

3.4 SIGN AND NOTICEBOARD DESIGN GUIDELINES



Existing Sign and Noticeboard Photos:



Lion Rock



Glen Esk



Piha Mill Camp (Steadfast Park)



Kitekite Falls Track



Lion Rock



Lion Rock



North Piha



North Piha Noticeboard



Kitekite Track



Kitekite Track

Signs and Noticeboards on Regional Parkland at Piha:

Signs and noticeboards are important in the Piha area to inform people of the unique features of the park and to warn of the possible dangers of such a wild and untamed coastline and landscape. They convey a sense of place in the park landscape while encouraging ease of use.

In many instances signs can tend to dominate the landscape and override people’s natural instincts to keep away from unsafe environments. A visitor to the park should be able to make appropriate, safe choices through being informed by signage which is appropriate for the situation.

The challenge is to provide clear and visible signs that warn of potential danger, without significantly detracting from the natural environment which people are exploring.

Potential Design Improvements:

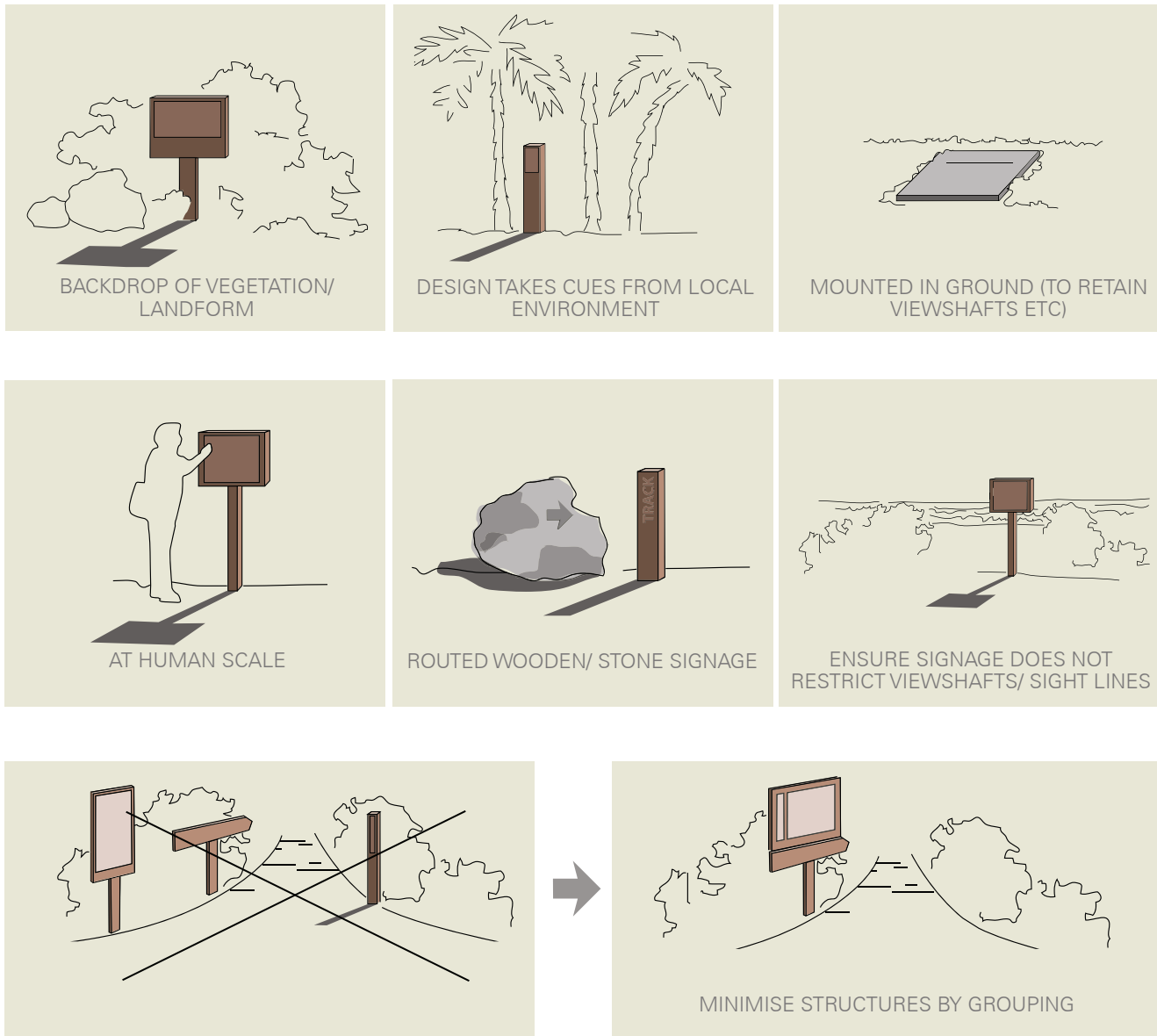


■ SITING AND LOCATION	■ AESTHETICS AND BALANCE
■ ACCESSIBILITY & USABILITY	■ COLOUR AND TEXTURE
■ VISIBILITY	■ CLUSTERING
■ DESIGN WITH NATURE	

KEY: ■ EXCELLENT ■ ADEQUATE ■ NOT ADEQUATE

IMPROVEMENTS:
Clustering the signs minimises their intrusion on the landscape.

Sign and Noticeboard Guideline Diagrams:



Design Exemplars:



Sign and Noticeboard Design Checklist:

DESIGN WITH NATURE AND SENSE OF PLACE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Responds to site history, culture, geology and landscape</i> • <i>Energy conscious and renewable materials</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
SITING AND LOCATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Backdrop of landform or vegetation</i> • <i>Sign(s) do not sit on ridge line</i> • <i>Sign does not obscure views</i> • <i>Signs should be located at carparks or at the start of tracks where possible</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
FIT FOR PURPOSE/ ACCESSIBILITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Design is appropriate for the intent of the sign - directional/ designative/ regulatory/ cautionary/ informative.</i> • <i>Robust structures</i> • <i>Sign easy to read and interpret</i> • <i>Conform with the requirements of the ARC sign manual</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tie into the natural landform</i> • <i>Keep signs as low as possible</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
AESTHETICS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Design enhances appeal of the natural environment</i> • <i>Design acclimatises people to the setting</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
COLOUR AND TEXTURE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Materials and colours that blend with the local landscape</i> • <i>Natural materials chosen that weather with time</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
SCALE AND BALANCE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sign scale relative to location</i> • <i>Relative to human scale</i> • <i>In context of other developments, buildings, structures and signs within the vicinity.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE

VISIBILITY

- *Site lines and view shafts maintained*
- *Create new visual cues towards structures when proposing new development*

- EXCELLENT
- ADEQUATE
- NOT ADEQUATE

CLUSTERING AND ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

- *Footprint of sign or noticeboard kept to a minimum*
- *Clustering of structures to avoid confusion of multiple signs*

- EXCELLENT
- ADEQUATE
- NOT ADEQUATE

SAFETY

- *Community ownership of asset encouraged*

- EXCELLENT
- ADEQUATE
- NOT ADEQUATE

MAINTAINENCE

- *Regular maintenance can be undertaken with ease*
- *Cost efficient design*
- *Flexible to seasonal change, weathering and erosion*
- *Construction materials should be easily transported to the site*
- *Vandalism deterrent strategies should be considered*

- EXCELLENT
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CULTURAL HERITAGE

- *Respect cultural heritage sites (refer to section.4.5)*

- EXCELLENT
- ADEQUATE
- NOT ADEQUATE

ALTERNATIVES

- *Alternative sites considered*

ON SITE NOTES:

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3.5 BARRIER AND FENCE DESIGN GUIDELINES



Existing Barrier and Fence Photos:



Lion Rock post and wire fence



North Piha post and rail barrier



Tasman Lookout



Glen Esk bollards



Kitekite Track



Lion Rock



Lion Rock



Mercer Bay Track Lookout



North Piha



Laird Thomson Track (Te Waha Point)

Barriers and Fences on Regional Parkland at Piha:

Safety of park visitors is a high priority at Piha. ARC is required to provide infrastructure in a manner to facilitate safe park use, whilst not over-emphasising a particular message or detracting from the natural settings.

Therefore appropriate demarcation of environmentally protected areas or safe and unsafe areas through barriers and fences is required, to enable the park visitor to make appropriate choices within the park.

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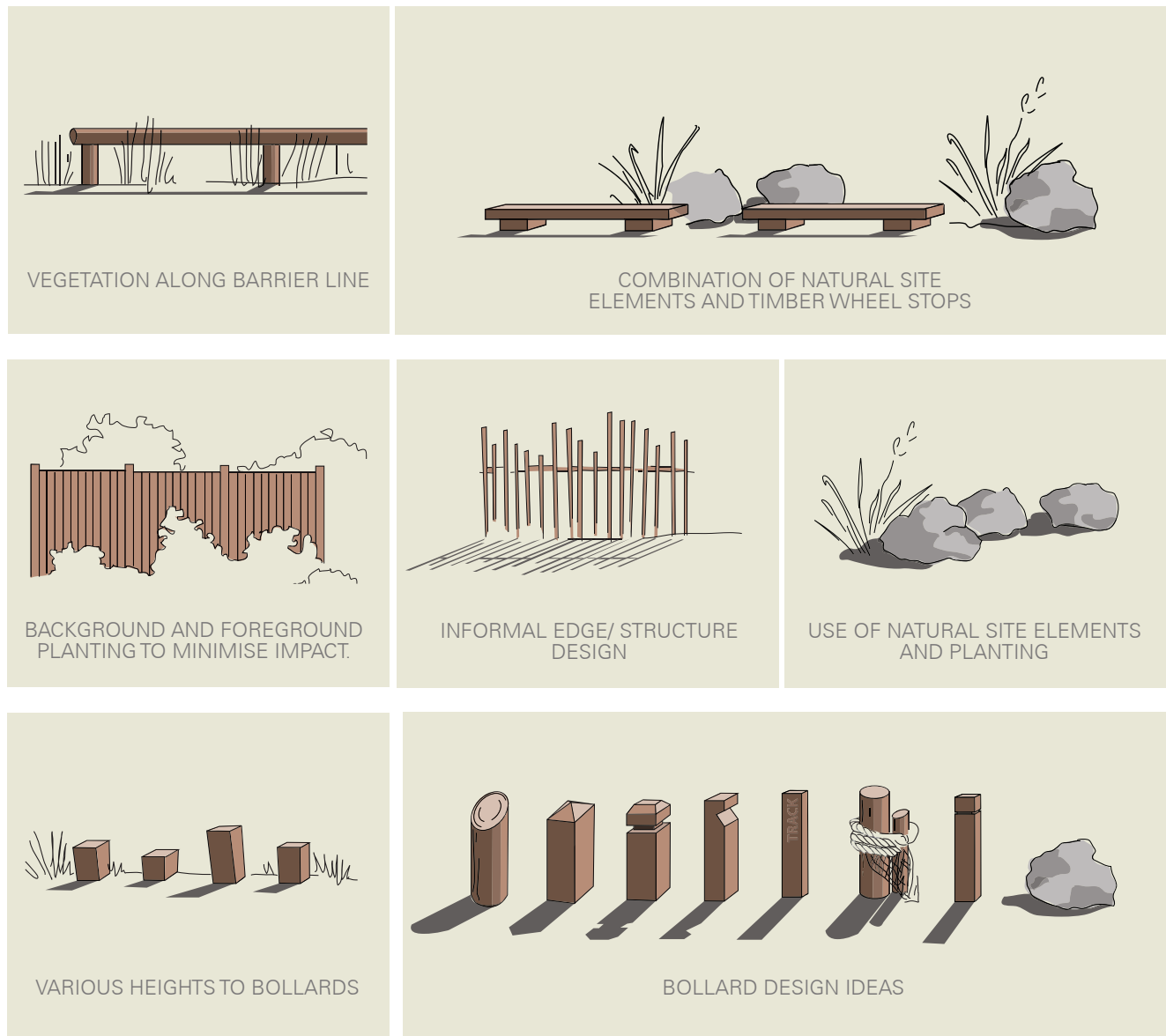


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■ VISIBILITY	■ COLOUR AND TEXTURE
■ DESIGN WITH NATURE	■ SCALE

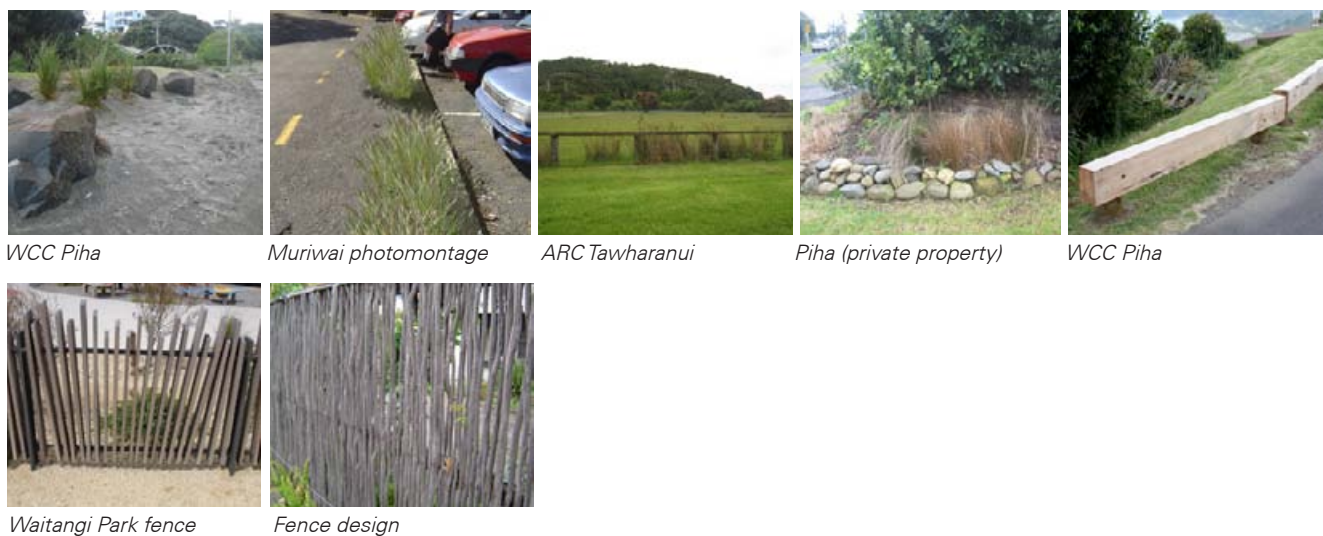
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IMPROVEMENTS:
Planting in front of the rock wall/seat reduces the hard angles of the rock structure and helps the wall to sit into the landscape rather than perch on it.

Barrier and Fence Guideline Diagrams:



Design Exemplars:



Barrier and Fence Design Checklist:

DESIGN WITH NATURE AND SENSE OF PLACE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Responds to site history, culture, geology and landscape</i> • <i>Earthworks kept to a minimum</i> • <i>Energy conscious and renewable materials</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
SITING AND LOCATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Backdrop of landform or vegetation</i> • <i>Barriers/ fences do not sit on ridge line</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
FIT FOR PURPOSE/ ACCESSIBILITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Robust and adaptable structures</i> • <i>Effectively demarcate unsafe/no-go areas as well as allowing adequate access</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tie into the natural landform</i> • <i>Terrain or vegetation screening used where barrier/fences are intrusive</i> • <i>Ensure barriers do not create a hard edge</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE
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SCALE AND BALANCE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Scale of barrier/fence relative to location</i> • <i>Relative to human/ vehicle scale</i> • <i>In context of other developments, buildings and structures within the vicinity.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADEQUATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADEQUATE

VISIBILITY

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CLUSTERING AND ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

- *Clustering of structures where possible*

- EXCELLENT
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- NOT ADEQUATE

SAFETY

- *Community ownership of asset encouraged*
- *Structure in close proximity to high activity areas to encourage informal surveillance*

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MAINTAINENCE

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