

# Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2023 Summary of Feedback





# Summary of feedback on the draft Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2023

## Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in July/August to inform the development of the Ōrākei Local Board Plan. This summary aims to capture themes rather than detail every point of feedback received.

## Executive Summary

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans focus on the key areas local boards are responsible for and include objectives and some of the key initiatives that will be carried out to achieve them.

## Engagement Approach

The draft Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2023 was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2022 and April 2023. Feedback previously heard from the community on a wide range of topics, particularly during the 2023 Annual Budget consultation period, was also considered.

Between 13 July and 14 August 2023, the local board consulted on the draft plan to hear the community's thoughts. Feedback was received through a Have Your Say event, written submissions including online and hard copy forms, emails and letters.

This report summarises the key activities that took place and the feedback that was heard during both the early engagement and the consultation period.

## Mana whenua engagement

The draft Ōrākei Local Board Plan 2023 was developed with consideration given to existing feedback from mana whenua and mataawaka. This included seeking their views and values throughout the development of the local board plan 2023.

Two online information sessions for mana whenua were held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023. These sessions provided an opportunity for mana whenua to hear about Local Board Plans, how the perspective of Māori could be reflected through their input, the feedback process and timelines.

Mana whenua organisations were asked which (of the 21) draft local board plans they wanted to review, and those requested were shared, along with tailored feedback forms.

The Orakei draft Local Board Plan was shared with Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.



## Stakeholder and community engagement

Table 1: Summary of early engagement activities

| Activity                        | Who was involved                                       |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Music in the Wetlands           | Stonefields Residents Association, local board members |
| Auckland East Community Network | Local volunteers/groups, local board members           |

Table 2: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

| Activity  | Who was involved                    |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Have Your Say Event – Ellerslie War Memorial Hall | General public, local board members |

## Generic submissions to all boards

5 organisations provided submissions to all local boards. Relevant content is included in the sections below.

## Summary of feedback

### Māori Outcomes

Delivering outcomes for Māori is an important feature of the xx Local Board Plan.

Māori outcomes respond to Council’s legislative obligations and to extensive engagement with Auckland’s Māori communities.

The draft plan proposed the following initiatives to support Māori outcomes in our area:

- developing a strong waka culture and iwi presence in Okahu Bay
- partnering with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to enhance the ecology of Pourewa Valley
- connecting frequently and early with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on new projects and areas of emerging interest, acknowledging their role as kaitiaki (guardians)
- work closely with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei in their desire to improve linkages between Okahu Bay, Tamaki Drive, Whenua Rangatira and Pourewa
- support them to advance their intentions to establish a multi sports facility at the Ōrākei Domain

Key themes from the feedback included:

- a number of respondents felt there was too much of a focus on Māori outcomes
- there was also support for partnership with mana whenua and the importance of it



## Climate action

Local Boards also have an important role to play in leading and supporting Auckland's response to the climate emergency, including supporting regional climate plan initiatives, integrating climate awareness into all decisions, including community investment.

The draft plan proposed to meet the challenge of taking climate action in the following ways:

- harness and build on the efforts of local environmental volunteer groups
- partner with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to protect our natural taonga
- support schools with environmental education
- work to purchase areas of high ecological value
- complete the Gowing Drive link to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai – Glenn Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path
- advocate to Auckland Transport to complete stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai – Glenn Innes to Tamaki Drive shared path
- advocate for a sponge city approach which promotes water-sensitive design and enables blue-green networks to manage flooding

Key themes from the feedback included:

- the overarching feedback was that responding to climate change should be the highest priority

## Our People

Our people are our most valuable asset and at the heart of what we do.

What we want to achieve

- Our committed local volunteer groups are enabled and recognised for the invaluable work they do
- Strengthen relationships with mana whenua
- All groups in the community feel informed and included
- Safe, resilient communities

## Advocacy

- Advocate to businesses and philanthropic organisations to seek funding partnerships for community services.

Key themes from the feedback included:

### Those that agree

- Strong support for mana whenua relationship and their initiatives
- Support for volunteers
- Push for Gowing Drive connection

### Those that disagree

- Not enough detail or accountability
- Not core council services



## Our Environment

Ōrākei has clean waterways, thriving habitats and committed environmental volunteers.

### What we want to achieve

- Council-community partnerships are strengthened for the betterment of the environment
- Our forest, bush and wetland habitats continue to be enhanced for future generations
- Our beaches and waterways are clean and water quality is improved

### Advocacy

- Work with the Waitematā Local Board to continue to advocate to Watercare and the Governing Body to advance the Eastern Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme
- The local board strongly supports Watercare's implementation of the Eastern Interceptor, Newmarket Gully wastewater project and Hobson Bay Tunnel project.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body for the reinstatement and retention of sand at our eastern suburb beaches.
- Advocate to the Governing Body for funding to increase compliance enforcement and education for activities affecting our environment.

Key themes from the feedback included:

### Those that agree

- Support initiatives for clean waterways
- Support for Gowing Drive connection for reduction in emissions
- Shoreline adaption plan – deep engagement requested

### Those that disagree

- Concerns about wording around water quality – ‘maintaining efforts to clean them’ assuming they are clean now when they are not

## Our Community

We find creative ways to provide the facilities and services that our community needs and look after what we have.

### What we want to achieve

- Marine and coastal activities are a strong part of the social and recreational opportunities our area has to offer
- The network of open spaces and community facilities meets the needs of the growing population
- Sports parks are maintained and upgraded to provide for more use as the local population changes and residential areas intensify
- Connect communities, through arts, sports, events, and community activities
- Our libraries are safe, restored and well patronised knowledge and cultural hubs connecting people with their local villages and virtually with each other



- Work alongside of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei to lever their vast body of mātauranga Māori knowledge systems and adaptive management approaches to solve contemporary problems

### **Advocacy**

- We will advocate to the Governing Body to return Tagalad Reserve to our governance, enabling us to develop it for the use of the Mission Bay and wider community.
- We will advocate to the Governing Body for the ability to debt-fund significant capital developments as part of increased local board decision-making.

Key themes from the feedback included:

#### **Those that agree**

- Importance of community spaces/facilities and their maintenance
- Support for Gowing Drive connection

#### **Those that disagree**

- No mention in the plan of accessibility

## **Our Places**

Our area is well-planned, prepared for growth and offers great transport connections.

What we want to achieve

- Development is well planned
- Our area has many transport options that are safe, accessible and well-connected
- Our places are well-used, inviting and attractive

### **Advocacy**

- We will advocate to the Governing Body for funding to properly enforce existing bylaws to address matters such as dog control, noise, signage, public safety and nuisance, public trading and events to ensure our public spaces are safe and enjoyable.
- We will advocate to Auckland Transport to:
  - retain the Local Board Transport Capital Fund
  - support making grass berm parking illegal
  - enforce parking restrictions on boat ramps
  - reinstate school bus routes, solely for school kids
  - set speed limits in our area, especially around schools
  - improve the movement and safety for goods and people on our roads
  - to complete Stage 4 of Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - Glen Innes to Tāmaki Drive shared path, to ensure safe passage from the east to and from central Auckland.
- We'll advocate to the Governing Body, central government and developers to ensure the unique character and heritage of our area is retained as development occurs.



Key themes from the feedback included:

### **Those that agree**

- Support for Gowing Drive connection (majority of comments)
- Need for good public transport

### **Those that disagree**

- More work on transport connections and congestion
- Intensification impacts are a concern

## **Our Economy**

Our town centres are thriving and local businesses are resilient.

What we want to achieve

- Local businesses are thriving
- All our town centres are attractive and bustling
- Local and overseas visitors are attracted to our area

### **Advocacy**

- We will advocate to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited on behalf of local business areas for event support, to build fan zones for sporting events and to create initiatives to promote increased patronage for local business.
- Take advantage of the opportunities that cultural, arts and music events present to our local business community.
- Advocate to central government and NZ Police for better support and actions to increase safety and security, and to reduce retail crime such as ram raids.
- Local boards do not have governance over regulatory and compliance activities so we will advocate to the Governing Body for more funding for the council's Regulatory Services department and Auckland Transport for better enforcement to stop offences related to parking and anti-social behaviour which have a detrimental effect on our local businesses.

Key themes from the feedback included:

### **Those that agree**

- Supporting local businesses is important
- The shared path benefits shops around the area as it enables better access

### **Those that disagree**

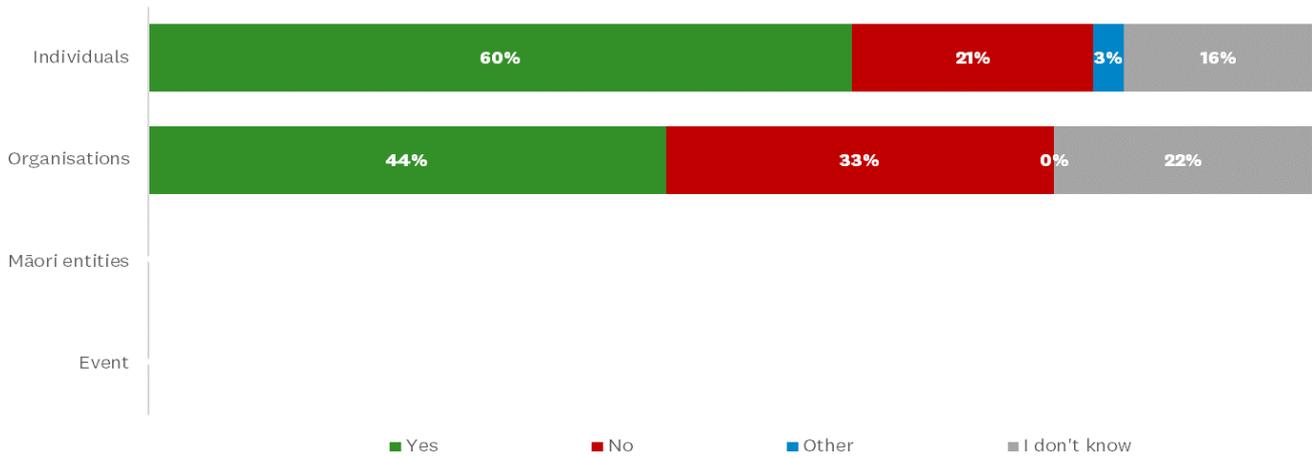
- Not much in the draft plan for the Ellerslie area



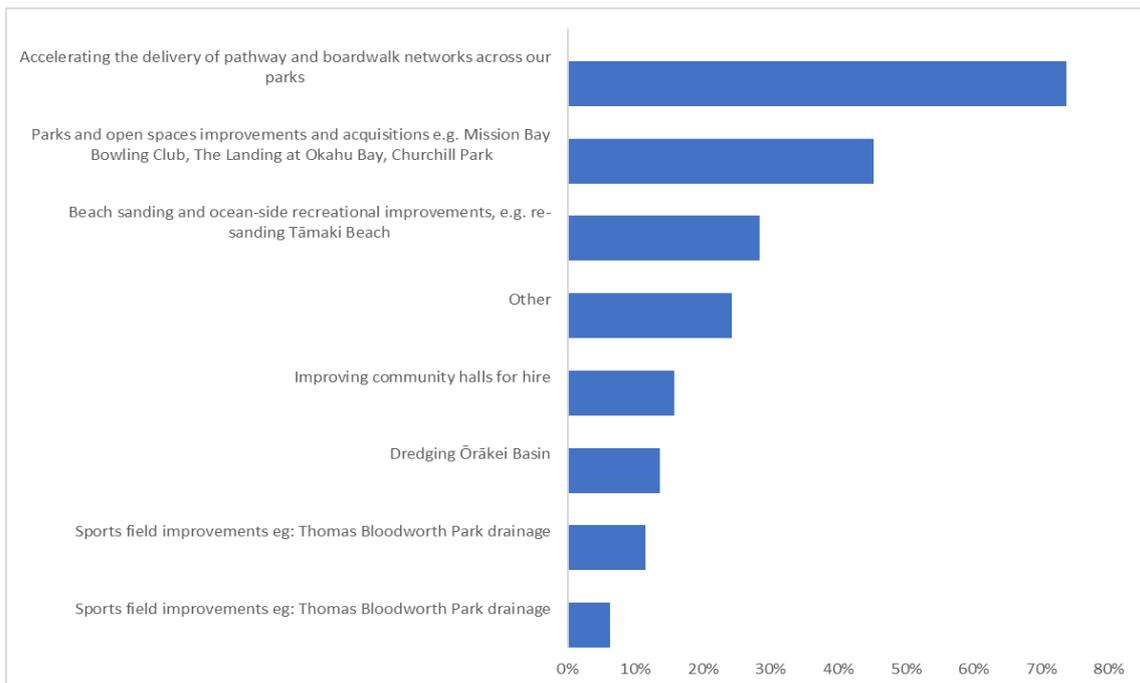
## Other questions asked

As part of the draft local board plan consultation, the following additional questions were asked.

1. Would you support a targeted rate to improve community facilities in our area, knowing that funds would be used in our local board area rather than in other parts of Auckland?
  - o 154 out of 220 people answered this question. 60% of those respondents supported a targeted rate.



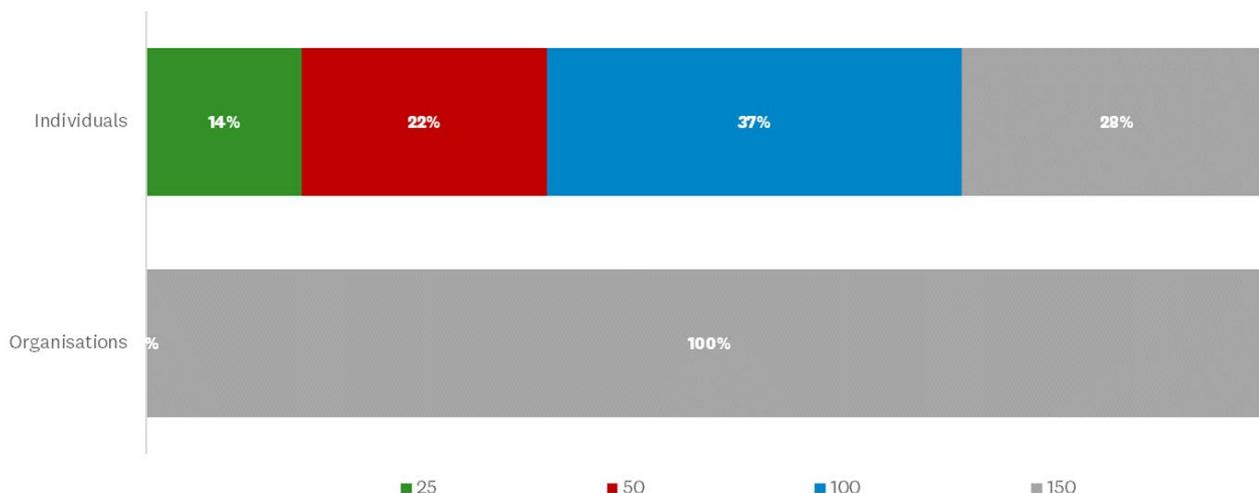
2. If you support a targeted rate, what type of facilities would you like to see improved?
  - o 95 respondents answered this question and the majority supported ‘accelerating delivery of pathway and boardwalk networks’ however this would have been in direct response to the Gowing Drive connection project which would not be funded through a targeted rate.
  - o The second highest project priority was ‘park and open spaces improvements and acquisitions e.g Mission Bay Bowling Club’.





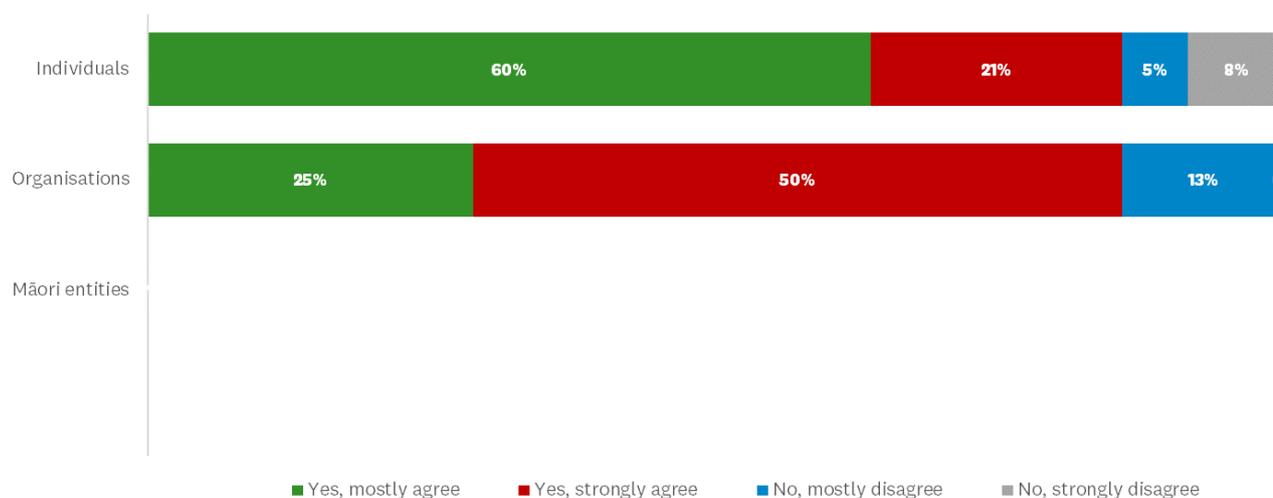
### 3. If you supported a targeted rate, what rating level per year would you support?

- 88 people answered this and the majority of respondents supported \$100 a year



### 4. Do you agree that our plan reflects your needs and aspirations for our community over the next three years?

- 81% of respondents either strongly or mostly agreed that the draft plan reflected community needs and aspirations.



#### Key themes from the feedback included:

- There is overall support for the draft plan
- Respondents reiterated the need to focus on environment, preparing for more housing developments and transport improvements
- People want more specific details on projects that could be funded through a targeted rate
- Rates are already too high



## Other feedback received

Feedback on topics outside of those directly consulted on:

- The closure of the hardstand facility at The Landing – those that commented on this did not want the facility to be closed

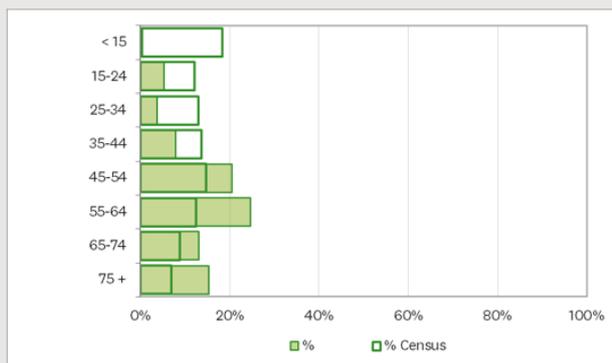
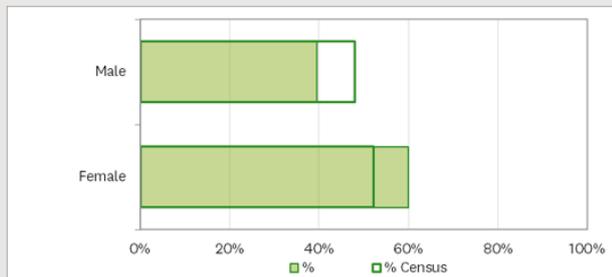
## Who we heard from

The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

### Information on submitters

| Demographics |                |     |     |
|--------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| Gender       |                | 190 |     |
|              | Male           | 75  | 39% |
|              | Female         | 114 | 60% |
|              | Another gender | 1   | 1%  |
| Age          |                | 190 | 0   |
|              | Under 15       | 1   | 1%  |
|              | 15-17          | 10  | 5%  |
|              | 18-24          | 7   | 4%  |
|              | 25-34          | 15  | 8%  |
|              | 35-44          | 39  | 21% |
|              | 45-54          | 47  | 25% |
|              | 55-64          | 25  | 13% |
|              | 65-74          | 29  | 15% |
|              | 75+            | 17  | 9%  |

### Comparisons submissions vs population



| Ethnicity                           |                    |                       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>European</b>                     |                    | <b>164</b> <b>88%</b> |
|                                     | Pākeha/NZ European | 138 74%               |
|                                     | Other European     | 26 14%                |
| <b>Māori</b>                        |                    | <b>16</b> <b>9%</b>   |
| <b>Pasifika</b>                     |                    | <b>2</b> <b>1%</b>    |
|                                     | Samoan             | 2 1%                  |
|                                     | Cook Islands Māori | 0 0%                  |
|                                     | Tongan             | 0 0%                  |
|                                     | Other Pasifika     | 0 0%                  |
| <b>Asian</b>                        |                    | <b>14</b> <b>8%</b>   |
|                                     | Chinese            | 6 3%                  |
|                                     | Southeast Asian    | 4 2%                  |
|                                     | Korean             | 1 1%                  |
|                                     | Indian             | 3 2%                  |
|                                     | Other Asian        | 0 0%                  |
| <b>African/Middle Eastern/Latin</b> |                    | <b>4</b> <b>2%</b>    |
| <b>Other</b>                        |                    | <b>5</b> <b>3%</b>    |

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