



NEWSLETTER 3

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Boulcott / Hutt stopbank feasibility study

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GW) has completed Round One Consultation and has now commenced investigating alignments options. This newsletter shows you the location of the three main alignments and overviews how we will go about evaluating these options.

Overview of Public Meeting

Round One Consultation concluded with a public meeting held at Frederic Wallis House on Wednesday the 24th May where the proposed stopbank was discussed and community feedback about the effects of the stopbank received. Around 70 people with an interest in the project attended.

Some of the issues raised at the meeting included:

- Concern over the proximity of one stopbank alignment to houses and the resulting impact on views, loss of privacy and property value and stormwater.
- The potential constriction of the Hutt River channel and loss of floodway with the stopbank alignment option closest to the Hutt River.
- Loss of recreational access along the stopbank constructed on private (golf course) property.

Proposed stopbank alignments

There are 3 main stopbank options. We will be considering minor variations to these in order to find the best stopbank alignment for the community. The three options are described below and shown in the diagram on the back page:

All three alignments follow the existing stopbank from Mills St to Connolly St. The existing stopbank from Mills St to Connolly St is located on a narrow strip of land between the Safeway Storage complex and residential properties.

- **Option One (referred to as Blue Option)**

The blue alignment follows the existing stopbank from Connolly St to Hathaway Ave and then follows a route along the residential boundaries of the two golf courses to the Avalon stopbank.

- **Option Two (Green Option)**

The green alignment was amended following public consultation and this alignment now follows a route through the Boulcott and Hutt golf courses to the Avalon stopbank. A

section of this alignment follows the boundary between the two golf courses making it possible to combine the lower part of the green option with the upper part of the blue option to form a hybrid option.

- **Option Three (Red Option)**

The red alignment follows the route along the eastern boundaries of the two golf courses from Connolly St to the Avalon stopbank. This alignment is located outside the 80 metre wide alluvial erosion hazard area of the Hutt River.

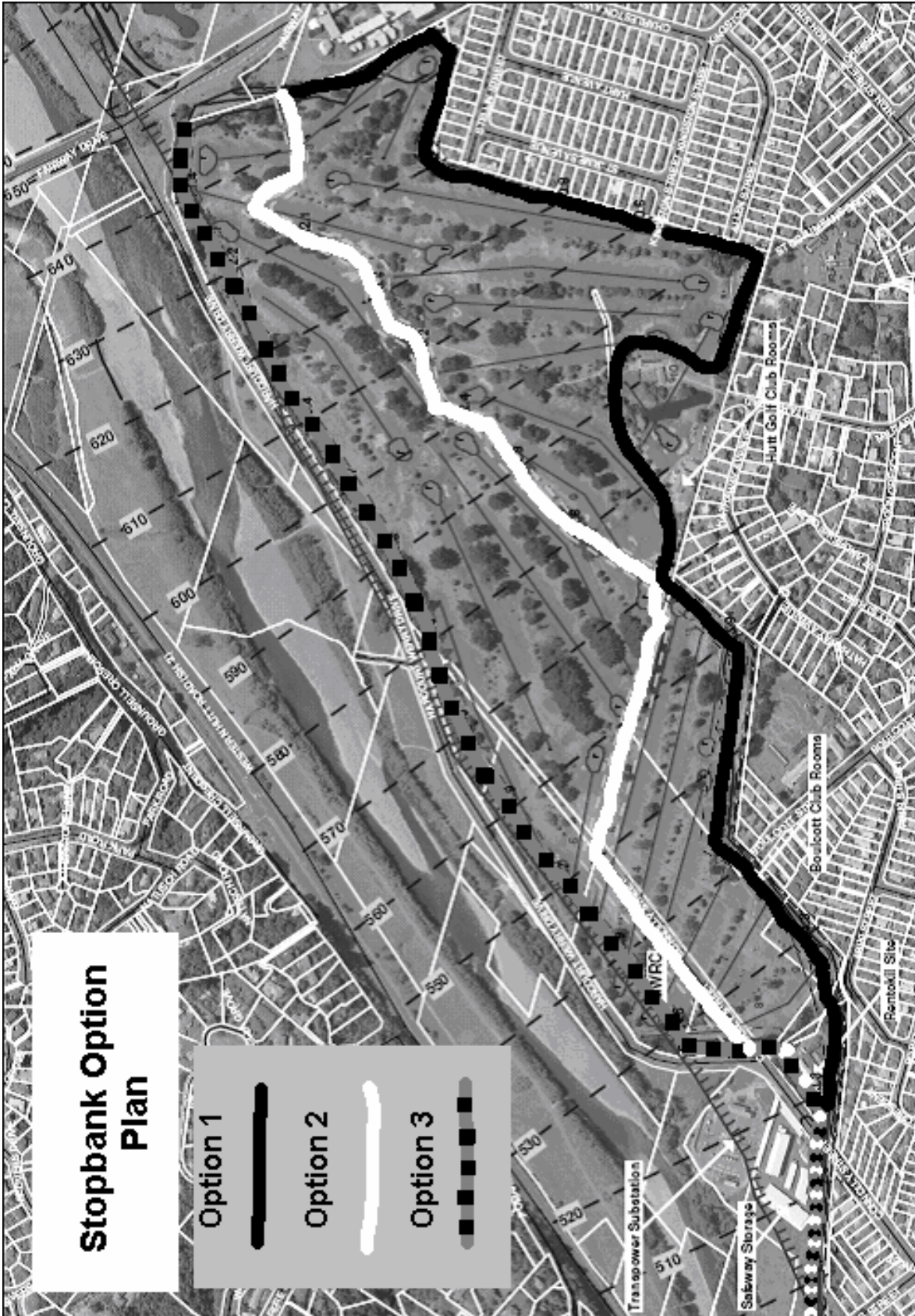
Evaluating stopbank alignments

There are seven Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural attributes that we will use for evaluating the stopbank alignments.

1. **Stopbank construction costs.**
2. **Long term vulnerability of riverbed, floodplain and stopbanks.**
3. **Impacts of flood protection measures to the landowner.**
4. **Amenity impacts on the local community due to the presence of the stopbank.**
5. **Difficulty of construction and mitigating disruption.**
6. **Regional impacts and public scrutiny.**
7. **Cultural, Iwi and community impacts.**

The three alignments will be discussed and scored based on these attributes. Attributes will be given different weightings and tested to reflect different viewpoints.

Round Two Consultation starting in October 2006 will provide you with an opportunity to comment on the evaluation outcomes.



If you have any issues that you would like us to consider, please get back to us before Friday the 4th of August, when we will be meeting to discuss this project.

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