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Feedback sought on New Brighton Beachside Playground concept design

Public feedback is being sought on a concept design for the New Brighton Beachside Playground based on ideas from the community and local schools.

Development Christchurch Limited (DCL) today released the concept design for the project and the community has until 23 July 2017 to provide feedback. Late last year, the local community shared their ideas for the playground, and earlier this year local school pupils were also asked to take part in the design. The ideas have been pulled together to create a concept that includes three distinctive play zones – a water-play and splash pad, dry play and toddler area. Overwhelming feedback has seen the New Brighton whale included in the concept design.

DCL Chief Executive Rob Hall says this project has been driven by the community and it's important they have their say on the plans.

“This concept design incorporates all the feedback we've received so far and we now need to hear what people think. This is a real community project and it's exciting to see work progressing,” he says.

Christchurch City Council has approved \$8.03 million for the Beachside Playground, a contribution towards the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, and coastal protection work. Earlier this week, the Council also agreed to include a further \$11.2 million in the budget for the development of the New Brighton hot pools alongside the playground.

“The release of the playground concept design, along with this week's commitment to fund the hot pools, is great news for New Brighton. These projects are key to plans to revitalise the seaside suburb; however, they are still just one piece of the puzzle and DCL is working on other aspects of regenerating the village.” Mr. Hall said.

Community feedback is now being sought on the concept designs for the playground. You can view the plans online at www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay and provide feedback until 23 July. Paper copies will be available from the New Brighton Regeneration Hub, the New Brighton Library and the New Brighton Project office at 105 Brighton Mall from Friday 23 June. DCL will also be at the New Brighton Seaside Market over the next four weekends to talk to the community about the designs and gather feedback.

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