Andy

1. The Eleagnus ebbingii ‘Gilt Edge’ hedge to the parking area msut be regularly maintained to keep if from encroaching on to the parking bays. Remove it from the base of the sound wall because it will get in the way of maintenance of the sound wall and take out moisture from the rain-showed soil. This will allow the climbers to establish better (with moisture holding humus and mulaching to the soil.
2. Given the park may be used for informal play, even though it was deemed usuitable as a LAP, the spiny Rosa canina and Crataegus monogyny hegdeing should be deleted in favour of Escallonia ‘Apple Blossom’ (Corylus avellana should also be deleted because it will not go with Escallonia).

# Within in the LAP shrub mix there is Mahonia aquifolium 'Apollo' which has black berries after flowering. I am not sure if these are toxic to children. Better to be cautious are and replace with Lonicera pileata. Increase the width of the mixed shrub border to enhance amenity, but maintain it curvilinear outline.

# Reduce the number of climbers on the wall by 50% to reduce plant’s competitiveness for soil, nutrients and water and help with establishment and healthy growth.

# Delete Lonicera x Henrotti because of its toxicity Berries may cause mild stomach upset if eaten

# The climber Hydrangea anomala subsp. petiolaris may cause mild stomach upset if ingested, therefore delete.

# Ceanothus ‘Concha’ is best as a south facing, sun loving shrub. As a wall shrub it will require robust support to keep it upright. Delete it from the scheme. Replace with Humulus lupulus ‘Aureus’, the ornamental hop. Combine this with Jasminum nudiflorum. For both climbers provide supports such as twine, and wires or trellis.

# The Hoggin path will become very muddy and so a macadam surface and pcc edging is preferable. The circle edging, if done in timber edging is not going to be satisfactory: the timber is usual notched to achieve the arc which is not structurally sound; it will rot and split. Given the area was to be a high quality open space with an art installation – which could happen in the future – edging must be steel (Corten of stainless) which has been fabricated to the exact radius. Some sort of ground pattern in the centre of the circle and around the seats should be considered.

# Delete the dog bin from this child-friendly area. We do not wish to encourage dogs into this area.

# Regards

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