

approximately 20 years at the current incoming waste volumes. A 35-year consent was granted in March 2024.

6. While Council does not currently plan to extend the landfill beyond SLEPO, at this stage there is no clear option after its completion. A 2022 options analysis identified continuing to landfill the Carey's Gully Southern Landfill was preferable to incineration or exporting waste to another landfill. Currently Council is unable to confirm Wellington's future Wellington's disposal requirements. Note that the SLEPO consent did not impose a condition for a reduction, or redesignation, of the current designation.
7. Council also consider a number of other issues related to running a landfill including:
 - Public Health and safety with a reduction of the buffer zone between an operational area and public open space.
 - Resilience; having available options post the end of the new consent, or in the event of a natural disaster.
 - Reduction in landfill operations buffer zone, which could significantly compromise consent conditions relating to noise, dust, odour etc, beyond the "boundary".
 - Site security
 - Lack of alternative sites identified in the region, and the likelihood that any identified in future would be unconsentable.

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