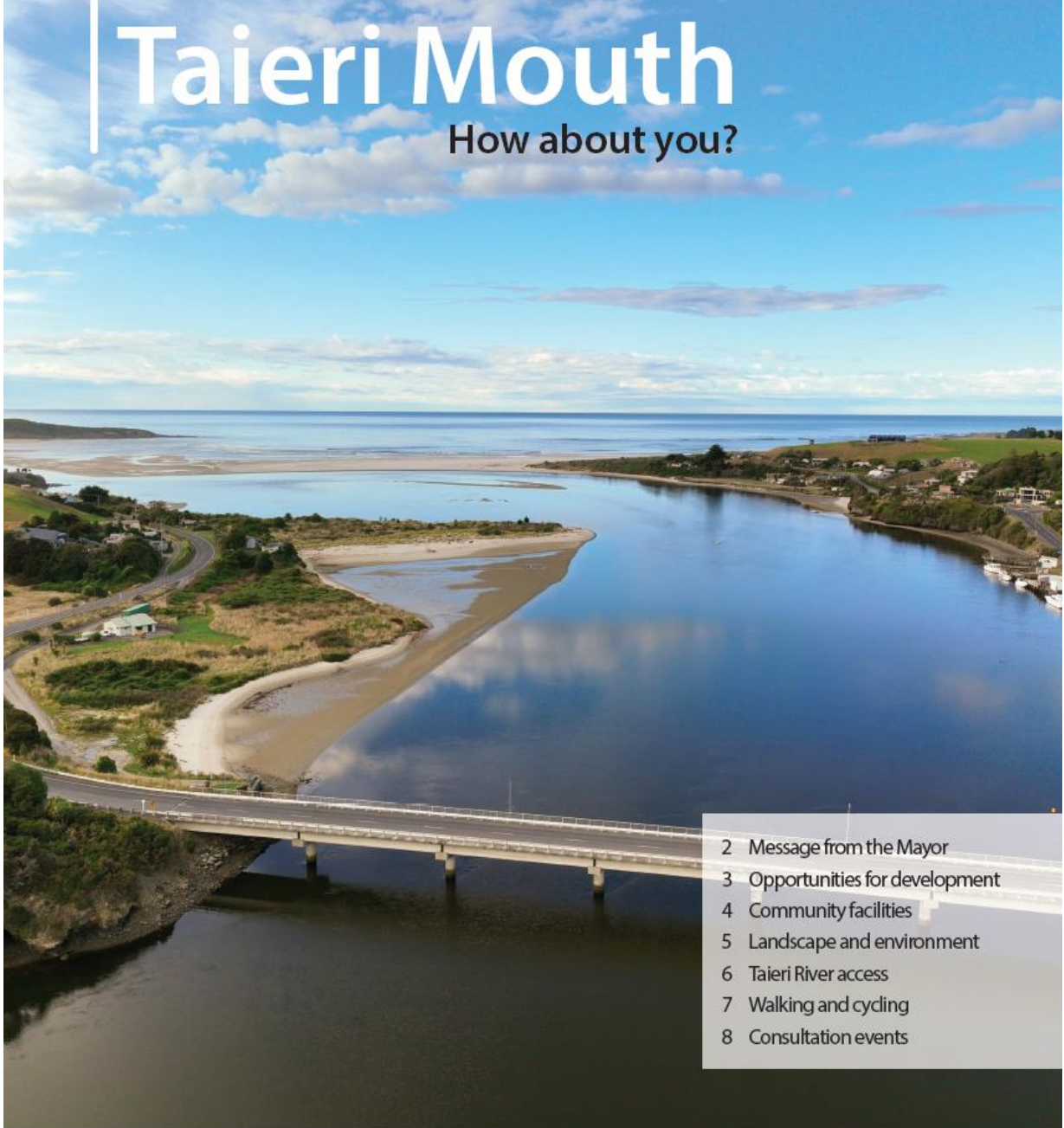
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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consultation and engagement aimed to seek input from the community to inform the development of the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan. This report provides a summary of feedback received through two primary methods: people who responded using the Council-supplied survey form; and a series of community-based consultation events.

1.1 SURVEY RESULTS

The survey aspect of the consultation asked respondents to rate the importance of existing community facilities in Taieri Mouth, on a scale between 1 (not important) to 5 (very important). The results are shown in Table 1-1 and Figure 1-1.

Table 1-1 Average rating given to existing community facilities in Taieri Mouth

Rank	Survey Priority – how important are the following community facilities?	Average
1	Leitch Memorial Hall	4.73
2	Knarston Park	4.72
3	Livingstonia Park	4.70
4	Taieri Mouth Campground	4.32
5	Taieri Mouth Tennis Courts	3.46
6	Sawmill Park	3.39

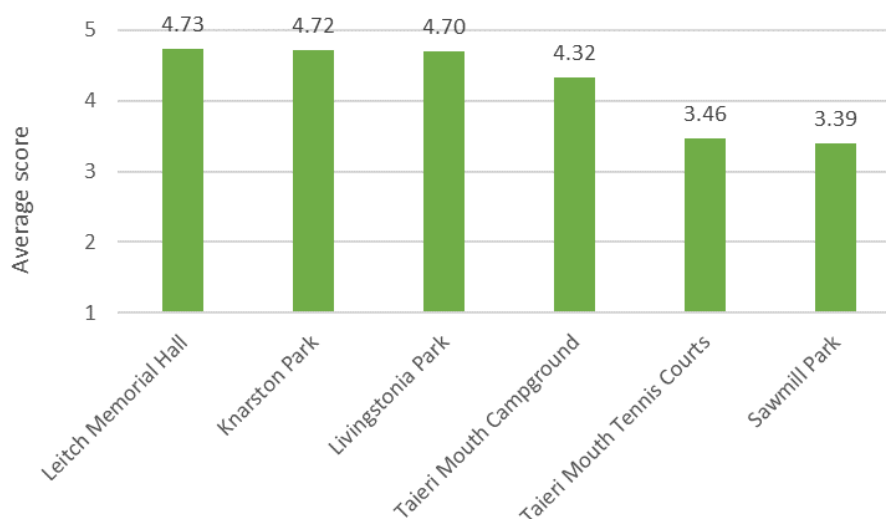


Figure 1-1 Average rating given to existing community facilities in the Taieri Mouth Area.

The survey also asked respondents to rate various new options and concepts on a scale between 1 and 5. The summary table and graph below show that *addressing riverbank erosion* was rated highest at 4.6 out of 5. Environmental projects, such as *restoring natural environments* and *community roadside clean-up / trail maintenance days* also rated highly.

Table 1-2 Average rating for each option listed in the survey.

Rank	Survey Priority – how important are the following options?	Average
1	Addressing riverbank erosion	4.6
2	Restoration of wetlands, dunes, and waterways	4.3
3	Community events to maintain walking trails or remove rubbish from roadsides	4.1
4	Improved walking and cycling opportunities	3.8
5	Investigate a Dark Skies Taieri Mouth initiative	3.3

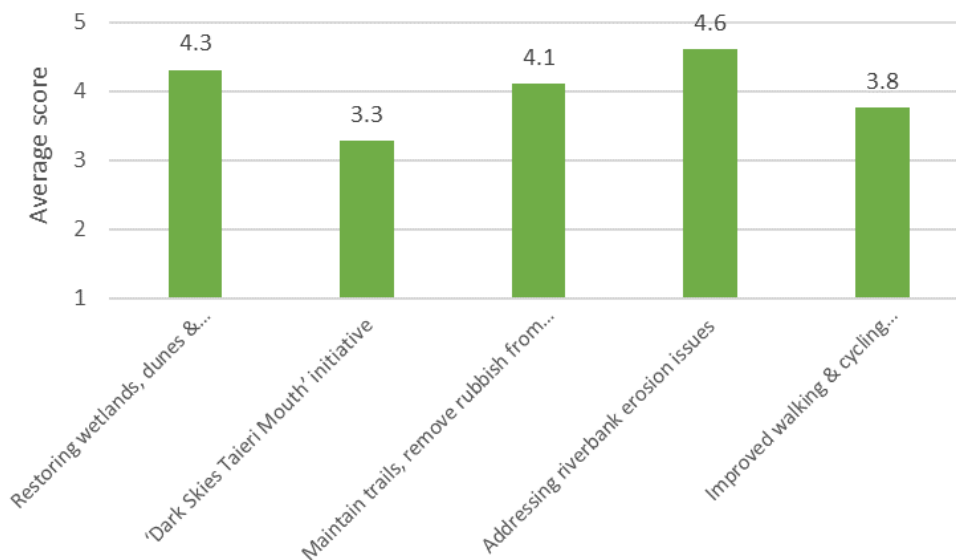


Figure 1-2 Average rating for each option listed in the survey.

1.2 OTHER FEEDBACK

At the public consultation events, members of the community were asked what was important to them and what they would like to see improved. This feedback was combined with comments received via the feedback form and other submissions. The feedback items were then assigned to one of the 'focus points' which formed the basis of the consultation material, and Figure 1-3 shows the number of items which related to each area.¹ The focus points which generated the largest number of feedback items were *community facilities, opportunities for development* and *landscape and environment*.

¹ As well as the six focus areas included in the consultation, two additional areas were added to this analysis, due to the large number of feedback items received on these topics – these were roading and waste management.

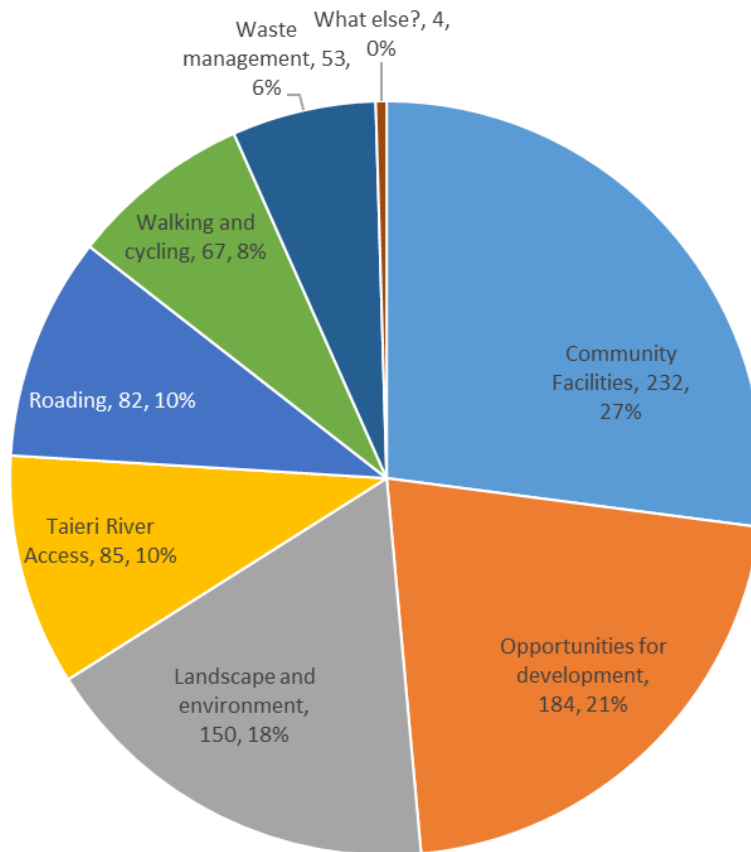


Figure 1-3 The number of feedback items relating to each of the Our Place Taieri Mouth focus points.

1.3 KEY FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PROJECTS

The consultation process helped to identify the things that are most valued by the Taieri Mouth community, and where additional work could be undertaken to improve existing assets or create new ones. Items which were rated highly, referenced more often, or could be included as projects within the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan are listed in the following table.

Community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved maintenance of existing community facilities is important. ○ Knarston Park improvements: includes assessing options to mitigate shoreline erosion, roading & parking, other facilities. ○ Livingstonia Park improvements or additional facilities.
Development Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, or limited development within Taieri Mouth preferred. ○ Upgrades of existing infrastructure should be investigated (3 waters, roading)
Landscape & environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support for environmental projects: pest management & native plantings. ○ Review the Taieri Mouth Reserve Management Plan. ○ Monitor water quality in the Taieri River & share findings with the community.
Taieri River access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, or limited development (e.g., commercial development or a community facility) in the Taieri River waterfront area. ○ Improvements to the boat ramp area. ○ Water safety initiatives should be a priority.
Rooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving road safety in and around Taieri Mouth important. ○ Investigate potential improvements to Riverside Road – parking, erosion etc.
Walking & cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvements to the existing footpath network, and/or walking trails within Taieri Mouth is a priority for this community.
Waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong support for recycling initiatives. ○ Assess the viability of a Council rubbish collection service.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the consultation objectives and outlines the key themes around which the consultation was focused.

2.1 THE CLUTHA DISTRICT LIVING AND WORKING STRATEGY

Clutha District Council's vision is that the Clutha District is a great place to live, work and play. This is a key platform in our Long Term Plan, and also ties closely with the 'Living and Working in Clutha Strategy' [\[link\]](#) which has been prepared to guide decision-making and overall progress towards three key outcomes:

1. *Clutha has vibrant rural towns and communities*
2. *Clutha is connected and collaborative, and*
3. *Clutha has a healthy and sustainable environment.*

The focus of the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan is to identify what Council can do to apply the Living and Working Strategy in Taieri Mouth. This report presents a summary of the consultation feedback received for the Our Place Taieri Mouth community planning project.

The feedback reported here will help identify projects and inform priorities for Council to consider, through its Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process. The actions and projects will also help inform the activities and decisions of community groups and third-party funders.

2.2 CONSULTATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2.2.1 Purpose

Consultation and engagement for Our Place Taieri Mouth aimed to seek input from the community to inform the development of the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan.

2.2.2 Objectives

The consultation and engagement objectives were to:

- *Stimulate interest in Our Place Taieri Mouth project.*
- *Encourage feedback on the issues and options outlined.*
- *Develop stronger relationships and partnerships between Council and the community.*
- *Provide accurate information for decision-makers to assist them in making informed choices around the resourcing of future projects and initiatives.*

A Consultation and Engagement Plan for Our Place Taieri Mouth was prepared in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

2.2.3 Role of elected members

The role of the elected members to date has included:

- *Providing input and overall leadership for the Our Place project*
- *Approving consultation material and consultation/engagement approaches, and*
- *Promoting the Our Place consultation material and assisting with consultation and engagement activities.*

Elected representatives of the Clutha District Council (CDC) and the Taieri Mouth Amenities Society have assisted with this project. This Feedback Report provides councillors and the

community with the opportunity to consider all of the feedback received. This feedback will then inform the final Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan.

2.2.4 Project Group

A project group made up of council staff and two local councillors (Bruce Vollweiler & Gaynor Finch) undertook the following:

- *Contributing to and where applicable, prepare underlying information to give foundation to the Our Place plans.*
- *Reviewing the draft Our Place material and ensure that it is ready for consultation.*
- *Attending meetings and take part in consultation activities as required.*

The next step that this report relates to will be to:

- *Action elected member direction on 'where to from here'.*
- *Bring back for elected members approval of Our Place Taieri Mouth recommendations.*

2.3 FOCUS POINTS

Council engaged with community leaders to help identify six focus points, which were expected to generate significant feedback through the Our Place Taieri Mouth public consultation process. A short explanation of each focus point is provided in Table 2-1. These were included in the consultation document (see section 3.2 below) and other consultation material (posters etc.).

Table 2-1 Our Place Taieri Mouth focus points included in consultation material.

Focus Point	Explanation
1. Opportunities for development	What initiatives could be taken to make it easier for people to live and work in Taieri Mouth and the surrounding area?
2. Community facilities	The facilities and infrastructure which underpin local communities are critical. Consultation provides an opportunity to discuss the level of services currently provided, and any upgrades which may be required. Community facilities are often located on reserve land. Feedback was requested on how our parks and reserves could be improved, and what additional facilities could be added.
3. Landscape & environment	How do we ensure that the landscape and environmental values of the Taieri Mouth area are maintained for future generations?
4. Taieri River access	Improving water safety in the Taieri River. Explore ways of creating a community hub or a shared facility near the boat ramp area.
5. Walking and cycling	What opportunities are there to create new, or improve existing trails and links? What other facilities could be provided.
6. What else should be considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste management • Riverside Road parking • Wildlife protection



Figure 2-1 Aerial image of the Taieri Mouth area

3.0 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1 PHASE ONE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

Preliminary conversations and meetings with key stakeholders began in November 2023. This preliminary engagement helped to identify the key focus points listed above. These were used to develop the formal consultation material, as well as the consultation program.

3.2 PHASE TWO – PUBLIC CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

The Taieri Mouth public consultation phase took place from February until March 2024. Events were held in the Leitch Memorial Hall, including a Council presence at the Taieri Mouth Amenities Society AGM, and drop-in sessions specifically for the Our Place consultation. Council staff and elected representatives also attended the Family Fun Day at Livingstonia Park to raise awareness of the Our Place program. The range of consultation methods used to engage with the Taieri Mouth community are described below.

3.2.1 Consultation Material

A consultation document was developed to help prompt ideas and discussion, particularly around the focus points listed in Table 2-1. This document was distributed via rural mail delivery in early February to mailboxes in the Taieri Mouth area. Copies of the document were also available as follows:

- *Rosebank (Balclutha) Council reception*
- *Balclutha Library and i-site*
- *Online via Council's website*
- *Links on Facebook to direct readers to the full document online.*

A series of posters were also produced, relating to the key focus points. These were mounted on boards to help generate discussion at consultation events.

3.2.2 Community-based consultation events

The community engagement program was designed to gather feedback from as many sectors of the population as possible. Four consultation events were held in Taieri Mouth to gather feedback and suggestions. These were held in summer to make the most of the warmer weather and longer days at this time of year. These events were either initiated by Council specifically for the Our Place program or formed part of pre-existing community events. They aimed to target local people at places they feel most comfortable in, such as the local hall and parks.

Staff and elected representatives talked with at least 53 people during these events. Feedback from these events is summarised in sections 5.0 to 12.0

3.2.3 Feedback form

Included within the consultation document was a feedback form, which included a structured survey for respondents to indicate the importance (or priority) for the ideas presented, and also provide comments or suggestions on the topics they believe are important. Both the consultation document and the feedback form used the same design style as previous 'Our Place' consultation material, including the 'Let's Talk' and 'Tell us what you think' catchphrases. The feedback form was structured around the focus points listed in Table 2-1, and also included space for any other feedback.

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The feedback form was available as a hard copy form, or as an online version of the same material from Council’s website. Submissions received via the feedback form are also incorporated into sections 5.0 to 12.0



Figure 3-1 Taieri Mouth Drop-in session, Thursday 8 February 2024

Our Place Taieri Mouth Consultation							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
8	9	10	11	12	13		January
15	16	17	18	19	20		
22	23	24	25	26	27		
Taieri Mouth Amenities Society AGM, 7:30pm	30	31	1	2	3		February
			Drop in sessions 4-5pm; 6-7.30pm, Leitch Memorial Hall		Family Fun Day - Livingstonia Park		
1	6	7	8	9	10		
12	13	14	15	16	17		
19	20	21	22	23	24		
26	27	28	29	Consultation Finishes	1	2	

Figure 3-2 Key consultation dates for Our Place Taieri Mouth



Figure 3-3 The number of people attending Our Place Taieri Mouth consultation events.

3.2.4 Print and social media

Posts promoting the Our Place Taieri Mouth consultation and community consultation events were made on Council’s Facebook page. An example is shown in Figure 3-4.



Figure 3-4 CDC Facebook post promoting Our Place Taieri Mouth

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4.0 THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED

4.1 TYPES OF FEEDBACK

There were three main types of feedback received through the consultation process, as described below:

1. Responses to structured questions included in the feedback form

Respondents were asked to rank the level of importance from 1 to 5, (with 1 being of little importance and 5 being very important) of various facilities and approaches, within the focus points identified in the consultation document. Respondents were also asked to indicate their preference for various options, through Yes/No questions.

2. Responses to unstructured questions in the feedback form

The feedback form included space for respondents to make comments or suggestions relating to the various focus areas. Most respondents took the opportunity to provide additional comments regarding the focus areas, or on other areas of concern to them.

Location of feedback form submitters

Of those that provided an address with their feedback form, the majority were people who live locally, and Figure 4-1 shows the number of submissions from Taieri Mouth, Taieri Beach & Riverside Road separately. Five people did not provide an address, and there were nine forms returned from people who live in Christchurch or Dunedin (some of whom noted that they are landowners in Taieri Mouth).

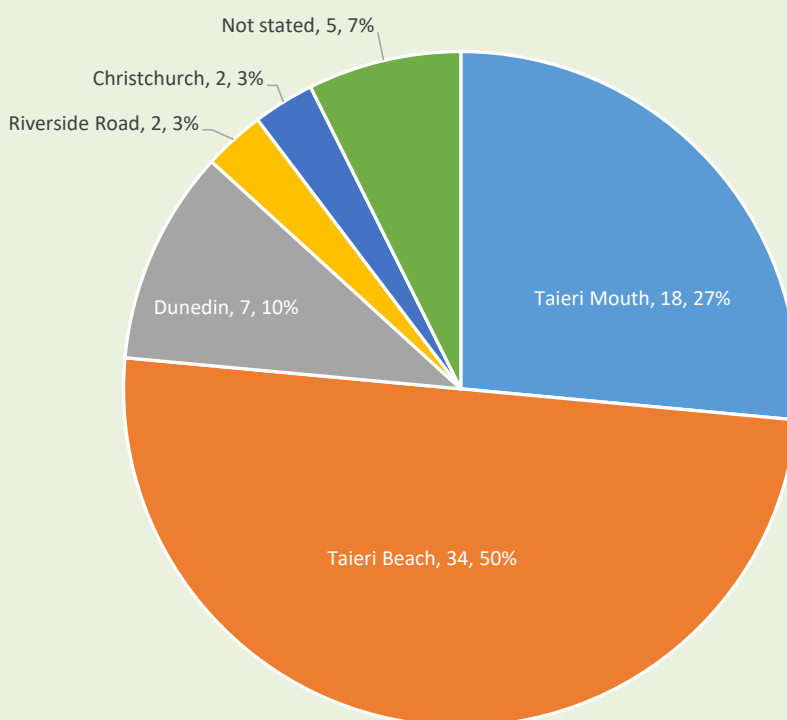


Figure 4-1 The number of respondents who returned the feedback form from various locations.

3. Feedback received during community-based consultation events

Conversations held with members of the public during the community consultation events were generally recorded on 'Post-it' notes, or on staff notepads.

4.2 AMOUNT OF FEEDBACK

The following points help to quantify the amount of feedback received:

- 68 feedback forms were received.
- Staff and elected representatives had conversations with approximately 53 members of the public during consultation events in the Taieri Mouth area.
- There were 857 feedback items received, and these were allocated to one of eight focus points (Figure 4-2).

More than a quarter of the feedback items received related to *Community Facilities* (including parks and reserves), 21% related to *Opportunities for development*, 18% related to *Landscape and environment*, with *Taieri River access*, *Roading*, *Walking and cycling*, *Waste management*, and 'other' making up the remainder (Figure 4-2).

The following sections summarise the main 'themes' identified within each of these eight focus areas.

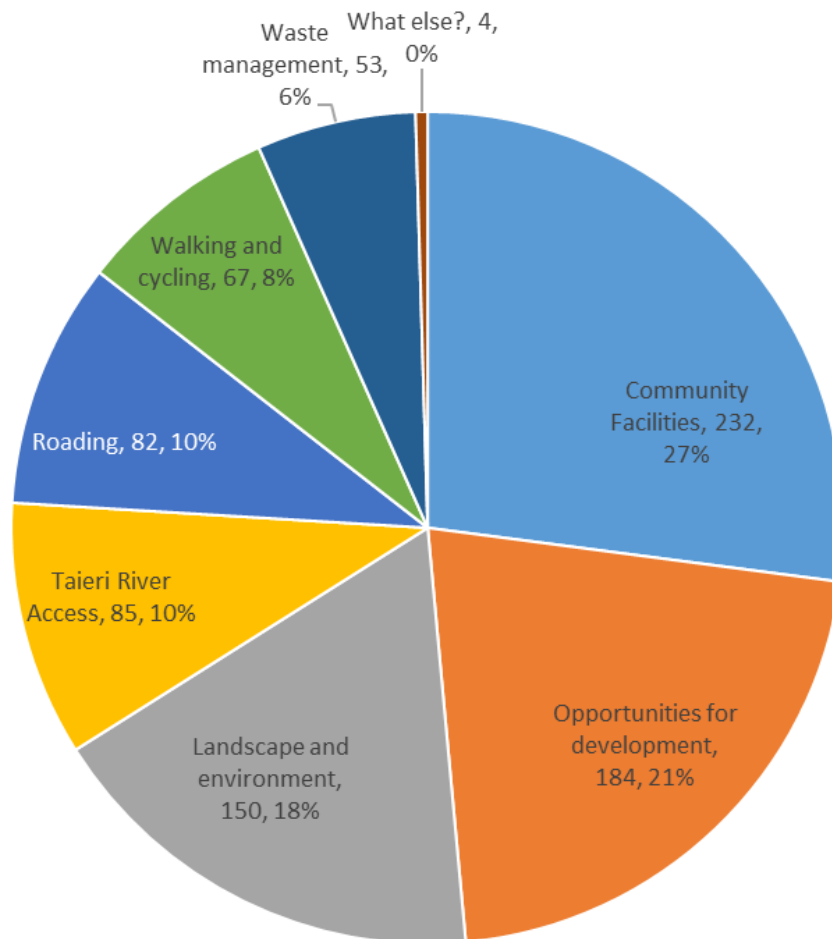


Figure 4-2 The number and proportion of feedback items relating to each of the eight focus points.

5.0 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The following section summarises feedback received on existing community facilities in Taieri Mouth, as well as potential new facilities that could be created.

5.1 SURVEY RESULTS

The Feedback From asked respondents to rate the importance of existing community facilities in Taieri Mouth, on a scale between 1 (not important) to 5 (very important). The results are shown in Table 5-1 and Figure 5-1. The Leitch Memorial Hall, and Knarston / Livingstonia parks were all rated very highly. Many people noted they do not know where Sawmill Park is, which is not surprising given the lack of maintenance or signage at this location.²

Table 5-1 Rankings assigned to community facilities in Taieri Mouth.

How important are the following community facilities?	Not Important					Very Important					Average score	Rank
	1	2	3	4	5							
Leitch Memorial Hall	2	0	2	6	56	4.73	1					
Knarston Park	2	0	2	7	56	4.72	2					
Livingstonia Park	1	0	3	10	53	4.70	3					
Taieri Mouth Campground	3	2	8	10	42	4.32	4					
Taieri Mouth Tennis Courts	8	7	16	15	19	3.46	5					
Sawmill Park	10	5	14	7	20	3.39	6					

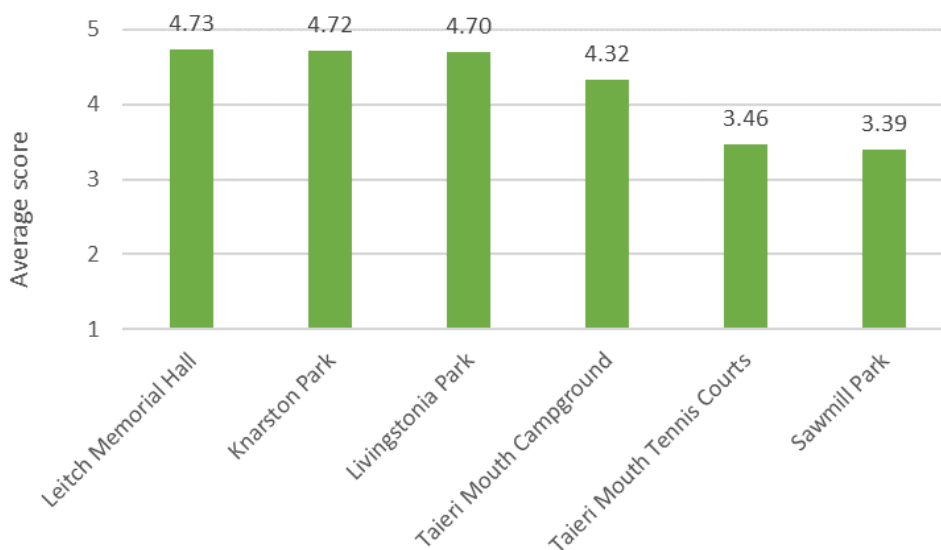


Figure 5-1 Average rating given to existing community facilities in the Taieri Mouth Area.

² The Taieri Mouth Reserve Management Plan (2003) states that Sawmill Park is located adjacent to Duckbend (Sawmill Creek) (on the seaward side).

5.2 OTHER FEEDBACK ITEMS

A total of 232 feedback items relating to community facilities were received through feedback form comments and from verbal feedback at the public consultation events. This feedback has been categorised, as shown in Figure 5-2.

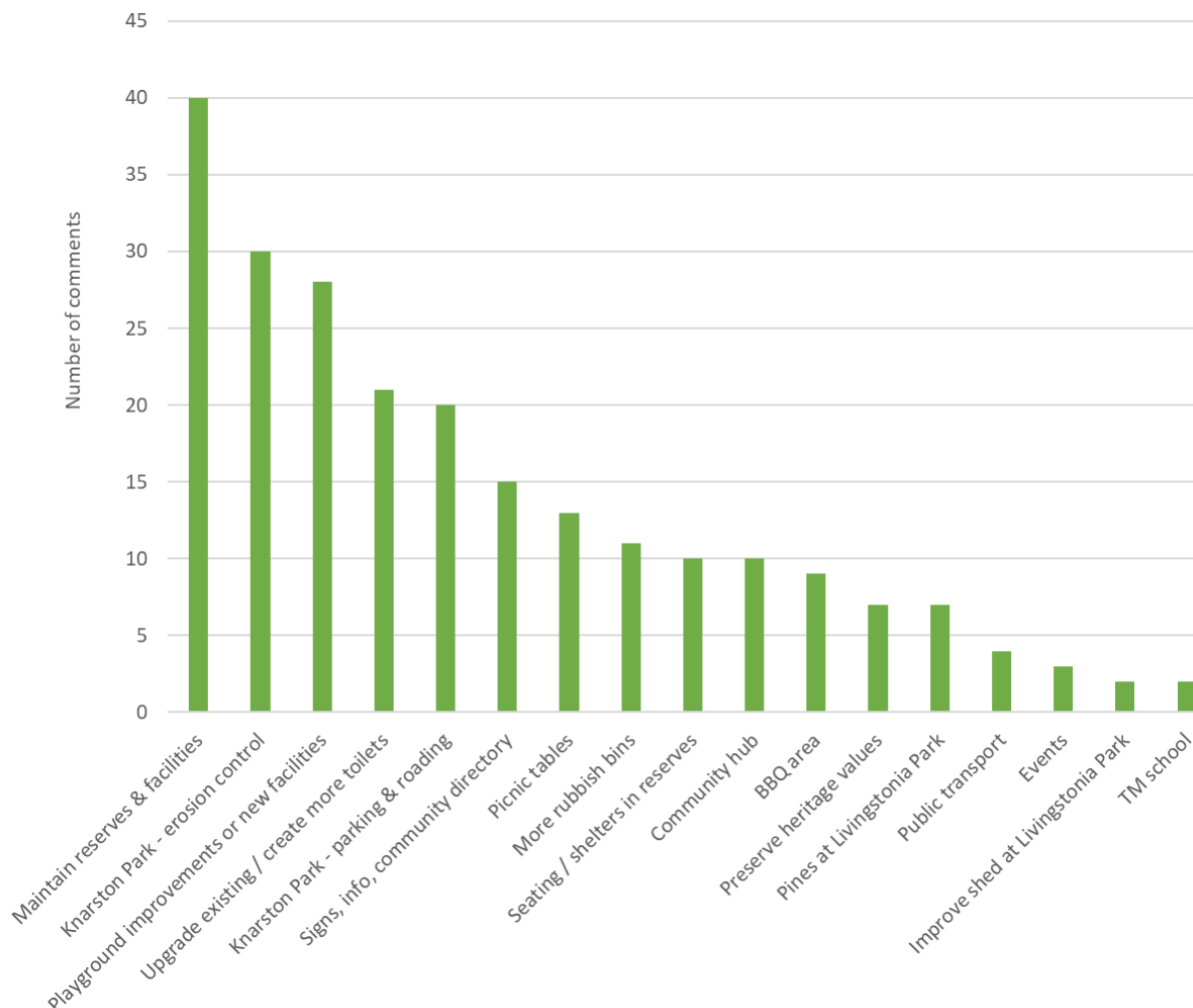


Figure 5-2 The number of comments received relating to community facilities.

5.2.1 Reserves and facilities

The theme which came through most strongly, with 40 feedback items, was maintenance of existing reserves and facilities (particularly those listed in section 5.1). Some of these items were accompanied by comments that no additional facilities were required in Taieri Mouth.

There were also 28 feedback items suggesting that playground improvements or new recreational facilities should be created. The most popular specific requests related to a new, upgraded or extended playground,³ and a BMX or scooter track.

Other feedback relating to upgrades of existing, or new community facilities included:

- *Toilets (21 comments)*
- *Picnic tables (13 comments) and/or seating/shelters (10 comments)*
- *More rubbish bins (11 comments)*
- *BBQ area (9 comments)*

³ Several respondents stated that Knarston Park would be a good location for a new playground.

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- *Improve or extend the Scout Shed at Livingstonia Park (2 comments)*



Figure 5-3 Livingstonia Park Playground.

5.2.2 Knarston Park

A total of 30 feedback items related to erosion of Knarston Park, and previous attempts to mitigate this through the placement of rocks along the shoreline (Figure 5-4). There was general consistency in this feedback that the rocks should be removed, and the sandy beach reinstated, although other suggestions included:

- *“find an effective erosion solution / address erosion issues;*
- *a sea wall ‘done properly’;*
- *rocks are a safety hazard;*
- *stabilise larger rocks on the bank;*
- *retaining wall needs permanent replacement; and*
- *erosion of Knarston Park riverbank is inevitable.”*

There were 20 comments relating to parking and road access at Knarston Park, with several people noting that rabbit holes and the generally uneven ground pose a hazard to users of this reserve.

Comments noted elsewhere within the community facilities focus area (e.g., those relating to toilets, BBQ’s, rubbish bins etc.) are also relevant to Knarston Park.



Figure 5-4 View of the riverbank at Knarston Park showing the grassed area, rock wall, and a mix of rocks and sand on the intertidal area.

5.2.3 Signs and information

There were 15 comments relating to more (or better) signs and information panels, or a community directory. These related to a range of issues, including heritage and environmental information, beach access, Riverside Road, and the boat ramp.

5.2.4 Community hub

There were 10 comments relating to the development of a community hub or store, and these are listed below:

1. “We need a community hub, a place to meet, to have a coffee that is beautiful. Native plants, sun, protection from wind views.
2. Would love a local store or café - a community meeting space.
3. We have two buildings the: hall and the scout building that are in the wrong place to "build" community and they are badly designed, not pleasant places to be - no sun, no view.
4. Preserve the older buildings like the store. Have more telling information panels telling about the area, linking the “names” of the parks, etc. to the people.
5. Honour / preserve our heritage: Taieri Store.
6. A covered area with seating where food/coffee vans could be set up on a temporary or semi-permanent basis would be a great social facility for locals and visitors.
7. A community centre/hub with café/eatery – tasteful/quirky/special, that people take pride in and want to go to. A centre that encourages participation – a remakery/repair café/food swap/library.
8. We need a community hub comprising a community centre with a café.

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9. Currently our two main community facilities are at either end of Taieri Mouth, not in the centre. They are both badly designed. No sun or view so are very infrequently used. Not pleasant places to go.
10. A river-based community facility is totally inappropriate for a marine environment! A community hub centre in Knarston Park or the current Taieri Mouth general store (owned privately, but up for sale) would be far more appropriate. The heritage of this building will also be preserved.”

5.3 DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Improved maintenance of existing community facilities was the most common theme within this focus area. The Community Plan could therefore highlight that the maintenance of community facilities in Taieri Mouth is important to local people, with a budget for this work provided for, and funded through the Bruce Ward Community Services Rating Area. This would primarily be for Council-owned facilities (such as reserves, toilets and playgrounds) but could also apply to community facilities (such as the hall) through a grant system. Improved signage and information could also fall under this project.

Knarston Park was also confirmed as a key reserve in Taieri Mouth that is used by locals and visitors alike. A project which identifies some objectives for this reserve, and associated funding should therefore be included in the Community Plan. Elements could include addressing riverbank erosion, parking/roading, and additional facilities.

Similarly, *Livingstonia Park* is well-loved and used, with some important facilities. A range of improvements could be provided for through the Community Plan, including improving the Scout Shed and a vegetation plan (including the pines).

Lastly, investigating options for an improved *community hub* could be included as a Community Plan project, with 10 comments relating to this concept.

6.0 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

The feedback form had a series of questions relating to this focus area. Survey results and other responses are discussed below.

6.1 SURVEY RESULTS

Respondents were asked whether Council should help to enable additional development in Taieri Mouth; whether residential or commercial. The results are shown in Figure 6-1. The number of negative responses outweighed favourable responses for both types of development. Council helping to enable residential development was the most popular option, although it only received 24 positive responses, compared to 31 negative ones.

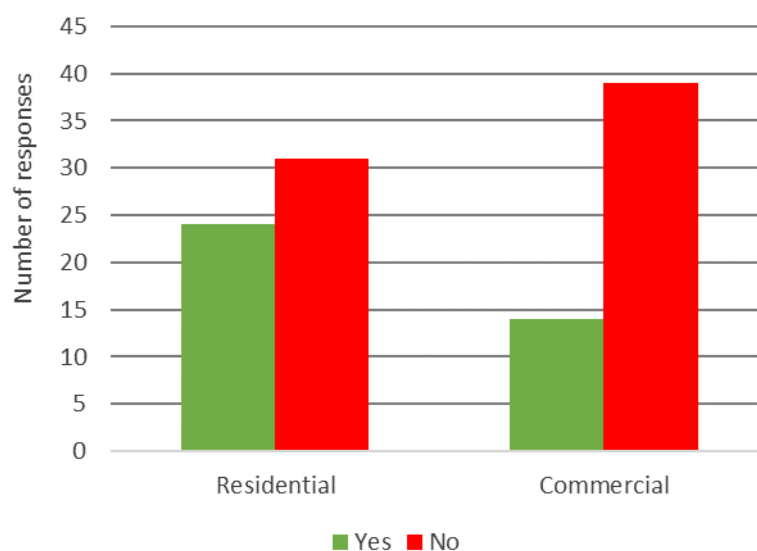


Figure 6-1 The number of responses relating to Council involvement in residential or commercial development in Taieri Mouth.

6.2 OTHER FEEDBACK ITEMS

Additional feedback relating to this focus point was received through feedback form comments, and verbal feedback during the consultation events in Taieri Mouth (184 comments in total). This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 6-2 below.

The most common themes within this focus area were:

- No need to change / leave Taieri Mouth as it is;
- No (or limit) additional residential development;
- Additional or improved infrastructure is required; and
- Ensure any new development is sensitive to the local environment.

A representative feedback response, which brought together these common themes is below:

“Taieri Mouth and surrounding areas offers a unique natural environment, and this must be protected first and foremost. Underpinning this is the need for adequate infrastructure. There is no reason to try and engineer change and development until the roads, facilities and related infrastructure can serve the current community.”

The feedback received makes it clear that most respondents are not in favour of significant residential or commercial development in Taieri Mouth, and that if any development is to occur, this should be sympathetic towards the existing natural and built environment. Avoiding development on ridgelines, or in plain view of the beach were common comments, as was the need to avoid natural hazards (e.g., the Akatore Fault and the impacts of sea level rise).

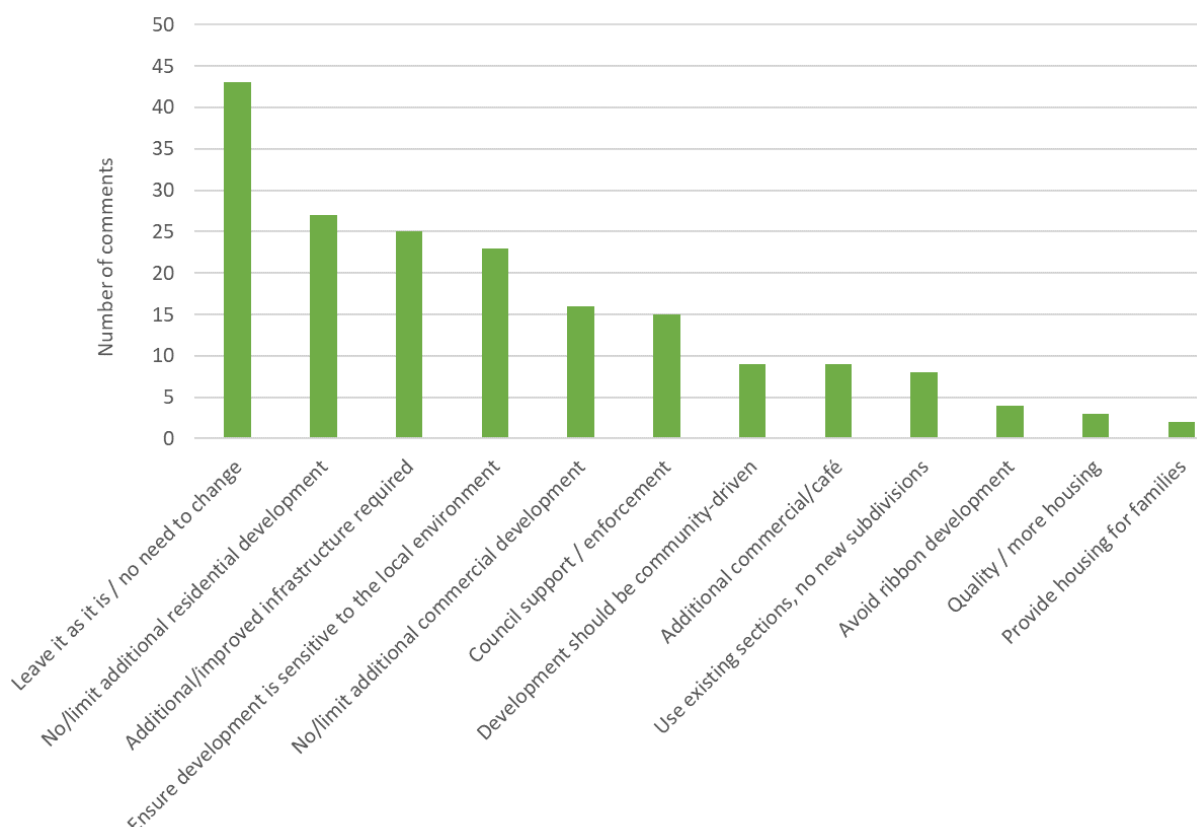


Figure 6-2 The number of comments received relating to the ‘opportunities for development’ focus point.

6.3 DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The consultation document and feedback form asked whether initiatives to attract younger people and families to Taieri Mouth should be a priority.⁴ The feedback shows that this is generally not important to this community, with only two feedback items relating to additional housing for families. Some submissions noted the distance from Taieri Mouth to any organised activities for children, and that young families which did move to the area often did not stay long for this reason. A few submissions suggested the local school should be closed, rather than supported to increase the roll.

The feedback is clear that the community is not in favour of specific initiatives, or support from Council to facilitate additional development, and this should not be included as a project within the Our Place plan. Council has limited ability to actually restrict additional residential or commercial development and is guided by legislative and District Plan requirements. However, the community’s preference to avoid additional development, to ‘leave it as it is’, and to consider the local environment should be noted within the Taieri Mouth Community Plan.

Initiatives to upgrade Council infrastructure in Taieri Mouth could be included as a Community Plan project, as there was some level of support for this. The number of times various infrastructure elements were noted as requiring upgrades are shown in Figure 6-3.⁵

⁴ Note that this material was informed by previous discussion with locals etc, as discussed in section 2.2.3

⁵ See also the analysis of feedback relating to roading, walking and cycling, and waste (sections 9.0, 10.0 and 10.0 respectively).

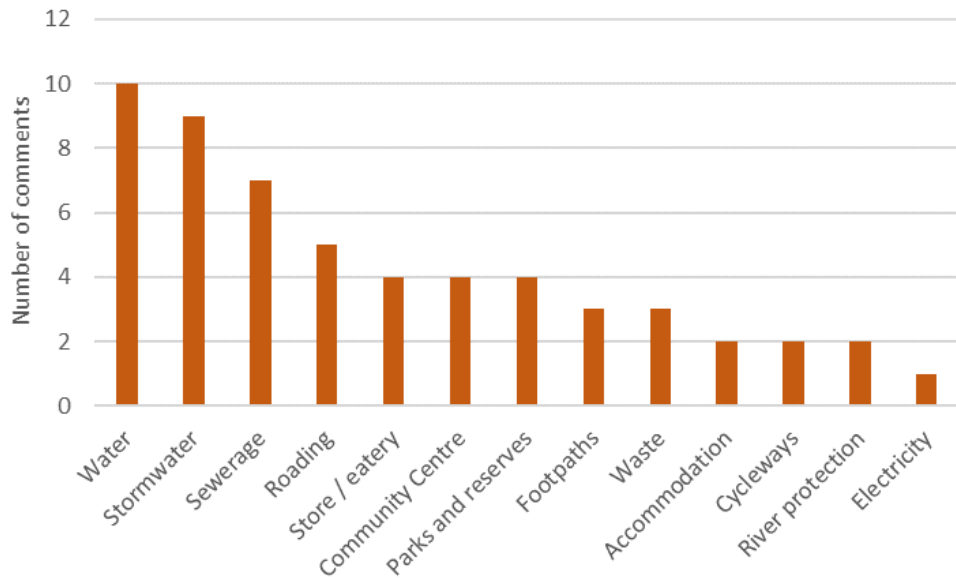


Figure 6-3 The number of comments received relating to potential infrastructure upgrades.

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7.0 LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT

7.1 SURVEY RESULTS

Respondents were asked to rate four potential environmental projects on a scale from 1 to 5. The highest average score was for addressing riverbank erosion issues (4.6 out of 5),⁶ while investigating a dark skies initiative scored lowest at 3.3 out of 5 (Table 7-1 and Figure 7-1).

Table 7-1 Rankings assigned to potential landscape and environment projects.

How important are the following environmental projects	Not Important		Very Important			Average score	Topic Rank
	1	2	3	4	5		
Addressing riverbank erosion issues	1	2	7	6	49	4.6	1
Restoration of wetlands, dunes, and waterways	3	2	10	6	43	4.3	2
Community events to maintain walking trails or remove rubbish from roadside areas	3	4	9	14	33	4.1	3
Investigating a 'Dark Skies Taieri Mouth' initiative	14	8	10	8	23	3.3	4

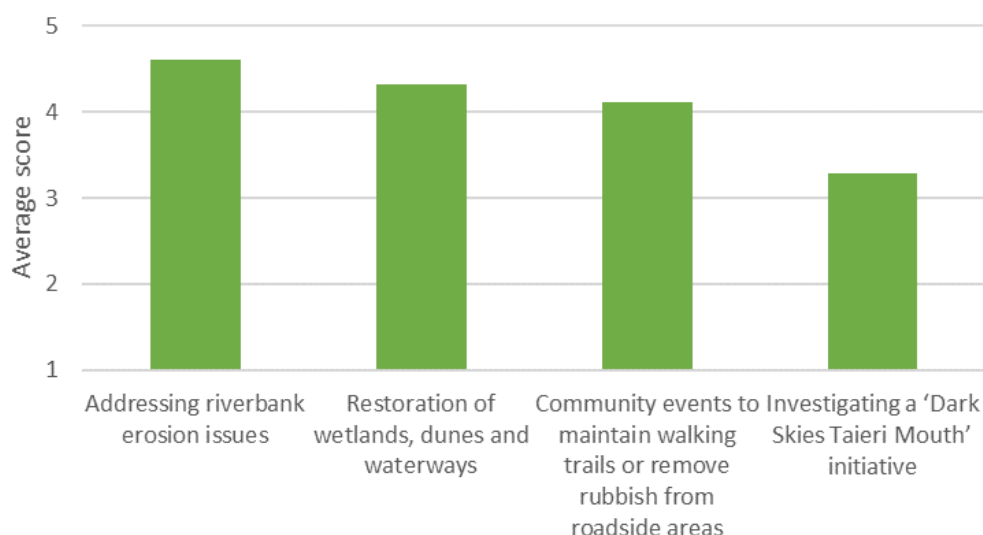


Figure 7-1 Average rating given to potential landscape and environment projects.

7.2 OTHER FEEDBACK ITEMS

Almost a fifth of all feedback items (from the feedback form and from verbal feedback) related to the landscape and environment focus area (Figure 1-3). This feedback (150 items in total) has been categorised, as shown in Figure 7-2 below. The most common themes were about *protecting nature and wildlife* and *looking after what we have* (58 comments in total), and this aligns well with the high score given to *restoration of wetlands, dunes etc* shown above.

⁶ See also Knarston Park erosion issues, as discussed in section 5.2.2

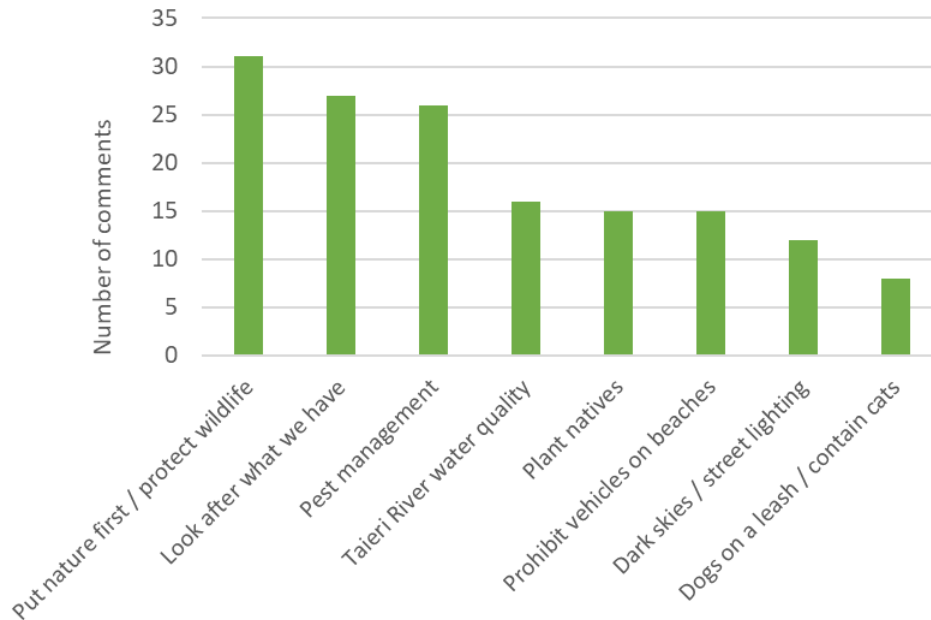


Figure 7-2 The number of comments received relating to the landscape and environment focus area.

Improved pest management received 26 feedback items. This related to both vegetation and pests such as rabbits and possums. The impact of the trapping program currently underway with support from the Otago Regional Council was noted by several respondents, along with the need to continue supporting this program.

The need to *improve water quality in the Taieri River* was mentioned 16 times, including 11 comments supplied by seven respondents within their feedback forms. A typical comment is provided below.

“The river is important to us, clean up the river please by removing Waihola sewage. Stop allowing Waihola subdivisions until this is done. This is a public health issue.”

Other themes were *planting natives, prohibiting vehicles on beaches, dark skies* and *keeping dogs on a leash / cats inside*.

7.3 DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The feedback received shows that protecting the landscape and environment is important to the Taieri Mouth community, and that some excellent work is already underway. Potential Community Plan projects might include:

1. *Working with the Otago Regional Council to monitor water quality at Taieri Mouth, and to communicate the results widely within the community.*
2. *Support for environmental restoration and protection, pest management, and native planting programs.*
3. *Incorporating relevant feedback into a review of the policies and objectives within the Taieri Mouth Reserve Management Plan.*

8.0 TAIERI RIVER ACCESS

Survey results and other responses relating to Taieri River access are discussed below.



Figure 8-1 Taieri River waterfront area (Source: Tim Dickey)

8.1 SURVEY RESULTS

The feedback form included two questions relating to this focus area. The first related to the potential development of a river-based community facility while the second related to additional water safety initiatives at Taieri Mouth. The results are shown in Figure 8-2.

Feedback was fairly evenly split on the development of a community facility, with 27 people in favour and 30 against. A clear majority of people were in favour of some form of water safety initiative however (45 in favour and 15 against).

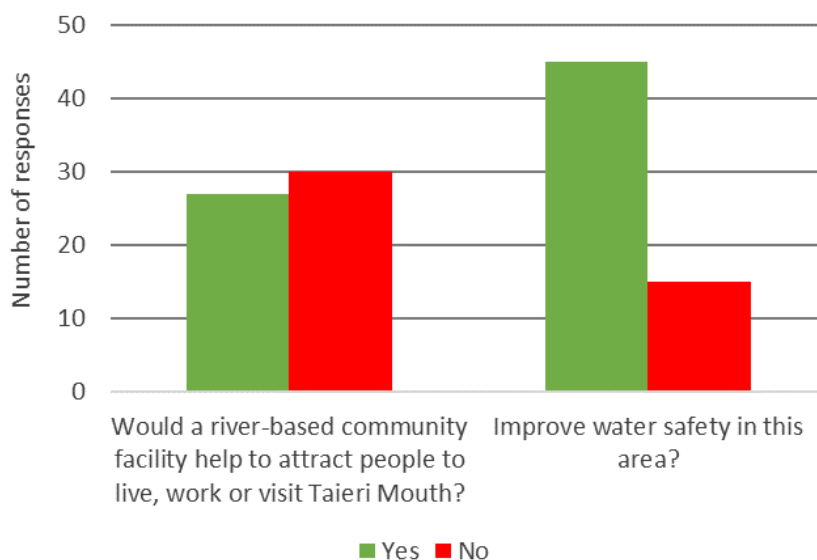


Figure 8-2 The number of responses relating to a river-based community facility and water safety.

8.2 OTHER FEEDBACK ITEMS

Additional feedback relating to this focus point was received through feedback form comments, and verbal feedback during consultation events (85 comments in total). This feedback has been categorised and is summarised in Figure 8-3 below.

There were 29 comments relating to additional water safety initiatives, and this aligns with feedback on the survey question described above. Improving the boat ramp area received 23 comments in total. There was little support for commercial development on the waterfront, with 12 submissions specifically stating that the current setup should not be changed, and/or that there should not be any additional commercial development.

A well-considered feedback response is included below:

“Yes, I think that such a facility would bring people to visit Taieri Mouth, but I do not necessarily think that we should be aiming to bring visitors here for such a purpose. The sand bar is such a dangerous place and bringing more people here for water activities would just result in a higher number of injuries. Any initiatives that I can think of to improve water safety are unlikely to be paid attention to by visitors.”

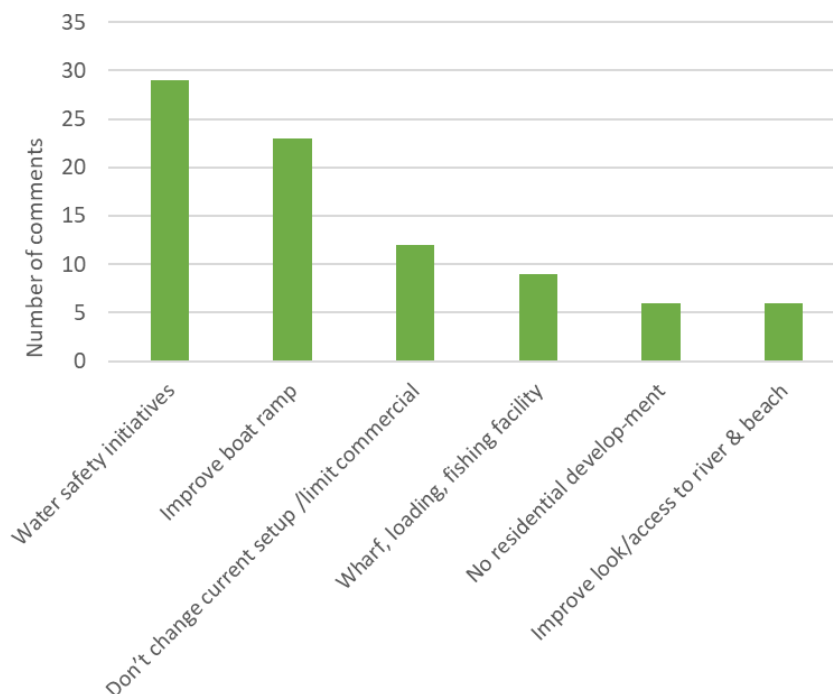


Figure 8-3 The number of comments received relating to the 'Taieri River access' focus point.

8.3 DISCUSSION & POTENTIAL PROJECTS

As for the 'opportunities for development' focus area, the feedback shows that the community is not especially keen on new initiatives to develop the water-front area, and this should not be included as a project within the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan.

Improving the boat ramp area and *water safety initiatives* both had a greater level of support, and these could potentially become projects included within the plan.

9.0 ROADING

Roading was not included as a specific focus area within the material produced for the Our Place consultation, although parking issues on Riverside Road were noted. There were 82 feedback items which related to roading issues, so this has been included as a separate reporting item. Roothing feedback received through the feedback form and consultation events was categorised and is shown in Figure 9-1.

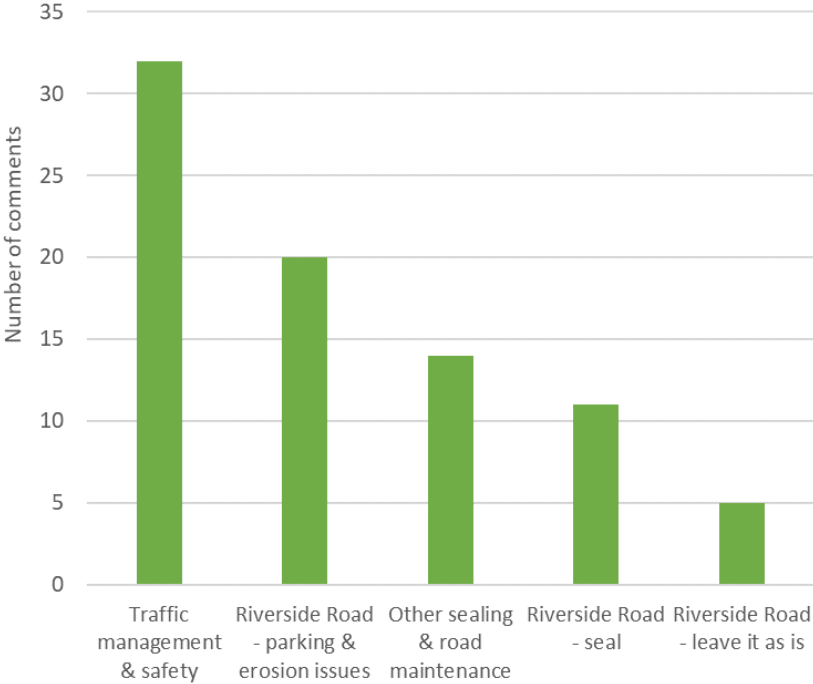


Figure 9-1 The number of comments received relating to roading.

9.1 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

The most common theme related to *traffic management and safety improvements* in and around the Taieri Mouth village. Within this category, there were 13 comments asking for lower speed limits, and a range of other traffic management requests, as shown in Figure 9-2.

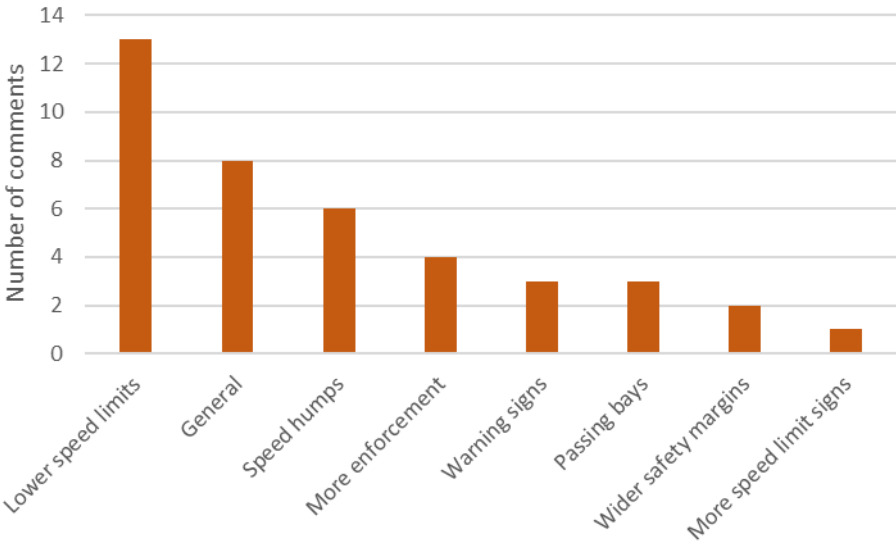


Figure 9-2 The number of comments received relating to traffic management & safety.

9.2 RIVERSIDE ROAD

There were a range of views expressed about issues on Riverside Road, as shown in Figure 9-1. There were 20 feedback items relating to the need to address parking and shoreline erosion issues, and 11 items asking for this road to be sealed. There were also five items asking for Riverside Road to be left as it is, including from respondents who live on Riverside Road.



Figure 9-3 View of Riverside Road shoreline and parking area.

9.3 DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS

A project to investigate ways to *improve road safety in an around Taieri Mouth* could be considered for inclusion in the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan, given the feedback received on this topic.

A separate investigation of what, if any improvements could be made at *Riverside Road* could also be included, based on further discussions with residents.

10.0 WALKING AND CYCLING OPTIONS

The consultation material asked for feedback on potential walking and cycling options, and also asked how important it is to create new walking and cycling links in Taieri Mouth. A wide range of views were expressed on this focus point, as discussed below.

10.1 SURVEY RESULTS

The feedback form asked respondents to rate the importance of improved walking & cycling opportunities, on a scale from 1 to 5. Of the 60 survey respondents who rated this focus point, half felt that in general, this is very important, resulting in an average score of 3.8 out of 5 (Table 10-1).

Table 10-1 Rankings assigned to walking and cycling options.

How important is it to...	Not Important		Very Important			Average score
	1	2	3	4	5	
Improve walking & cycling opportunities?	8	5	10	7	30	3.8

The feedback form also asked respondents whether or not they supported three potential walking & cycling options, with the results shown in Figure 10-1. Of the three options put forward, the most popular were extending/improving existing footpaths, or creating a footpath from one end of the village to another. There was less support for creating a new trail to a neighbouring area (such as Brighton or Waihola).

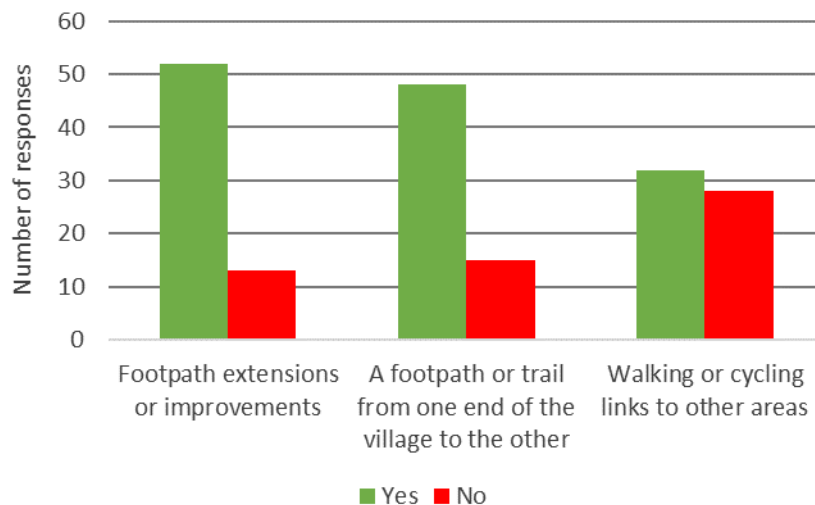


Figure 10-1 The number of responses relating to three potential walking and cycling options

A range of other comments were received relating to walking and cycling opportunities, and these are presented below.

10.2 OTHER FEEDBACK ITEMS

A total of 67 feedback items relating to walking and cycling options were received through comments on the feedback form, and verbal feedback during the consultation program. This feedback has been categorised, as shown in Figure 10-2. By far the most popular theme was to widen, build new, or maintain existing footpaths (31 feedback items).

General support for walking and cycling was noted 15 times, while there was more limited support for specific projects such as a cycle trail to Brighton (noting that this would be in the Dunedin City District), and a trail from Knarston Park to Livingstonia Park.

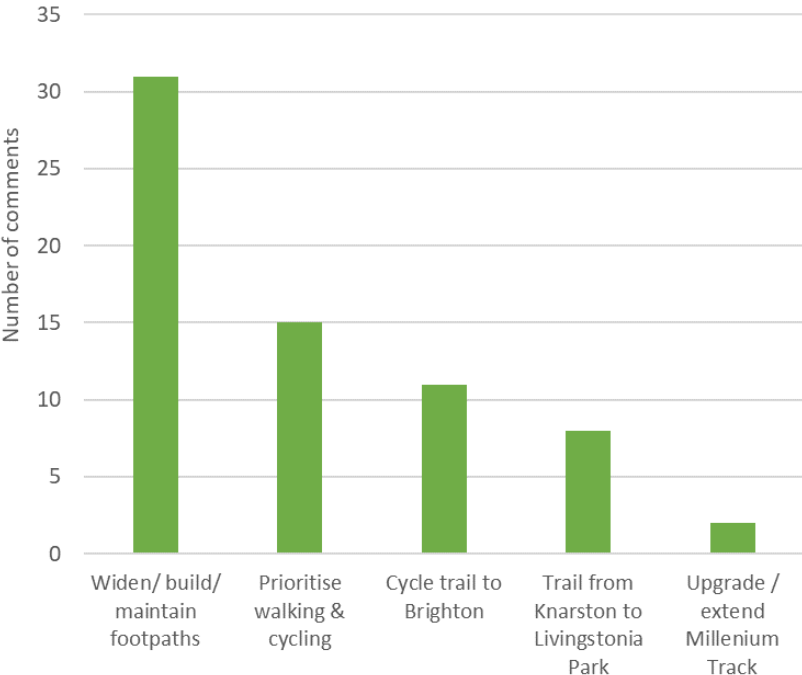


Figure 10-2 The number of comments received relating to the walking & cycling focus point.

10.3 DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS

From the feedback received, it is clear that a project to *improve the footpath/walking trail network* within Taieri Mouth should be included in the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan. The specific details/location for such a project would need to be investigated, as would the willingness of Taieri Mouth residents to fund this work through their rates.

11.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

The consultation material and feedback form included the following question about waste management: “What improvements could Council make to ensure that solid waste is well managed, and that recycling continues to be encouraged?”

There were 53 feedback items (6% of the total) which related to waste management. These have been categorised and are shown in Figure 11-1. Support for the existing recycling service, or additional recycling facilities was the most common feedback item within this focus area. There were also 17 requests for a Council rubbish collection, to replace the private service currently provided to residents, and 10 requests for “better waste management options”.

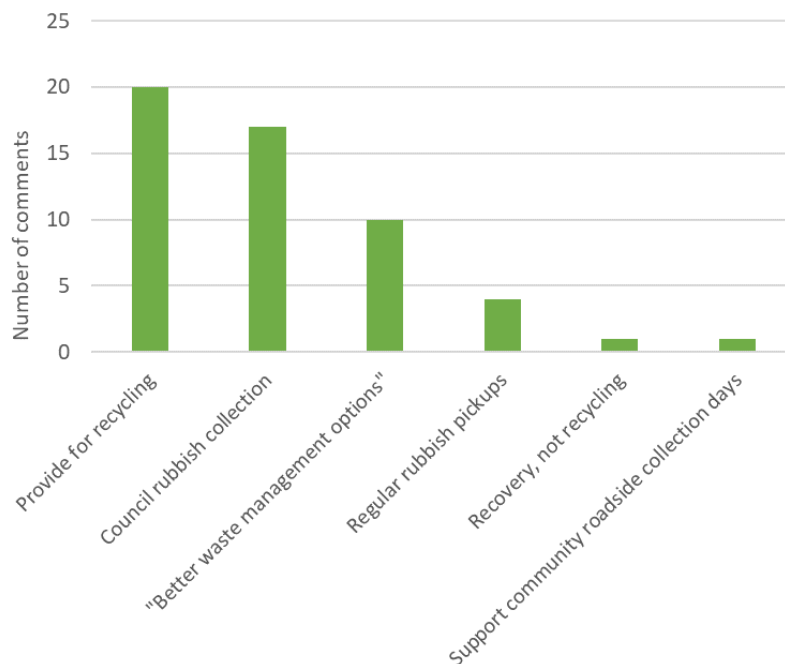


Figure 11-1 The number of comments received relating to waste management.

The feedback on this subject should be incorporated into the Our Place Taieri Mouth Community Plan, particularly the support for recycling facilities, and a desire amongst some respondents to have a Council-operated rubbish collection system.

12.0 WHAT ELSE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were four other feedback items not captured by the above topics. There were two items asking for Māori placenames to be used, and another two which requested there are no rates increases for Taieri Mouth residents.