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Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your request under the Local Government Information Act requesting draft visuals for the potential treatment of the Founders Theatre site, I have attached a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to Councillors from the briefing held on 26 February. I think you are specifically seeking the slides headed Option 1 and Option 2.

It is important to note neither of these options are intended as final plans or outcomes. They were created to provide elected members a visual lead as to the type of design options that might be pursued. In fact, they generated a number of differing ideas well beyond the visuals presented at the briefing.

Our intention ultimately, subject to Council approval, is to go back out to the community again in 2-3 months-time and seek their views on either the retention or removal of the Founders theatre. As a part of this consultation, we would demonstrate the options of how the remaining land might be repurposed should the Founders building be removed. As a part of this exercise, the consultation will show illustrations to demonstrate concept ideas. Again, any future designs for consultation will not be the same draft designs used at the recent Councillor briefing, hence my desire to not publish them as is. If you do publish these, can I ask that you mark them clearly as DRAFT concept plans and make it clear these will not be the design options under consideration.

If you have any follow up questions, please contact Sean Murray on 021 912 772.

Kind regards,

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Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 26 February 2020 in respect the Founders Theatre Plan.

Please be advised your request has been referred to the relevant unit within council and we will respond as soon as practicable and in any event no later than 25 March 2020, being 20 working days after the day we received your request.

Feel free to contact me if you have any queries in the meantime.

Kind regards,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 February 2020 9:34 PM  
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**Subject:** Founders Theatre plan

Hi

Can I please be provided with under the Local Government Official Information Act the draft concept plan for Founders Theatre presented to Hamilton City Council councillors.

I do not believe the reason that the council doesn't want to let the people of Hamilton know what it looks like is a good reason to withhold it or fits within the rules under the LGOIMA.

I calculate the 20 working day period to be 25 March 2020. If for some reason it cannot be provided within that time frame could you please let me know prior to that.

Kind regards



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# Founders Site

Options for the future of Founders Theatre



# Purpose of briefing

- Discuss next steps in determining the future of Founders Theatre building and, if removed, a remediation plan for the site.

## Intention

- Present a report to Council on 10 March 2020 seeking approval of the plan to undertake one last consultation on the matter with the community

# Background

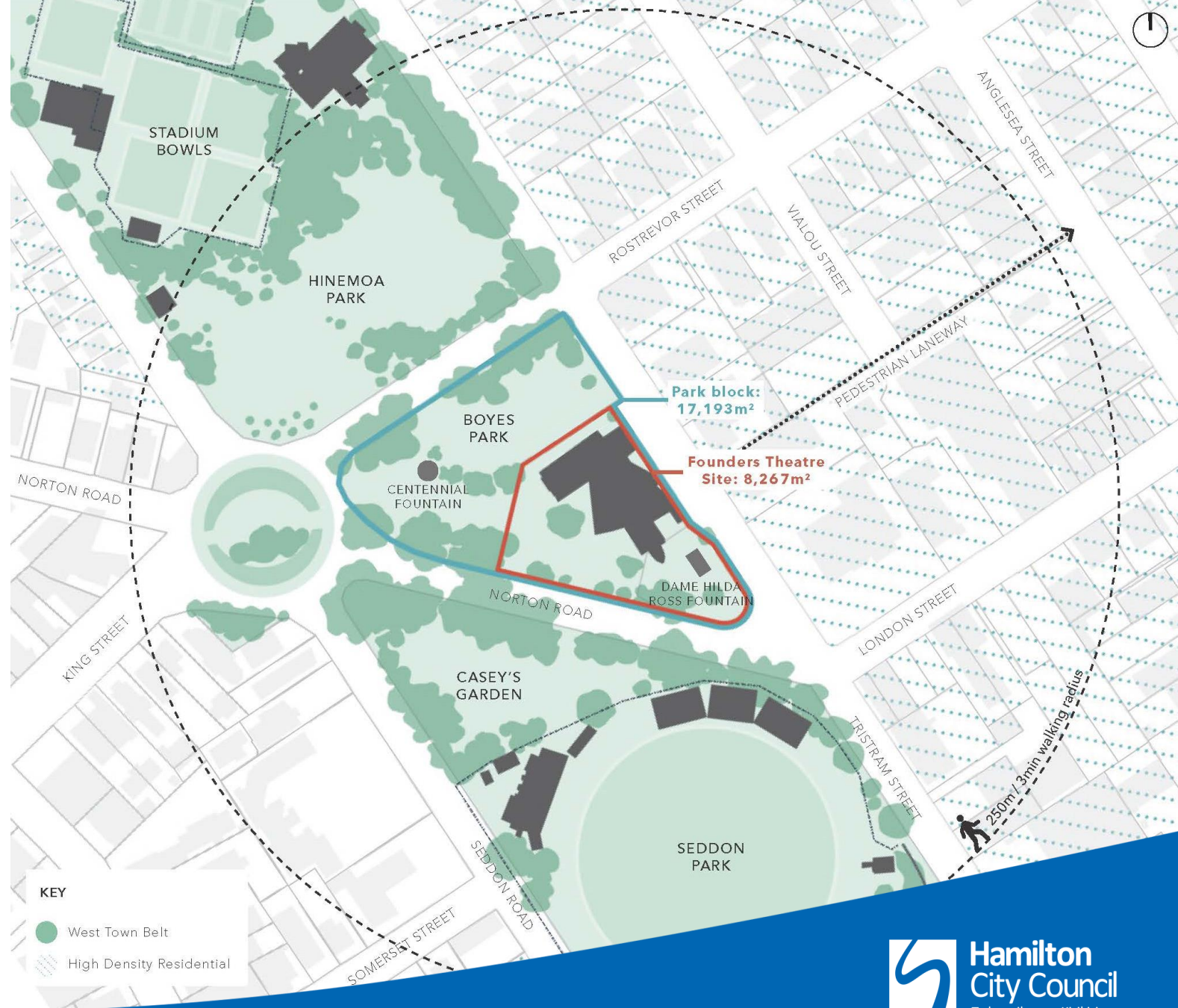




# Site Context

Located in the centre of the West Town Belt (WTB) and western edge of the central city. The site is on a prominent street corner and the theatre is a dominant feature on the urban landscape due to its distinct form and park setting.

The Founders site is not formally part of Boyes Park but the two spaces as 'read' as one.





# Site Map

BOYES PARK

CENTENNIAL  
FOUNTAIN

FOUNDERS  
THEATRE

FOUNDERS THEATRE CAR  
PARK AND VEHICLE ACCESS

DAME HILDA ROSS  
MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

CASEY'S GARDEN

NORTON ROAD

PROJECT SITE

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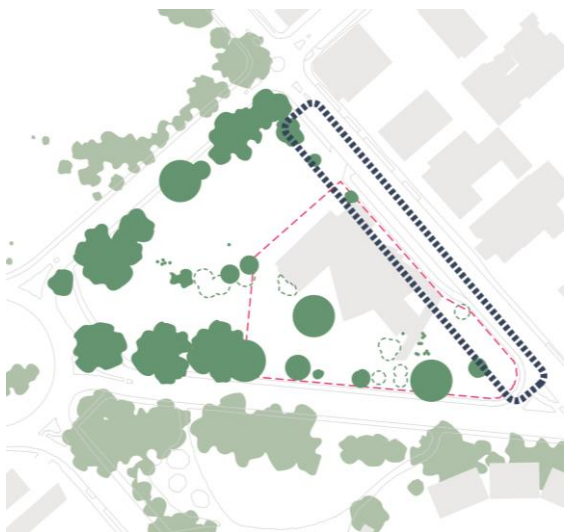


# Vision for the Project Site

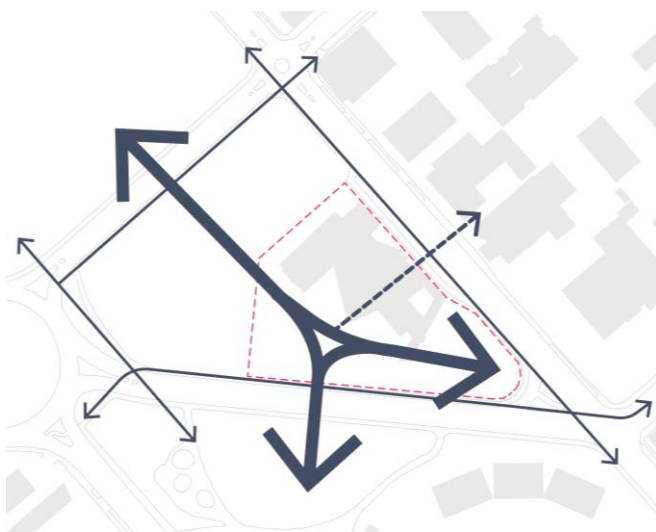
Inline with masterplan intent



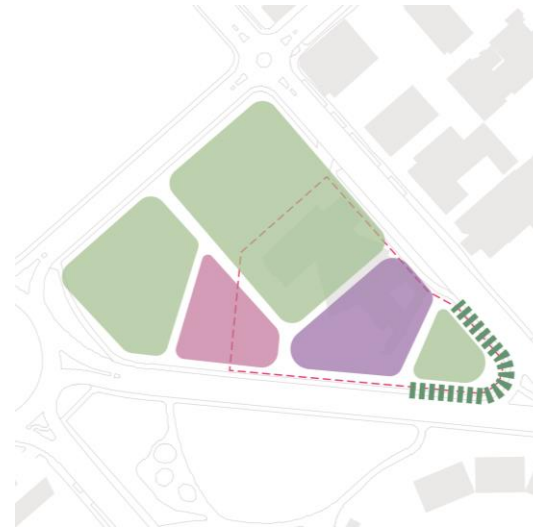
# Site considerations



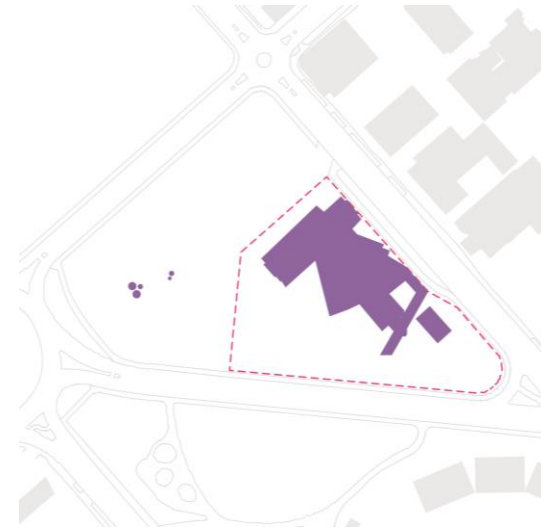
**Green Belt  
Continuity**



**Access +  
Circulation**



**Function +  
Activation**



**Heritage +  
Values**

# Options for the Founders site

**Option 1:** Removal of the building and basic reinstate the site as green space (already budgeted for - \$800,000).

**Option 2:** Removal of the building to create a new community park space that respects the rich history of Founders Theatre, celebrates and promotes the culture and arts sector, and enhances open space opportunities (\$1-2 million).

**Option 3:** Retention of building and it's adjoining spaces requiring a whole new plan (\$12m+).



# Option 1

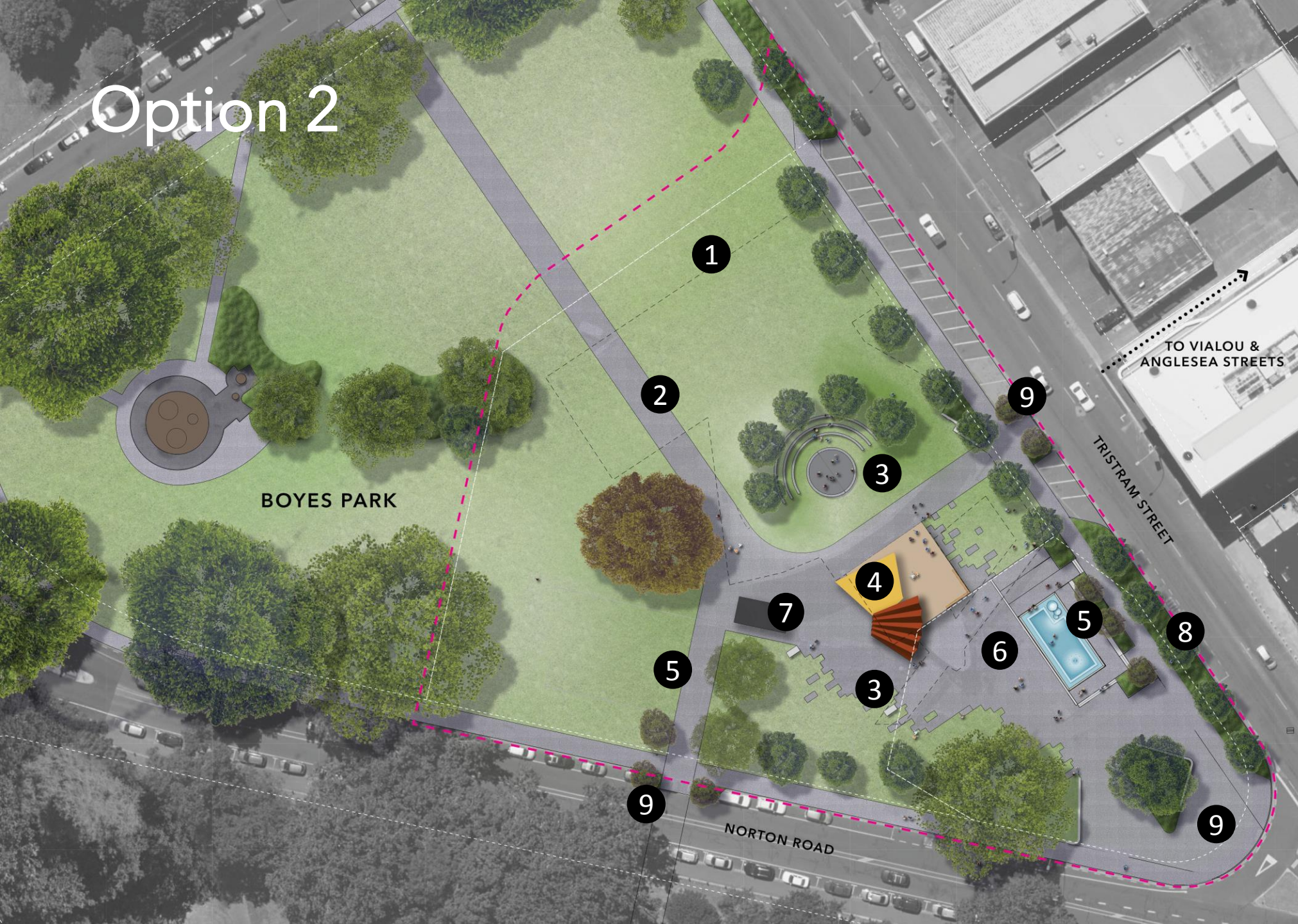


## Key

1. New flat lawn space (~5,000m<sup>2</sup>)
2. Existing Dame Hilda Ross memorial Fountain and hardstand retained. Fountain repaired and activated
3. Existing vegetation retained. No new planting
4. Existing minimal park furniture retained.
5. Half of existing car park retained.



# Option 2



## Key

1. New flat lawn space (~5,000m<sup>2</sup>)
2. 5m wide accessible path
3. Amphitheatre performance space
4. Canopy structure for performance and shade
5. Existing Dame Hilda Ross memorial fountain repaired and made accessible.
6. Engaging, playful public art
7. Potential public bathrooms/storage
8. Integrated street path and planting
9. Clear, safe park entrance

### Throughout:

- Park furniture such as seating, cycle racks, bins, drinking fountains, lighting.
- Wayfinding, safety and interp signage.
- Garden beds and additional park trees.

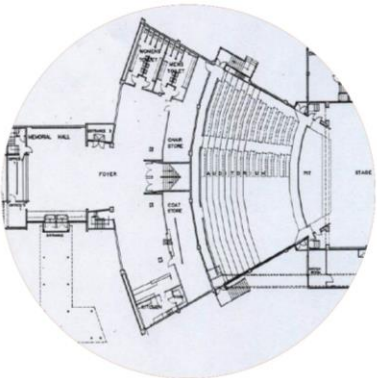


# Thematic elements

## Concepts



## Heritage and stories to draw on





# Option 3



## Key

1. Existing building and surrounding spaces (e.g. car park, areas of lawn, garden and vegetation retained).
2. Existing Dame Hilda Ross memorial Fountain and hardstand retained. Fountain repaired and activated



# Another Option



Hinemoa Park

Founders

# Founders Communication and Engagement Overview

## May 2020

### Goals:

- Tell the story (remind people) and provide easy opportunity for the community to share their views.

### Messaging:

- Use options as a thought prompt and provide 'Council's preferred option' as Option 2

*"Option 2: Removal of the building to create a new community park space that respects the rich history of Founders Theatre, celebrates and promotes the culture and arts sector, and enhances open space opportunities"*

### Outcome:

- Report back to Council with the engagement outcome and approval of next steps in August 2020 (or earlier)