



Te mahere ā-rohe o Upper Harbour 2026

Upper Harbour

Draft Summary Local Board Plan 2026

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He kōrero mai i te Heamana

From the Chair

Upper Harbour is a great place to live. This plan is your opportunity to help shape its future and ensure it continues to be an even better place for everyone.

As Upper Harbour continues to grow rapidly, we are committed to ensuring that growth is balanced and that our people and communities remain at the heart of our decision making. We are experiencing significant development pressure, with some facilities under strain and some suburbs lacking the infrastructure and services they need. These challenges are compounded by the limitations on council funding, meaning we cannot deliver everything at once and must consider new and more effective ways of working.

This draft plan has been informed by feedback from individual residents, community groups, stakeholders, mana whenua, and local businesses. It reflects what we have heard to date, but this is your opportunity to tell us whether we have captured the right priorities for Upper Harbour.

For this three-year period, our key goals are to:

- Foster an inclusive and connected community, with a focus on diversity and decision-making
- Protect and improve Upper Harbour's unique natural landscapes and waterways
- Plan and develop vibrant centres and public spaces for our growing population
- Support local businesses and communities to build a thriving economy
- Focus on urban planning and providing infrastructure that will make it easy for Upper Harbour residents to move around

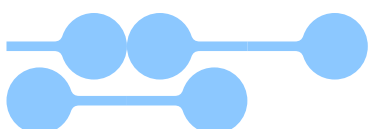
We encourage you to take the time to review the plan and share your feedback. Your input will help ensure our focus is on the things that matter most to you and your community.



Anna Atkinson

Upper Harbour Local Board Chairperson

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Upper Harbour Local Board Plan 2026. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, at public libraries and council service centres and tell us what you think by **Thursday 23 July 2026**. Or tell us what you think in person at one of our local events.



Ngā huanga Māori, he huanga āhuarangi, me he huanga tautika

Māori outcomes, Climate outcomes and Equitable outcomes

This local board plan focuses on five areas where local boards make decisions and can have the greatest influence at a local level. There are three considerations for all decisions and investments:

- Māori outcomes
- climate outcomes
- equitable outcomes.

These outcomes have shaped the priorities within this Local Board Plan and are reflected throughout the five focus areas.



Te hāpori **Community**

Foster an inclusive and connected community that reflects our growing diversity and gives everyone a voice in decision-making.

Our Plan

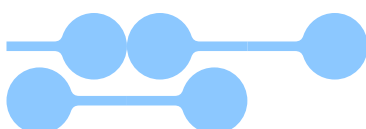
Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Our residents take part in and feel a sense of belonging to their community
- Our communities feel safe and supported and are resilient to adversity and change
- Our diverse communities, including youth, are empowered to achieve their goals and aspirations
- We have strong relationships with Māori and celebrate Māori culture and identity in Upper Harbour.



Te taiao māori **Natural environment**

Protect and improve Upper Harbour's unique natural landscapes and waterways by working with community partners and using targeted environmental funding.



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- Our indigenous and culturally valued biodiversity is protected by preserving and enhancing the habitats that support it
- Our communities are resilient to climate change, increasing flood risk and care for their surrounding environment
- Our communities can reduce emissions and waste while building resilience against climate change
- The mauri (lifeforce) of our harbour and waterways is respected and restored
- Support participation of ethnic peoples in developing innovative local solutions to climate change challenges
- Our communities practice kaitiakitanga (guardianship) principles
- Partner with mana whenua, mataawaka and community groups to restore Te Taiao, prepare for climate impacts and deliver initiatives that increase understanding of mātauranga Māori.



Te taiao kua hangaia

Built environment

Plan and develop vibrant centres and public spaces that are designed to meet the needs of our growing population.

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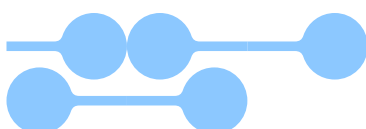
- Albany is a vibrant metropolitan centre where people want to stop, shop, dine, work and connect
- Existing public spaces are maximised to strengthen local identity and enhance everyday life
- Upper Harbour has a range of fit for purpose multi-use sports, recreation and community amenities that serve a growing and diverse community
- Partner with community groups to ensure our local buildings and spaces are used creatively and effectively to meet the needs of a growing population.



Te whanaketanga ā-ōhanga

Economic development

Support local businesses and communities to build a thriving, diverse, sustainable and resilient economy.



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Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- Our local businesses and industry are resilient, sustainable, can respond to climate change, changing government regulations and artificial intelligence.
- Our skilled workforce has ease of access to local quality employment opportunities
- Young people have the skills and training needed for quality, long-term employment
- Upper Harbour is a vibrant domestic tourism destination where people want to stop, play, shop, dine and connect.



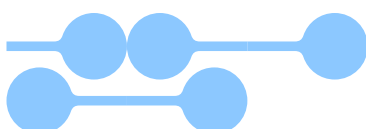
Tūnuku Transport

Focus on urban planning and providing infrastructure that will make it easy for Upper Harbour residents to move around and connect within their neighbourhoods.

Our priorities

Our 3-year goals (Objectives)

- An accessible walking and cycling network within our neighbourhoods
- Prioritise investment in transport for the biggest transport-related challenges
- Advocate to improve the local public transport network in Upper Harbour, specifically for an affordable, frequent and reliable service that encourages higher usage and uptake
- Advocate to make public transport cheaper and easier for young people to use
- Advocate for Hobsonville ferry to be included in the \$50 a week Auckland public transport fare cap initiative
- Advocate for safer intersections and well-connected roads on arterial roads that are outside local board decision-making authority.



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