

## **“Getting to the Point”**

### **Stoddart Point - Community Vision**

#### **Purpose**

This paper summarises the community's vision for the Godley House site in context of the whole of Stoddart Point. The overall purpose of this paper is to provide the community an articulated vision for their further input and comments, building from the consultation already undertaken. It is also intended to provide inspiration and a launching platform for the next step.

Following this consultation it is intended that the results will be used to raise awareness about the opportunity for investment. This may be public and/or private. It is intended to encourage development by council or private funding to achieve the possible outcomes described below.

The paper lists the outcomes of the community consultation and relevant background information on Stoddart Point. This paper is now to be distributed to the wider community, seeking feedback and ideally consensus. It is the initial outcome of the community visioning process that captures the views expressed by those who attended the 2011 community meeting.

#### **Background**

Stoddart Point is an important landform in Lyttelton Harbour, a valuable destination for locals and visitors alike. Recent earthquake events have resulted in an opportunity for Stoddart Point to develop its village centre infrastructure and atmosphere, and continue to provide a valuable asset to the local and greater Christchurch communities into the future.

Godley House was an important part of Stoddart Point for over 100 years and its unfortunate destruction in the earthquakes of 2010/11 has provided a unique opportunity for the redevelopment of this site.

The findings from the community consultation last year showed a clear preference for an inclusive plan to be developed for Stoddart Point. Stoddart Point, also referred to as “The Point”, includes: the former Godley House site, Stoddart Cottage, the Sports/Hall Facilities, and Memorial Grounds. This plan will consider existing commercial businesses, existing buildings, landforms, the connections between them, and any potential re-development of the Godley House site in context of this larger landscape.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for general background information.

#### **The Vision**

Development that fits sympathetically with the natural and heritage context of Stoddart Point, and is fully integrated with the Diamond Harbour town centre, forming the heart of a vibrant community and continuing to be a visitor destination.

#### **Key Community Aspirations drawn from the findings**

- To champion a development which reflects the varied cultural and natural heritage characteristics of the southern bays area
- To encourage stewardship of the re-development by the local community
- To encourage economic viability for Stoddart Point and the southern bays communities
- To generate interest and activity supporting Diamond Harbour as a destination once more

- To create strong integrated design within Stoddart Point enhancing the vision of this being the heart of a vibrant town centre
- To encourage provision of facilities for all age groups meeting the aspirations of residents and visitors alike
- To support an arts & culture theme, and a local, casual village centre atmosphere
- To encourage sustainable design and sustainable materials to be used in the re-development
- To protect the history of Stoddart Point and Godley House site

**How will this be achieved - Community Involvement and Process from here**

The Community Board convened a public meeting regarding the Stoddart Point/ Godley House site and surrounds in late 2011. This is documented at [www.diamondharbour.info](http://www.diamondharbour.info). Please refer to Appendix 2 for a summary.

Guided by this document, SPRIG (Stoddart Point Re-generation Ideas Group) formulated this paper with the aim of setting out the community's vision for the Stoddart Point area, and seeking community feedback.

With approval from DHCA, this paper will be distributed to the community seeking consensus. Following this consultation and another community meeting we expect this document to be further refined reflecting views and then finalized. Then we would like the CCC to prepare a detailed plan for redevelopment based on the outcomes of the community consultations held.

**Suggested Timeframe:**

20<sup>th</sup> February – DHCA meeting to review this document and approve - DONE

Late February - paper distributed to community for comment

15<sup>th</sup> March – deadline for community comments to [info@sprig.org.nz](mailto:info@sprig.org.nz)

April – community consultation meeting

May – final paper prepared and presented to CCC

**We Recommend:**

- a second community meeting be held to allow discussion, and adoption of the vision
- the vision adopted by the community be the basis for seeking investors in a partnership with Christchurch City Council.

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Prepared for: the Southern Bays Community, and the Christchurch City Council and potential partners.

Prepared by: Stoddart Point Regeneration Ideas Group (SPRIG) – see below

**SPRIG**

Stoddart Point Re-generation Ideas Group (SPRIG) was formed in 2011 with the purpose of facilitating redevelopment of the Godley/Stoddart Point area following the Christchurch earthquakes, and to foster community wellbeing and post-quake social and economic recovery. SPRIG is a sub-committee of the DH Community Association Inc.

**Resources**

Background information about Stoddart Point and the Godley House site may be found in Appendix 1.

A summary of the community's input towards a recovery plan for the Godley House site may be found in Appendix 2.

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A Site Analysis is currently underway examining built form, pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns, planting, view corridors, way-finding, and character. The site analysis is intended to record existing uses, and patterns. This analysis should be considered in the re-development.

**Abridged Summary of Community Input  
Godley House Site & Diamond Harbour Recovery Plan**

Below is a list of suggested uses for the Godley House site summarized from the community meeting held September 24, 2011. The meeting is documented in *Godley House Site and Diamond Harbour Recovery – Community Comments* and may be found in its entirety at [www.diamondharbour.info](http://www.diamondharbour.info).

The suggestions are listed in order of support from the community present on 24 September 2011.

Bar/beer garden  
Restaurant  
Takeaways  
Café  
Accommodation (hotel, or motel attached to conference centre)  
Small retail (ex. beauty treatment, IT business, etc)  
Wedding function venue  
Conference Centre  
Music  
Children's playground  
Events Centre  
Farmers market  
Car parking (more)  
Redesigned garden area  
Art precinct  
Community get-togethers  
Village atmosphere/Square  
Art Gallery, workshop space, craft space  
Swimming pool  
Respect history of site  
Star gazing telescope  
Commercial kitchen  
Link/public walkway connecting Stoddart Cottage to shops  
Improve public toilets (include. Disabled toilets)  
Petrol  
Improved transport to ferry  
Showcase sustainability  
Brewery  
Deli  
Craft spaces for teaching/studio space  
Cinema  
Outdoor theatre  
Soap box  
Skateboard area  
Bike stand  
Improved signage

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Your feedback is valuable. Please email SPRIG at [info@sprig.org.nz](mailto:info@sprig.org.nz) with any comments OR use these questions as a guide:

1. Which of the uses that have already been identified above do you support most strongly?
2. Are there any suggestions listed above that you strongly oppose?

Thank you for your time.