

Questions and Answers re IDC competition

1. Are international entries allowed?

Yes we welcome international entries. Please note the closing date for registrations is the 1st May 2017.

2. In the brief, it says "using one of these two sites as the basis for these ideas". I am wondering by any chance we can work on both of the sites?

Yes you are welcome to offer ideas for both sites.

3. What is the approximate land area for Site 2?

The site is approximately 1.03 hectares or 10339m².

4. Could you provide further info about the Parai whānau homestead? Has it been demolished or it is still in existence? Is/was it located on the project site or nearby?

The old homestead is still standing and is situated on number 64 Ngatitoa st in very close proximity to the site.

5. The site location plan (attached) shows a number of dwellings and an urupā on the project site (labelled 'Site 2' in the attached plan). These are not present on the Porirua GIS or Google Maps aerial photography. Is the attached site plan in the brief speculative, incorrect or indicative of past footprint?

Yes sorry, the site plan is incorrect in showing dwellings. There are no existing dwellings on the site. The correct plan is attached.



SITE LOCATION

Scale 1:2000 @ A3

6. Does Site 2 have its own private entrance? Do the existing dirt track access-ways through the site need to remain as they are or are they able to be re-aligned/removed?

Yes it does at the end of Puaha Street. These tracks can be quite deceiving. The track running left to right basically links Takapuwahia and Titahi Bay behind Ngāti Toa school. There are a couple of tracks that head up to the top of the hill that are for firebreak purposes. There is a darkish shady outline of a track that runs up along the front of the urupa this track is the right of way onto our block. The access to the site - the road that runs alongside a small stone wall as shown below.



7. Can we assume the site vehicle access can be designed to come from both the south, on the existing dirt track, *and* from the north-east, via the existing driveway past the urupā? Of these two access points, is there a preferred option for vehicle access to site?

We would prefer the vehicle access ways be via the tracks you have mentioned but 90% of the tracks begin in areas that are owned by relatives who we have been talking to.

8. Are there any important sites or stories the whānau would like the design to reference, aside from Takapūwāhia marae? E.g. any important maunga, or moana other than Porirua harbour?

There are Whitireia & Rangituhi our two maunga that are in view from the site.

9. Is there any important information that you could provide on the whakapapa of the Parai whānau that may inform the design? The brief states the whānau would like the design to acknowledge and celebrate whakapapa.

When we talk about our whakapapa (genealogy) we are referring to all aspects of our genealogy from the days when Ngāti Toa's cleared the land to inhabit the site, holding mana over the land through to the time when our father was alive. Key principles depicted in our lineage and genealogy are power, mana, resilience, determination and unity. We would like to see these principles embodied in any design for our papakāinga.

10. Who owns the surrounding bush and what is the future intention for it? What sort of tree species make up this bush? I.e. is it scrub, gorse, native regenerating bush etc?

It's a Council (local government) owned reserve.

11. Is there any significant native wildlife, including birds, that pass through the site?

The site is home to seasonal bird life such as fantail, keko and others.

12. Are we able to talk to a whānau representative and if so, who might this be?

Taku Parai is available to talk with participants however, to ensure he is not inundated with emails etc. could you please send specific questions to this email and we will ensure he receives these. We may be able to facilitate an audio response.

13. Will the whānau consider a lower-density approach i.e. individual buildings for the 16 homes, as well as a higher-density approach, i.e. terraced housing and/or apartment building(s) type situation which could house the 16 homes?

The whānau are open to all options.

14. What is the area at the entry of the urupa driveway? On the maps it looks like there is construction happening there. Is it parking area for the urupa? Or a turning circle for the road from which the driveway comes off?

The area at the end of Puaha St is a turning circle with some container sheds at the end of it. I've attached a google street image of this and another of the access to the site - the road that runs alongside a small stone wall.

