

A sample of Facebook comments on posts about the Forrester Heights consultation on Council's Facebook page

“**Waitaki District Council** , great pic, certainly gives the land of Forrester Heights some perspective”

“The map image Council have chosen is obviously designed to make the area in question seem very insignificant but visually this piece of land is extremely prominent from the Harbour/Precinct area. Modern housing will certainly ruin the ambience of our heritage area and brand/point of difference. Also, from up on the hill is the best scenic viewpoint of our special one-of-a-kind historic area which deserves to be safeguarded and enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, not just a select few.”

“I didnt even realize it was such a small area, I thought this battle was as big as the red area, far out, turn it into houses and use the money to benefit something else, the dramas gone on long enough”

“Just develop it.It seems to have been discussed forever.Use the money from the land for more important things like improving waste management,infrastructure, decent footpaths, the new Stadium, promoting Oamaru etc it will not spoil Oamaru.”

“I look forward to making a submission. The fact this is still an ongoing discussion is a little bewildering considering the way previous discussions have gone.”

“Subdivide 🍌🍌🍌

I walk down forester heights most days as I live behind and have never come across one person using the track. What's the point in making it a reserve and planting it out when it would never get used? Would you not prefer this wasted land benefiting your community with the funds it would generate from a large development and the employment it would bring to the area?

There's so much public land and green spaces in town, let's not be selfish and hold back our town from growing for future generations.”

“Why can't people just leave the land the way it was. We pay rates don't we get a say, o that's Right no that's the way it's always goes”

“Good to see this consultation getting under way. Be great if people can take advantage of the volunteer-built tracks across the hill that can be accessed from Avon & Test Sts or Lookout Point. Great views, wonderful potential for a native revegetation project that can bring the whole community together to create a taonga for future generations to enjoy”

“Again ,Again ,Again”

“I notice no mention made of the logging revenue from the Cape over several harvests. Also concerned at the costings for the reserve walkways on the consultation documents as they seemed excessive. Can you provide more details on those costs please?”

“I hope anyone who makes submissions on alternative uses also provide estimates of costs to develop, how that will be paid and, more importantly, the on going costs to ratepayers to maintain. Be honest, not vague.”

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“Would great fun park .could have it for walking biking horses riding plus a big luge like Queenstown .put a resturant at the top .its got the best views over oamaru the best part of the walk there is the veiw of the coast and that would bee seem if trees flaxes block so look out points .”

“There is no question this should be a reserve for nature and people not more housing.”

“Leave it alone”

“The consultation booklet that Gary's holding is confusing and full of errors. Two separate options presented as one. This was to "simplify " it for the public apparently. Well the public is not stupid and the options should of been presented in the same format as they were agreed upon at the council table.”

“Let's keep our parks and make Forester heights a reserve for all to enjoy. It belongs to the people not just a few. Beautiful spacious Oamaru.”