



Cleaner Beaches Herne Bay

Salisbury Reserve temporary storage facility

Background to use of Salisbury Reserve

We are aware that there is some opposition in the community to our proposed use of a portion of Salisbury Reserve as a construction support area (CSA) for the project. The below sets out the reasons why we are seeking consent to use a portion of Salisbury Reserve and to answer some general questions about our proposed use of the reserve.

As you may be aware, as part of our resource consent application, we propose to use a portion of Salisbury Reserve as the primary CSA for the Project. We plan to use it together with a second CSA at 94a-94b Shelly Beach Road, next to the Curran St motorway on-ramp.

Temporary storage facility

The use of public space for CSAs is not uncommon for our projects, and we have active works and support areas located within many parks and reserves across the city. While there is often a short-term inconvenience to the community, the CSA's enable us to achieve broader community outcomes and mitigate the extent of disruption at work sites.

In all cases, the sites are only selected after considering the available locations and what works for the project. Our contractor and stakeholder teams work closely with neighbours and communities to keep them informed during construction. This proactive approach means we encounter fewer issues.

The two CSAs for this project will act as hubs for the eight shaft construction sites and will enable short-term storage of materials. This will mean we can reduce the amount of material and equipment at each shaft location and will reduce the size of vehicles and number of truck movements on local roads.

If materials were stored at each shaft construction site, we would need to occupy a greater footprint in the road corridor which would cause significantly more environmental impact and disruption to the local community. These would involve road closures and restrictions to property access on Sarsfield Street, Wallace Street, Argyle Street, Herne Bay Road and Upton Street. Alternatively, if we were not able to occupy a park or reserve close to project works areas, it is likely we would need to consider acquiring private property to use as CSAs.

We currently plan to start work on Cleaner Beaches Herne Bay in late 2025 and seek to utilise a portion of Salisbury Reserve for a period of up to three years. Since the resource consent application was lodged in June 2023, we have revised the extent of land required in Salisbury Reserve to address some concerns raised by the community. The image below shows the indicative land use we propose to occupy. Once Salisbury Reserve (and the area at 94a-94b Shelly Beach Road) is no longer required, it will be reinstated back to at least its original condition. This is a requirement of the resource consent.

Application and next steps

We lodged the resource consent application for the project with Auckland Council on 30 June 2023. We requested that Auckland Council publicly notify the application in the interests of full public disclosure and transparency. The application was notified on 5 September 2023 and was open for submissions until 3 October 2023. Several submissions were received from residents in the Herne Bay area before the deadline.



On Tuesday 30 January a hearing was held by Auckland Council and the Waitematā Local Board on the proposal to lease Salisbury Reserve as a CSA for the Herne Bay project. This proposal was accepted by the local board. Thank you for the residents who provided a submission and provided evidence at the hearing.

A hearing of our resource consent application went before independent commissioners on 20 and 21 February 2024. This enabled those who placed submissions to be heard and raise their concerns.

Map of Salisbury Reserve CSA

